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Sunday, January 28, 2024

ST. CLEMENT

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Marriage Preparation Holly Cahill 566-3616, ext 111
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SERVICES

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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.stclementreligioused.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.



THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2024

FRANKLIN A. ZAHN by Linda, Gene & 5PM

Jennifer McDonald

NANCY MAPP by Jim & Kathy Lavan

LAWRENCE BUCCELLATO, JR. by Nancy &

Rich Palermo

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024

GILDA ANG-OCENAR by Richelle & Joe Pickel 8AM WILLIAM PISCHEL by the St. Clement Altar

Rosary Society

RICHARD LONG by Al & Kathy

ANTOINETTA BARONE by the Buro family **11AM**

ANN FALCO by Cora Wustrow

MICHAEL KELLER by the Ginther family

MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 2024

JOHN BRENNAN by Lucille Cilento 8AM

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2024

DIANNE PERRY by Lucille Cilento 8AM

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2024

LUCILLE NOONE by Marie & Fred Canonico 8AM

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2024

PEOPLE OF THE PARISH OF ST CLEMENT 8AM

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2024

PETER MCKENTY by his family 8AM

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2024

5PM **CLAIRE DELOSKEY** by Joe & Holly Cahill

DIANE FLORENTINE by her loving family &

friends

ANITA & JIM MCNAMARA by their family

FEBRUARY 4, 2024 SUNDAY.

8AM LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE

> ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY MARY MAGNENAT by Maureen Gallo

JACK KONTES by Richelle & Joe Pickel REBECCA HAYES by the Knights of Columbus

11AM Cardinal Newman Counsel #5324

JOVAN ALEXANDER SEQURA by Chesley

Budgell & family

ANNE HEGEDUS by the Patrick Hynes family

COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024 \$7,146.00

ONLINE COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, JAN 21st \$3,087.00

COLLECTION FOR OUR PARISH ENERGY EXPENSES \$1,188.00

> WEDDING BANNS Danielle O'Rourke & Nicholas Mirachi

The Sanctuary light is dedicated this week in loving memory of Thomas T. Conrad Jr. by the Conrad family.

From the Pastor's Desk Greetings everyone, thank you to those who donated to our recent collection for the troops. Our CCD students and families provided items and made cards

that will be included in the packages. We had another great response, and the volunteers at Eagles-Up are very grateful for your generosity. Also, your monetary donations provide relief to the families of the troops. Many military families, because of the cost, are unable to ship packages to their loved-ones. As always, I am grateful for your willingness to support our outreach programs at St. Clement parish. May the Lord watch over and protect our troops. The items will be shipped out in time for Valentine's Day. I also want to thank those who attended our Pro-Life Novena on last Sunday and Monday evenings. Your participation mades the novena more meaningful. 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: THOMAS PATRICK COSENTINO Child of Allison & Mark JULIAN DAVIS GUERRIERO Child of Courtney & James ALEX ANTONIO MENDEZ Child of Jennifer & Anthony JULIAN JOHN SWAYZE Child of Brittany & Matthew



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.



40 Days for Life Prolife Rosary will be recited on Wednesday nights in the church. The dates/times are: Feb. 14 at 8:30pm,

Feb. 21 & 28 and March 6, 13 & 20 at 7pm.



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

PARISH POLICIES

<u>Parish Registration</u>... 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.

<u>Weddings</u>...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.

<u>Baptisms</u>...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

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, Communions, 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.

<u>RCIA</u> ...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.

<u>The Altar Rosary Society</u> 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).

<u>The Holy Name Society</u> 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.

<u>The Knights of Columbus</u> 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.

<u>RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:</u> 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: Kerrin Duff, Josephine Torri, Bruce Hendricks, Lay-

la Budeiri, Ryan Christoe, Angelina Christoe, 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 Reverndo, 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: 2/30/23 Elizabeth McCloskey, 12/31/23 Richard John Kascsak, 1/1/24 Ralph Joseph Papaleo, 01/07/23 Vincent A. Amato, 1/15/2024 John S. Tuccitto



SVdP provides spiritual, food distribution, emergency financial and other services to those in need. The pantry currently is in need of laundry detergent, 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 <u>PARISH WEBSITE</u> IS ACTIVE AND UPDATED REGULARLY. <u>www.stclementmatawan.org</u> 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.

