

September 2009 Newsletter

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From the Rector

My dear People,

Father Wall

Most of you will have heard that we are losing Fr Richard Wall, our Curate. He has accepted a call to be Rector of S. Andrew's Church in State College, PA, and will move there at the end of the month. While we will miss him at S. Clement's, we nevertheless congratulate him on this appointment (and congratulate the Vestry of S. Andrew's for having the good sense to choose him!)

I know you will want to join me in thanking Fr Wall for his ministry among us for the last four years. His work as pastor, preacher and teacher has been greatly appreciated, and he will be missed. If you would like to contribute to a farewell present to Fr Wall, please make your donation payable to S. Clement's Church and mark it "Fr Wall's presentation." He will receive this gift at a special reception after the 10 o'clock High Mass on his last Sunday, 13th September.

I am already looking for a new curate, though there will inevitably be a period when I will be on my own. This may mean that the Sunday Mass will be a Missa Cantata rather than our usual Solemn High Mass. The process of finding an assistant priest involves advertising in the Church press as well as making contact with seminaries and others who are likely to know of young priests ready for a move to a new parish. So it could take a while. If any of you know of a likely candidate, I'd be glad to hear from you.

Visiting Preachers

As part of our 150th Anniversary celebrations we have two visiting preachers in the near future. The first is Prebendary Bill Scott, Sub-Dean of the Chapels Royal in London, who will preach on Sunday, 20th September, the Solemnity of the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady. Two weeks later, on Sunday 4th October, the Solemnity of the Holy Rosary, our preacher will be Canon Martin Warner, Canon Pastor of St Paul's Cathedral, London. Canon Warner is also Master of the Guardians of the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, with which our own Shrine of Our Lady of Clemency has always been affiliated.

Marriages

Please include in your prayers the three couples who are preparing for their weddings this month and in October. They are:

Kevin O'Rourke & Shannon Brucker
Justin Bruno & Kathleen Smith
Bill Szablewski & Allyson Levis

I hope you have all had a refreshing summer with some recreation.

Affectionately, your friend and Rector,

Kalendar

September 2009 – *The Holy Cross.*

1	Tu	S Giles, Ab. <i>Ss Twelve Holy Brothers, Mm.</i> [Increase in vocations to the Religious Life]
2	W	S Stephen, KC. [The Church in Hungary]
3	Th	S Pius X, PC. [More frequent & devout communions]
4	F	Feria. <i>Of the Passion of Our Lord. Abs.</i> [The Guild of All Souls]
5	Sa	S Lawrence Giustiniani, BC. [Catholic renewal in the Church]
6	Su	Pentecost XIV [Parish]
7	M	Feria. <i>Monthly Requiem.</i> [September Chantry List]
8	Tu	Nativity BVM. <i>S Hadrian, M.</i> [Parish]
9	W	S. Peter Claver, C. <i>S Gorgonius, M.</i> [Church growth among the Afro-American peoples]
10	Th	S Nicholas of Tolentino, C. [Sailors & all maritime workers]
11	F	Ss Protus & Hyacinth, Mm. <i>Abs.</i> [Respect & peace among peoples & nations]
12	Sa	Most Holy Name of Mary. [Increase of devotion to Our Lady]
13	Su	Pentecost XV. [Parish]
14	M	Exaltation of the Holy Cross. [The Order of the Holy Cross]
15	Tu	SEVEN SORROWS BVM. <i>S. Nicomedes, M.</i> [Living Rosary of Our Lady & S. Dominic]
16	W	S Ninian, BC. <i>Ss Cornelius, P. & Cyprian, B.Mm. Ss Euphemia, V., Lucy & Geminian, Mm.</i> Ember Day. <i>Fast & Part Abs.</i> [The Church in Scotland]
17	Th	S Lambert, BC. Imprinting of the holy Stigmata of S Francis, C. <i>Fast & Abs.</i> [Franciscans]
18	F	S Joseph of Cupertino, C. <i>Ember Day. Fast & Abs.</i> [For those who travel by air]
19	Sa	S Januarius & Companions, Mm. Ember Day. <i>Vigil. Fast & Part. Abs.</i> [Bishop & Diocese of Europe]
20	Su	Solemnity of the Seven Sorrows. Pentecost XVI. <i>S Eustace & Comp., Mm.</i> [Parish]
21	M	S Matthew, ApEv. [Parish]
22	Tu	S Thomas of Villanova, BC. <i>S Maurice & Comp. Mm.</i> [Catholic colleges & universities]
23	W	S Linus, PM. <i>S Thecla, VM.</i> [Pope Benedict XVI]
24	Th	Our Lady of Clemency. [The Society of Mary and our Parish Ward]
25	F	Feria. <i>Of the Holy Cross. Abs.</i> [Christians in Islamic countries]
26	Sa	Ss Martyrs of North America. <i>Ss Cyprian & Justina, VMm.</i> [The Church in North America]
27	Su	Pentecost XVII. <i>Ss Cosmas & Damian, Mm.</i> [Parish]
28	M	S Wenceslas, Duke, M. [The Church in Bohemia]
29	Tu	DEDICATION OF S MICHAEL, Archangel. [Guild of All Souls]
30	W	S Jerome, Priest, CD. [For a Catholic understanding of the Scriptures]

