

# Church of ST. CLEMENT

*Sunday, August 20, 2023*

## PARISH MINISTRIES

**Marriage Preparation** Holly Cahill 566-3616, ext 111  
**Baptism Preparation** Holly Cahill 566-3616, ext. 111  
**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 Popplewell 732-772-9890

## SERVICES

**Athletic Director** Phyllis Besso, 970-4487  
**Clement House** Louise Peddel 299-9503  
**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** Gerard Conrad 566-3616  
**Senior Citizens** Lena Hor 732-566-0647

## 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](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

## TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 2023

5PM RAYMOND REILLY by his wife & family  
ROSA FERREIRA CASQUEIRA by the  
Figueiredo family  
MARY HEFFERNAN by Lauri & Joe Faleska

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2023

8AM WILLIAM J. CLIFTON JR. by his wife &  
family  
GIL CARMICHAEL by the Giovanniello family  
PATRICIA MARY "TRISH" COONEY by  
the Vreeland family  
11AM EVA BLUMSTEIN by her family  
DEWEY GHERALDI by Deborah & John  
Provenza  
JOSEPHINE CHRZANOWSKI by her family

### MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2023

8AM JOSEPH FLORENTINE by his loving family

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2023

8AM RONALD ROCCO by his wife

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2023

8AM AUGUSTINE HONG by the Min family

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 25, 2023

8AM BARBARA VAN ORDEN by Bruce & Susan  
Quinn

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 2023

5PM JAMES MARTIN by his daughter and family  
GIL CARMICHAEL by the Besso family  
LESTER CZERNIAK by the Gallo family

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2023

8AM JOHN SANTOS by his family  
GIL CARMICHAEL by the Patrick Hynes  
family  
CRISTINA GONZALEZ DE MARICHAL by  
the Parisi family  
11AM BILL DAVIS by his wife Pat Davis  
JOAN MCGOVERN by Jack Jamison  
GIL CARMICHAEL by the Barr family

### COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2023

\$8,178.82

### ONLINE COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 13th

\$2,461.00

### COLLECTION FOR OUR DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT

\$1,225.00

### WEDDING BANNES

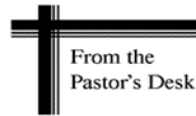
Rousel Reyes & Albert Walden

### FLOWERS FOR THE BLESSED MOTHER

The two flower arrangements placed at our  
Blessed Mother statue this weekend are given  
as a special intention for Claudia and Thomas  
Strano .



*The Sanctuary light is dedicated this week in loving  
memory of Andrew Bassista by Nancy & Andy Cannizzo.*



Greetings everyone, I want to update  
you on the recent collection for Fr.  
Ignatius Malwa, the priest from the  
SMA Fathers who spoke at the Masses

on August 5 and 6. This past week an additional  
\$11,000.00 was received, including a check for \$10,000  
from a grocery store in Middlesex County. I am sure  
the SMA Fathers of the Society of African Missions will  
be very pleased to receive the additional money. Also,  
this weekend St. Clement's is hosting a Red Cross blood  
drive. If you are unable to donate at the drive, there are  
organizations in the Monmouth County area that accept  
blood donations. Please consider a donation to help  
sustain the blood supply for the hospitals and medical  
centers in our area. *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:

ALYLA DANI ARROYO  
Child of Tara & Daniel  
JOHN JOSEPH KNOX  
Child of Erin & John  
ZOEY SCARLETT MANISERO  
Child of Erin & Robert  
LUCA VITO RITORTO  
Child of Leeann & Paul

### CCD 2023/2024 REGISTRATION

CCD Registration for 2023/2024 will be online. Please see  
the website: [www.stclementreligious.org](http://www.stclementreligious.org) for the link  
and updates.

### ST. CLEMENT ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

#### GIL CARMICHAEL MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Calling all Golfers...mark your calendar for Tues., Oct.  
10th for this event. The Tournament will take place at  
Knob Hill Golf Club in Manalapan. Informational  
brochures to participate or sponsor are available in the  
church lobby and on our parish website.



### 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 pan-  
try. We deliver to the pantry every Wednesday morn-  
ing 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.

## 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

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(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.

***On Tuesday, September 19th come and enjoy entertainment with Barry Jason.*** 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, September 9, 2023.** 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: Trystan Gianni

Joyce, Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Pallisano, William Spataro, Barbara & Lou DeMarco, 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, Patrick Hegarty, Lorenzo Cifelli, Darryl Vanderbilt, Michael McCoy, Donald Shara, Richard Christian Sr., Alan Keusch, 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 Ubbins, Rosemary Ravenna, 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:

07/21/23 Catherine D. Sheehan, 07/25/23 James P. Duffy Sr., 08/01/23 Ann Marie Valler, 8/5/23 Jacqueline M. Burgess, 8/8/23 Louis V. Esposito, 08/11/23 Mary Neglia, 8/11/23 Salvatore Sena



SVdP provides spiritual, food distribution, emergency financial and other services to those in need. The pantry currently is in need of paper towels and bath soap. Donations may be dropped at the church office. 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

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.stclementatawan.org](http://www.stclementatawan.org) To include a church activity on our Web Site, email Mr. Quinn at [admin@stclementatawan.org](mailto:admin@stclementatawan.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 **\$51,329.42 (86% 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.

### 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

# St. Clement Altar Rosary Wine & Cheese

Tuesday, September 12, 2023  
7:00 P.M. in the Reception Center Annex

Looking for a parish group to join for socialization, fun, and food? Come join the St. Clement Altar Rosary! All women 18 and older are invited to be our guest for our first meeting of the year.

Come see what we're all about and meet other women from our parish and make some new friends! Any questions, please contact Marie Canonico at [mteach1@hotmail.com](mailto:mteach1@hotmail.com). Hope to see you there!





# Back to Church

SUNDAY AT SAINT CLEMENT PARISH

**SEPTEMBER 17, 2023 | 12 - 2 PM**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

Students, Teachers, Families and ALL parishioners are encouraged to attend Mass at 11 am followed by games, food + fun to kick off the 2023-2024 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION YEAR

FOOD + ACTIVITIES will include:  
GAMES, FACE PAINT, CRAFTS, INFLATABLES + MORE  
Hot dogs, hamburgers, Veggie burgers, chips, Soda + water

Volunteers in 7th + 8th grade and up are encouraged to signup to volunteer here:  
<https://signup.com/go/ZhPGmwX>

We look forward to reconnecting as a parish community to celebrate.  
TICKET SALE INFORMATION COMING SOON!

172 FRENEAU AVENUE  
MATAWAN, NJ 07747

MASS 11 AM - 12 PM  
EVENT 12 PM - 2 PM

IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, THIS EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE GYMNASIUM.