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Church o ST. CLEMENT

Sunday, October 22, 2023

PARISH MINISTRIES

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SERVICES

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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

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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

Parish Trustees Bruce Quinn & Linda Shirvanian Parish Religious Education Program PREP www.stclementreligioused.org St. Clement Athletic Association 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.

BMass Intentions

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDA	Y, OCTOBER 21, 2023		
5PM			
	Siniscal		
	DORIS MICHELS by the Min family		
	BARBARA POWERS by the Buccellato family		
SUNDAY,	OCTOBER 22, 2023		
8AM	DAVID P. VERGARETTI by Kathleen		
	SUSAN RUCK by the Webster family		
	GIL CARMICHĂEL by Bill Fiorelli		
11AM	MARION VETRANO by the Vetrano family		
	KAITLYN PETERSON by Patricia Davis		
	PADRAIC "PATRICK" MCGOVERN by		
	Terry, Phyllis and Claire McGovern		
MONDAY	, OCTOBER 23, 2023		
8AM	MAXINE & DANIEL GENTILE by their loving		
	families		
TUESDAY	7, OCTOBER 24, 2023		
8AM	GEORGE TRUCHAN SR. by the Truchan		
	family		
WEDNESI	DAY, OCTOBER 25, 2023		
8AM	ROBERT MATTERN by J.P. Friedl		
	<u>DCTOBER 27, 2023</u>		
8AM	JOAN MCGOVERN by Lisa Truchan & family		
	Y, OCTOBER 28, 2023		
5PM	ANTOINETTA BARONE by the Buro family		
	CARY BRODERICK by his family		
	ERIN PATRICK by her parents		
	<u>OCTOBER 29, 2023</u>		
8AM	CATHERINE PARISI HIER by Joe & Maria		
	Parisi & family		
	MAUREEN SCOLARSAI by Nardina Forbes		
	JOSEPH M. BREDEHOFT by Kathleen		
	Vergaretti		
11AM	DOTTY MCLAUGHLIN by her family		
	JACK FLANAGAN by his loving family		
	THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE		
	FERNANDES FAMILY by the Gracias family		
COLI	LECTION FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15TH		
	\$6,986.00		
ONLIN	E COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, OCT 15TH		
	\$2,501.00		
COL	LECTION FOR PARISH ENERGY NEEDS		
	\$1.190.00		
COLL	ECTION FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023		
	\$8,070.00		
ONLE	NE COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, OCT 8th		
	\$3,796.00		
COLLE	CTION FOR OUR DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT		
	\$924.00		

WEDDING

We wish to congratulate Vanessa Myers and Thomas Wagner who were married here at St Clement this weekend. May the love of God always be with them in their Sacrament of Matrimony.



FLOWERS FOR THE BLESSED MOTHER

The two flower arrangements placed at our Blessed Mother statue this weekend are given in honor of the 61st wedding anniversary of Jane & Fred Slee.



Greetings everyone, this weekend the Catholic Church celebrates World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis, in his World Mission Sunday message, urges every

Christian to ignite the fire of Christ's love in their hearts and actively share this warmth with the world around us. This is a call to participate in a mission of universal evangelization and seek guidance from the Holy Spirit. Pope Francis also recalls the origins of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, founded by Blessed Pauline Jaricot, and its vital role in supporting the Church's missionary work worldwide. Your parishioners' prayers and sacrifices on World Mission Sunday will directly aid more than 1,100 mission dioceses globally, including regions across Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, Latin America, and parts of Europe. It is important that we all understand how our practical assistance - coupled with devoted prayer - fuels the missionaries' efforts to proclaim the Gospel and build the Church in these territories. This year's theme for Pope Francis' message for World Mission Sunday, "Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move," is a reminder that we are called to carry the flame of Christ's love and put our faith into action, serving as His witnesses.

Father Tom

VETERAN'S DAY COLLECTION FOR THE TROOPS

We are collecting for our Troops. Below is a list of requested items. We would also add to this list a card to thank them for their service and to let them know we are all thinking and praying for them. Donations can be placed in the bins in the church lobby before and after all masses. Items need to be received by Sun, Oct. 29th.

