



Church of ST. CLEMENT

Sunday, July 16, 2023

PARISH MINISTRIES

Marriage Preparation Holly Cahill 566-3616, ext 111
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Liturgical Environment
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SERVICES

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ORGANIZATIONS

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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 Schedule: Saturday: 5:00PM | Sunday 8:00, & 11:00AM **Daily Mass:** Mon, Tues, Wed., Fri 8:00AM

Mass Intentions

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, JULY 15, 2023

5PM JACK FLANAGAN by his loving family
DORIS MICHELS by Claudia & Tom Strano
DOROTHY KELLY by Elaine & Larry Magee

SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2023

8AM DORIS MICHELS by Ellen & Bob Albino
RICHARD GLOWACKI by Eileen & Bob Glowacki
BLESSED SOULS IN PURATORY by the Canales family

11AM DAMIANO ROTOLLO by the Rivera family
GAIL ZUSI by John & Mary Shaw
GERALYNN FRIED by Lynette & Robert Marronaro

MONDAY, JULY 17, 2023

8AM MARYBETH DONEGAN by her family

TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2023

8AM COLLEEN LARKIN by Laurie Hammarstrom

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2023

8AM VICTORIA SNOY by Linda & Gene McDonald

FRIDAY, JULY 21, 2023

8AM ERIK ZAKRZEWSKI by Linda & Gene McDonald

SATURDAY, JULY 22, 2023

5PM EDWARD & MARION CRONIN by Bruce & Susan Quinn
CLAIRE DELOSKEY by Joyce & Vinny Antes
DIANE FOY by Elaine & Larry Magee

SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2023

8AM DAMIANIO ROTOLO by the McCoy family
DANIEL HERSIG by Maureen Gallo
MICHAEL DUNN by Nicholas Lucia

11AM JEREMIAH E. HOURIHAN II by Beth & Jack Evans
JOAN MCGOVERN by Martinha Gracias
MARY LOUISE MENKO by Fran

COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, JULY 9, 2023

\$7,362.00

ONLINE COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, JULY 9TH

\$3,571.00

COLLECTION FOR DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT

\$722.00

COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, JULY 2, 2023

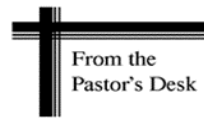
\$10,616.00

ONLINE COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, JULY 2ND

\$2,154.00

COLLECTION FOR PETER'S PENANCE

\$784.00



From the
Pastor's Desk

Greetings everyone, next Sunday, July 23, is the Third Annual World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. Pope Francis has stressed the importance of the youth

remaining close to grandparents and the elderly. He made aware the need of friendship for our elderly members and to ensure proper care be given to them. At the same time, it's also important for grandparents and the elderly to pass on their faith to the younger generation. Take time to think about how you can brighten the lives of the elderly you encounter. May God's blessings be upon our grandparents and elderly who are still with us; for those who have passed on, may God grant them eternal rest from their labors.

Father Tom

CCD 2023/2024 REGISTRATION

CCD Registration for 2023/2024 will be online. The link became active on Monday, May 8, 2023. Please see the website: www.stclementreligious.org for the link and updates.

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:

EMILIA JAYDE FILIPPINO

Child of Kelly & Vincent

VALENTINA ELYSE FRATONI

Child of Jessica & Joseph

MAISIE EVELYN LEONARD

Child of Deborah & Justin

BEAU MICHAEL MARTIN

Child of Brooke & Joseph

SKYE SHERI THOMAS

Child of Kathleen & Randy

2024 MASS INTENTIONS

The 2024 Mass intention is now open. Each Parish family is allowed four weekend Masses. During the month of July, mass requests must be made in person during regular Church office hours.

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.

BISHOP'S ANNIVERSARY BLESSING

All couples celebrating their 1st, 25th or 50+ wedding anniversary during the 2023 calendar year are invited to share the Eucharist, reaffirm your sacred wedding vows, and receive Bishop O'Connell's Episcopal Blessing.

Anniversary Couples from Monmouth Counties may attend the Mass and Blessing at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine in Freehold on Sun Oct. 8, 2023 at 3 pm. Couples may register through their parish or by using the QR code on the Anniversary Poster located in the church lobby. The registration deadline for all anniversary couples is September 15, 2023



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 dioceseofrenton.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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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, July 18th Bruce Foster performs on piano, keyboard & guitar. Bruce is the great grandson of America's first composer, Stephen Foster! For more information on our Seniors Club, please call Lena Hor at 732-566-0647. 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

PRO-LIFE ROSARY

Join us on the second Saturday of every month at 12 Noon to pray the rosary in the church. **The next meeting will be on Saturday, August 12th.** For more info, please contact Arminda Rubio-Pito at 732-616-2759 or email at prolife.mom.9@gmail.com

Online Prayers

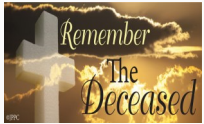
Online prayer requests can be accessed at the following website: www.prayoverus.com.



LONG TERM PRAYER LIST

Please keep in your prayers the following individuals who are dealing with long term health issues: Roger Katon, Linda & Mike Wisnovsky,

Tom Serpi, Ethan Pyle, Dennis Rowic, Vilma Imperiale, Gerry Brungard, Michael Liccone, George Coppa, Bill Jones, Edward Imperati, Rosemary & Gene Sandifer, Albert Camara, Grace Bloxham, Wellington Davis, Patrick Hegarty, Lorenzo Cifelli, Darryl Vanderbilt, Lauren Bishop Dobik, Michael McCoy, 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, Marita Veronica Burke, Mrs. Carol, Ann McLoughlin, Noel Wittenberg, Billy Coward, Desmond Kelly, Joan Pasquale, Sharon Kosick, Maryann Zarillo, Hilda Marotta, Joan McKenna, Helen Pickel, Marjorie Go Simpler, Lisa Hooker, Art Ubins, Douglas Dobak, Cleveland Neal, Geraldine Gillespie, Rosemary Ravenna, Francesca & Nicole Allen, Gerard M. Conrad, Kate Kikvizge, 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: 06/18/23 Theresa Kleiber, 06/28/23 Mary Ann LaRocca



SVdP provides spiritual, food distribution, emergency financial and other services to those in need. **They are currently in need of more volunteers. If you would be interested in joining this ministry,**

please call 732-290-1878 and leave your name and contact information. The pantry currently is in need of laundry detergent, cans of baked beans and canned chicken. 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 **\$50,929.42 (85% 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.



ST. CLEMENT CHURCH ANGEL HANDS MINISTRY

St Clement is hoping to start up this new ministry to provide hand knitted baptismal blankets and lap blankets to the parishioners of our church.

If you or someone you know would be interested in helping this ministry, please contact the church office at 732-566-3616, ext. 111.



Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. Upcoming programs will be held August 18 - 20 and again October 6 - 8, 2023 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.



Religious Education Open House:

*Have you been wondering, where can I further
serve the parish and also increase my faith?
Please prayerfully consider joining us to learn
more about*

*sharing and modeling our faith
with our most precious resource,
our children on*

***Sunday July 23rd following the
11:00 am mass in the gym.***

Light Refreshments will be served.

tsweeney@stclementmatawan.org

732-566-3616 Ext 2



DID YOU KNOW THAT.....

St. Clement has a vegetable garden? For the last seven years we have given the produce that we grow to St. Benedict's food pantry.

If your garden is producing more than you can use, please consider donating your excess to the pantry. We deliver to the pantry every Wednesday morning and we would be happy to add your donation to ours. You can bring your vegetables to the Church office on Tuesday between 9am-3pm or leave them outside the office door after office hours.