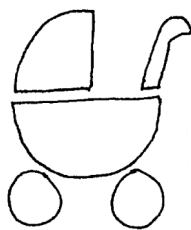


Clement Moms Newsletter



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Meet the New 2011-2012 Clement Moms Co-Chairs

The Clement Moms year ends in the summer, and we would like to thank 2010-2011 Co-Chairs Sarah Hamming and Angie Kolbusz for their wonderful leadership! Thanks too to all the committee co-chairs and committee members who made this past year such a success! Now, we welcome the new co-chairs, **Janel Colquhoun** and **Natalie Recker**, and help you get to know them with this interview:



Janel



Natalie

How long have you been a parishioner?

Janel: I joined Saint Clement in 1997 after I graduated from college. Although I was away from Chicago and Saint Clement for several years, Saint Clement has always been my Chicago parish. I was so excited to find Saint Clement because of its wonderful sense of community.

Natalie: Chris (my husband) and I have been parishioners at Saint Clement since 2008. We had been searching for a more community-based parish, and we knew we had hit gold the first Sunday we attended Mass at Saint Clement. The pews were full of happy, welcoming people, and we felt right at home.

How many kids do you have and what are their ages?

Janel: My husband and I have two children: Jack is three (will be four in August) and Lily is 1½.

Natalie: We are blessed with two girls. Isabella, 3½, and Caroline, four months, are the light of our lives.

How has Clement Moms helped you?

Janel: Clement Moms has been a great opportunity to meet other moms and share experiences. It is such a wonderful support network within the Saint Clement community.

Natalie: Clement Moms has been a tremendous support for our family. I was placed on bed rest for six months of my pregnancy. The Moms consistently delivered meals and visited me frequently. Our family enjoyed the delicious food, and I appreciated being with people who understood my situation.

What committees – church or Clement Moms – have you been on?

Janel: I was a member of the book club, which is now the Wine and Chat Committee, and most recently I was a member of the Social Committee.

Natalie: The first year I participated in Clement Moms I served on the Service Committee. And last year I co-chaired the Welcoming Committee.

What is/was your job? Did you decide to stay home or go back to work after your children were born?

Janel: I am an accountant and went back to work part-time after my son Jack was born. I just recently decided to stay home and gave up my job in April. It was a difficult decision, but I am really enjoying the extra time with Jack and Lily.

Natalie: Before becoming a mother I worked in marketing, catering and public relations. We decided that I would stay home after Isabella was born. I feel very lucky to get the opportunity to witness both girls growing up everyday, and it is the hardest and most physically demanding job I have ever had.

What was the most important thing you learned after becoming a parent?

Janel: That you can never have enough patience and how wonderful it is to hear your child say “I love you”.

Natalie: I think the biggest lesson I have learned is being able to roll with the punches. I am a very organized person who likes to plan everything. Children

Clement Moms Portal Update



Log in today at www.clementgroups.com to see what is new!

Are you a member of another parish group that could use an online calendar or secure event invitation tool (like Evite but better)? ClementGroups.com is available to any parish group; just email joan.jablonski@gmail.com to get set up.

Parish groups like Clement Moms and Clement Dads use the portal for the online activities calendar, photo sharing, and message boards that are completely nonpublic (unlike Facebook and Google products). Want to get involved? Click the CALENDAR tab on your green menu bar. Click any event to read more about it and let the organizer know you're coming!

Filling out your profile is a wonderful way to participate in the parish community without even leaving your house. In the furthest upper right corner of your home screen there are links to Profile and Settings. Click Profile to share a few details about yourself, just as you might when introducing yourself to another parishioner on the plaza after Mass.

If you don't know your password, no problem. Simply go to www.ClementGroups.com and look for the words “forgot your password?” below the password box. Click here and it will be emailed to you immediately.

Why not log in today and update your profile – it helps us recognize one another at events, at Mass, even at the park! Happy Summer, and on rainy days, hope to “see” you on the portal!
(Joan Jablonski) ☘

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don't exactly have the same priorities, and most days the best-made plans need to be flexible.

What is your best advice for a new mom?

Janel: Don't sweat the small stuff – there aren't enough hours in the day!

Natalie: Take one day at a time. Some days can be frustrating or isolating, but at the end of the day even the smallest smile from your child makes everything worth it.

What is one interesting fact about yourself that you would like others to know?

Janel: A few years after college I moved to London for work. I came back to

Chicago with lots of great photos from my travels and an English husband!

Natalie: I am a cookbook freak. Our pantry shelves are overflowing with volumes of cookbooks. I constantly will be reading through one or two cookbooks for ideas or simply looking at the pictures, daydreaming about future cooking adventures.

