

Church of ST. CLEMENT

Sunday, December 24, 2023

PARISH MINISTRIES

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SERVICES

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ORGANIZATIONS

Altar Rosary Society Marie Canonico 970-8261
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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 Intentions

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2023

5PM GEORGE FARRELL by his wife Ruth & family
PHYLLIS ZULIN & RON KOCZROWSKI by
their families
THOMAS LEONARD by Frank, Jenny & Frank

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2023

8AM SALVATORE CONTI by Barbara & Kevin
Keenan
WALTER MAYER by his wife
11AM JOSEPH BLISS by Jean & Bill Fiorelli
5PM LAURENCE LANZARO by his wife & family
PHYLLIS ZULLIN & DECEASED FAMILY
MEMBERS by the family
FRED DOYLE by Kathy & Erin
11PM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH OF ST CLEMENT

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2023

8AM LILLY NORBUT by her husband & children
ALFRED PARADISE by his wife Joan and sister
in law Barbara
11AM JOHN LUCCHESI by his family
EVA BLUMSTEIN by her family
MARY SALVIA by the Kowalewski family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2023

8AM SADIE DEMAIO by the Savarese family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2023

8AM ANTOINETTE BARONE by the Buro family

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2023

8AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH OF ST CLEMENT

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2023

8AM JOHN DECOLO by Nicholas & Janice Lucia

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2023

5PM ANNETTE DAVIAU by Eleanor & Ted Kleczko
JUDITH ANN CASTIGLIONE by Tom &
Marilyn Swords
ANNA & LOUIS ECKER by their family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2023

8AM SUSAN KILLIAN by Eileen & Bob Glowacki
FANNIE LUI by Lena & Brock Hor
SADIE DEMAIO by Claudia & Tom Strano
NANCY PALUMBO by her family
11AM EDWARD DIEGUEZ by the Golembiewski
family
MICHAEL MILLER by Lynette & Robert
Marronaro & family
JOHN CARRIER by Kathy White

COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023

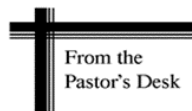
ONLINE COLLECTION FOR SUN., DEC 17th

COLLECTION FOR PARISH ENERGY COSTS

**DUE TO REQUIRED EARLY SUBMISSION DATE,
THESE AMOUNTS WILL BE POSTED IN A FUTURE
BULLETIN**

WEDDING

We wish to congratulate Angela Blasco & Anthony Principe who were married here at St. Clement this weekend. May the love of God always be with them in their Sacrament of Matrimony.



From the
Pastor's Desk

Greetings everyone, we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent this weekend. At the same time, we also begin our celebration of the Christmas

season. Christmas turns our focus to the birth of Jesus and the gift of salvation that he brings to us. In the joy of the season, the coordinators of the Giving Tree program and I want to thank all of you for your donations to this year's collection. All the gifts have either been delivered to or picked up by the organizations that requested them. A new organization, *Love Lifts us up*, was included in this year's collection. This group helps expecting mothers who are in need. Its members also extend their gratitude as they received more than was expected. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Along with the joy of our Savior's birth, your love and willingness to give to those in need is also cause for joy. I pray you will know the Lord's love and presence in your lives as we prepare for and celebrate His birth this coming week. *Father Tom*

ALTAR ROSARY 50/50

The Altar Rosary would like to thank everyone who participated in this year's Super 50/50. We did very well again and it's all because of our parishioners' generosity. Our total this year was \$29,160. The 5 prizes that were awarded were:

1st Place - \$5,832.

2nd & 3rd Places - \$2,916. each

4th & 5th Places - \$1,458. each

We'd also like to thank those of you who gave donations to the Altar Rosary during this time. It is greatly appreciated. See you next year!!



Merry Christmas

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY 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

The Sanctuary light is dedicated this week in loving memory of Alfred Paradise by his wife Joan and his sister-in-law Barbara

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

Online Prayers

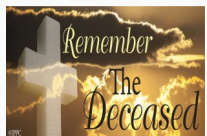
Online prayer requests can be accessed at the following website: www.prayoverus.com.



LONG TERM PRAYER LIST

Please keep in your prayers the following individuals who are dealing with long term health issues: Joe Cahill, 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 Palisano, 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, 12/12/23 Eileen Cartwright



SVdP provides spiritual, food distribution, emergency financial and other services to those in need. The pantry currently is in need of laundry detergent, canned fruit, 64 oz. orange or apple juice. 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.



VALENTINE'S DAY COLLECTION FOR THE TROOPS

We will be collecting for our Troops beginning next weekend. Below is a list of requested items. We would also add to this list valentine candy and a card to thank them for their service and to let them know we are all thinking and praying for them. Donations can be placed in the bins in the church lobby before and after all masses. Items need to be received by Sunday, January 21st so we can make sure our packages arrive in time for Valentine's Day!

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| Beef or chicken jerky | Crunch & Munch |
| Nuts-any kind | Cookies- any kind |
| Life savers | Gum |
| Kettle Corn/popcorn | Licorice |
| Dried fruit snacks | Rice Krispie Treats |
| Sunflower seeds | Protein bars |
| Pumpkin seeds | Trail mix |
| Pre-workout protein powder | Gas X |
| Cold, cough, flu relief remedies | Imodium |
| Dayquil, Nyquil—pills only | Lactaid pills |
| Tylenol Cold | Allergy Relief |
| Aspirin, Motrin, Ibuprofen | Zantac, Pepcid |
| Suntan lotion (no sprays) | Batteries—AAA,C, D |
| Moisturizer | Socks |
| Gold Bond Powder & Cream | Razors |
| Foot powder | Gatorade-drink packets |
| Bug wipes | Powerade drink packets |
| Chapstick | Q-tips |
| Feminine hygiene products | Fungus cream |

Monetary donations towards shipping accepted. Checks payable to the Church of the Nativity on the memo line: Eagles Up!. Tax receipt given upon request.