



Church of ST. CLEMENT

Sunday, October 8, 2023

PARISH MINISTRIES

Marriage Preparation Holly Cahill 566-3616, ext 111
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Ushers Ron Johnson 290-1371
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Liturgical Environment
Debby Popplewell 732-772-9890

SERVICES

Athletic Director Phyllis Besso, 970-4487
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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
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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

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

Mass Intentions

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023

5PM RAFAL PODYMA by Donald Pabst
DENNIS P. KING by Christine & Thomas King
BARBARA POWERS by the D'Auria family

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023

8AM FRANCES SISKO by Joan & Vincent Ruta
MARGE COFFEY & BARBARA BLANCO by
the Roberts family
11AM NICOLA BARONE by the Buro family
ANGELINA GHERALDI by Deborah & John
Provenza
WILLIAM BARKER by his sister Catherine
Gillespie

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2023

8AM ANNE PAPALEO by the Seeley family

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2023

8AM SIMON ANTHONY DIXON by the Canales
family

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2023

8AM BERNADINE SANTOS by her family

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2023

8AM CAROLL & LEN CHRZANOWSKI by their
family

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023

5PM DANNY VANDERBILT by his wife & family
MARY JOAN LAZRUS by Evelyn & Anthony
Savarese & family
BRENDA CHRISTINE LUPI by Barbara &
Tony Branco

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2023

8AM ROSA FERREIRA CAQUEIRA by the
Figueiredo family
JANE HOURIHAN HOLLWEG by Susan &
Bruce Quinn
WILLIAM GALLO by his wife & family
9:30AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH OF ST CLEMENT
11AM JOAN MCGOVERN by Karen Jamison
THOMAS COLLINS by Beth & Jack Evans
GENEVIEVE SALVIOLO by her family

COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1ST 2023

\$7,630.00

ONLINE COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, OCT 1ST

\$2,309.00

COLLECTION FOR ST VICENT DE PAUL

\$1,108.00

WEDDING BANNES

VANESSA MYERS & THOMAS WAGNER

ST. CLEMENT ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

GIL CARMICHAEL MEMORIAL

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Golf Tournament is on Tues., Oct. 10th and 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.

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



From the
Pastor's Desk

Greetings everyone, I hope you had a chance to enjoy the pleasant weather our area has experienced recently. Last Sunday, we had a great turnout for the blessing of the animals. The weather was perfect. I blessed several dogs, some cats, a few guinea pigs, and 2 iguanas. Everyone who attended enjoyed the blessing ceremony. In our parish ministries, I had the privilege of installing the officers for the Knights of Columbus Council last Sunday and the Altar Rosary Society this past Tuesday. Gerry Conrad was installed as the Grand Knight, and Marie Canonico was installed as the president of the Altar Rosary. I thank them and their fellow officers for accepting the responsibilities that come with their positions. As a reminder, October is the month of the Rosary. When you can, take some time to pray this beautiful prayer. Offer it for someone in need, for yourself, or for an increase in faith, hope, and charity. *Father Tom*

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 sponsor code Knights of Columbus Council 5324

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST

Join us on Sunday, October 15th 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 - \$12 Seniors - \$10, 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.

"DINE TO DONATE"



MJ Restaurant at Buttonwood Manor
845 Rt. 34 North, Matawan, NJ
Tuesday, October 17th
11am-closing, Dine in or Take out

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 Events.



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/

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

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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Elegant & Affordable Wedding Packages

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(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.

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

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: 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 Kensch, 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:

Benedetta Huscha, 09/10/2023 Rebecca Mary Hayes, 09/16/23 Francis Carlton, 09/16/23 James LaMantia



SVdP provides spiritual, food distribution, emergency financial and other services to those in need. The pantry currently is in need of coffee, low salt corn and cans of chili. 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.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS



Our Youth Group will be hosting a pumpkin painting event after 11am Mass on Sunday, October 22nd outside the gym. This is a free event. In order to make sure we have enough pumpkins, please email

Tsweeney@stclementmatawan.org with your rsvp.

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. Quinn at admin@stclementmatawan.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 **\$53,039.42 (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.



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



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:

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

Order forms available in the church lobby. Pies must be ordered by Sunday, October 8th!

ST. CLEMENT ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY



Item #	Order Name
W3	28" Mixed Evergreen Wreath

* An aromatic combination of Noble fir, herring 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 herring 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 herring juniper
 * Arranged in a resin block 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 _____