



Church of ST. CLEMENT

Sunday, January 21, 2024

PARISH MINISTRIES

Marriage Preparation Holly Cahill 566-3616, ext 111
Baptism Preparation Holly Cahill 566-3616, ext. 111
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Music Director Daniel Bucko 908-902-5736
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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 Neil Matthaey 566-3616
Senior Citizens Maryann O'Brien 566-0962

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

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2024

5PM GIL CARMICHAEL by his wife & family
DON PUCILLO by his mom
RAYMOND REILLY by his wife & family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024

8AM JAMES ROBERT LAMANTIA by Richard & Kathy Cirincione
PHYLLIS IMBROSCIANO by her family
MICHAEL F. QUINN by Joe & Holly Cahill
11AM DAN MARANGIELLO by Maria & Hank Montenegro
ANGELA DEMAIO by Gene & Dominica Napolitano
CAROL GIORDANO by the Patrick Hynes Family

MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2024

8AM LOUIS AMEIKKA by the Gabriel family

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2024

8AM JOHN & MARYANN BERRY by Catherine Gillespie

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2024

8AM WINFIELD "BUD" ATNO by Marie Canonico

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2024

8AM FERNANDES FAMILY by the Gracias family

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2024

5PM FRANKLIN A. ZAHN by Linda, Gene & Jennifer McDonald
NANCY MAPP by Jim & Kathy Lavan
LAWRENCE BUCCELLATO, JR. by Nancy & Rich Palermo

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024

8AM GILDA ANG-OCENAR by Richelle & Joe Pickel
WILLIAM PISCHEL by the St. Clement Altar Rosary Society
RICHARD LONG by Al & Kathy
11AM ANTOINETTA BARONE by the Buro family
ANN FALCO by Cora Wustrow
MICHAEL KELLER by the Ginther family

COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024
\$8,881.00

ONLINE COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, JAN 14th
\$2,928.00

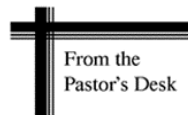
COLLECTION FOR OUR DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT
\$600.00



FLOWERS FOR THE BLESSED MOTHER

The two flower arrangements placed at our Blessed Mother statue this weekend are given in loving memory of Jeanine T. Okonek by the Conrad Family.

The Sanctuary light is dedicated this week in loving memory of Don Pucillo by his Mom



Greetings everyone, the Catholic church in the U.S. has started promoting its Pro-Life agenda for the new year. This past Friday the March for Life was held in

Washington, D.C., and a Mass was celebrated at St. Robert's in Freehold. Novenas have begun and will continue throughout our diocese to spread the message of preserving and cherishing life at all stages. I pray you can participate in some of the different liturgies and activities. St. Clement's is participating in the Novena for Life and will host the novena this Sunday and Monday evenings at 7:30. The Novena will continue at other churches in our area throughout the week. Also, the 40 Days for Life will begin on February 14, which is Ash Wednesday. During this period St. Clement's will pray the Rosary on Wednesday evenings in the church. A schedule will be posted in a future bulletin. If you are unable to attend a novena because of your schedule, please pray a rosary for the Pro-Life movement. Finally, to help mothers in need, our Knights of Columbus Council will host a fundraiser for the Birthright organization in the spring. *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:

DOMINIC GREGORY CASO
Child of Erica & Gregory
JONATHAN MATTHEW GALBO
Child of Lori & Matthew
MICHAELA HARVEY SCHULHAFTER
Child of Casey and Kevin
LILLIE JAMES VERDI
Child of Alissa & James

VALENTINE'S DAY COLLECTION FOR THE TROOPS

This is the last weekend to donate to our Troops for Valentine's Day. Donations can be placed in the bins in the church lobby before and after all masses. Items need to be received by this Sun. Jan 21st.

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.

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 dioceseofrenton.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 Mary Ann O'Brien at 732-566-0962. 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, February 10, 2024.** For more info, please contact Arminda Rubio-Pito at 732-616-2759 or email at prolife.mom.9@gmail.com

Online Prayers

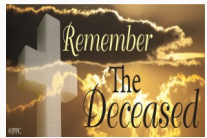
Online prayer requests can be accessed at the following website: www.prayoverus.com.



LONG TERM PRAYER LIST

Please keep in your prayers the following individuals who are dealing with long term health issues: Josephine Torri, Bruce Hendricks, Layla Budeiri,

Ryan Christoe, Angelina Christoe, Zac, 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, 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



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: 12/26/23 William Tirelli, 12/30/23 Elizabeth McCloskey, 12/31/23 Richard John Kascsak, 1/1/24 Ralph Joseph Papaleo, 01/07/23 Vincent A. Amato



SVdP provides spiritual, food distribution, emergency financial and other services to those in need. The pantry currently is in need of laundry detergent, paper towels and 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
Frank Conenna Jr., Lt. Commander U.S. 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 2023 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 01/01/23-12/31/23). Then click on the pdf icon (on the right hand side of the page) to generate the report.



ALTAR ROSARY FUNDRAISER

The Altar Rosary is running a Gertrude Hawk Easter Candy Sale. Brochures are available 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 Sat. March 16th from 9:00A.M. - 12:00P.M. in the gym lobby.

SANCTUARY LAMP

Parishioners may donate the Sanctuary Lamp that burns in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church. These intentions will be on a weekly basis. The suggested donation for the Sanctuary Lamp is \$25.00. Please contact the church office with your request in honor or in memory of a loved one

MULTI-PARISH NOVENA FOR LIFE JANUARY 17-27, 2024 7:30 PM

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Holy Rosary, Prayer for Life, Benediction

Fri	Jan 19	Holy Family	Union Beach
Sat	Jan 20	Holy Family	Union Beach
Sun	Jan 21	St Clement	Matawan
Mon	Jan 22	St Clement	Matawan
Tue	Jan 23	St Benedict	Holmdel
Wed	Jan 24	St Benedict	Holmdel
Thu	Jan 25	Jesus The Lord	Keyport
Fri	Jan 26	St Joseph	Keyport
Sat	Jan 27	St Joseph	Keyport