



# Church of ST. CLEMENT

*Sunday, September 10, 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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### 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

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

8AM GEORGE P. MCLAUGHLIN, JR. by his family

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

8AM KAREN BARONE by the Buro family

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2023

8AM DEACON MARK & ANNE MICALI by Jean & Bill Fiorelli

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2023

5PM BARBARA & THOMAS POWERS by Susan & Bruce Quinn  
VINCENT MILLER by Rita Shaleesh  
CLAIRE DELOSKEY by the Webster family

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

8AM WALTER MAYER by his wife  
NGO TAN CHAN by Richelle & Joe Pickel  
MARIE & BENJAMIN GLOWACKI by Eileen & Robert Glowacki  
11AM ERNEST CHIRICO by the Borella family  
ANTONETTE MISUKORMI by the Golda family  
SARAH SAVERESE by her family

### COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

\$8,450.00

### ONLINE COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, SEPT. 3RD

\$3,435.00

### COLLECTION FOR DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT

\$670.00

### WEDDING BANNERS

Jeanine Zizzamia & Zack Ryan Michael Ewart  
Desiree Romano & Kenneth Lake  
Erica Rivera & Jose Lopez

### 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.

*The Sanctuary light is dedicated this week in loving memory of Mary Neglia by Kathleen Motto*



From the  
Pastor's Desk

Greetings everyone, I hope you had an enjoyable Labor Day celebration with family and friends. This coming Monday marks the anniversary of the horrific terrorist attacks on our country in 2001. There will be ceremonies in our area to remember those who lost their lives on that tragic day. Although we feel sorrow and mourn the loss of the innocent lives in the attacks, we trust that, in God's eyes, their lives had great meaning to so many they encountered. As Christians, it is in hope we pray that they are at rest in God's mercy. We also pray that they will share in the great day of victory when Christ returns to gather his faithful together and bring them to the home that he prepared for them in God's eternal kingdom. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. May perpetual light shine upon them, Amen. *Father Tom*

### CCD 2023/2024 REGISTRATION

CCD Registration for 2023/2024 will be online. Please see the website: [www.stclementreligiouse.org](http://www.stclementreligiouse.org) for the link and updates. **PLEASE NOTE: CLASSES START NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH.**

### ADULT CATECHESIS

Starting Wednesday, September 13th at 7PM 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.

### 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.



### 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!



## 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**

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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, 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, October 14th.** 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

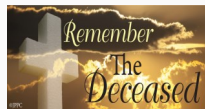
### Special Intentions

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: 08/11/23 Mary Neglia, 8/11/23 Salvatore Sena. 08/19/23 Joan R. Gibb, 8/21/23 Dante Caldera, 8/29/23 Ann Falco

### THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL



Father Tom is pleased to announce that St. Clement has received **\$51,814.42 (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 coffee. 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

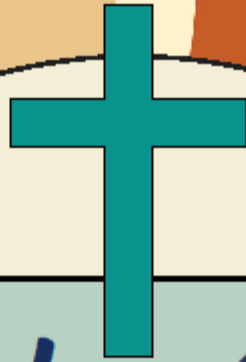
regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors.

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@STCLEMMENTATAWAN.ORG](mailto:TSWEENEY@STCLEMMENTATAWAN.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!

