



# Church of ST. CLEMENT

*Sunday, December 10, 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

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

### 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

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2023

8AM DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE HOURIHAN FAMILY by Susan & Bruce Quinn  
ROBERT BACON by Mary & Jim Anglim

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2023

8AM NORA HAYES by Maria & Hank Montenegro

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2023

8AM MICHAEL STETSKO by Mr. & Mrs. Nicola Cianchetta

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2023

8AM MARTIN VAN ORDEN by Bruce & Susan Quinn

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2023

5PM JOHN & BERNADINE SANTOS by their family  
BLESSED SOULS IN PURATORY by the Canales family  
MARY & TOM MOYNIHAN by their daughter & family

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023

8AM GIL CARMICHEL by the Toomey family  
JUDY MAFFERTONE by Carolyn & Steve Gorden  
ROBERT DESILVESTRI by Linda & Gene McDonald

11AM PAUL FITZGERALD by his wife  
ISADORE & MARY GRASSO by Kathy Grosso & Lena Beale  
ROSEMARIE HANRETTY by the Abbruscato family

### COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023

\$9,531.00

### ONLINE COLLECTION FOR SUN., DEC 3RD

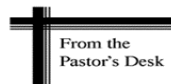
\$3,382.00

### COLLECTION FOR IMMAULATE CONCEPTION

\$35.00

### WEDDING BANNES

Angela Blasco & Anthony Principe



Greetings everyone, the Advent season is a good time to participate in the sacrament of Reconciliation. This weekend's bulletin has a list of parishes in our area that are hosting Penance Services. St. Clement's will offer an additional opportunity for confession on this coming Tuesday, December 12 at 7:45pm. This will take place within Adoration and Benediction. Reconciliation is a sacrament of healing, along with the Anointing of the Sick. When you hear the words that absolve you of your sins, you will be at peace because you have encountered God's mercy. Please think about celebrating this sacrament as a way to be watchful and to prepare for the Lord's coming. *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:

ABIGAIL LANE HAVARD

Child of Elena & Kyle

ELOISE ROSE LEARMONTH

Child of Amanda & Dean

PENELOPE JO PROFITT

Child of Nina & Mitchell

PENELOPE VIDEIRA WRONSKI

Child of Stephanie & Tomasz

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will be selling "Christ is Christmas" and "Keep Christ in Christmas" car magnets after each mass this weekend. The cost is \$4.00 each.



*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 Margaret Kraft by sister in laws Barbara Warden & Joan Paradise*

## 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  
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**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](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).

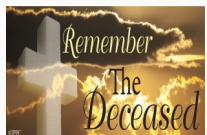




### LONG TERM PRAYER LIST

Please keep in your prayers the following individuals who are dealing with long term health issues: 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 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



### PRAYERS-FAITHFUL DEPARTED

SVP provides spiritual, food distribution, emergency financial and other services to those in need. The pantry currently is in need of laundry detergent, and canned fruits. 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).



### OUR PROMISE TO PROTECT

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

### Special Intentions

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 \$59,298.42 (99% 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 15<sup>th</sup> – 7PM  
ST. MARY CHURCH, Colts Neck – Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 3PM  
ST. BENEDICT CHURCH, Holmdel – Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 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