Agenda:

- 13 September Pentecost XV. Fr Wall's last Sunday as Curate of S. Clement's. A farewell Reception in his honour will follow the High Mass at 10.00 a.m.
- 20 September **Solemnity of the Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** High Mass followed by Veneration of the Relic of the True Cross, 10.00 a.m. Prebendary Bill Scott, guest preacher.
- 22 September Monthly meeting of Vestry, 7.00 p.m. [Anchor Room]
- 4 October **Solemnity of the Holy Rosary.** Canon Martin Warner, preacher at the High Mass. The Winter Sunday Schedule resumes with Low Mass, 8.00 a.m.; High Mass, 11.00 a.m. & Solemn Vespers & Benediction, 3.00 p.m.

Music for the Month – September 2009

6th September, Pentecost XIV:

Ordinary: *Stephano Bernardi*, Missa 'Preparate Corde Vestra'

Organ: *Charles-Marie Widor*, Andante sostenuto

C.S. Lang, Tuba Tune

13th September, Pentecost XV:

Ordinary: *Ludovico Viadana*, Missa 'Cantate Domino'

Organ: *Edward Bairstow*, Scherzo

Louis Vierne, Toccata

20th September, Solemnity of the Seven Sorrows:

Ordinary: *Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina*, Missa 'De Beata Virgine'

Organ: *Flor Peeters*, Aria

Johann Sebastian Bach, Allegro, from Concerto in a

27th September, Pentecost XVII:

Ordinary: *Orlandus Lassus*, Missa 'Je suis desheritee'

Organ: *Zoltan Kodaly*, Gloria in excelsis Deo

Bach, Fugue in g minor, "The Little"

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary – 8th September

We should naturally have wished to know much of the Blessed Mother of our Lord, for our thoughts must revert to her with the most lively interest. We should have wished to have known something of her sayings and actions, so as to have a more full and clear understanding of her character, both in order to love and reverence her, and also as the most engaging example that could be set before us. But of these her words and deeds, Holy Scripture (for wise reasons, no doubt) has told us but little; and early Ecclesiastical History nothing at all.