BLOOD DRIVE - Most Holy Redeemer Parish 133 Amboy Road, Matawan, NJ 07747

NJ Blood Services will be conducting a blood drive at Most Holy Redeemer Parish on Thurs., Feb 29, 2024, from 1-7pm in Desmond Hall. To remain in compliance with the federal guidelines for social distancing. DONORS PRESENTING: Must wear a mask or face covering, Will have their temperature taken, Must be 14 days symptom-free if recovered from COVID-19, May NOT donate if they have had a positive diagnostic test or experienced symptoms of COVID-19 in the last 14 days May NOT donate if they are currently on self-quarantine restrictions. Please be aware that we DO NOT test for COVID-19. You should contact your health care provider if you want to be tested. Remember to eat, drink, and bring your Donor ID or ID with your name and photo.

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



Join us on Monday, February 12 at Houlihan's Holmdel, NJ to help raise funds for St. Clement Altar Rosary.

15 - 20% of all food proceeds from Monday, February 12 from 11 am to Close will be donated to **St. Clement Altar Rosary** when you mention this flyer. The more food proceeds, the higher percentage donated ... so bring your pals!

St. Clement Altar Rosary

In addition to our devotion to the Blessed Mother, the St. Clement Altar Rosary is one of the largest fundraising groups for our church. A portion of our proceeds go to special projects and items needed for the church.



CATHOLIC WOMEN of ZION

WE CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO CWOZ-CHAPTER 1 35th YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION:

"THE WAY the TRUTH and the LIFE" John 14:1-31



Terry A. Ginther is currently the Chancellor of the Diocese of Trenton in NJ and serves on the Bishop's Curia as Executive Director for Pastoral Life and Mission. She holds degrees in both Pastoral Ministry and Business Administration. Terry has worked on the national, diocesan and parish levels during the past 30 years leading efforts in Pastoral Planning, Leadership Development, and Faith Formation. She is content to practice the "little way" of St. Therese doing small things with great love and the inspiration of Mother Frances Cabrini who hoped "that Jesus Christ would be known" in the work that she does. Terry and her husband Adam have two grown children, live in the Allenwood section of Wall Township, and

are parishioners of St. Denis Parish, Manasquan. These days her favorite role is that of "Nonni" to her two grandchildren. Come, bring a friend and join Terry as she shares:

"DO NOT LET YOUR HEARTS BE TROUBLED" (John 14:1)

Marylene D'Jamoos, formerly from Paris, France, now residing in Woodcliff Lake, NJ, moved to the United States where she happily married her husband Tony, from Brooklyn, NY. Marylene and Tony were married for 58 years and blessed with 3 children and 10 grandchildren. She became a Lay Carmelite 42 years ago and served as their New Jersey Regional Coordinator for 12 years, continuing to grow in love with Jesus, Mary, and Carmelite spiritualty. For 18 years Marylene used her early French training to open and direct a successful and much sought after Catholic Montessori School in her parish. Marylene has always overflowed with an enthusiastic response to her Catholic faith, sharing it powerfully and joyfully with others



as a conference speaker. So, they also come to discover the unfathomable love that Jesus and Mary have for each and every one of us. Marylene invites us to join her as she shares:

"SEEKING OUR BLESSED MOTHER IN DIFFICULT TIMES"

Date: Saturday, February 10, 2024, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Mass: 9:00 a.m. in the Church, Fr. Thomas Maher will celebrate Mass

Place: St. William the Abbot R.C. Church

2740 Lakewood-Allenwood Road, Howell NJ 07731

Admission: \$25 payable at the door, includes lunch/selection is on website.

Come and bring a friend. Reservations are necessary.

Register Online at cwoz.org for Saturday, February 10, 2024.

Call- 732-475-7113 no later than Tuesday, February 6, 2024 to register. Leave your phone number and spell your last name.