



# Church of ST. CLEMENT

*Sunday, February 26, 2023*

## PARISH MINISTRIES

**Marriage Preparation** Holly Cahill 566-3616, ext 4  
**Baptism Preparation** Holly Cahill 566-3616, ext. 4  
**Religious Education** Tom Sweeney, 566-3616  
**Lector Coordinator** Cathy Boland 290-1338  
**Eucharistic Ministers** Jim Starace 732-566-3616  
**Music Director** Daniel Bucko 908-902-5736  
**Rite of Christian Initiation** Tom Sweeney 566-3616  
**Altar Servers** Tom Sweeney 732-242-9653  
**Ushers** Ron Johnson 290-1371  
**Liturgy Committee** Carol Capasso 583-6958  
**Liturgical Environment**  
Debby Poppelwell 732-772-9890

## SERVICES

**Athletic Director** Phyllis Besso, 970-4487  
**Clement House** Christine King 583-3911  
**Safe Environment Coordinators**  
Amy Colen 908-267-0161  
Bob Tully 848-468-6554

## ORGANIZATIONS

**Altar Rosary Society** Marie Canonico 970-8261  
**Holy Name** Ron Johnson 290-1371  
**Knights of Columbus** Michael Hickey 566-3616  
**Senior Citizens** Lena Hor 732-583-5538

## REV. THOMAS VALA, PASTOR

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

**Monday - Friday** 9AM-3PM,  
**Church Office** 566-3616  
[Admin@stclementmatawan.org](mailto:Admin@stclementmatawan.org)  
**Church Fax** 566-9275  
**CCD Office** 566-3616

**In case of a pastoral emergency 732-858-5187**  
**Reception Center** 591-8180  
[www.TheReceptionCenter.com](http://www.TheReceptionCenter.com)

**Parish Trustees** Bruce Quinn & Linda Shirvanian  
**Parish Religious Education Program PREP**  
[www.stclementreligioused.org](http://www.stclementreligioused.org)  
**St. Clement Athletic Association**  
[www.stclementsports.com](http://www.stclementsports.com)

**Sacrament of Baptism**  
By appointment only—732-566-3616  
**Sacrament Reconciliation**  
Saturday: 3:30PM-4:15PM  
**Sacrament of Marriage**  
Arrangements should be made one year prior.  
Pre-Cana Conference required.

# Mass Intentions

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2023

5PM JEREMIAH E. HOURIHAN II by the Broderick family  
FELICIA CARBONARA by Josephine Magliocco & family  
PHYLLIS ZULIN & RON KOCZROWSKI by their families

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2023

8AM IMTIAZ ALI by Anthony Cammarata  
MARIE LORUSSO by Kathy & Al  
CARL SULZBERGER by Luisa & Gene Gorzelnik  
11AM ROSE CHIMIENTI by Meg, Jim, Justin & Jennifer Sandy  
BILL DAVIS by his wife Pat Davis  
GARY SOGORKA by Marilyn & Tom Swords

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2023

8AM ANTOINETTE GUALBERTI by Debbie Duffy

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2023

8AM ANTOINETTA BARONE by the Buro family

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2023

8AM RUTH ANN VERILE by the Min family

### THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2023

8AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH OF ST CLEMENT

### FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2023

8AM LAURA ANN INSOLERA by the Min family

### SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 2023

5PM FRED DOYLE by Kathy & Erin  
JIM BRODERICK by his family  
CARL ROSSI by his wife

### SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2023

8AM LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE ALTAR ROSARY  
MICHAEL PALUMBO, SR., by his family  
RICHARD GLOWACKI by Colleen & Rich Cosgrove  
11AM PATRICK GILLESPIE by his wife  
RON THOMPSON by his wife  
ARMANDO IENCO by the Plaza family

### COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2023

\$7,221.00

### ONLINE COLLECTION SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19th

\$4,151.00

### COLLECTION FOR THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE

\$706.00

### YOUTH GROUP

There will be a Youth group Mass on Sunday, March 5, 2023 at 7PM. All are invited.

*The Sanctuary light is dedicated this week in loving memory of Santa Kinzler by Debbie & Michael Hickey*

### ALTAR ROSARY FUNDRAISER

#### LAST WEEKEND TO PLACE YOUR ORDER!

The Altar Rosary is running a Gertrude Hawk Easter Candy Sale.. Brochures are available in the church lobby and at the side entrances. Orders will be accepted until this Sun., Feb. 26th and can be dropped in the collection baskets. Candy will be distributed on Palm Sunday from 9am—noon in the gym lobby.

