

# St. Clement's

Regional Catholic School



## Chronicle



### A Word from our Principal, Mrs. Kromm

COVID-19 continues to have a profound influence on all of our lives. While scientists are working to develop a vaccine, the virus is still a fear for many. We are all following guidelines to slow the pace of the pandemic including social distancing, washing hands often, wearing face masks and staying home. Your homes have become your work places and classrooms. Throughout all of this, we are focused on trying to maintain some sort of routine for our children. Our day begins with Morning Prayer. Then the “teaching and learning” begin. Teachers have been working with students and parents to provide the opportunity for continuity of learning. Please be patient with one another. Friday “office hours” is a chance for students and/or parents to meet with their teachers one-on-one or in small groups. Time spent together with classmates and teachers on Google Meets has provided opportunities for social interactions which are an important part of the classroom experience. We know that the children miss being at school. Please know that we miss them dearly, too.



drove through. It was uplifting to see your smiling faces!

It was great to have so many of you join us on Wednesday to show your St. Clement's Spirit. Our teachers and staff lined the school parking lot to greet each family that



Join us *virtually* on May 27 for our May Crowning. Fr. Juanito and I will lead everyone in prayer and song as we honor Mary during this her special month.

As we plan for September, there are still many questions which need to be addressed.

Principals meet weekly with our Superintendent to keep updated on changes and to discuss future plans. Our Emergency Response Team has assembled to discuss plans for reopening. Through it all, we will remain strong and support one another as members of our St. Clement's School Family.

Thanks to those who have returned their book forms, registration forms and Facts forms. We will be scheduling a day at the end of the school year to return your books and materials and to pick up supplies that you may have in your classrooms.

*May God continue to bless us all as we work together for the benefit of all of our children. May we also remember to pray for those afflicted with COVID-19, the health care workers who are administering to them, and their families.*

*Mrs. Kromm*

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### Dates to Remember

- Monday, May 25: Memorial Day—no school
- Wednesday, May 27: May Crowning (live streamed)
- Wednesday, June 17: 5th Grade Graduation at 1pm
- Thursday, June 18: Pre-K & JrK Graduations (“special delivery”)

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# Partners in FAITH™



Helping our children grow in their Catholic faith.

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Mrs. J. Kromm, Principal



## Thoughtful Moments

### St. Catherine of Siena

Born in Siena, Italy, St. Catherine was a Doctor of the Church and a mystic. From a young age, she had regular conversations with Jesus. She resisted her parents' efforts to have her marry by cutting off her hair! Instead she joined the Third Order of St. Dominic and served the poor. She successfully coaxed Pope Gregory XI back to Rome from Avignon, France. She also mediated disputes and wrote *The Dialogue* concerning the spiritual life.



### Reminder

Each of us was made by a loving Creator who knows and calls us by name. No matter your child's IQ, athletic abilities, or the condition of his bedroom, he has great value in God's eyes. Remind him that God loves him for exactly who he is – even more than you do.

*We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose (Romans 8:28).*



## Show children how faith is done

Children read our signals, even when we don't intend to communicate them. When parents are worried or concerned, children can tell. In uncertain times, we can help youngsters live as people of hope by living with hope, ourselves.

**Stay calm.** To calm a child's fear, let her know that you have confidence in God's love and care for each of us and she can trust him, too.

**Question.** Asking questions help us feel more confident about our beliefs. Help children find answers to their questions and doubts. Refer to Scripture and the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. If you get

stumped, ask your parish priest for guidance.

**Pray.** Pray together before meals, at bedtime and for special intentions like the health of friends and family.

**Keep your eyes on Heaven.** Hang a crucifix in your home.

When you get overwhelmed by pessimistic news in the media, stand before it to join in family prayer.

**Do for others.** Place a bowl on a table to collect change for almsgiving. Donate the coins to your parish poor box on Sunday.

**Act** – Let your children "catch" you living your faith. Attend Mass each week and holy day, and go to Confession. When others are in need, reach out to them and encourage children to help as well.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

### Why do Catholics celebrate First Holy Communion?

Any time a sacrament is received, it's cause for celebrating. All the sacraments convey God's grace, but in this one we receive God himself. First Holy Communion is special because it's the first time (of many) when Jesus comes into



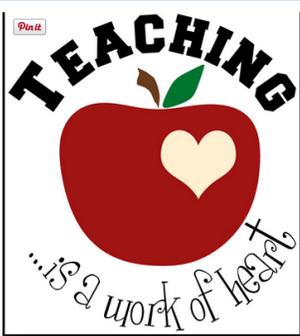
our hearts and souls and fill us with graces. First Holy Communion also means that the communicant is one step closer to becoming a full member of the Catholic Church (Confirmation is often the last step). What a lot to celebrate!

# Y is for Yearbook!

Our yearbook is now at the publisher. It should be here at the beginning of June. I will let you know by e-mail when it has arrived and the details for purchase. It is a great keepsake.

Remember that Mass is livestreamed daily at St. Clement's Church. Go to the website and/or Facebook page to participate in Mass virtually.

There are a number of churches that livestream Sunday Mass. Check out the websites of our local churches—St. Clement's and St. Peter's. Bishop Scharfenberger also livestreams Sunday Mass. Go to [rcda.org](http://rcda.org).



A big thank you from all of our teachers and staff who received so many warm greetings during Teacher Appreciation Week! Many pictures, cards, and even videos were created by students to say "thank you." Special thanks to the PTO (which includes all parents) who sent a gift card to each member of our faculty and staff.



Fourth graders (from 4S) stopped at Mrs. Stauffer's house to say "thank you" during Teacher Appreciation Week!





# St. Clement's Spirit



The following resources have been provided by CSAANYS (Catholic School Administrators Association of New York State)

## ***Mental Health and Talking with Children***

- [Resources for Mental Health and Talking to Youth about COVID 19](#)
- [The Children's Institute - resources for families](#)
- [Resources from MHANYS \(Mental Health Association of NYS\)](#)
- [A comic exploring the new coronavirus - NPR](#)
- [What is the Coronavirus - Brainpop](#)
- [Child Mind: Talking to Kids About the Coronavirus](#)
- [New York Times: How to Talk to Kids About Coronavirus](#)
- [USA Today: How Do You Talk to Your Children About Coronavirus?](#)
- [American Psychological Association: How to Talk to Kids About Difficult News](#)
- [Common Sense Media: Explaining the News to Our Kids](#)