



Church of ST. CLEMENT

Sunday, May 7, 2023

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SERVICES

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Holy Name Ron Johnson 290-1371
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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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2023

5PM SUZIE IRWIN by Tom & Margot Vaughan
JOHN DONEGAN by Carol Vanderbilt
JERRY HOURIHAN by Albert Colabelli

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023

8AM LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE
ALTAR ROSARY

JULIAN MAJCHER by his daughter & family
ELLEN MARY KEIN by the Gabriel family

11AM BRIAN QUINN by his Mom & Dad
RON THOMPSON by his wife

CAROL SINON by Meg & Jim Sandy & family
7PM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH OF ST CLEMENT

MONDAY, MAY 8, 2023

8AM GRACE HOURIHAN by Susan & Bruce Quinn

TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2023

8AM JOAN MCGOVERN by the Michels family

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2023

8AM THE RUTA FAMILY by the Sisko family

FRIDAY, MAY 12, 2023

8AM BOB GILDERSLEEVE by the Cahill family

SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2023

5PM JOHN & MARGARET COFFEY by the Carew
family
MARION VETRANO by the Vetrano family
LEONARD & LEONA SCESNEY by their
daughter and family

SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2023

8AM LIVING & DECEASED MOTHERS OF THE
ST. CLEMENT COMMUNITY

11AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH OF ST CLEMENT
ROSLIE NURKUS by the St Clement Home
Bound Ministers

EVA BLUMSTEIN by her family

COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2023

ONLINE COLLECTION SUNDAY, APRIL 30TH

COLLECTION FOR THE CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS

APPEAL

**Due to required early submission of the bulletin these totals
will be published in a future bulletin.**

WEDDING BANNES

Jessica Vallee & Ian Porter



FLOWERS FOR THE BLESSED MOTHER

The two flower arrangements placed at
our Blessed Mother statue this weekend
are given in loving memory and in honor
of members of the St. Clement Altar
Rosary.

*The 2023/2024 Paschal Candle was donated in loving
memory of Lilly Norbut by her husband and family*



From the
Pastor's Desk

Greetings everyone, I pray you are well. When reading an article about practicing humility, I came across an interesting suggestion from the author and wanted to share it with you. His suggestion had to do with times when someone might do something that bothers or upsets you. Instead of letting anger take over, think of some way you can perform a small act of kindness toward that person. If you wish, you can do it anonymously. The author wrote that humility is not a sign of failure. Rather, it is one of strength because humility shows our reliance on God and a willingness to learn and grow through different experiences in life. A person of humility will see the fruit in God's ways, especially when following the example of Jesus.

Father Tom

MOTHER'S DAY MASS CARDS



This is the last weekend Mother's Day Mass cards will be available in the foyer of the church. Please fill out the envelope with your intention and your \$10 donation.

Envelopes can be deposited into the collection basket or dropped off at the church office. Prayer requests will be offered at all the Masses on Mother's Day weekend



CCD 2023/2024 REGISTRATION

CCD Registration for 2023/2024 will be online. The link will become available on this coming Monday, May 8, 2023. Please see the website: www.stclementreligiously.org for the link and updates.

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.

FLOWERS FOR THE BLESSED MOTHER

If you wish to place flowers at our Blessed Mother statue, in honor or in memory of a loved one, the cost of two arrangements is \$75.00. Please contact the church office.

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.

On Tuesday, May 16th, "Terrific Ted the Tenor" from Broadway will be the entertainment. 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

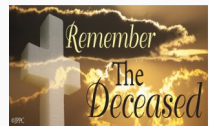
Online Prayers

Online prayer requests can be accessed at the following website: www.prayoverus.com.



LONG TERM PRAYER LIST

Please keep in your prayers the following individuals who are dealing with long term health issues: Rosemary & Gene Sandifer, Albert Camara, Grace Bloxham, 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 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: 04/11/23 Vincent Miller, 04/05/23 Lexis Rose Contini, 04/08/23 John "Jack" Joseph Shannon, 04/15/23 Domenica Conte, 04/18/23 Gil Carmichael, 04/18/23 Diane Dorsey, 04/20/23 Angela Fisher LaRocca, 4/26/23 Susan Ruck



SVdP provides spiritual, food distribution, emergency financial and other services to those in need. The pantry currently is in need of canned chili, box pancake mix, apple and coffee. 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
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 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 **\$43,294.42 (72% 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.

SAVE THE DATE!

FRIDAY EVENING AND SATURDAY, OCT 20-21TH HOLY INNOCENTS CHURCH, NEPTUNE

Please join us for a Retreat with Immaculee Ilibagiza, New York Times best-selling author of "Left to Tell" and Rwandan genocide survivor. Immaculee brings a message of forgiveness, healing and hope. She will share her witness to the life –saving power of faith and the Rosary. More information to follow this summer.

