

Church of ST. CLEMENT

Sunday, October 29, 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
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REV. THOMAS VALA, PASTOR

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 9AM-3PM,
Church Office 566-3616
Admin@stclementmatawan.org
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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.stclementreligious.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.

Mass Intentions

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2023

5PM ANTOINETTA BARONE by the Buro family
CARY BRODERICK by his family
ERIN PATRICK by her parents

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2023

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

7:30PM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH OF ST CLEMENT

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2023

8AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH OF ST. CLEMENT

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2023

8AM FLAVIAN VALA by his family

7:30PM ANNA VALA by her family

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2023

8AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH OF ST CLEMENT

7:30PM DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE GRACIAS
FAMILY by the Gracias family

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2023

8AM DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE PARISH OF
ST. CLEMENT

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2023

8AM GIOVANNA TROPEANO by Juli Messinger

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

11AM GIUSEPPI RUTA by Joan & Vincent Ruta
LAUREN HEWSKI by the Gabriel family
KAREN JOYCE SMITH by the Corrigan family
GIL CARMICHAEL by Joe & Holly Cahill
JOAN WHELAN BY Joann & Robert Buhler

COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22ND

7,584.00

ONLINE COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, OCT 22ND

\$2,977.00

COLLECTION FOR WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

\$881.00



FLOWERS FOR THE BLESSED MOTHER

The two flower arrangements placed at our Blessed Mother statue this weekend are given in honor of the 36th wedding anniversary of Marie & Fred Canonico.

The Sanctuary light is dedicated this week in loving memory of Simon Anthony Dixon by his family.



Greetings everyone, I hope you are well. I want to thank those individuals who donated blood at our blood drive last Sunday. In total, 34 donations were

made. The Red Cross was very grateful to St. Clement's for hosting the drive and for those who attended. I thank the Knights of Columbus Council for organizing the drive. As always, their hard-work and dedication helped to make the drive a success. The Knights also hosted the pancake breakfast last weekend, and I thank them for that too. I also want to recognize and thank Brian Mayer, of Mayer Catering, for accommodating the breakfast and for preparing the food that was served. Those who attended enjoyed the day. This Wednesday is the Solemnity of All Saints. It is a holy day of obligation; please join us for Mass either on Tuesday evening or Wednesday morning or evening. Your presence at Holy Days gives the liturgy celebration greater meaning. *Father Tom*



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

The St. Clement Youth Group will be hosting a food drive to benefit the Matawan Food Pantry beginning next weekend. The collection will take place in the church lobby before and after all masses. Donations need to be received by 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,**

ALL SOULS MASS & CANDLE MEMORIAL

Will be held on Thursday, November 2nd at 7:30pm. This mass will honor and remember all of our beloved dead. Names of those who have passed away in our parish over the past 12 months will be read aloud. As the name is read, family members will accept a lighted candle in their memory. If you would like to add a name to the list, please contact the church office. All are invited to attend this special service which will also be live-streamed on our website.

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

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.

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 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

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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. 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, November 4th.** For more info, please contact Arminda Rubio-Pito at 732-616-2759 or email at prolife.mom.9@gmail.com

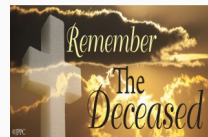
Online Prayers

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



LONG TERM PRAYER LIST

Please keep in your prayers the following individuals who are dealing with long term health issues: 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, 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, 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, 10/15/23 Nancy Mapp



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

& boxes of instant potatoes. 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.stclementatawan.org To include a church activity on our Web Site, email Mr. Quinn at admin@stclementatawan.org

ELECTRONIC GIVING – PARISH GIVING

Contributions for 2022 have been updated and we welcome you to log in to 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.

THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL



Father Tom is pleased to announce that St. Clement has received **\$56,264.42 (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.



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/scholarshipopportunities/academic

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

ST. CLEMENT ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY



Item #	Order Name
W3	28" Mixed Evergreen Wreath

* An aromatic combination of Noble fir, berries juniper, and incense cedar. Tones of color are provided by red, faux, holly berries. A red, velvet, water repellent bow is included for easy hanging.

\$36



Item #	Order Name
W4	22" Mixed Evergreen Wreath

* An aromatic combination of noble fir, incense cedar and berries juniper
 * Red faux holly berries
 * Pre-tied red velvet water repellent bow in separate bag
 * Simple decorating instructions with illustrations
 * Easy-to-handle, plastic carrying bag

\$28



Item #	Order Name
C5	Holiday Centerpiece

* Cedar, noble fir, pine and berries juniper
 * Arranged in a resin base and bowl
 * White faux snow berries and red faux holly berries for decorating
 * Easy-to-handle, plastic carrying bag
 * Approximately 12 inches in diameter

\$25



Item #	Order Name
S4	Noble Fir Door Swag

* Designed for guaranteed sustainability and quality, this item is the perfect alternative to a wreath.
 * Includes 1 set of snow-dusted cones and a red bow. Approximately 30 in x 19 in

\$27

**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.

Thank you for your continued support!

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

Total _____