



Church of ST. CLEMENT

Sunday, November 26, 2023

PARISH MINISTRIES

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Ushers Ron Johnson 290-1371
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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

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

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2023

5PM GEORGE FARRELL by his wife & family
CATHERINE FLYNN by her loving daughter
LEONARD & LEONA SCESNEY by Eleanor
Jacobsen

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2023

8AM HOWARD WARDEN by his wife Barbara &
sister-in-law Joan Paradise
GIL CARMICHAEL by the Easlick family
MARGARET DEITZ by Audrey Adamko
11AM ISADORE & MARY GRASSO by their
daughters
LILLIAN C. CONRAD by the Conrad family
MARION GUERRERA by Jean & Bill Fiorelli
PASQUALE PROVENZA by Deborah & John
Provenza

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2023

8AM MICHAEL A. DENUZZIA by the Johnston
family

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2023

8AM ANTOINETTA BARONE by the Buro family

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2023

8AM JAMES QUINN by Bruce & Susan Quinn

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2023

8AM BRIAN QUINN by Patti & Vern Ralph

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

COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2023

ONLINE COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, NOV. 19th

COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

**Due to early submission of the bulletin, these amounts will
appear next week.**

WEDDING BANNES

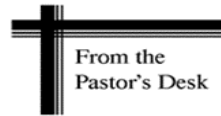
Angela Blasco & Anthony Principe

GIVING TREE



The Giving Tree is available in the lobby of
the church. Gifts will need to be returned
by next Sun Dec. 3rd. Please take a tag off
the tree & make a Christmas wish come true! Your
continued enthusiasm and generosity for this program is
greatly appreciated!

*The Sanctuary light is dedicated this week in loving memory
of George Farrell by his wife & family*



From the
Pastor's Desk

Greetings everyone, I want to thank
you for attending my birthday
gathering last Sunday and for your
cards and gifts. It was nice to share
the day with you, and I was touched by your kindness
and sentiments. We begin the last week of Ordinary
Time with the Solemnity of Christ the King. Let us pray
that the Spirit of Christ draws all people to our Lord and
Savior. May the upcoming Advent season renew the
gifts of the Holy Spirit in all people. *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:

GABRIELLA ANN BARBATO

Child of Amanda & John

NANCY ANN COOPER

Child of Noelle & Zac

JANE & ALICE WAGNER HOGAN

Children of Tiffany & Sean


BIANCA ERIN MCDERMOTT

Child of Briann & Brian

VALENCIA ROSE PEREIRA

Child of Veronica & Philippe

ALTAR ROSARY 50/50

 This is the last Sunday Altar Rosary is
selling 50/50 tickets in the lobby of the
church. **To date the amount received is
\$15,340.00. 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.**
Thank you for your support!

OUR LADY OF GUADELOUPE TORCH

The Respect for Life Our Lady of Guadeloupe Torch
will be presented at St. Clement's beginning on Sat.,
Nov. 25th. The torch will remain in the church for one
week. Novena's will be prayed in the church at 7PM on
Nov. 25th, 27th, 28th, 29th. The Novena will be prayed
again at 2pm on Sun, Nov. 26 & Sun, Dec. 3rd and 3pm
on Thurs., Nov. 30th on Fri, Dec. 1st.

NATIVITY PLAY

On Fri. Dec. 1st at 7pm in the church our 1st
and 2nd grade CCD students will perform a
Nativity Play celebrating the Birth of Jesus.
All parishioners are invited to attend.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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

FLOWERS FOR THE BLESSED MOTHER



The two flower arrangements placed at
our Blessed Mother statue this
weekend are given in loving memory
of Howard Warden by his wife
Barbara and sister in law Joan.

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



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, December 2nd.** For more info, please contact Armanda Rubio-Pito at 732-616-2759 or email at prolife.mom.9@gmail.com

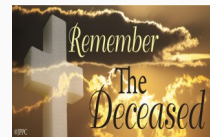
Online Prayers

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: 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 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



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: 10/25/23 Tina D'Ambrosio, 10/29/23 Beatrice M. Duffy



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 Thanksgiving. 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 **\$56,564.42 (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.

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.) Please reach out to your friends and business associates to assist with a purchase of a coat for \$20.62 per coat. 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 the church or may be given in the collection basket. The deadline for donations will be Sun, Dec. 3. Donations are tax deductible.



Our Music Director, Dan Bucko is inviting all parish children 3rd Grade and above to participate in the Children's Choir at the 5:00 pm Mass on Christmas Eve. If your child would be interested, please email:

tsweeney@stclementmatawan.org

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
ST. CATHARINE, Holmdel-Saturday, December 16th, 10:30AM

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**