Of course, we cannot doubt, as the Catholic Church has always held, that she remained ever a Virgin; and indeed S. Augustine supposes that such had always been her purpose of heart, while her nominal betrothal to one near of kin was but a veil. It is evident, too, that she always lived in great poverty; serving God, we may well suppose, in fastings and prayers night and day. Where shall we find more perfect resignation expressed than in those words, ‘Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to Thy Word!’ And the Hymn of the Blessed Virgin is a great indication of her humility, in ascribing all things to God; and shows that all her glorying and rejoicing was not in herself, but in God only: her hastening to her kinswoman Elizabeth implies the same lowliness of mind, and an affectionate deference to her kindred. It is more than once mentioned of her, that she pondered things in her heart; which seems to signify that she was of a singularly thoughtful and grave character, like Daniel of old. Alluding to which, S. Ambrose says of her, ‘Though the Mother of the Lord, she longed to learn the commands of the Lord; though the Mother of God, she desired to know God.’ She was always retiring into herself, we may suppose, to listen there for the teaching of God, and ‘comparing spiritual things with spiritual’ in all she heard or experienced of His ways.

But what are to be our thoughts with regard to her? We surely must entertain towards her something of those feelings of love and veneration with which we would regard an earthly mother, when those feelings have been exalted and hallowed by death; we must add to this, also, the reverence we must hold towards an eminent Saint of God; and, more than all this, we must remember her as the Mother of our Lord and God. And this being the case, surely we cannot think too highly of her, unless we give to her the honour which is due to God only. But there is probably no one here present who does, at this time, require an admonition of this kind. On the contrary, we have had, for a long time, reasons for being warned, lest we show too little honour to her who is highly favoured of God and ‘Blessed among women.’ With how little thought or reverence have persons in this country been used to remember her, of whom Christ was born into this world, lost otherwise in irremediable sin and sorrow; of her who bore in her arms, and at her breast, the Son of God; who received from Him a perfect love and obedience such as no child has ever rendered to a parent; with whom, for thirty years of His life, He continued hidden, as it were, from all the world besides; and whom, in the agonies of death, he made the object of his tender care.

—The Rev’d Isaac Williams

Holy Cross Day – 14th September

The Sign of the Cross, made in recognition of its power, is common to all Christian Antiquity; from the earliest times, the symbolic gesture has preceded, attended, and closed, the actions and thoughts of Christians.

Tertullian, who was born at Carthage, A.D. 160, says: ‘When we go in or out, when we dress or put on our shoes, at the bath, at the table, when lights are brought, when we go to bed, when we sit down, whatever it is which occupies us, we mark the forehead with the Sign of the Cross.’ He adds that it is a habit which tradition had introduced, custom had confirmed, and his generation had received upon the credit of that which went before them. This is a remarkable statement, when we remember that Tertullian was born only sixty years after the death of S. John the Evangelist.

S. Cyril (Patriarch of Jerusalem, A.D. 350), in his instructions to Catechumens, desires them to trace the Cross upon their foreheads; and he adds: ‘Make that Sign, whenever you eat or drink, when you seat yourselves, when you lie down or rise up; in a word, let it accompany every action of your life.’

S. Augustine (Bishop of Hippo, A.D. 395) says: ‘If we shall ask a Catechumen, “Believest thou in Christ?” he answers, “I believe,” and signs himself with the Cross. The same Father adds elsewhere: ‘As the hidden rite of Circumcision was the appointed sign of the Old Covenant, so the Cross on the uncovered brow is the token of the New.’

Bishop Jolly of Moray (who died in 1838) said: ‘Much good use, with great edification, may be made by this truly primitive practice, when performed with right understanding and devout affection. The Sign of the Cross is so short and easy, yet so strong and expressive a symbol of our Christian Faith and profession as Christ’s enlisted soldiers, that it serves as a remembrance and recognition, or renewed acknowledgment of the whole grace and whole obligation of our Baptism, when first, as the servants of God, we were so marked on our foreheads. We were baptized in the Name of the FATHER and of the SON and of the HOLY GHOST; and when, in the beginning of our prayers, we say, in faith and adoration and worship, “In the Name of the FATHER and of the SON and of the HOLY GHOST” (making at the same time the Sign of the Cross) we declare and show then our Faith in the Undivided TRINITY, and Incarnation of GOD the SON, Who took our nature upon Him and died upon the Cross to redeem us.’

