



# Church of ST. CLEMENT

*Sunday, November 5, 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  
**Adult Catechesis** 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 Intentions

## THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2023

5PM FRANK CREMATO by Kevin & Diane  
McNamara  
LEONARD & LEONA SCESNEY by Kathy &  
Bob Merritt  
ALBERT & ELIZABETH NIEMIS by Elaine &  
Larry Magee

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2023

8AM LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE  
ALTAR ROSARY  
GIUSEPPI RUTA by Joan & Vincent Ruta  
LAUREN HEWSKI by the Gabriel family  
11AM KAREN JOYCE SMITH by the Corrigan family  
GIL CARMICHAEL by Joe & Holly Cahill  
JOAN WHELAN BY Joann & Robert Buhler

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2023

8AM ARLENE PURTELL by Lucille Cilento & family

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2023

8AM SUSAN RUCK by Susan & Bruce Quinn

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2023

8AM JULIO REBOTON SON by Richelle & Joe  
Pickel

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2023

8AM JOSEPH GREENE by the Vetrano family

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2023

5PM SIMON ANTHONY DIXON by the Canales  
family  
BARBARA POWERS by J. P. Friedl  
GEORGE F. JOHNSTON by his wife & family

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2023

8AM TONY SAVARESE SR. by his family  
MR. & MRS. THOMAS CARR by J.P. Friedl  
ANNETTE DAVIAU by the Broderick family  
11AM JOSEPH DELLA BELLA by his wife & family  
JOHN DONEGAN by his family  
PAT MARSALA by his daughters & families

### COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29th

\$6,471.00

### ONLINE COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, OCT 29th

\$2,109.00

### COLLECTION FOR PARISH CAPITAL PROJECTS

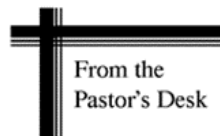
\$1,234.00

### ALTAR ROSARY MEETING

The Alar Rosary will be meeting at the Reception Center Annex on Tues, November 7th for all members and ladies interested in joining. Rosary will be recited at 7PM and the meeting will begin at 7:30PM

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

*The Sanctuary light is dedicated this week in loving memory of John, Anna Mae & Francis Curran by their family.*



From the  
Pastor's Desk

Greetings everyone, I pray you are well. As we begin the month of November, we take some time to remember our friends and family members who have passed away. In this month the Church puts great importance on praying for all the souls who are in Purgatory, those souls who need purification and are waiting for the day when they will join the company of the saints in heaven. We can assist these souls with our prayers; making acts of penance and offering our sufferings for their intentions are other ways to help them enter their heavenly rest. Praying for the dead is one of the Spiritual Works of Mercy. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. May they rest in peace.  
*Father Tom*

### BAPTISM

We wish to welcome into the family of God and the St. Clement parish community the following child who was baptized here this weekend:  
VALENTIA NATALIA LAKE  
Child of Laura & Kenneth



### ALTAR ROSARY 50/50

The Altar Rosary is selling 50/50 tickets on Sundays in the lobby of the church until Nov. 26TH. **To date the amount received is \$2,750.00. A parishioner will match the donation the Altar Rosary makes to the church from the 50/50 up to \$15,000.00 so your ticket purchase will even go further to support the church.** Get your tickets at church or call Marie Canonico at 732-970-8261 to get them mailed to you. **TICKETS MUST BE RECEIVED BY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH.** Thank you for your support!



### THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

The St. Clement Youth Group is hosting a food drive to benefit the Matawan Food Pantry. The collection will take place in the church lobby before and after all masses. Donations need to be received by next Sunday, November 12th. **Requested items are; Cereal, Oatmeal, Shelf stable milk, Pasta and Pasta Sauce, Mashed potatoes (dry), Diapers size 3 through size 5 and wipes, Gravy, Stuffing, Sweet potatoes or yams, Peanut butter and jelly, Tuna, Cream of mushroom soup, and cranberry sauce.**



### NATIVITY PLAY

On Friday December 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm in the church our 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade religious education students will perform a *Nativity Play* celebrating the Birth of Jesus. All parishioners are invited to attend.

## 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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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. 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, December 2nd.** 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 Pantina, Iris Ortiz, bart Beaudry, Zena

Decker, Francine Brogen-Alampi, Andrea Reverendo, Dana & Patty Liccone, Andrea Reverendo, Anna Jacobs, William Baker, Bryan Brancaccio, John Longo, Antoinette Sweeney, Anthony Pallisano, Dorothy Holmes, Trystan Gianni Joyce, 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, Grace Bloxham, Patrick Hegarty, Lorenzo Cifelli, Darryl Vanderbilt, 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, Jess Mulvihill, Robert Rorke, Angela Laboy, Pat Gallagher, Kristine O'Hara, Maureen Collins -Dougherty

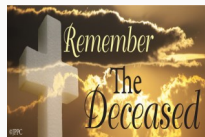
### Special Intentions

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: 10/15/23 Nancy Mapp

### THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL



Father Tom is pleased to announce that St. Clement has received **\$56,289.42 (94% 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 coffee, boxed pancake mix, condiments and turkey's for Thanksgiving. Donations may be

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

### FLOWERS FOR THE BLESSED MOTHER



If you wish to place flowers at our Blessed Mother statue, in honor or memory of a loved one, the cost of two arrangements is \$75.00. Please contact the church office



### OUR PROMISE TO PROTECT

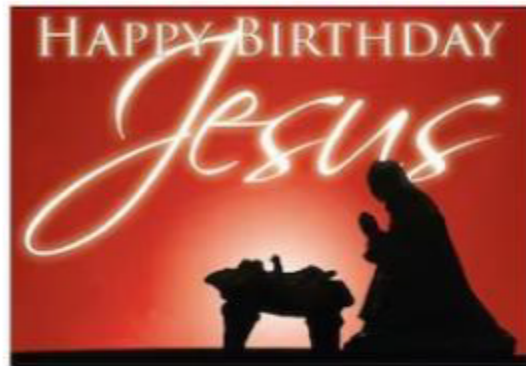
The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined in the U.S. Bishop's Charter for the protection of Children and Young People in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors. If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy 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.

### KNIGHTS OF COLOUMBUS COATS FOR KIDS



The St. Clement Cardinal Newman Council 5324 of the Knights of Columbus fund drive for Coats for Kids is underway. The commitment for this year is 4 cases of 12 coats (all new coats for kids to go to Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity located in Asbury Park NJ.) The cost of these cases is \$959.52. Please reach out to your friends and business associates to assist with a purchase of a coat for \$20.62 per coat. Any contribution is welcome. Checks should be made out to Knights of Columbus Council 5324 and on the reference line please put Coats for Kids. Checks can be mailed to St. Clement Church or may be given in the collection basket. The deadline for donations will be Sunday, December 3, 2023. Donations are tax deductible.



## *Birthday Cards for Jesus*

*Please join us on at Noon on*

*Sunday November 26<sup>th</sup> in the gym.*

*We'll make birthday cards and decorate  
ornaments to help us remember the  
reason we celebrate Christmas:*

*The Birth of Our Savior.*

*To be sure we have enough supplies  
please reserve your seat by emailing:  
[TSweeney@stclementmatawan.org](mailto:TSweeney@stclementmatawan.org) by  
Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.*

*Family Movie Night in the Gym  
Sunday November 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm*



*A fun evening for all members of  
the family.*

*Relax and Enjoy!*