



# Church of ST. CLEMENT

*Sunday, September 24, 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 Schedule:** Saturday: 5:00PM | Sunday 8:00, & 11:00AM **Daily Mass:** Mon, Tues, Wed., Fri 8:00AM

# Mass Intentions

## TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2023

5PM DANIEL F. MAGRINO by his daughter & family  
DANNY VANDERBILT by his wife & family  
BARBARA POWERS by the Corrigan family

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

8AM RON ROCCO by his wife  
ANNA MARINO by Susan & Bruce Quinn  
GIL CARMICHAEL by Jeanine & Gerry Conrad

11AM BOB FENSKE by his wife  
JAMES BATCHA by Barbara, Stephen & Sarah Moser  
ERNEST CHIRICO by Maria Lanza

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2023

8AM RUTH VALA by the Min family

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2023

8AM EVELYN & ALBERT MANNELLA by Lissie & Terry McGovern

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2023

8AM ANTOINETTA BARONE by the Buro family

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2023

8AM FR. ARCANGELO MANZI by his family

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

5PM DON JOSEPH PUCILLO by his family  
JOHN LUCCHESI by his family  
RAFAL PODYMA by Donald Pabst

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023

8AM LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE ALTAR ROSARY  
GRACE HOURIHAN by Susan & Bruce Quinn  
GIL CARMICHAEL by the Gallo family

11AM GENEVIEVE SALVIOLO by her family  
FRANCESCA SANFRATELLO by Jane & Matt Heron  
RON THOMPSON by his wife

### COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

\$7,844.00

### ONLINE COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, SEPT. 17th

\$3,186.00

### COLLECTION FOR PARISH ENERGY EXPENSES

\$1,016

### WEDDING

We wish to congratulate Desiree Romano and Kenneth Lake who were married here at St. Clement this weekend. May the love of God always be with them in their Sacrament of Matrimony.

### WEDDING BANNS

Erica Rivera & Jose Lopez

### ST. CLEMENT ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

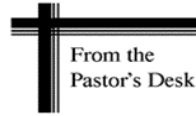
#### GIL CARMICHAEL MEMORIAL

#### 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.

### ADULT CATECHESIS MEETING

The next meeting of the Adult Catechesis Group is this Wednesday, September 27th at 7 PM in the



From the  
Pastor's Desk

Greetings everyone, last weekend we had a great turnout for our parish's picnic. The weather was perfect, and those I talked to said they enjoyed the day very much. Thomas Sweeney, our CCD coordinator, and Holly Cahill, our parish secretary, organized the events for the day. I am grateful to them for their hard work in preparing for the day; they both put in extra time to ensure the day was a success. Also, I want to thank the Knights of Columbus, the Altar Rosary Society, and St. Clement's Youth Group for all their help. Both the Knights and Altar Rosary helped with the cooking and serving of the food, while the youth group members helped with the games and activities. The Altar Rosary also prepared the delicious desserts. Thank you to those who attended and supported the event. *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:

LUCA ROBERT BOSCO

Child of Alyssa & Nicholas

VINCENT JAMES DICOSMO

Child of Stephanie & Carmine

ANTHONY SCOTT KRAMER

Child of Brittany & Scott

NATHAN WES SHIFRINSON

Child of Monika & Zachary

### THOMAS COSENTINO MEMORIAL BLOOD DRIVE

The American Red Cross and the Knights of Columbus Council 5324 will be sponsoring a blood drive on Suu, Oct 15th from 8:30am to 1:30pm in the gym.

Appointments are preferred. Please see a member of the Knights of Columbus, or call 1 800 RED CROSS, or log onto [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) sponsor code Knights of Columbus Council 5324



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST

Join us for delicious eggs, bacon, sausage, potatoes, and more after the 8am, 9:30am and 11am Masses at the Reception Center, until 1pm. Adults and children age 10 and up - \$10, Seniors - \$8, Children 9 and younger are free. Our Cardinal Newman Council #5324 sponsors the breakfast for the benefit of parishioners. Proceeds from ticket sales support Knights activities in the church and community.

### ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Join us on Sunday, October 1st at 12:30pm with your pet for a special blessing in honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi (celebrated on Wednesday, October 4, 2023) We ask that all pets are on a leash or in a pet carrier. Meet us in the front of the church. Hope to see you there!

*The Sanctuary light is dedicated this week in loving memory of Salvatore Scaravilli, Jr. by Andy & Nancy Cannizzo*

## 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, October 17th come and enjoy the Phenomenal Zachary Alexander, Sinatra with more style!*** 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, October 14th.** For more info, please contact Armanda 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: John Longo,

Antoinette Sweeney, Anthony Pallisano, Dorothy Holmes, 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 Ubins, Rosemary Ravenna, Gerard M. Conrad, Kate Kikvige, 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.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.



### 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: 08/19/23 Joan R. Gibb, 8/21/23 Dante Caldera, 8/29/23 Ann Falco, 09/02/23 Benedetta Huscha, 09/10/2023 Rebecca Mary Hayes

### THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL



Father Tom is pleased to announce that St. Clement has received **\$51,964.42 (88% 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. contact the church office at 732-566-3616, ext. 111.



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 coffee. Donations may be dropped at the church office. Please call their help line at 732-290-1878 if you need assistance.

### 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.



### 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.

### ALTAR ROSARY CHRISTMAS EVERGREEN FUNDRAISER



The Altar Rosary will once again be offering beautiful Christmas Wreaths, Holiday Centerpieces and Door Swags for sale. More information on how to order will appear in a future bulletin



# Thanksgiving Pie Sale!

Order a fresh  
Delicious Orchards Pie  
and pick it up in time for your Thanksgiving Cele-  
brations!



Sponsored by the  
St. Clement Youth Group and Delicious Orchards!



All pies cost: **\$20.00 each.**  
Pies are 9 inch pies (6-8 servings).  
There are **NO PRESERVATIVES** in the pies so they must  
be kept refrigerated.

Orders will be taken before and after all masses in the church lobby on the  
following weekends:

**Sept. 23 & 24th      Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> & Oct. 1st      October 7 & 8th**

Pie pick up will be on **November 20-22nd** from 4PM-7PM in the St.  
Clement Gym Lobby. Confirmed pick-up date will be announced via the  
bulletin. The pies available for order are:

**Apple Pie, Pumpkin Pie,  
Pecan Pie, Cherry Pie, Sugar Free Apple Pie**

PLEASE JOIN US TO SUPPORT

*St. CLEMENT CHURCH*

## "DINE TO DONATE"



### MJ's Restaurant at Buttonwood Manor

845 Rt. 34 North, Matawan, NJ 07747

(732) 566-6220

**Date:** Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2023

**Time:** 11:00 AM- Closing

**Dine in or Take Out**

(Includes food and beverages in restaurant & bar)

**\*You must tell server you are there to support the fundraiser to receive credit\***

A Portion of the proceeds to benefit St. Clement Church & Altar Rosary Society

No coupons or discounts may be applied to Fundraiser Event.

For questions contact Marie Canonico@ [mteach1@hotmail.com](mailto:mteach1@hotmail.com)

**\*\*\*Flyers may not be distributed on or around MJ's Property\*\*\***