The usual occasions for blessing ourselves with the Holy Sign are, when we rise in the morning; when we enter or leave a Church; at the beginning and end of our devotions, whether public or private; when the Gospel for the day is proclaimed; at the end of the Church’s Creeds; when the Priest blesses us at the end of service; before and after meals; when we hear the clock strike; when we retire to rest at night.

‘Lo, I sign the Cross of Jesus
Meekly on my breast;
May it guard my heart, when living,
Dying, be its Rest.’

—*The Rev’d S. Baring Gould*

Milestones at S. Clement's

1912 - 1977

- 1912 Replacement of roof trusses began the project involving rebuilding of the choir, erection of the organ lofts, and culminating in the creation of the Lady Chapel; this project cost \$25,000, creating an indebtedness of \$17,000. The founder of the Society of the Sacred Mission (Kelham), Fr Herbert H. Kelly, SSM preached in S Clement's as part of his American preaching tour.

Henry S. Fry, Organist-Choirmaster of Trinity Memorial Church, 22nd & Spruce Streets was appointed Organist-Choirmaster of S Clement's.

- 1913 12th January: The first service was held in the restored church. During repairs on the nave roof, the names of two carpenters who worked on the church in 1858 were found on one of the beams: John Kelly and Edward Larkins.

S. Anna's Home for Aged Women was opened at 2016, Race Street by the All Saints Sisters of the Poor.

10th March: The death of Fr John M. Davenport, in Bournemouth, Dorset, England, Rector of S Clement's 1891-1893; Vicar of S Clement's, Bournemouth 1909-1912.

July: The Yarnall Library of Theology was established under the terms of the Will of Ellis Horner Yarnall. The Library was first located in the Clergy House of S Clement's, then housed in the Philadelphia Divinity School until 1974 when the divinity school moved from Philadelphia and it was then relocated to the Van Pelt Library of the University of Pennsylvania.

- 1914 The new organ, built by the Austin Organ Company, was blessed by the Bishop of Salina, Kansas on S Clement's Day. It retained all of the pipes of the 1865 organ.

- 1915 14th January: Death of Fr R. M. Benson, SSJE, at Cowley S. John, Oxford.

2nd February: The Lady Chapel, with iron gates by the Samuel Yellin firm, was blessed on the Feast of Candlemas. The Chapel, choir-screen and ambo are in memory of Elias Louis Boudinot. S. Katherine's Altar (formerly at the head of the south aisle, below the organ chamber) was given to the Church of the Annunciation, Philadelphia.

7th May: Death of Fr Basil W. Maturin, sometime rector of S Clement's 1881-1889, during the sinking of the *Lusitania* whilst on board.

The Lady Chapel window of stained glass was designed and executed by Alfred Godwin.

- 1916 The stained glass window was installed outside the Lady Chapel in memory of Patty Daffield Neill.

- 1917 20th September: The present font, designed by Horace W. Sellers and executed by Edward Maene was blessed.

October: Sisters from the Society of S. Margaret arrived in the Parish and remained until 1923.

