



# Church of ST. CLEMENT

*Sunday, September 3, 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](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 Intentions

## TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2023

5PM LEONARD SCESNEY by Eleanor Jacobsen  
BRUCE GOLDNER by Bruce & Susan Quinn  
WILLIAM L. MAGRINO by his sister & family

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

8AM TOM MALINOWSKI by his grandmother  
COLIN MEANY by the Caragliano family  
11AM RON THOMPSON by his wife  
JOHN DONEGAN by the St. Clement Seniors  
JOAN DEMIC by Peggy Demic

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2023

8AM ROBERT FLORIO by Evelyn & Anthony  
Savarese & family

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

8AM JOHN DONEGAN by his family

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2023

8AM ARLYN MOZOKI by Terry & Phyllis & Claire  
McGovern

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2023

8AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH OF ST CLEMENT

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2023

8AM JEREMIAH E. HOURIHAN II by Susan  
Varacalli

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2023

5PM THE SULLIVAN FAMILY by the Reilly family  
JEREMIAH E. HOURIHAN II. By Holly & Joe  
Cahill  
CLAIRE & PATRICK COLLINS by Russ &  
Rosemary

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

8AM LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE  
ALTAR ROSARY  
DOMENICA RUTA by Joan & Vincent Ruta  
JOSEPH GREENE by the Vetrano family  
BARBARA POWERS by Pat Davis  
11AM JOHN & MARY BAKER by their daughter  
RUTH VALA by her family  
SARAH SAVARESE by Evelyn & Anthony  
Savarese & family

### COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2023

\$6,774.00

### ONLINE COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 27th

\$2,071.00

### COLLECTION FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS

\$1,400.00

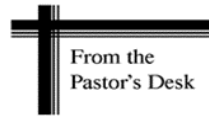
### WEDDING

We wish to congratulate Rousel Reyes and Albert Walden who were married here at St. Clement this weekend. May the love of God always be with them in their Sacrament of Matrimony.

### WEDDING BANNERS

Jeanine Zizzamia & Zack Ryan Michael Ewart  
Desiree Romano & Kenneth Lake

*The Sanctuary light is dedicated this week in loving memory of Jack Donegan by Maryann O'Brien.*



From the  
Pastor's Desk

Greetings everyone, I want to wish you all a blessed Labor Day weekend. I hope you can find some time to rest and enjoy fellowship with your family and friends. The Church has always professed the value of human labor because it allows one to use and express his or her talents. When united to faith, work, regardless of its level, allows for all persons to achieve their potential and good. St. John Paul II, in his 1981 encyclical *Laborem Exercens* (Human Work) writes: "Work is a good thing for man — a good thing for his humanity — because through work man *not only transforms nature*, adapting it to his own needs, but he also *achieves fulfillment* as a human being and indeed, in a sense, becomes 'more a human being.'" May we see our respective occupations as a chance to live our vocation as followers of Christ, offering each of us a chance to witness to Christ. *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:

AVERY DARNELL & ELI JOSEPH MACK  
Children of Alyssa Theresa Marie

### CONFIRMATION

We wish to congratulate the following parishioners who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend: *Caitlin Beaumont, Anthony Janz and Desiree Romano*

### CCD 2023/2024 REGISTRATION

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

### ADULT CATECHESIS

Starting in Mid-September, the Religious Education Office will be hosting a bi-weekly program for adults. While each session will have a beginning discussion issue, the main focus will be discussing questions about our faith. Start date and time to follow.

### 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.



### FLOWERS FOR THE BLESSED MOTHER

The two flower arrangements placed at our Blessed Mother statue this weekend are given in thanksgiving for Mary's intercessions by the Conrad family

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

## 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

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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, 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: Anthony Pallisano, Dorothy Holmes, Maryann Ahearn, Trystan Gianni Joyce, 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

### 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.



### 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: 8/5/23 Jacqueline M. Burgess, 8/8/23 Louis V. Esposito, 08/11/23 Mary Neglia, 8/11/23 Salvatore Sena. 08/19/23 Joan R. Gibb, 8/21/23 Dante Caldera

### THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL



Father Tom is pleased to announce that St. Clement has received **\$51,389.42 (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.



SVdP provides spiritual, food distribution, emergency financial and other services to those in need. The pantry currently is in need of paper towels, bar soap and box pasta.. Donations may be dropped at the church office. Please call their help line at 732-290-1878 if you need assistance.

### 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.



### OUR PROMISE TO PROTECT

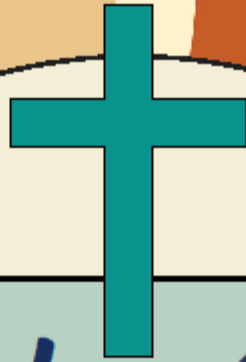
The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined in the U.S. Bishop's Charter for the protection of Children and Young People in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors.

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.

### 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



# Back to Church

SUNDAY AT SAINT CLEMENT PARISH

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

**Students, Catechists, Families and ALL Parishioners are encouraged to attend Mass at 11:00 am Followed by Games, Food & Fun to kick off the 2023-2024 Religious Education Year .**

**Activities will include Games, Crafts, Inflatables & More. Food will include Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Veggie Burgers, Chips, Ice Tea, Lemonade, Water, Baked Goods and Italian Ices.**

**Tickets are \$10 each and may be purchased following Mass on September 2nd and 3rd & September 9th and 10th.**

*Tickets may also be purchased on-line at: <https://shorturl.at/cGHP8>  
Please purchase by September 13th.*

**If purchased on-line please print your receipt for admission.**

*We look forward to reconnecting as a parish community to celebrate !*

**172 FRENEAU AVENUE, MATAWAN**

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

**TOM SWEENEY 732-566-3616 EXT 2 [TSWEENEY@STCLEMENTMATAWAN.ORG](mailto:TSWEENEY@STCLEMENTMATAWAN.ORG)  
IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, THIS EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE GYMNASIUM.**

# 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!

