

SAINT CLEMENT PARISH  
STRENGTHS  
— FOR THE —  
JOURNEY



LENT 2012

Discover Your God-Given Talents and  
Strengths to Understand More Fully the  
Person God Created You to Be!

“We are God’s work of art, created in  
Jesus Christ for the good works  
which God has already designated  
to make up our way of life.”

—EPHESIANS 2:10 NJB

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**W**e are all *uniquely* made in the image and likeness of God. God formed and made each of us with different individual talents and strengths. Each one of us is called, chosen, and beloved by God. But how do we discover our unique gifts? How are we called to use these gifts to become faithful followers of Christ?

Guided by personal experience and the results of the Gallup Member Engagement Survey (ME25), members of the Engagement Committee developed a program which provides an opportunity to explore and develop your God-given gifts. It will be offered to all parishioners for the first time this Lent.

This program, called **Strengths for the Journey**, consists of four sessions dedicated to reflection and understanding of your unique God-given gifts. Each participant will learn how to discover his or her own personal strengths and how to best use them to find deeper meaning and purpose in one’s life, as well as to understand God’s special call to wholeness.

Journey this Lent with other Saint Clement parishioners in a small group setting to grow in knowledge and love of God, by learning more about yourself, and how you might better pray, serve and give.

**Strengths for the Journey** will utilize the Clifton StrengthsFinder 1.0 Assessment™ and the book *entitled Living Your Strengths: Catholic Edition* (Gallup Press) to guide you in a faith-sharing series focused on 1) discovering, exploring and developing your gifts and 2) leading you to a more purposeful life and a deeper personal relationship with God.



Trained Saint Clement facilitators will guide small groups of eight to ten people through four 90-minute sessions during Lent. Each session will build on the previous one, so participants are asked to commit to attending all four sessions in order to get the most from the experience:

- **Week 1**—A New Beginning: Appreciating Our Individualism
- **Week 2**—Gifted in Christ: Celebrating Our Best Selves
- **Week 3**—Humility and Discipleship: The Stewardship Journey
- **Week 4**—Partners in Faith and Action: Sharing our Strengths

**Strengths for the Journey** begins the week of February 20 with several options for meeting times. Register for **Strengths for the Journey** online at: [www.stclementchurch.org](http://www.stclementchurch.org), or on the plaza after Mass beginning January 8, 2012. (Deadline for registration is February 15).

Each participant will be required to purchase the book *Living Your Strengths: Catholic Edition* for \$20. This cost includes the Clifton StrengthsFinder 1.0 Assessment™ and workbook. For more information about **Strengths for the Journey**, please contact Saint Clement Parish at [feedback@stclementchurch.org](mailto:feedback@stclementchurch.org) or at 773-281-0371.

Lent is an invitation to reflect on how we are called to be Disciples of Christ. We invite you to join us in this exciting and powerful journey!

“We are well aware that God works  
with those who love him,  
those who have been called in  
accordance with his purpose,  
and turns everything to their good.”

—ROMANS 8:28 NJB



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