- 1918 January: A sketch of the Appletree Street entrance to the church appeared on the cover of S. Clement's Magazine. The sketch was done by Stanley Woodward of Boston who was a member of the Choir in 1917. The drawing has been used on various church notices and is familiar to Clementines.
- 24th May: the death of Brother Maynard, SSJE at Cowley S. John, Oxford. *Br Maynard was resident at S. Clement's from 1877 – 1891.*
- 1920 26th-30th April: A healing mission was held, conducted by James Moore Hickson.
- 5th October: The Rev'd Franklin Joiner was elected rector to succeed Fr Hutchinson. Fr Joiner had been Junior Curate for the previous two years.
- 1920s S. Clement's Crown & Anchor (Operatic) Society performed The Mikado.
- 1921 20th November – A new pulpit, ornately carved, was used for the first time. It is in memory of George Henry Lea. The canopy was installed in memory of his wife, Alice Van Antwerp Lea.
- 1923 26th January: Occurred the death of Fr Charles Carroll Quin, Senior Curate of S. Clement's from 1896-1923 to Frs. Moffett, Hutchinson and Joiner
- A bell commemorating three parishioners who gave their lives in World War I was hung in the tower; cracked in the 1970's, the bell is now gone but the names of those commemorated appear on a plaque by the pulpit.
- May: The 110 N. Woodstock St. property was presented to the parish and furnished as a Mission House, the gift of Mrs J. J. Rowan Spong, in memory of her husband, the Rev'd John J. Rowan Spong.
- 1924 January: S. Clement's Mission House was blessed; the Sisters of the Holy Nativity moved in to begin work in the parish where they remained until 1962.
- 1926 24th January – 5th February: A Preaching Mission was held in S. Clement's, conducted by Fr Edmund Seyzinger, C.R.
- 1929 11th-16th July: The widening of Twentieth Street necessitated moving the irregular, 5,000 ton three-building complex 40 feet to the west. This was accomplished and by November the Church was secure on a new foundation with no interruption of services and no major structural damage. The City of Philadelphia assumed the entire cost--\$300,000. The adjoining properties at 2028 and 2030 Cherry Street were demolished to clear the site to accommodate the Church, Clergy House and Parish House.
- 1930's S. Clement's Magazine was published under the auspices of The Yarnall Library of Theology as *S. Clement's Quarterly*.
- 1933 22nd – 26th October: the Sixth Catholic Congress was held in Philadelphia, commemorating the Centenary of the Oxford Movement.
- 25th October: A Solemn High Mass of Requiem was held in S. Clement's for Congress members who died since the previous Congress.
- 26th November: Occurred the death of Horace Wells Sellers, Vestryman and 2nd architect of S. Clement's Church.

- 1934 New Stations of the Cross, designed by H. W. Sellers and carved in Ohio Limestone by Bruno Zimm, were installed in the Church. The first Station is dedicated to the memory of Horace Wells Sellers. The work on the Stations was completed by Mr Sellers' son, Lester Hoadley Sellers and a Mr Braik.
- 1935 A crucifix with an ivory Corpus in a case with antique Florentine doors was given by the children of Mrs George Henry Lea. The crucifix hung over Mrs Lea's Prie Dieu during her lifetime. It is now on the north wall of the High Altar sanctuary over the door leading into the sacristy.
- 1941 21st June: Windows of the nave and apse, by the Charles Connick Studio of Boston, were dedicated by the Bishop of Nassau, the Rt Rev'd Spence Burton, SSJE, in the presence of Lord Halifax, British Ambassador to the USA. One of the windows commemorates his father, Charles Lindley Wood, 2nd Viscount Halifax, prominent Anglo-Catholic layman and President of the English Church Union.
- 1942 The redecoration project including polychroming of the Pulpit and High Altar reredos and canopy, gilding and polychroming the Stations of the Cross, and painting and gilding the apse ceiling commenced. Following the death of Mr T.E. Smith, Miss Marian Warner Thompson was appointed Secretary-General of the American branch of the Guild of All Souls by Fr Franklin Joiner, Superior-General of the Guild.
- 1943 The Shrine of S. Clement was installed at the head of the North Aisle. It was given by Fr Joiner on the 25th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood. A statue of Our Lady was blessed on the Feast of the Annunciation; located in the South Aisle near the Lady Chapel. Designed by Wilfred E. Anthony and carved by Henry E. Beretta, it was polychromed by Robert Robbins, who completed the above-mentioned polychroming as well.
- Dr Henry S. Fry retired as Organist-Choirmaster after 31 years of service. He was succeeded by Clement D. Campbell of New York.
- 1944 25th March: The Lady Statue was given the designation of "Our Lady of Clemency" on the Feast of the Annunciation and the continuous Novena was inaugurated.
- 1945 Clement D. Campbell resigned as Organist-Choirmaster and was succeeded by Bartram Owen.
- 1946 6th September: Occurred the death of Dr Fry, Organist-Choirmaster, 1912-43.
- 1947 The Parish Ward of the Society of Mary (established 1931) was formed under the patronage of Our Lady of Clemency. This was the First Ward of the Society of Mary in America; Miss Tacy F. Hurst became Ward Secretary.
- 1948 The organ was rebuilt by the Austin Organ Company; a new console was installed. Miss Elsie M. Williams succeeded Miss Lucy C.M. Noble as branch secretary of S. Clement's Ward of the Guild of All Souls.
- 1952 Extensive renovation of the Clergy House and Parish House was carried out; S. John's Chapel was refurbished and the present Connick windows depicting the Mysteries of the Holy Rosary were installed. The reredos and canopy installed at this time were removed in 1978.
- 1953 October: A Doctrinal Mission was preached by Fr Raymond Raynes, Superior of the Community of the Resurrection, Mirfield, England.

