

# Church of ST. CLEMENT

*Sunday, April 2, 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** Jim Starace 732-566-3616  
**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.stclementreligious.org](http://www.stclementreligious.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 Schedule:** Saturday: 5:00PM | Sunday 8:00, & 11:00AM **Daily Mass:** Mon, Tues, Wed., Fri 8:00AM

# Mass Intentions

## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

### SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2023

5PM SIMON ANTHONY DIXON by Flora Canales  
 SAMUEL MAURO by Larry & Elaine Magee  
 JOYCE JABLONSKI by Cathy & Dow  
 Crescibne & family

### SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023

8AM RICHARD GLOWACKI by Tara & Jimmy  
 Lynch  
 RITA MARINACCIO by her daughter & family  
 JOSEPH BLISS by the Donegan family  
 9:30AM FRANK SALUKA by the Artelli family  
 11AM FRANK BELMONT by the Gabriel family  
 POLICARPIO HERRERA by the Botti family  
 BRENDA LUPI by Pat & Robert Davis

### MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2023

8AM JOHN "JACKIE" LONGO by the Longo family

### TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2023

8AM TONY & SARAH SAVARESE by their family  
 STEPHANIE BARLOTTA by her Mom &  
 family

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2023

8AM THE SISCO FAMILY by the Ruta family

### THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2023

**NO 8AM MASS TO BE CELEBRATED**

7:30AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH OF ST CLEMENT

### FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2023

**NO 8AM MASS TO BE CELEBRATED**

3PM GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY

### SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2023

7:45PM INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER

### SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2023

8AM BERNADINE SANTOS by her family  
 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH OF ST CLEMENT  
 JOSEPH DELLA BELLA by his wife & family  
 9:30AM ELIZABETH VANONI by Maria, Carmela,  
 John & William  
 11AM PHILOMENA & THOMAS MORRISEY by the  
 Gabriel family  
 DANNY VANDERBILT by his wife & family  
 BRIAN QUINN forever in our hearts

### COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2023

\$7,466.00

### ONLINE COLLECTION SUNDAY, MARCH 26th

\$1,933.00

### OLD PALMS

We have placed a basket in the lobby for you to deposit your  
 old Palms for us to dispose of.

### CHURCH OFFICE

The church office will be closed on Friday, April 7th and  
 Monday, April 10th.

### CONFESSION

Please note there will be no confession this coming Saturday,  
 April 8th

*The Sanctuary light is dedicated this week in loving  
 memory of Simon Anthony Dixon by his family.*



Greetings everyone, I received a letter  
 from the Diaper Bank regarding our  
 recent collection of baby items. I would  
 like to share what they wrote, "Dear

Parish Family, we are grateful for your  
 generous support of our recent Diaper Drive to benefit  
 the Diaper Bank at Child Care Resources. A total of  
 4,226 diapers and 11,272 wipes were donated from your  
 parish. Your support will go a long way in helping to  
 satisfy the need for diapers in communities throughout  
 Monmouth County." A total of \$400 was also  
 donated. Thank you to all who made donations. As we  
 enter Holy Week, I pray that you experience God's  
 presence and love in a most meaningful way.

*Father Tom*

### CCD 2023/2024 REGISTRATION

CCD Registration for 2023/2024 will be online. The link  
 will become available on Monday, May 1, 2023. Please  
 see the website: [stclementreligiously.org](http://stclementreligiously.org) for the link and  
 updates

### 2023 LOCAL ADDITIONAL CONFESSION OPPORTUNITIES

**ST. GABRIEL CHURCH**, Marlboro – Wednesday,  
 April 5<sup>th</sup>, 7pm

### YOUTH GROUP EASTER FOOD DRIVE

This is the last weekend the St. Clement Youth Group  
 will be hosting a food drive to benefit the Matawan Food  
 Pantry. The collection will take place in the church lobby  
 before and after all masses. Requested items are; Cereal,  
 tuna, canned chicken, pasta, spaghetti sauce, shelf stable  
 milk, baby diapers, size 4 & 5 and baby wipes.



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights have lawn signs for  
 purchase for \$15 each after Mass and  
 at the Pancake Breakfast this Sunday.

### DIVINE MERCY PRAYER SERVICE

St. Clement will celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday on April  
 16th at a 3PM service

### HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

#### HOLY THURSDAY

April 6, 2023

Mass: 7:30 P.M.

8:30 PM to – Midnight - Adoration

#### GOOD FRIDAY

April 7, 2023

The Lord's Passion – 3:00 P.M.

Living Stations of the Cross – 7:30 P.M.

#### HOLY SATURDAY

April 8, 2023

Solemn Easter Vigil – 7:45 P.M.

#### EASTER SUNDAY

April 9, 2023

Masses: 8:00, 9:30 and 11 A.M.

## 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**

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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.

***On Tuesday, April 18th the Phenomenal Zachary Alexander will sing Sinatra with more style!*** 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)

### **Online Prayers**

Online prayer requests can be accessed at the following website: [www.prayoverus.com](http://www.prayoverus.com).

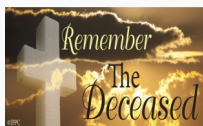




### LONG TERM PRAYER LIST

Please keep in your prayers the following individuals who are dealing with long term health issues: Claire DeLoskey, Jennifer Scott Konko,

Tara, Tim & Jackson Silva, 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 Kikvizze, 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:

03/03/23 Karen Joyce Smith, 03/05/23 Frances Terry, 03/14/22 Marilyn Wolfenden, 03/16/23 Gregory Michael Page, 03/24/23 Ann Sapienza



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

canned no salt carrots and boxed pasta (please not spaghetti). 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  
J.P. Maloney, CPO., USMC  
Sean Coughlin, Spc., U.S. Army  
Michael Chiappone, Spc., U.S. Army  
Markus A Garcia, Corporal, USMC  
Anthony Principe, US Navy

**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 \$33,019.42 (55% of goal) 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.

### ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL—IN ACTION

#### **THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL – IN ACTION!**

Clergy and Religious Administration -Vocations  
God calls each person to a life of holiness and service, whether single, married, ordained or consecrated. The Diocesan Ministry of Vocations provides discernment opportunities, encouragement, support, education and resources for those responding to God's call through the ministerial priesthood. We are committed to fostering an environment where vocations to the priesthood are valued and nurtured within the domestic church of the family and the local parish community. The priest is a servant of the Lord, giving his life to worship, prayer and commitment to God's people. Your gift helps to amplify the call to serve.

### ANNUAL MASS AND MARCH FOR RIGHT FOR LIFE

The Mass for Life is scheduled for 8AM on Saturday, April 15, 2023 at St. Anthony of Padua Church (121 Bridge Ave, Red Bank) The March for Life will take place immediately after the Mass as we will proceed from St. Anthony's to Planned Parenthood on Newman-Springs Road in Shrewsbury where we will pray the Rosary for Unborn Babies in the Womb and their Families.

# PALM SUNDAY

## **HOLY WEEK**

### **The Sacred Triduum**

#### **What is the Easter Triduum?**

The Easter Triduum, also known as the Paschal Triduum, is the three day period that precedes Easter Sunday. The Liturgies celebrated during this period of time include: The Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Good Friday service which celebrates passion and death of Jesus, and the Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass of Resurrection celebrated after nightfall.

#### **Why is the Easter Triduum important?**

The Triduum is important because it is the summit of the Liturgical year. It is the fullest ritual expression of what it means to be a Christian. Although celebrated over a three day period they are liturgically one day in which we celebrate the mystery of Christ's passion, death and resurrection. The purpose of the Triduum is not to participate in a historical reenactment of Christ's passion, death and resurrection but rather to recall and celebrate Christ's sacrifice for our salvation. In the Triduum liturgies we commemorate the good news of our faith as Christians. What better way to profess our faith and grow closer to God than to participate in these beautiful liturgies?

#### **What is special about Holy Thursday?**

The Mass of the Lord's Supper is celebrated on Holy Thursday evening as the Passover was celebrated after sundown. No other Masses are celebrated on Holy Thursday. This is a very joyful Mass in which we celebrate the institution of the Eucharist and the institution of the Priesthood. The church is decorated with flowers, white vestments are worn and the Gloria, which is omitted during Lent, is sung with the accompaniment of bells. After the homily, the priest removes his chasuble (the outer garment) and washes the feet of twelve people in imitation of Jesus' service to his apostles. There is no dismissal or blessing at this Mass which ends with a Procession of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the church to a place of repose. The altar is stripped in preparation for Good Friday. A period of silent adoration follows in which we pray before the Blessed Sacrament, this wondrous sacrament instituted by Jesus.

#### **Why is Mass not celebrated on Good Friday?**

In keeping with the Church's ancient tradition, Mass is not celebrated on Good Friday or Holy Saturday. Good Friday is a solemn day of fast and abstinence. The Liturgy of the Lord's Passion is celebrated on Good Friday afternoon. This Liturgy begins and ends in silence. Red vestments are worn and the altar is completely bare. The service is divided into three parts: The Liturgy of the Word which includes the Passion according to St. John, the Adoration of the Cross (a reminder of the price of our redemption), and Holy Communion. We are invited to venerate the cross by genuflecting, touching or kissing it as a sign of reverence, faith and gratitude. We share in the Eucharist which was consecrated at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday.

#### **What is the significance of the Holy Saturday Easter Vigil?**

The Easter Vigil, the highest point of our Liturgical year, begins in darkness to emphasize our waiting for the coming Resurrection. The lighting of the fire and the new Paschal candle symbolizes the risen Christ among us. The passing of the flame from person to person symbolizes the Light of Christ moving among us and lighting our lives. The Liturgy of the Word encompasses the history of our salvation from creation through the resurrection. The scripture readings reveal how God throughout the ages has willed the salvation of mankind which was fulfilled in Christ Jesus. After a long period of preparation our elect are joyfully welcomed into the church through the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Eucharist. The final part of the Vigil is the Liturgy of the Eucharist in which the risen Christ is present in the breaking of the bread. The Easter Vigil celebrates the totality of our faith and is the most significant liturgy of the church year.

As you can see, there are many elements of the Triduum which affirm us as Catholics Christians. The Triduum is the telling of our story, a reminder of the great sacrifice Jesus made for us to gain eternal life. We are called to enter into the Triduum whole-heartedly. Consider taking time from your hectic schedules to participate and worship in these important Liturgies.

*The St. Clements Youth  
Group and CCD Students  
Present:*



## **Living Stations Of The Cross**

**7:30 P.M. at St. Clements Church  
Good Friday Evening  
April 7, 2023**

**Come see the living stations! Join us for our annual reenactment. Members of the youth group and our CCD students bring the passion and death of our Lord to life by acting out the Fourteen Stations to music and narration.**



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## **St. Clements Annual Easter Egg Hunt!**

**12:15 on Easter Sunday  
(after 11:00 Mass) on the front lawn.**

**All children, ages 2-10, are welcome to come out and collect Easter eggs! In case of rain, eggs will be given to children after the 11:00 mass. **BYOB (Bring your own basket!)** *R.S.V.P. to;* [ellenvaccaro@gmail.com](mailto:ellenvaccaro@gmail.com) or [iniabellepaz@yahoo.com](mailto:iniabellepaz@yahoo.com). *Reservations not required but appreciated by Sunday, April 2, 2023.* Please include the number of children and their ages**