



Church of ST. CLEMENT

Sunday, March 17, 2024

PARISH MINISTRIES

Marriage Preparation Holly Cahill 566-3616, ext 111
Baptism Preparation Holly Cahill 566-3616, ext. 111
Religious Education Tom Sweeney, 566-3616
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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 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 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024

5PM PHYLLIS IMBROSCIANO by her family
 BETTY MCCLOSKEY by the Sansone family
 JOSEPH CLIFTON by Elaine & Larry Magee

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024

8AM JAMES DUFFY SR. by Barbara Warden & Joan Paradise
 BEATRICE DUFFY by Susan & Bruce Quinn
 PATRICK MCCARTIN by John Gehr
 11AM CELESTINA & ROMANÓ NACINOVIC by their family
 JOSEPHINE CHRZANOWSKI by her family
 GIL CARMICHAEL by Beth & Jack Evens

MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2024

8AM MSGR. RONALD J. BACOVIN by the St. Clement Community

TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2024

8AM SADIE DEMAIO by the St. Clement Collection Counters

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2024

8AM SAVAS CHAVITONIDIS by The Canonico family

FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2024

8AM ANDREA DIRNIERI DRUCKER by Mr. & Mrs Pruscino

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2024

5PM JAMES GREENE by his wife & family
 ANNA ZANNA & DOMINICK AMATO by their families
 REBECCA MARY HAYES by Holly & Joe Cahill

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024

8AM PAT COFFEY by Ellen & Mike Roberts
 LUCINA FERNANDES by the Gracias family
 JERRY CONRAD by his wife & family
 9:30AM PARISHIONERS OF ST. CLEMENT
 11AM CARMELA MARTIN by her family
 ALVIN RAY by Ray Wochna
 ANN FALCO by Terry Motomal

COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024

\$7,389.00

ONLINE COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 10th

\$3,107.00

COLLECTION FOR OUR THE BENEFIT OF THE BISHOP'S OVERSEAS APPEAL

\$940.00

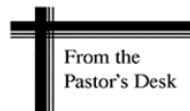
WEDDING BANNES

Katherine O'Donnell & John DiNapoli



40 Days for Life Pro-life Rosary will be recited on Wednesday March 20th at 7pm.

The Sanctuary light is dedicated this week in loving memory of Joseph Takacs by his wife & family



From the
Pastor's Desk

Greetings everyone, this past Wednesday afternoon St. Clement parish celebrated Confirmation for its 8th grade religious education

students. Fifty students were confirmed by Msgr. Joseph Rosie, pastor of St. James in Red Bank and the Episcopal Vicar for Monmouth County as well. Please keep these students and their families in your prayers. May the gifts of the Holy Spirit guide them in their life's journeys. I am thankful to Mr. Thomas Sweeney, our coordinator, and to the teachers who dedicated themselves to the program for the school-year. Also, our parish held another blood drive last weekend. The day was a success, and I am grateful to the Knights of Columbus members who assisted with the drive. The Red Cross was pleased with the response, as 40 blood donations were made. *Father Tom*

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the cross will take place in the church at 7:30pm on Friday, March 22nd. The living stations will take place on Good Friday, March 29th at 7:30pm.



2024 PALM SUNDAY, HOLY WEEK &

EASTER SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY WEEKEND

March 23 & 24, 2024

Saturday 5 P.M.

Sunday 8:00, 9:30 and 11 A.M.

HOLY THURSDAY

March 28, 2024

Mass: 7:30 P.M.

8:30 PM – Midnight - Adoration

GOOD FRIDAY

March 29, 2024

The Lord's Passion—3PM

Living Stations of the Cross – 7:30 P.M.

HOLY SATURDAY

March 30, 2024

Solemn Easter Vigil – 7:45 P.M.

EASTER SUNDAY

March 31, 2024

Masses: 8:00, 9:30 and 11 A.M.



EASTER FOOD BLESSING

Fr. Tom will begin a new tradition of Blessing the food for Easter Sunday. You are invited to bring a basket of items for your Easter Dinner to the lobby of the church on Holy Saturday at 10AM for a blessing.

CHILDREN'S EASTER CHOIR

All parish children Grade 3 and up are invited to participate in the choir at 9:30am mass on Easter Sunday. Practice will be in the church on Thursday, March 21st and Tuesday, March 26th at 5pm. Please email tsweeney@stclementmatawan.org if your child would like to sing.

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, April 13, 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: Joseph Henry Pickel Jr , Dominic Michael Calabrese,

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, Courtney Donohue, Ramona Fogelstrom, Rhoda Rubin, Anthony Pantina, Iris Ortiz, Bart Beaudry, Zena Decker, Francine Brogen-Alampi, Andrea Reverendo, Dana & Patty Liccone, Andrea Reverendo, 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, Jess Mulvihill, Robert Rorke, Angela Laboy, Pat Gallagher, Kristine O'Hara, Maureen Collins-Dougherty

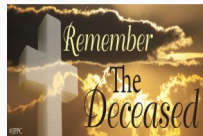
Special Intentions

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
SGR. Thomas O'Friel, NJ Army National Guard

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.



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: 02/17/24 Louis Vignapiano,

02/28/24 Joseph Bongiorno



SVdP provides spiritual, food distribution, emergency financial and other services to those in need. The pantry currently is in need of snacks, paper towel and ketchup. 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 abuse@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.



Catholic Education Administration

Catholic schools are the greatest hope for the future of our Church. Donations to the ACA help to ensure that curriculum and performance standards and development of educators continue at high levels within 25 elementary schools and 5 high schools. Last year reaching out to more than 90,000 alumni increased that support to these institutions .

Did You Know? As part of the Annual Catholic Appeal, funds are returned to the parishes for local needs. Some parishes use these funds to provide necessary maintenance to the church or parish buildings. Others direct the money to their social outreach and ministerial support. **PLUS... 15% of the collected goal amount goes back to the parish and 50% of the overage is also returned for repair/restoration projects, new areas of growth or ministry development, as well as other needs. The goal this year for St. Clement is \$60,000.00. To date we have received \$18,738.00 which is 31% of our goal.**





Knights of Columbus
Cardinal Newman Council
#5324

Pancake Breakfast

Palm Sunday, March 24

Proceeds to fund the council's local charitable activities

St. Clement Parish

Time: 8 AM—1 PM

Adults: \$12.00

Senior Citizens: \$10.00

Children (6-12): \$5.00

5 & Under: Free



INCLUDES:

Bagels

Sausage Links

Scrambled Eggs

Country Potatoes

Crumb Cake

Juice, Milk, Coffee &
Tea &

**ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT
PANCAKES**

The St. Clements Youth Group and CCD Students Presents...

Living Stations Of The Cross



7:30 P.M. at St. Clements Church
Good Friday Evening
March 29, 2024

Come see the living stations! Join us for our annual reenactment. Members of the Youth Group and CCD students bring the passion and death of our Lord to life by acting out the Fourteen Stations to music and narration.



St. Clements Annual Easter Egg Hunt!

12:15 on Easter Sunday
(after 11:00 Mass) on the front lawn.

All children, ages 2-10, are welcome to come out and collect Easter eggs! In case of rain, eggs will be given to children after the 11:00 mass. **BYOB (Bring your own basket!)** **R.S.V.P. to;** ellenvaccaro@gmail.com or iniabellepaz@yahoo.com. **Reservations not required but appreciated by Sunday, March 24, 2024.** Please include the number of children and their ages.