Beef or chicken jerky Nuts-any kind Life savers Kettle Corn/popcorn **Dried fruit snacks** Sunflower seeds **Pumpkin seeds** Pre-workout protein powder Cold, cough, flu relief remedies Dayquil, Nyquil—pills only **Tylenol Cold** Aspirin, Motrin, Ibuprofen Suntan lotion (no sprays) Moisturizer **Gold Bond Powder & Cream** Foot powder **Bug wipes** Chapstick Feminine hygiene products

Crunch & Munch Cookies- any kind Gum Licorice **Rice Krispie Treats Protein bars** Trail mix Gas X Imodium Lactaid pills **Allergy Relief** Zantac, Pepcid Batteries—AAA,C, D Socks **Razors** Gatorade-drink packets Powerade drink packets **O-tips** Fungus cream

Monetary donations towards shipping accepted. Checks payable to the Church of the Nativity on the memo line: Eagles Up!. Tax receipt given upon request.

The Sanctuary light is dedicated this week in loving memory of Robert DeSilvertri by Nancy & Andy 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.

<u>Safe Environment:</u> 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 and contact Amy Colen (908-267-0161). Virtus website registration instructions can be found at 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



Specializing in Personalized Catering for All Occasions Elegant & Affordable Wedding Packages Exclusively by W. J. Mayer Catering (732)-591-8180 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. 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.

<u>Respect Life Chapter</u> **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, November 4th. For more info, please contact Arminda Rubio-Pito at 732-616-2759 or email at prolife.mom.9@gmail.com

Online Prayers

Online prayer requests can be accessed at the following website: www.prayoverus.com.



LONG TERM PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK Please keep in your prayers the following individuals who are dealing with long term health issues: Francine Bro-

gen-Alampi, Dana & Patty Liccone, Andrea Reverndo, Anna Jacobs, William Baker, Bryan Brancaccio, 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 Ubbins, Rosemary Ravenna, Gerard M. Conrad, Kate Kikvigze, Noreen Zelenko, 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: 10/03/23 Joan Bienkowski, 10/04/23 Barbara F. Mosley



SVdP provides spiritual, food distribution, emergency financial and other services to those in need. The pantry currently is in need of coffee, box pasta, 64 oz. orange juice. 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.

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.stclementmatawan.org To include a church activity on our Web Site, email Mr. Ouinn at admin@stclementmatawan.org

ELECTRONIC GIVING – PARISH GIVING

Contributions for 2022 have been updated and we welcome you to log in to <u>www.parishgiving.org</u> 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



received \$53,414.42 (89% 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.

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: **CAMILLA MARCA CONTRERAS** Child of Suzanne & Eddie WESTON PETER OLMO Child of Ashley & Cody HARPER LYNN SHUSTOROVICH

Child of Brittany & Alexander

Rev. Monsignor Strano Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to one 8th grade student from St Clement



Church. The candidate must be a registered and practicing parishioner. The student will receive a 4 year scholarship of \$8,000 annually. This amount will not decrease or increase over the 4 years at SJVHS. Deadline for scholarship application is November 1, 2023.

Please review the criteria and application process. To apply please visit www.sjvhs.com/admissions/ scholarshipopportunites/academic

"Are you interested in becoming a Lancer? We gladly invite you to check us out at one of our upcoming Open Houses on October 21st at 9 a.m. or October 26th at 7 p.m. Visit www.sjvhs.org/openhouse to register and for more information."

ST. CLEMENT ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY



St. Clement Altar Rosary Society- Christmas Evergreens Fundraiser 2023

This year, the Altar Rosary is once again selling beautiful evergreen products from Sherwood Forest Farms in Washington state. We hope you can support us in this fundraiser.

Name	
Phone	
Email	
Total Enclosed	(Checks only please!)
# of items ordered	

Write in the quantity of each item you'd like to order below, along with total cost for each quantity and your final total cost of all items. Return this form with your check to the church office or put in the offertory basket. Please label the envelope-"Christmas Evergreens Fundraiser" & write your check out to "St. Clement Altar Rosary Society." All orders due by November 2nd. If you have any questions, contact Debby Popplewell at 732-772-9890. The pickup date for all items is Saturday, December 2nd, between 1 and 4 PM at the gym.

Item	Quantity	Total Cost
C5-Centerpiece-		
\$25.00		
S4-Door Swag		
\$27.00		
W3-28" Wreath		
\$36.00		
W4-22" Wreath		
\$28.00		

Thank you for your continued support!

Total_____