What are your hobbies or favorite things to do?

Janel: I love to travel and read, although I haven't had as much time as I would like to do either in recent years.

Natalie: I like to sew and bake. But the days go quick, and I am lucky to get a batch of cookies made once a week. Plus, sharp needles and pins around a three

year old is not the smartest thing.



What are your goals for Clement Moms 2011-2012?

Janel: I would love to welcome as many new moms as we can and to encourage everyone to participate in all of the great activities planned by our dedicated committees.

Natalie: To maintain the standard of excellence set by the previous leadership and let the talents of all moms involved contribute to our church, school and community. And of course reach out to all new moms and continue to grow the great group of women already connected. 🙌

Summer Events and Festivals in Chicago

Summer is THE time to enjoy all Chicago has to offer! Here are just a few of the many events happening around Chicago in July and August.

One of the best things about Chicago is all the summer festivals. July starts off with a bang with **Taste of Chicago**, running from June 24 - July 3 at Grant Park (www.tasteofchicago.us). There will be an **Independence Day fireworks** display at Navy Pier only this year starting at 9:00 pm on July 4 (www.navypier.com). Other city-wide festivals include the **Chicago Beach Soccer Tournament** (www.chicagobeachsoccer.com) July 23-24 at Montrose Beach Harbor (includes a sand soccer tournament, 10-12 fields set up on Montrose Beach, youth and adult divisions, as well as interactive games, inflatables, bag toss and more) and the **Air & Water Show** (www.chicagoairandwatershow.us) August 20-21. Also, the **Family Fun Festival** at Millennium Park continues through August 21 (www.millenniumpark.org), which includes interactive activities, a performance stage, a reading circle and musical games for kids of all ages, plus concerts on the stage of the Jay Pritzker Pavilion.

Northside neighborhood festivals include:

- July 9-10: **Chicago Folk & Roots Festival** (www.chicagofolkandroots.org) at Welles Park
- July 9-10: **Rock Around the Block** (<http://starevents.com/events/rock-around-the-block>) at Lincoln, Belmont and Ashland
- July 9-10: **Roscoe Village Burger Fest** (www.chicagoevents.com/event.cfm?eid=179)
- July 22 and August 26: **Jammin' at the Zoo** (www.lpzoo.org/events/calendar/jammin-zoo)
- July 23-24: **Sheffield Garden**

Walk (<http://sheffieldfestivals.org>)

- July 23-24: **Wicker Park Fest** (www.wickerparkfestchicago.com) on Milwaukee
- July 30-31: **Summer on Southport** (www.southportneighbors.com/sos_festival.html)
- July 30-31: **Taste of Lincoln Avenue** (www.chicagoevents.com/event.cfm?eid=117)
- August 6-7: **Retro on Roscoe** (www.roscoevillage.org/Retro_On_Roscoe)
- August 13-14: **Wrigleyville Summerfest** (<http://starevents.com/events/wrigleyville>) on Seminary
- August 20-21: **North Side Summerfest** (<http://starevents.com/events/north-side>) at Lincoln and Irving Park
- August 27-28: **Bucktown Arts Fest** (www.bucktownartsfest.com) at Oakley and Lyndale

Another great way to explore the city is to take advantage of **free days** at some of Chicago's many museums. At the **Chicago Children's Museum** (www.chicagochildrensmuseum.org), admission is free for children 15 and under on Sunday, July 3 and Sunday, August 7 (the first Sunday of every month), and admission is free for everyone every Thursday evening between 5:00 and 8:00 pm. At the **Chicago History Museum** (www.chicagohistory.org), admission is free for all every Monday and free for children 12 and under every day. The **Field Museum** (www.fieldmuseum.org) has a free day on Wednesday, August 24. The **Museum of Science and Industry** (www.msichicago.org) has a free day on Wednesday, August 31. Finally, the **Notebaert Nature Museum** (www.naturemuseum.org) near the Lincoln Park Zoo is free every Thursday. Enjoy the summer! 🙌
(Kirsten Greco)



Celebrating Milestones

Happy Birthday

July 14

Kayleigh Carter

Happy 4th birthday!

Love, Mommy and Daddy



July 18

Grant Lobner

Happy 1st baptism birthday!

From God's loving arms, to ours.

Love, Mommy and Daddy

July 21

Keegan Carter

Happy 1st birthday!

Love, Mommy and Daddy

July 23

William Newburn

Happy 2nd birthday, William!

We love you so much!