- 1954 Miss Thompson, resigned as Secretary-General of the Guild of All Souls and Miss Anne P. Vaughan, who held the office until 1968 succeeded her. She died in 1992.
- 1955 January: Fr Joiner retired after 35 years as Rector of S. Clement's.
 28th July: The Rev'd Canon William Elwell was elected Rector and Fr Joiner was named Rector Emeritus.
 Occurred the sudden death of Bartram Owen; Norman Sill was appointed Organist-Choirmaster as his replacement.
- 1956 The Centenary of the laying of the corner-stone was observed with Solemn Mass on 12th May. The sermon was preached by Fr Emmett P. Paige, Rector of S. Mark's, Locust Street, whose predecessor (Dr Washburn) had preached 100 years earlier.
- 1957 The S. Christopher Doorway was added over the inside of the west nave central doors; it was carved by James House, Jr and dedicated in November.
- 1960 A diploma of affiliation with the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham was bestowed upon the Shrine of Our Lady of Clemency.
 28th October: Occurred the death of Fr Joiner at Druim More, Chestnut Hill. Fr Joiner had been curate of S. Clement's 1918-20; Rector 1920-55; Rector Emeritus 1955-60; Superior-General of the Guild of All Souls 1925-48; Member of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Pennsylvania 1929-1955 and President 1940-55.
- 1960's A new logo composed of an anchor, three fish and a crown and designed by J. David Taylor was presented to S. Clement's. The Newsletter made its debut replacing S. Clement's Quarterly.
- 1964 12th April: The Centenary of the Consecration of the Church was celebrated. *The Story of S. Clement's Church, Philadelphia* was written by May Lilly for the occasion. Canon Elwell retired as Rector.
 25th October-1st November: A Preaching Mission was conducted by Fr J. Colin Stephenson, Administrator of the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. The Mission began on the Feast of Christ the King and concluded on All Saints' Day.
- 1965 The Rev'd Edward Oscar Hendricks was elected Rector.
- 1968 The third floor of the Parish House, formerly housing the workrooms of S. Clement's Altar Guild, was leased to Greene Towne School, a Montessori pre-school.
 Miss Anne Vaughan, retired as Secretary-General of the Guild of All Souls.
- 1970 20th November: S. Clement's Church was entered in the National Register of Historic Places.
- 1976 S. Clement's held a series of Lectures to commemorate America's Bi-Centennial; it was also the 100th Anniversary of the arrival of the Society of S. John the Evangelist (Cowley Fathers) in the Parish.
 3rd March: Paul Augustus Casey, Vestryman & descendant of Benefactor & Vestryman Ellis Horner Yarnall, died at the age of 80.
- 1977 S. Clement's Bookshop was established.
 Fr William H. Fox was appointed Priest-in-Charge, the Rector being away on sick leave.