

WEEKLY NEWS

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

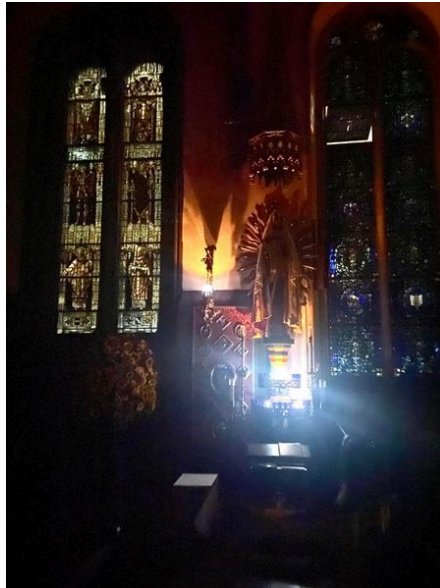
On Sundays

Low Mass is offered at 8 a.m. in S John's Chapel after which silence is kept in the chapel for **Centering Prayer**. At 10 o'clock we pray the **Rosary**. Throughout the summer **Terce** is recited in the church choir stalls at 10.30. **Vespers** is chanted in Latin at 3 p.m. in S John's Chapel 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 1 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.



Afterglow

Here at S Clement's we persevere in observing octaves of Feasts which began to be suppressed in church calendars in the 1950's, a trend continued with abandon throughout subsequent liturgical reforms resulting in the Roman Catholic *Novus Ordo* of 1969 and the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer 1979. This is

why the third Collect at mass today is of Our Lady's Assumption, a mystery well-worth a week's prayerful pondering.

I have more than a week's worth of admiration for all those who worked so hard in very hot weather to prepare for last Tuesday's Solemn Mass and the lovely reception that followed in the Parish Hall. Much cleaning, shopping, cooking, practicing, printing, studying and praying brought us a memorable evening of worship and hospitality.

While I had planned for an earlier departure, I found myself in good company and stimulating conversation and ended up among the last to leave. Parishioner and Shrine Guardian Richard Mammana posted what follows on Facebook and I now share his writing and the photo above with all of you.

"At 1:30 on Wednesday morning the last of the tidying, mirth, and gentle conversation after the 7:00 p.m. liturgy was over, but the steady glow of candles was still piercing the darkness. The labor of bees and the fruit of the Earth, transformed by human intention

About today's Mass

The parable of the Good Shepherd, while reminding us what our own charity towards our neighbour, whoever he is, should be, also shows us what Christ's charity was in our place. He is the Good Samaritan who bent over humanity to heal its wounds and entrust it to the care of His Church until He comes again. It is the joy of the Church to be able to continue, in the name of Christ, this ministry of goodness, for she can heal the wounds of sin and spread abroad the divine Love. This ministry is also a ministry of glory, greater than that of Moses, for it bestows the true holiness, which Christ, its one and only source, came to bring us. It should be our joy, too, to give help and support to anyone who needs them, from love of Christ who so loved us and made it our duty to join to our love of God the generous and disinterested love of our neighbor.

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

Today's Mass setting, *Missa Cantabo Domino* is by Ludovico da Viadana (c. 1560-1627), composer, teacher and a Franciscan friar. He was one of the first composers to make use of the newly developed technique of *figured bass*, as music moved from the Renaissance style to the early Baroque.

into light: the alchemy of prayer that for me always carries the names of my daughters, my sick friends, and my departed family for hours after my hopes have been linked for a moment to a match or a repurposed wooden skewer. Candles exhaust themselves in the purity of their self-offering, but unlike the rest of us they never tire."

Yours faithfully
Father Alton

From a Homily of S Bernard of Clairvaux

All of you, who see yourselves amid the tides of the world, tossed by storms and tempests rather than walking on the land, do not turn your eyes away from this shining star, unless you want to be overwhelmed by the hurricane. If temptation storms, or you fall upon the rocks of tribulation, look to the star: Call upon Mary! If you are tossed by the waves of pride or ambition, detraction or envy, look to the star: Call upon Mary. If anger or avarice or the desires of the flesh dash against the ship of your soul: Turn you eyes to Mary. If troubled by the enormity of your crimes, ashamed of your guilty conscience, terrified by dread of the judgment, you begin to sink into the gulf of sadness or the abyss of despair: Think of Mary. In dangers, in anguish, in doubt, think of Mary, call upon Mary. Let her name be ever on your lips, ever in your heart; and the better to obtain the help of her prayers, imitate the example of her life. Following her, thou strayest not; invoking her, thou despairest not; thinking of her, thou wanderest not; upheld by her, thou failest not; shielded by her, thou fearest not; guided by her, thou growest not weary; favored by her, thou reachest the goal. And thus dost thou experience in thyself how good is that saying: "And the Virgin's name was Mary."

