



Church of ST. CLEMENT

Sunday, December 3, 2023

PARISH MINISTRIES

Marriage Preparation Holly Cahill 566-3616, ext 111
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Altar Servers Jim Starace 732-566-3616
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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Amy Colen 908-267-0161
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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

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 Intentions

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023

5PM LEONARD & LEONA SCESNEY by Connilee Ocello
DOLORES SCHOELKOPF by the Cahill family
NANCY COUNTRYMAN by the McHugh family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023

8AM LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE ALTAR ROSARY
JOSEPH DEMARZO by Eileen & Robert Glowacki
ANN DAVIS by Susan & Bruce Quinn
11AM CHRISTOPHER CROWIN by his family
GIL CARMICHAEL by Cathy & Tom Boland
MARK GRACIS by Virginia Corrigan

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2023

8AM JAMES GLEASON by Patrick Hynes

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2023

8AM BARBARA POWERS by Peggy & Kevin Houlihan

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2023

8AM SUSAN RUCK by Patti & Vern Ralph

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2023

8AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH OF ST. CLEMENT
7:30PM MARY JOAN LAZRUS by Evelyn & Anthony Savarese

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2023

8AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH OF ST. CLEMENT
10AM JAMES BELL by his friends
7:30PM IMMACULATE SCALA by her family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2023

5PM CARL ROSSI by his wife
GIL CARMICHAEL by Pat Thein
TERESA MESSINEO by the Gallo family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023

8AM GLORIA M. ORTIZ by the Easlick family
JOSEPH SOMMA by the Toomey family
ROSA MARTINEZ by Maria & Henry Montenegro
11AM JORDAN HALLER by the Pinto family
PAUL FITZGERALD by his wife
GIL CARMICHAEL by the Sansone family

COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2023

\$8,081.00

ONLINE COLLECTION FOR SUN., NOV. 26TH

\$2,210.00

COLLECTION FOR OUR DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT

\$200.00

COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2023

\$7,531.00

ONLINE COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, NOV. 19th

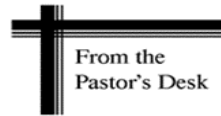
\$3,415.00

COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

\$738.00

WEDDING BANNES

Angela Blasco & Anthony Principe



From the
Pastor's Desk

Greetings everyone, in celebrating the first Sunday of Advent this weekend, we begin the Church's new liturgical year. The beginning of December brings the anticipation of the joy of celebrating the Christmas season. Christmas Day is one of joy when we gather with family and share our love by giving gifts. This is also a time when we need to keep in mind Christ's second coming in glory. In doing so, we are reminded to be prepared when he returns. I pray you can break away from the pre-Christmas activity to find some time to be with the Lord these next few weeks and strengthen your relationship with him. I thank Sean Kolb and his family and friends for setting up the Nativity Scene in the front of the church. When you can, take time to look at it and reflect on the true meaning of Christ coming into the world.

Father Tom

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:

MADELYN MAUREEN BREEN

Child of Kathryn & John

MICHAELA HARVEY SCHULHAER

Child of Casey & Kevin

OUR LADY OF GUADELOUPE NOVENA

The Respect for Life Our Lady of Guadeloupe Novena will be prayed on Saturday December 2nd at 6PM, Sunday, December 3rd at 2PM and Monday, December 4th at 7PM in the church. Please join us.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Masses will be held on Thursday, December 7th at 7:30pm and Friday, December 8th at 8am, 10am and 7:30pm

GIVING TREE

This is the last weekend the Giving Tree is available in the lobby of the church. Gifts will need to be returned by this Sun Dec. 3rd.

Your continued enthusiasm and generosity for this program is greatly appreciated!



FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT HOPE



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 dioceseofrenton.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



Located behind St. Clement Church
Catering for Weddings, Sweet 16's, Communion, Baptisms,
Repasses & More
Exclusively by Mayer Catering
(732)-591-8180
www.TheReceptionCenter.com

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, January 6, 2024.** For more info, please contact Arminda Rubio-Pito at 732-616-2759 or email at prolife.mom.9@gmail.com

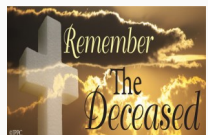
Online Prayers

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: Patricia Moore, Steven Capelli, Courtney Donohue, Ramona Fogelstrom, Rhoda Rubin, Anthony Pantina, Iris Ortiz, Bart Beaudry, Zena Decker, Francine Brogen-Alampi, Andrea Reverendo, Dana & Patty Liccone, Andrea Reverdo, 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



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:

11/19/23 William J. Goble, 11/20/23 Patrice Anne DeLisi, 11/21/23 William "Bill" Pischel



SvDP provides spiritual, food distribution, emergency financial and other services to those in need. The pantry currently is in need of laundry detergent, canned baked beans, boxes of instant mashed potatoes and turkey's for Christmas. 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. 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 **\$57,998.42 (97% 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.

LOCAL ADDITIONAL ADVENT CONFESSION OPPORTUNITIES

OUR LADY OF FATIMA (St. Joseph's), Keyport – Friday, December 15th – 7PM
ST. MARY CHURCH, Colts Neck – Sunday, December 10th, 3PM
ST. BENEDICT CHURCH, Holmdel – Sunday, December 17th, 2PM

2023 Monmouth County

Simbang Gabi

6:30 p.m. Rosary, Confessions, Eucharistic Adoration | 7:00 p.m. Mass

Tuesday, December 12, at Saint James, Red Bank
 Wednesday, December 13, at Saint Ann, Keansburg
 Thursday, December 14, at Saint Catherine, Farmingdale
 Friday, December 15, at Holy Innocents, Neptune
 Saturday, December 16, at Holy Family, Union Beach
 Sunday, December 17, at Saint Dorothea, Eatontown
 Monday, December 18, at Saint Benedict, Holmdel
 Tuesday, December 19, at Saint Clement, Matawan
 Wednesday, December 20, at Saint Mary, Middletown

Inherited by the Filipinos from the Spaniards, the Simbang Gabi (Night Mass) is a Catholic devotion of offering a Mass each night for nine consecutive days in joyful anticipation of Christmas Day. All are welcome to this festive Novena of Masses.

SANTA IS COMING TO ST CLEMENT!!!



Sunday, December 10, 2023
St. Clement School Building
10:30AM-1:00PM



Join us for holiday snacks
as well as Christmas Crafts, Christmas
Storytime, Games, Christmas
Music and a visit with Santa!
Please bring your own camera!
Let us know how many will be attending by
emailing tsweeney@stclementmatawn.org
by Sunday, December 3rd.



Merry Christmas

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2023

FOURTH SUNAY OF ADVENT

**Sunday, December 24, 2023
8AM & 11AM Mass**

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD CHRISTMAS EVE

**Sunday, December 24, 2023
5PM Mass
11PM Solemn Midnight Mass**

CHRISTMAS DAY

**Monday, December 25, 2023
8AM, 11AM Mass**

NEW YEAR'S EVE

**Sunday, December 31, 2023
8AM & 11AM**

NEW YEAR'S DAY - SOLEMNITY OF MARY

**Monday, January 1, 2024
11AM Mass**