



Church of ST. CLEMENT

Sunday, February 18, 2024

PARISH MINISTRIES

Marriage Preparation Holly Cahill 566-3616, ext 111
Baptism Preparation Holly Cahill 566-3616, ext. 111
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Eucharistic Ministers Jim Starace 732-566-3616
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
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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 FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2024

5PM STEPHANIE BAROLOTTA by her mom & family
HEDY KOWALEWSKI by the Kowalewski family
MARGARET STEUFIS by the Johnston family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2024

8AM THEORDORE WITTING by Nancy Jaeger
MARGARET HAUSCH by Nancy Jaeger
RONALD ANDERSON by Gappe Enfiomusi
11AM ELIZABETH BACON by Mary & Jim Anglim
ANN FALCO by Pat Davis
MARY CENTIMOLE MAGNENAT by Carmela & Gary Repack Sr.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2024

8AM JIM DALEY by the Savarese family

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2024

8AM CARL L. FLOHS by Linda & Gene McDonald

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2024

8AM LUIZA TOMASELA by Joanne Sullam

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2024

8AM SAVERIA PIRO by her daughter

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2024

5PM RON KOCZROWSKI by his wife Karen & family
HAROLD & FRANCES BRODERICK by their families
BETTY MCCLOSKEY by Karen & Sean McNamara

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024

8AM GIUSSEPPI RUTA by his loving family
RALPH PAPALEO by the Vaccaro family
BYUNG IK MIN by the Min family
11AM KATELYN PETERSON by the Collins family
THOMAS T. CONRAD SR. by the Conrad family
JOSE EIRAS & EMILIA COUSO by their families

COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 20224

\$7,340.00

ONLINE COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, FEB. 11th

\$3,162.00

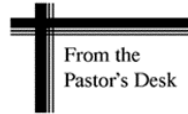
COLLECTION FOR OUR THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

\$692.00

WEDDING

We wish to congratulate Danielle O'Rourke & Nicholas Mirachi who were married here at St. Clement this weekend. May the love of God always be with them in their Sacrament of Matrimony.

The Sanctuary light is dedicated this week in loving memory of Chivas Warren by Nancy & Andy Cannizzo



From the
Pastor's Desk

Greetings everyone, we have entered the Church's Lenten season. Lent is a most sacred time and, according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, is a time during which "the Church unites herself ... to the mystery of Jesus in the desert." Each of us, as a member of the Church, participates in that unity. I pray that as you enter the solitude of the "desert" during this Lenten journey, you experience a greater connection with Christ. This connection will come through both personal sacrifices and greater giving of self, especially in times of desolation and solitude. May this Lenten season bring you greater peace and many blessings. *Father Tom*



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

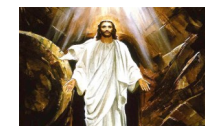
Stations of the cross will take place in the church at 7:30pm on Friday, Feb. 23rd and Friday, March 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd. The living statins will take place on Good Friday, March 29th at 7:30pm.

CATHOLIC MEN FOR JESUS CHRIST

Join other Catholic men from across the Diocese of Trenton at the 27th Annual Men's Conference on Sat, Feb 25, at St. Mary Mother of God Church in Middletown. The theme of this year's conference is "Moored to Mary and the Eucharist." The day runs from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm and will feature Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop David O'Connell. The line up of guest speakers are listed on the flyer available in the church lobby. Cost is \$50 per person in advance (\$60 at the door); \$20 for students. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. For more information or to register online go to www.catholicmenforjesuschrist.org. To register by mail, send the name(s) of each person registering, your check, and a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Catholic Men for Jesus Christ, P.O. Box 266, Clarksburg, NJ 08510



40 Days for Life ProLife Rosary will be recited on Wednesday nights in the church. The dates/times are: Feb. 21 & 28 and March 6, 13 & 20 at 7pm.



We will have a Children's Choir at the 9:30am Mass on Easter Sunday, March 31st. All parish children Grade 3 and up are invited to participate. Practice days and times will follow. If your child would like to take part, please email: tsweeney@stclementmatawan.org

CHURCH OFFICE

The church office will be closed on Monday, February 19, 2024. It will reopen at 9am on Tuesday, February 20th.



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, March 9, 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: Roslyn Frank, Linda frusci, Theodore D'Alessandro,

Pat Hartman, Barbara Broderick, Yvette Salon, Kerrin Duff, Josephine Torri, Bruce Hendricks, Layla Budeiri, Ryan Christoe, Angelina Christoe, Joe Cahill, 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

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.

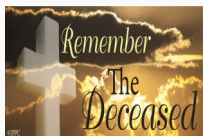
WORLD/NATIONAL MARRIAGE DAY/WEEK

In observance of World Marriage Day (Sunday, February 11, 2024) and National Marriage Week (February 7-14, 2024), the Diocese of Trenton honors all Catholic married couples with a special web resource to enhance their marriage in three important ways: 1) Reconnect with Your Spouse, 2) Make Your Marriage Even Better, and 3) Serve Others in Your Marriage. Find all this and more at www.dioceseoftrenton.org/world-marriage-day-for-couples, and for newly married couples, be sure to visit www.dioceseoftrenton.org/newly-married-resource-page - what every couple needs to make their marriage extraordinary! (Part of the BuildingStrongMarriages.org initiative of the Diocese of Trenton)

Celebrating the Beauty of Catholic Marriage from the Catechism— read more at usccb.org under “Resources”. 1643 “Conjugal love involves a totality, in which all the elements of the person enter—appeal of the body and instinct, power of feeling and affectivity, aspiration of the spirit and of will. It aims at a deeply personal unity, a unity that, beyond union in one flesh, leads to forming one heart and soul; it demands indissolubility and faithfulness in definitive mutual giving; and it is open to fertility. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*)

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.



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:

01/25/24 Vincent P. Burns, 01/28/24 Peter P. Borowski, 01/30/24 Frances Lange, 02/09/24 Martin K. Scheuing



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, and mayonnaise. 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.



American
Red Cross



In Service to One, In Service to All.

Join us in answering the call to help others—give blood!

**The Thomas Cosentino Memorial Blood Drive
Sponsored by the American Red Cross and
the Knights of Columbus Council 5324**

Held at

St. Clements Church

172 Freneau Avenue

Matawan, NJ

Sunday, March 10th

8:30am to 1:30pm

**Appointments are preferred, please see a member
of the Knights of Columbus, call 1 800 RED CROSS, or log
onto www.redcrossblood.org
sponsor code Knights of Columbus council 5324. You may
also scan the QR code below for registration.**



~PARISH DIAPER DRIVE~

Help us make a change... A Diaper change that is!

PLEASE support the Diaper Bank at
Child Care Resources of Monmouth County

WHAT IS DIAPER INSECURITY?

The condition where families cannot afford a sufficient supply of diapers to ensure their children are clean, dry and healthy.

WHEN:

Our Parish Diaper Drive will run from March 2nd thru March 10th. During this period, you can drop off your donation in the church lobby or at the church office



WHAT IS NEEDED? While all diaper sizes are accepted, the greatest need at this time is for Size 4 thru 7, Pull ups for Boys and Girls and Wipes.

MONETARY DONATION INSTEAD?

In lieu of diapers, you can make a monetary donation with a check payable to the parish and placed in the collection baskets or mailed to: Diaper Bank c/o St. Clement Church, 172 Freneau Ave, Matawan, NJ 07747. *All funds collected will be used to purchase diapers.* No amount is too small.

On behalf of the Children and Families served by the Diaper Bank,
THANK YOU for your support. If you have any question please contact the church office.