

# WEEKLY NEWS

## ✠ The Feast of Our Lady of Clemency ✠

### On Sundays

**Low Mass** is offered at 8 a.m. at Lady Altar after which silence is kept in S John's Chapel for **Centering Prayer**. At 10 o'clock we pray the **Rosary. Terce** is recited at 10.30 followed by **Solemn or Sung Mass** at 11 and **Coffee Hour** just after Mass in the Parish Hall. The **Sunday Forum** is then held in the adjacent Yarnall Room. **Vespers** is chanted in Latin at 3 p.m. in the church followed by the **Novena** to Our Lady of Clemency and **Benediction** of the Blessed Sacrament.

### Weekdays

**Daily Mass** is offered Monday through Friday at 12.10 p.m. (10 a.m. on Saturdays and holidays). **Vespers** is recited in the Church at 5.30 p.m. Monday through Friday and at 3 p.m. on Saturdays followed by **Shrine Prayers** to Our Lady of Clemency.

*Service booklets for all services are published and available on the Usher's tables and at [www.s-clements.org](http://www.s-clements.org).*

### A Welcome Invitation



**M**y friend and priest-colleague Mother Emily Zimbrick-Rogers, priest-in-charge at St. Mary's at Penn, is beginning an exciting project as part of her doctoral work in Practical Theology at the University of Aberdeen. You have likely met Mother Emily at one of our

services over the last four years, as she already wrote about S. Clement's mass for her Master of Sacred Theology thesis at the University of the South. She is continuing her academic work and is beginning an ethnographic study of the faith experiences of S. Clement's parishioners and friends.

Please mark your calendars to come to the Christian formation time in the Yarnall Room on October 8, when Mother Emily will introduce the project to all who are interested in learning more. No one is required to participate, but she is hoping many of our community will be open to sharing their personal insights about S. Clement's and how the parish has influenced their personal faith and practices of being a Catholic-minded Christian in the current day. Mother Emily will also be with us tomorrow at Coffee Hour and for the next series of *The Teaching Church*, so she can share information with those who would like to learn more. If you are one of our livestream worshipers or do not attend in-person regularly, she is also interested in interviewing you. Anyone can access the documents that explain her project here: [S. Clement's Study](#). She will also have paper copies for in-person attendance.

Faithfully yours,  
Fr. Alton

## About today's Feast

S Peter, of the noble family of Nolasco, was born in Languedoc, about 1189. At the age of twenty-five he took a vow of chastity, and made over his vast estates to the Church. Some time after, he conceived the idea of establishing an order for the redemption of captives. The divine will was soon manifested. The Blessed Virgin appeared on the same night to Peter, to Raymund of Pennafort, his confessor, and to James, King of Arragon, his ward, and bade them prosecute without fear their holy designs. After great opposition, the Order was solemnly established, and approved by Gregory IX, under the name of Our Lady of Mercy. By the grace of God, and under the protection of His Virgin Mother, the Order spread rapidly, its growth being increased by the charity and piety of its members, who devoted themselves not only to collecting alms for the ransom of the Christians, but even gave themselves up to voluntary slavery to aid the good work. It is to return thanks to God and the Blessed Virgin, that a feast was instituted which was observed in the Order of Mercy, then in Spain and France, and at last extended to the whole Church, and the 24th September named as the day on which it is to be observed.

-- Alban Butler

## A New Outreach Opportunity

Many of you will know Mara Blake-Ward who is a loyal friend of S Clement's and also manages the **Food Cupboard** at St. Peter's Episcopal Church here in Philadelphia where there is always urgent need for food donations and volunteers who help set up on Friday afternoons from 4-5 and tend tables and greet guests on Saturday mornings from 7.45-10 a.m. You can sign up here. This year alone Philabundance, the primary source of food distributed at St. Peter's, has lost 70% of its federal funding. We can help with donations collected at S Clement's and then delivered to St. Peter's. There is a particular need for the following items:

- Shelf-stable Milk
- Oatmeal / Cereal
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Tea
- Mayonnaise
- Ketchup

## Today's Music

This morning the Choir will sing *Missa Sancta Maria*, the second Mass of the first book of Masses by the Portuguese Renaissance composer Duarte Lobo (c. 1565-1646) and based on a motet by the famous Spanish composer Francisco Guerrero (1528-1599). Listen for Lobo's genius especially in the *Agnus Dei* where a six-note *ostinato* is sung from left to right (A-G-A-C-B-A) and backwards with the intervals inverted (A-G-F-A-B-A). The motet at Communion, *Ave Domina Maria* is by the canon-choirmaster of Santiago de Compostela, Pedro Periáñez (1560-1612).

Organ music before mass is *Romanze*, the second movement of Josef Gabriel Rheinberger's (1839-1901) Sonata No 9 in B-flat minor, opus 142. Following mass are the Introduction and Passacaglia from Sonata No 8 in E minor, opus 132. Rheinberger's organ sonatas were once declared by J. Weston Nicholl in an article from the Grove Dictionary of Music (1908 edition) to be "undoubtedly the most valuable addition to organ music since the time of Mendelssohn. They are characterized by a happy blending of the modern Romantic spirit with masterly counterpoint and dignified organ style."