### ALTAR ROSARY MEETING

The Altar Rosary will be meeting at the Reception Center. **(PLEASE NOTE: Meetings will now take place in the Annex Room at the Reception Center)** on Tues, March 7th for all members and ladies interested in joining. Rosary will be recited at 7PM and the meeting will begin at 7:30PM



### 2023 LOCAL ADDITIONAL CONFESSION OPPORTUNITIES

ST. BENEDICT CHURCH, Holmdel – Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2pm  
ST. CATHARINE, Holmdel – Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 7pm  
ST. MARY CHURCH, Colts Neck – Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 3pm  
ST. GABRIEL CHURCH, Marlboro – Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 7pm

### ST MARY, MOTHER OF GOD CHURCH PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

Nocturnal Adoration March 3, 9pm to 10pm  
Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament Shrine  
26 Leonardville Rd., Middletown, NJ

All are invited

If you have any questions call Gene Brennan  
732-687-3543



## PARISH POLICIES

**Parish Registration**... In order to be recognized as a practicing member of the Parish, it is necessary to be registered and show your presence and support by attendance at Mass, and also through the regular use of Church offertory envelopes.

If you are new to the area and have any questions regarding Parish Registration, please call the Parish Office (732-566-3616). We are committed to serving the pastoral and spiritual needs of our parish, and we ask your prayers, and your commitment, to help meet this goal.

**Weddings**...Please call the Parish Office one year in advance of desired wedding date, BEFORE completing any other arrangements (reception hall, etc.). Weddings are celebrated only for members who have been registered with St. Clement for at least one year.

**The Wedding Liturgy** should be planned with care and interest. On that day you celebrate the beginning of your life together, united to each other and Christ in the Sacrament of Matrimony. This Sacrament is very important and should be given the central focus on this very special day. The following practices are not done at St. Clement: the lighting of the Unity Candle, and the presenting of flowers...this is not part of the Roman Rite. We also ask that flower girls and ring bearers be no younger than 6 yrs.

**Baptisms**...The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the third and fourth Sundays of each month (except during the season of Lent) at 12:30PM. Arrangements must be made in advance.

Prior to the birth of your first child, attendance at the Baptism Preparation Class is mandatory for parents; sponsors/godparents also are encouraged to attend. Classes are held in the Church at 7:30 P.M. For more information, call the Parish Office.

**Sponsorship**...In order to be a sponsor/godparent for Baptism or Confirmation, a person must have received all Sacraments through Confirmation; be at least 16 years of age; be married in the Catholic Church; attend Mass faithfully...also be a registered, actively participating parishioner for a minimum of six months.

**Safe Environment:** All parish volunteers working with minors or vulnerable adults in a direct or administrative capacity and all parish employees must follow the policies set forth by the Diocesan Office of Youth and Child Protection. This includes submitting to a criminal background check through fingerprint analysis and attending the required VIRTUS Awareness Training Program. To begin this process, please create an account at [virtus.org](http://virtus.org) and contact Amy Colen (908-267-0161). Virtus website registration instructions can be found at [dioceseoftrenton.org/policies-forms](http://dioceseoftrenton.org/policies-forms).

**PLEASE LET THE PARISH KNOW IF YOU HAVE A CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR PHONE NO.**

**BEFORE MASS BEGINS, PLEASE TURN YOUR CELL PHONE OFF.**

**ST. CLEMENT OFFERS PARISH GIVING, an On-line Electronic Funds Transfer GIVING PROGRAM. VISIT [www.ParishGiving.org](http://www.ParishGiving.org)**

## The RECEPTION CENTER AT SAINT CLEMENT

### **Specializing in Personalized Catering for All Occasions**

Elegant & Affordable Wedding Packages

Exclusively by W. J. Mayer Catering

(732)-591-8180

[www.TheReceptionCenter.com](http://www.TheReceptionCenter.com)

Special Packages for Parish Members

Voted Best Weddings by "KNOT" Magazine

***If you would like to bring up the gifts at Mass, please speak to an Usher before Mass begins.***

Ushers are needed at Mass. If you can help, please see one of the ushers. Your help is appreciated.

**RCIA** ...Do you or a loved one wish to deepen your relationship with God? Are you interested in receiving your Baptism, First Communion or Confirmation? Would you like to find out more? Come and see us or give us a call! Cathy Boland (732)290-1338 or Roni Vezeris (732) 591-8658.

