



# Church of ST. CLEMENT

*Sunday, December 31, 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](mailto: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

## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

### 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 & Robert 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

### MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2024

11AM ANNE PAPALEO by her family

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2024

8AM DAVID KNEUPEL by Linda & Gene McDonald

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2024

8AM ANTHONY & SARAH SAVARESE by their family

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2024

8AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH OF ST CLEMENT

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 2024

8AM PETER MCKENTY by his family

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2024

5PM ALVIN RAY by Linda & Gene McDonald  
JACQUELINE HATCH & CARMINE J. MONFORTE JR. by Cathy, Dow, Jo-Jo and Jenna Amore Crescibene

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024

8AM LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY  
MARY JEAN LAZARUS by the Savarese family  
JAMES LAMANTIA by Dean Burlew & family  
11AM BRIAN QUINN by Mom & Dad  
RON THOMPSON by his wife & family  
LILLY NORBUT by her husband and family

### COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2023

#### ONLINE COLLECTION FOR SUN., DEC. 24TH

#### CHRISTMAS DAY COLLECTION

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

### COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023

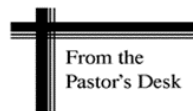
\$8,984.00

#### ONLINE COLLECTION FOR SUN., DEC 17th

\$3,253.00

### COLLECTION FOR PARISH ENERGY COSTS

\$1,084



Greetings everyone, I pray you had a joyful Christmas celebration with family and friends and were able to find

some peace during the busy time. I thank you all for your Christmas gifts and generosity. As we begin 2024 on Monday, we are continuing the Christmas season. I hope and pray the New Year brings you and your loved ones many blessings. Also, may you can encounter our Lord through the experiences you have in your private lives and in the people you meet along the journey. May these encounters strengthen your faith and trust in the Lord, and may they bring you a renewed Spirit to live your faith and salvation, as St. Paul encourages all Christians to do. *Father Tom*



### NEW YEAR'S EVE

Sunday, December 31, 2023

8AM & 11AM

### NEW YEAR'S DAY - SOLEMNITY OF MARY

Monday, January 1, 2024

11AM Mass

### ALTAR ROSARY FUNDRAISER

The Altar Rosary will begin running a Gertrude Hawk Easter Candy Sale beginning the weekend of Jan.13th/14th. Brochures will be available that weekend in the church lobby. Orders will be accepted until Wed. Feb. 14th. and can be dropped in the collection baskets or brought to the church office. Candy will be distributed on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:00A.M. - 12:00P.M. in the gym lobby.

### ALTAR ROSARY MEETING

The first Altar Rosary meeting of the year will be on Tuesday, January 9th at the Reception Center Annex Room. All Rosarian's and ladies interested in joining are invited. The Rosary will be recited at 7pm and the meeting will begin at 7:30pm. The keynote speaker will be Tom Sweeney, Director of our Religious Education program.

## 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, January 6, 2024.** 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**

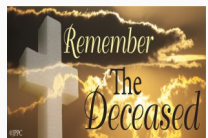
Online prayer requests can be accessed at the following website: [www.prayoverus.com](http://www.prayoverus.com).



### LONG TERM PRAYER LIST

Please keep in your prayers the following individuals who are dealing with long term health issues: Joe Cahill, 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, Kate Kikvigze, Noreen Zelenko, Jess Mulvihill, Robert Rorke, Angela Laboy, Pat Gallagher, Kristine O'Hara, Maureen Collins-Dougherty

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### 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: 12/12/23 Eileen Cartwright, 12/18/23 Gerard Conrad



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](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.



### VALENTINE'S DAY COLLECTION FOR THE TROOPS

We will be collecting for our Troops beginning this 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.