Love, Mommy, Daddy and big brother Nicholas

July 28

Kate Jablonski

Happy 4th Birthday to "Kate the Great" Jablonski

Love, Mommy, Daddy, Anna and Julia

July 29

Alex Gambera

Happy 3rd to our beautiful Alex!

We love you!

Mamma and Papa

July 31

Grace Helen Coan

Happy 2nd Birthday to Grace Helen.

We love you!!! Mom and Dad

August 3

Graysen Whitley and Isabella Monroe Butts

Happy 4th birthday!

Love, Mom, Dad and Nathan

August 7

Jack Colquhoun

Happy 4th birthday to Jack!

Love, Mommy, Daddy and Lily

August 17

Gracie and Josie Rothleutner

Happy 5th & 3rd Birthdays to our girls...Gracie & Josie

We love you!!! Mommy & Daddy
XOXO

August 23

Julia Jablonski

Happy 1st Birthday to our gorgeous girl!

Love, Mommy, Daddy, Anna and Kate

Welcome to the World

February 18

Welcome **Bailey Helen Scribner**

7 lbs 2 oz, 21 inches

Annie and Andrew Scribner

April 25

Welcome **Henry James McHugh**

6 lbs 8 oz

Kate and Ryan McHugh



May 27

Welcome **Elise Anne Sullivan!**

Love, Mommy, Daddy, and Jacqueline

Welcome to the Church

Baptized June 5

Kara and Eli Polaniecki

Congratulations Kara and Eli on your baptisms!

We love you!

Mommy, Daddy, and Trevor

Baptized June 9

Adeline Riley

Congratulations Adeline on your baptism!

We love you so much!

Megan, Connor and big sisters

Maureen and Grace Riley

(Compiled by Megan Riley) 🙌



Saint Clement Parish Events

Theology-on-Tap

Theology-on-Tap is a speaker and conversation series for people in their 20s and 30s to



learn more about the Catholic faith, make connections between faith and everyday life, and enter into conversation with your peers. Theology-on-Tap is being hosted at forty locations throughout the Archdiocese of Chicago from July 10 to August 7, **including the following dates at Saint Clement: Tuesdays, July 12, July 19, July 26, and August 2, all at 7:00 pm.** For more information about Theology-on-Tap, please see www.stclementchurch.org/tot.

The God Squad at World Youth Day

World Youth Day is an unbelievable weeklong spiritual journey where pilgrims from all over the world unite to share their faith. The week includes prayer, song, concerts, drama, sharing, liturgy, catechesis, and an unforgettable vigil and closing Mass with the Pope Benedict XVI. World Youth Day will be held in Madrid, Spain, August 16-21, 2011. Saint Clement's youth group, the God Squad, is sending some of its members to World Youth Day. For more information about the God Squad or World Youth Day, contact Fr. Manny Dorantes at mdorantes@stclementchurch.org. *(Compiled by Mary Cele Doyle)* 🙌

Committee News: Meals for Moms

If you know of anyone who has recently had a baby and would enjoy a home cooked meal, please send me their information and I will contact them. Moms receive one meal a week for four weeks. It's a wonderful way to meet other Clement Moms. Also, we are in need of more MFM volunteers! If you are interested in volunteering for this wonderful ministry, please contact me for details: Amy Lobner, amylobner@gmail.com or (312) 590-7048. *(Compiled by Kristen Hadden)* 🙌

Great Amen

“Amen” means “So be it.” It means “I believe.” It means “The truth has been spoken.” And it’s a little like clicking the “Send” button after you’ve written an email. It gives your prayer the wings it uses to fly toward God in heaven.

We conclude many prayers at Mass with an Amen. The Glory to God, the collect, the Creed, the prayer over the offerings, the doxology after the Lord’s Prayer, and the prayer after communion all end with the word “Amen”. When you receive the Body and Blood of the Lord at communion, you answer “Amen”.

But amid all these Amens, one is traditionally called “great”, the one that concludes the Eucharistic prayer.

The Great Amen is great because of what it says Amen to. Throughout the Eucharistic prayer, we

have been praying in thanksgiving for the wonderful things God does for us, and we have been praying in petition for the living and the dead. Most importantly, we have been praying that the Holy Spirit would change the bread and wine on the altar into the Body and Blood of Christ. This prayer, the most powerful prayer in human history, concludes with an Amen that can only be called “great”.

Because of the significance of this Amen, it is one of the acclamations that we are encouraged to sing at Mass (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal* 40). Usually the priest will sing the preceding words, which refer to Christ: “Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.”

To those words, all we can say and all we must say is “Amen”.

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