



Church of ST. CLEMENT

Sunday, February 19, 2023

PARISH MINISTRIES

Marriage Preparation Holly Cahill 566-3616, ext 4
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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
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ORGANIZATIONS

Altar Rosary Society Marie Canonico 970-8261
Holy Name Ron Johnson 290-1371
Knights of Columbus Michael Hickey 566-3616
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REV. THOMAS VALA, PASTOR

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 9AM-3PM,
Church Office 566-3616
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

Parish Trustees Bruce Quinn & Linda Shirvanian
Parish Religious Education Program PREP
www.stclementreligious.org
St. Clement Athletic Association
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

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2023

5PM JEREMIAH E. HOURIHAN II by Maureen Gallo
 JAMES & ANITA MCNAMARA by their families
 NANCY SMUTKO by Elaine & Larry Magee

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2023

8AM SANTINO CARNEMOLLA by his family
 LIVIO DIRUBBO, JR. By Linda, Gene & Jennifer McDonald
 FRANK & IRENE ABT by the Dooling family
 11AM THOMAS T. CONRAD, SR. by the Conrad family
 BRYANNA KATHLEEN ABEL by her parents Kathy & Don
 ANNE PAPALEO by Jean & Bill Fiorelli

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2023

8AM KEN PARR by Cathy & Al Genkinger

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2023

8AM ROSE MARIE CHIMIENTI by Audrey & Anthony DeLia

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2023

8AM BARBARA ANN ZIEGLER by her husband & family
 10AM ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
 4PM ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
 7:30PM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH OF ST CLEMENT

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2023

8AM ANGELA MAZZEO by Grace & Nick Alicea

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

COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2023

\$10,217.00

ONLINE COLLECTION SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12th

\$2,256.00

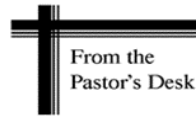
COLLECTION FOR DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT

\$893.00

CHURCH OFFICE

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, February 20.

The Sanctuary light is dedicated this week in loving memory of Thomas T. Conrad, Sr. by his family.



From the
Pastor's Desk

Greetings everyone, this coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Church's Lenten season. Lent is a most sacred time and, according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, is a time during which "the Church unites herself ... to the mystery of Jesus in the desert." Each of us, as a member of the Church, participates in that unity. I pray that as you enter the solitude of the "desert" during this Lenten journey, you experience a greater connection with Christ. This connection will come through both personal sacrifices and greater giving of self, especially in times of desolation and solitude. May this Lenten season bring you many blessings. *Father Tom*



BAPTISM

We wish to welcome into the family of God and the St. Clement parish community the following children who were baptized here this weekend:

ADDISON ROSE CAPP

Child of Brittany & Joseph

NATHAN PAUL FALCO

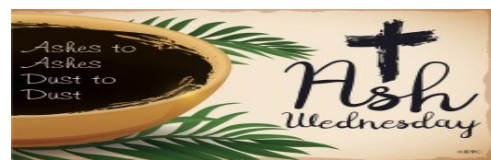
Child of Angela & Anthony

NATALIE CONCETTA RENNER

Child of Jaime & Tyler

ALTAR ROSARY FUNDRAISER

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



ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 22, 2023

8AM-Mass with distribution of Ashes

10AM-Service with distribution

4PM-Service with distribution

7:30PM- Mass with distribution of Ashes.

Remember, all that is required of Ash Wednesday is fasting and abstinence. The reception of ashes while noble and worthy, is not mandated.

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 and contact Amy Colen (908-267-0161). Virtus website registration instructions can be found at 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

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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

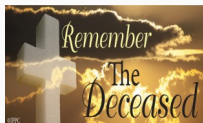
Please, join us as we pray the Prolife rosary in the church, every Thursday evening at 7:30pm and every Friday morning at 8:30am. For more info, please contact Arminda Rubio-Pito at 732-616-2759 or email at prolife.mom.9@gmail.com



LONG TERM PRAYER LIST

Please keep in your prayers the following individuals who are dealing with long term health issues: 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: 01/13/23 Marjorie Elizabeth Beach,

01/15/23 Irene H. Abt, 1/20/23 Joseph Edward Bliss, 01/28/23 Ronald Edward Jolicoeur, 01/31/23 Charles La-Monica, 02/02/23 Helen Parisi



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.

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 To include a church activity on our Web Site, email Mr. Quinn at admin@stclementmatawan.org

ELECTRONIC GIVING – PARISH GIVING

Contributions for 2022 have been updated and we welcome you to log in to 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 \$1,074.42 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 uscgb.org under “Resources”

1643 "Conjugal love involves a totality, in which all the elements of the person enter - appeal of the body and instinct, power of feeling and affectivity, aspiration of the spirit and of will. It aims at a deeply personal unity, a unity that, beyond union in one flesh, leads to forming one heart and soul; it demands indissolubility and faithfulness in definitive mutual giving; and it is open to fertility. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*)

PARISH COUNSELING SERVICES

Through a joint effort of the Diocese of Trenton & Catholic Charities, licensed professional counselors are available to help parishioners with difficult issues that interfere with day-to-day functioning. This service can be accessed by contacting Fr. Tom who will provide additional information and a referral. The fee is \$90.00 per session. If needed, financial assistance for short term counseling (up to 6 sessions) is available through the Diocese of Trenton Parish Counseling Services.

PLATE IT FORWARD™



Join us on Tuesday, February 21 at Houlihan's
Holmdel, NJ on Fat Tuesday to help raise funds for
St. Clement Altar Rosary Society.

15 - 20% of all food proceeds from Tuesday, February 21
from 11 AM to 9 PM will be donated
to **St. Clement Altar Rosary Society** when you mention this flyer.
The more food proceeds, the higher percentage donated ...
so bring your pals!

St. Clement Altar Rosary Society

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THE TOM COSENTINO MEMORIAL BLOOD DRIVE
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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. and use keyword Knights of Columbus Council 5324.