



# Church of ST. CLEMENT

*Sunday, November 19, 2023*

## PARISH MINISTRIES

**Marriage Preparation** Holly Cahill 566-3616, ext 111  
**Baptism Preparation** Holly Cahill 566-3616, ext. 111  
**Religious Education** Tom Sweeney, 566-3616  
**Adult Catechesis** Tom Sweeney, 566-3616  
**Lector Coordinator** Cathy Boland 290-1338  
**Eucharistic Ministers** Jim Starace 732-566-3616  
**Music Director** Daniel Bucko 908-902-5736  
**Rite of Christian Initiation** Tom Sweeney 566-3616  
**Altar Servers** Jim Starace 732-566-3616  
**Ushers** Ron Johnson 290-1371  
**Liturgy Committee** Carol Capasso 583-6958  
**Liturgical Environment**  
Debby Popplewell 732-772-9890

## SERVICES

**Athletic Director** Phyllis Besso, 970-4487  
**Clement House** Louise Peddel 299-9503  
**Safe Environment Coordinators**  
Amy Colen 908-267-0161  
Bob Tully 848-468-6554

## 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](http://www.TheReceptionCenter.com)

**Parish Trustees** Bruce Quinn & Linda Shirvanian  
**Parish Religious Education Program PREP**  
[www.stclementreligious.org](http://www.stclementreligious.org)  
**St. Clement Athletic Association**  
[www.stclementsports.com](http://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

## THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2023

5PM ELEANOR QUINN by Bruce & Susan Quinn  
RAYMOND REILLY by his wife & family  
VIRGINIA & DANIEL MAGRINO by their daughter & family

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2023

8AM BLESSED SOULS IN PURATORY by the Canales family  
ANN DAVIS by Jean Fierro  
SUSAN KILLIAN

11AM JEANINE T. OKONEK by the Conrad family  
KAREN SMITH by the Percussi family  
GIL CARMICHAEL by the MacLane family

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2023

8AM SYLVIA DAMASCO SUN by Richelle & Joe Pickel

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2023

8AM AMANDA BRUNGARD by her grandmother

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2023

8AM MARY DAVIS by Terry Motomal

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2023

10AM FR. JOHN J. SCULLY by the St. Clement Community

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2023

8AM MARIA JOYCE PACIOTTI by Rosabelle & Michael Abend

### 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

### COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH

\$8,419.00

### ONLINE COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, NOV. 12TH

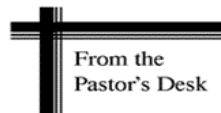
\$2,656.00

### COLLECTION FOR OUR DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT

\$706.00



**GIVING TREE**  
The Giving Tree is available in the lobby of the church. Gifts will need to be returned by 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!



From the  
Pastor's Desk

Greetings everyone, the church is nearing the end of its liturgical calendar. Next weekend we will celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, which is the last Sunday in Ordinary Time. I thank all of you who purchased pies to support our youth group, and I pray you have a peaceful Thanksgiving Day. As we enjoy being with family and friends, let us take some time to pray for those who are alone and hurting in some way. Although there is great tension and hostility in our country and world, we are thankful that our God does not give up on us and blesses us with his love. *Father Tom*

### ALTAR ROSARY 50/50

The Altar Rosary is selling 50/50 tickets on Sundays in the lobby of the church until Nov. 26TH. **To date the amount received is \$14,950.00. 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.** Get your tickets at church or call Marie Canonico at 732-970-8261 to get them mailed to you. **TICKETS MUST BE RECEIVED BY NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH.** Thank you for your support!



### OUR LADY OF GUADELOUPE TORCH

Two torches honoring Our Lady of Guadeloupe will be presented at St. Clement's. Each torch will remain in the church for one week. On this Saturday, November 18th the Knights of Columbus will receive the first torch. The second torch will be received on November 25th. There will be a Holy Hour of prayer on November 21 at 7:30pm. Novenas to Our Lady of Guadeloupe will be prayed during these weeks

### THANKSGIVING MASS

Mass will be celebrated on Thanksgiving Day, Thurs, Nov. 23rd at 10am.

### NATIVITY PLAY



On Fri. Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm in the church our 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

### CHURCH OFFICE

The church office will be closed on Thursday, November 23rd and Friday, November 24th. Happy Thanksgiving!

### FLOWERS FOR THE BLESSED MOTHER



The two flower arrangements placed at our Blessed Mother statue this weekend are given in thanksgiving for God's Blessings by the Strano 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](http://virtus.org) and contact Amy Colen (908-267-0161). Virtus website registration instructions can be found at [dioceseoftrenton.org/policies-forms](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto:prolife.mom.9@gmail.com)

**Online Prayers**

Online prayer requests can be accessed at the following website: [www.prayoverus.com](http://www.prayoverus.com).

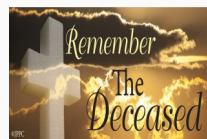




### LONG TERM PRAYER LIST

Please keep in your prayers the following individuals who are dealing with long term health issues: Courtney Donohue, Ramona Fogelstrom, Rhoda

Rubin, Anthony Pantina, Iris Ortiz, bart Beaudry, Zena Decker, Francine Brogen-Alampi, Andrea Reverendo, Dana & Patty Liccone, Andrea Reverndo, 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](mailto: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](http://www.stclementmatawan.org) To include a church activity on our Web Site, email Mr. Quinn at [admin@stclementmatawan.org](mailto:admin@stclementmatawan.org)

### ELECTRONIC GIVING – PARISH GIVING

Contributions for 2022 have been updated and we welcome you to log in to [www.parishgiving.org](http://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



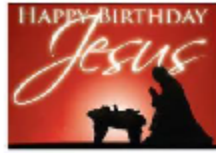
Father Tom is pleased to announce that St. Clement has received **\$56,564.42 (94% of goal)** in pledges for the Annual Catholic Appeal. Our goal is \$60,000. Once the goal has been reached 50% of all subsequent donations will be returned to St. Clement.

### 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.) The cost of these cases is \$959.52. Please reach out to your friends and business associates to assist with a purchase of a coat for \$20.62 per coat. Any contribution is welcome. 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 St. Clement Church or may be given in the collection basket. The deadline for donations will be Sunday, December 3, 2023. Donations are tax deductible.





## *Birthday Cards for Jesus*

*Sunday November 26<sup>th</sup> in the Gym at Noon*

*We'll make birthday cards and decorate ornaments to help us remember the reason we celebrate Christmas:*

*The Birth of Our Savior.*

*To be sure we have enough supplies please reserve your seat by emailing:*

*[TSweeney@stclementmatawan.org](mailto:TSweeney@stclementmatawan.org)*

*by Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>*

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*Family Movie Night in the Gym*

*Sunday November 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm*





*Our Music Director, Dan Bucko is inviting all parish children Third 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 e-mail [tsweeney@stclementmatawan.org](mailto:tsweeney@stclementmatawan.org) and I'll be in touch about the practice schedule.*

