

WEEKLY NEWS

✠ The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost ✠

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.

CELEBRATIONS GALORE!

How grateful I am to everyone who welcomed my author-friend Stephanie Cowell to the parish this past week and who helped with a wonderful reading, discussion and book-signing reception on Thursday (party pictures on the next page). It makes me so happy when new friends discover the spiritual and intellectual vibrancy of S Clement's as so many did that evening.

Other New York City friends of this parish, Father Carl and Mother Alison Turner are busy with the 200th anniversary of the founding of Saint Thomas Church Fifth Avenue. At a gala dinner last Saturday, their Vestry honored G. William Haas who served as Warden when Barbara, Francis and I were all very much engaged in the work and ministry of that remarkable parish. We join a throng of those owing happy debts of gratitude to Bill for his wise and prayerful counsel.

The busy week now passed included a private screening of *Audrey's Children*, a stunningly beautiful film written and produced by Julia Fisher Farbman and based on the life and work of Dr. Audrey Evans. Barbara Alton makes a brief appearance in the film as an extra! We're eagerly awaiting the release in 2024.

Last Tuesday, another honorary Clementine, Father Paul Adler, was instituted as Rector of St. David's, Glenview Illinois and we rejoice with this splendid priest and his new parish community.

Even as we grieve the atrocities of Hamas and the mounting numbers of dead and wounded people in Israel and Palestine, we are blessed to celebrate the talents and accomplishments of some wonderful people who love God very much and who inspire us on our journeys.

Yours faithfully,
Fr. Alton

About today's Mass

The law of charity and mercy is one without exception, as we are reminded in today's Gospel: "Shouldst thou not then have compassion also on thy fellow-servant, even as I had compassion on thee?" The forgiveness of offence and love of our neighbour are the necessary response, and so to say the prolongation in our own lives of God's magnanimous forgiveness bestowed on us.

In God the Christian finds his whole rule of life: "Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful." "Be you therefore perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect. Love one another as I have loved you."

It is the Christian's happiness to live in the light of a revelation which gives him, together with a just idea of God, a rule of behaviour based on His conduct towards us. For the man in search of truth and happiness nothing is more helpful than to know the sovereign will of God and to be united to it, and with the arms thus obtained to devote his whole life to doing good.

-- Dom Gaspar Lefebvre, O. S. B.