**The Altar Rosary Society** meets the first Tuesday of each month (with the exception of July and August) in the Reception Center. 7PM Recitation of the Rosary; 7:30PM meeting. All ladies of the parish are invited. Altar Rosary members attend the First Sunday, 8AM Mass of each month (with the exception of July and August).

**The Holy Name Society** meets the first Monday of each month at 7:30 P.M. in the Church's Cry Room. Men of the parish are cordially invited to attend.

**The Knights of Columbus** meet the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7PM in the Reception Center. Men of the parish are cordially invited to attend.

**ST. CLEMENT SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB** meets every Tuesday morning at 10:30am in the Reception Center. Come and make new friends. There are many activities to enjoy. You need not be a member of St. Clement to join. For more information on our Seniors Club, please call Lena Hor at 732-583-5538. The Seniors sponsor a trip to Atlantic City the third Monday of every month. Call Mary Ann O'Brien at 732-566-0962 for more information on these trips.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** Please continue to check the Web Page for information regarding Religious Education and Sacraments.

### **Respect Life Chapter**

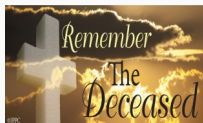
Please, join us as we pray the Prolife rosary in the church, every Thursday evening at 7:30pm and every Friday morning at 8:30am. For more info, please contact Arminda Rubio-Pito at 732-616-2759 or email at [prolife.mom.9@gmail.com](mailto:prolife.mom.9@gmail.com)



**LONG TERM PRAYER LIST**

Please keep in your prayers the following individuals who are dealing with long term health issues: Wellington Davis, Patrick Hegarty, Lorenzo

Cifelli, Darryl Vanderbilt, Lauren Bishop Dobik, Michael McCoy, Christine Porter, Donald Shara, Richard Christian Sr., Alan Keusch, Jane Slee, Catherine Salerno, Noemia Santos, Camille White Yessen, Vinny Amato, Aaron Van Trease, David Pike, The Burke Family, Mrs. Carol, Ann McLoughlin, Annette Davau, Noel Wittenberg, Billy Coward, Desmond Kelly, Joan Pasquale, Sharon Kosick, Maryann Zarillo, Hilda Marotta, Joan McKenna, Helen Pickel, Marjorie Go Simpler, Lisa Hooker, Art Ubbins, Douglas Dobak, Cleveland Neal, Geraldine Gillespie, Rosemary Ravenna, Francesca & Nicole Allen, Gerard M. Conrad, Kate Kikvigze, Noreen Zelenko, Bill Hegarty, Jess Mulvihill, Robert Rorke, Angela Laboy, Pat Gallagher, Kristine O'Hara, Maureen Collins-Dougherty



**PRAYERS-FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

Prayers for the dead is one of the greatest acts of charity we can perform. The following is a list of the names of members of St. Clement that have recently departed:

01/28/23 Ronald Edward Jolicoeur, 01/31/23 Charles LaMonica, 02/02/23 Helen Parisi, 02/10/23 Nancy A. Countryman, 02/11/23 Joan McGovern



SVdP provides spiritual, food distribution, emergency financial and other services to those in need. The pantry currently is in need of coffee and 64 ounce

bottles of orange and apple juices. Donations may be dropped at the church office. SVdP provides spiritual, food distribution, emergency financial and other services to those in need. Please call their help line at 732-290-1878 if you need assistance.

**OUR PROMISE TO PROTECT**

The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined in the U.S. Bishop's Charter for the protection of Children and Young People in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors.

If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan Abuse Hotline: 1-888-296-2965 or via email at [abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org](mailto:abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org).

The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to local law enforcement authorities

**Special Intentions**

Kyle Davis, U.S. Army  
Thomas Labenski, U.S. Navy  
Mark Zeller, LCDR, U.S. Navy  
Daniel Vala, CPT, U.S. Army  
J.P. Maloney, CPO., USMC  
Sean Coughlin, Spc., U.S. Army  
Michael Chiappone, Spc., U.S. Army  
Markus A Garcia, Corporal, USMC

**THE PARISH WEBSITE IS ACTIVE AND UPDATED REGULARLY.** [www.stclementmatawan.org](http://www.stclementmatawan.org) To include a church activity on our Web Site, email Mr. Quinn at [admin@stclementmatawan.org](mailto:admin@stclementmatawan.org)

**ELECTRONIC GIVING – PARISH GIVING**

Contributions for 2022 have been updated and we welcome you to log in to [www.parishgiving.org](http://www.parishgiving.org) to review and enter contributions for the New Year. PLEASE NOTE: Only recurring contributions (such as Sunday offering, Building Fund, etc.) will be carried forward. All special (including Christmas and the Holy days) and second collections must be re-entered for the new calendar year. Please also note that you can download a report detailing your contributions for the past year by simply entering the dates in the search field on the contribution history tab (ex 01/01/22-12/31/22). Then click on the pdf icon (on the right hand side of the page) to generate the report.



**THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL**

Father Tom is pleased to announce that St. Clement has received \$7,214.42 in pledges for the Annual Catholic Appeal. Our goal is \$60,000. Once the goal has been reached 50% of all subsequent donations will be returned to St. Clement. Please consider making a gift to the appeal.

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

Parishioners may donate the Sanctuary Lamp that burns in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church. These intentions will be on a weekly basis. The suggested donation for the Sanctuary Lamp is \$25.00. Please contact the church office with your request in honor or in memory of a loved one.

**FEBRUARY—CELEBRATING MARRIAGE**

*Celebrating the Beauty of Catholic Marriage from the Catechism – read more at [usccb.org](http://usccb.org) under “Resources”*

1644 The love of the spouses requires, of its very nature, the unity and indissolubility of the spouses.” Community of persons, which embraces their entire life: “so they are no longer two, but one flesh.” They “are called to grow continually in their communion through day-to-day fidelity to their marriage promise of total mutual self-giving.” This human communion is confirmed, purified, and completed by communion in Jesus Christ, given through the sacrament of Matrimony. It is deepened by lives of the common faith and by the Eucharist received together (*catechism of the Catholic Church*).



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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

February 1, 2023

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

During the days and weeks of penance that lie ahead --- from *Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023, until Holy Thursday morning, April 6, 2023* --- the Catholic Church throughout the world commemorates the penitential season of Lent ending with the Sacred Triduum of Holy Week. The model Jesus gave us for “these forty days” was his own experience in the desert and the temptations that followed him there where he encountered Satan face to face. And yet, Jesus, there in the desert --- alone, fasting and in intense prayer --- beat back the devil and triumphed over temptation, as strong and as unrelenting as it was throughout those forty days.

We enter the desert of Lent like Jesus, led by the Holy Spirit, to face our devils, our temptations head on. But we are not alone. The Lord Jesus Christ is with us. And so, too, is the Church, the entire community of faith observing Lent. Here is what the Catholic Church in the United States requires of us as baptized Catholics:

**The days of FAST (only one full meal) and ABSTINENCE (no meat) are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. No dispensations are granted on these solemn days except for reason of sickness or those provided in canon law below. ALL OTHER FRIDAYS OF LENT are days of ABSTINENCE.**

**The pastor of a parish has the faculty to give a dispensation to individual parishioners in his parish and the Diocesan Bishop alone has the authority to dispense groups of Catholics but only for a serious reason.**

**Those who are automatically dispensed from fast and abstinence regulations outside the age limits noted below include: the physically or mentally ill, especially individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also included in the dispensation are women who are pregnant or nursing. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting.**

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to FAST (only one full meal) as above. From the age of 14, people are also obliged to ABSTAIN (no meat): this obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat).

The obligation to observe the laws of fast and abstinence is a serious one for Catholics. Failure to observe one penitential day in itself is not considered a serious sin. It is the intentional failure to observe any penitential days at all, or a substantial number of penitential days, that must be considered a serious matter.

The obligation, the privilege really, of receiving the Eucharist at least once a year --- often called “Easter duty” --- for those in the state of grace should still be fulfilled during the period from the **First Sunday of Lent, February 25-26, 2023, to Trinity Sunday, June 3-4, 2023**. However, the Church’s law does permit this precept to be fulfilled at another time during the year when there is a just cause.

I want to encourage all Catholics, especially those who are conscious of serious sin, to go to confession and to make use of the sacrifices and traditions that have always been part of our Lenten practices in the Church.

We do, indeed, fast and pray with the Lord Jesus and with our fellow Catholics. May this Lent be a time of penance leading to grace and joy for us all at Easter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend David M. O’Connell, C.M.  
Bishop of Trenton



**THE TOM COSENTINO MEMORIAL BLOOD DRIVE**  
hosted by  
**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
**CARDINAL NEWMAN COUNCIL #5324**

**The Knights of Columbus will host a blood drive in conjunction with the American Red Cross inside the St. Clement Gym from 8:30am-1:30pm on Sunday, March 12, 2023. You can book your appointment now online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org). and use keyword Knights of Columbus Council 5324.**