



Church of ST. CLEMENT

Sunday, March 31, 2024

PARISH MINISTRIES

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SERVICES

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ORGANIZATIONS

Altar Rosary Society Marie Canonico 970-8261
Holy Name Ron Johnson 290-1371
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REV. THOMAS VALA, PASTOR

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 9AM-3PM,

Church Office 566-3616

Admin@stclementmatawan.org

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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 Schedule: Saturday: 5:00PM | Sunday 8:00, & 11:00AM **Daily Mass:** Mon, Tues, Wed., Fri 8:00AM

Mass Intentions

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2024

7:45PM SPECIAL INTENTION FOR THE HOLY FATHER

SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024

8AM VINCENT BONAMO by his family
RITA MARINACCIO by her daughter & family
9:30AM VINCENT BURNS by Susan & Bruce Quinn
11AM LILLY NORBUT by her husband and family
THOMAS & PHILOMENA MORRISEY by the Gabriel family
JERRY CONRAD by the Cahill family

MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2024

8AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH OF ST. CLEMENT

TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024

8AM JOSEPH PRAVATO by the Ruta family

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2024

8AM STEPHANIE BARLOTTA by her Mom & family

THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2024

8AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH OF ST. CLEMENT

FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2024

8AM PETER MCKENTY by his family

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2024

5PM GAETANO ROSITANO by his family
ROSE ANN O'NEILL by her son Richie O'Neill
ELIZABETH MCCLOSKEY by the St. Clement Athletic Association

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024

8AM BRIAN QUINN by his Mom & Dad
LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY
AVRIL CUNNINGHAM & MARK GRACIAS by the Gracias family
11AM JOSEPH DELLABELLA by his wife & family
TERRY ANSELM by Cathy & Al Genkinger
JACQUELIN HATCH by the Gorzelnik family

COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024

ONLINE COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 24th

COLLECTION FOR OUR PARISH ENERGY EXPENSES

Due to required early submission of the bulletin, these totals will appear in a future bulletin.

WEDDING BANNS

Katherine O'Donnell & John DiNapoli



The 2024/20245 Paschal Candle was donated in loving memory of Gerard M. Conrad by his wife & children



From the
Pastor's Desk

Greetings everyone, I want to wish you a blessed Easter season as we celebrate the Lord's Resurrection. The season of Easter will conclude on Pentecost Sunday, which is May 19 of this year. I offer a sincere thank you to all of you who participated in our Holy Week services. The attendance at all the Masses and services was inspiring to me. With all the activity last week and on this Easter Sunday weekend, I am very grateful for those who helped to plan and organize the different liturgies and events. Those who decorated the church and those who served as ushers, Eucharistic ministers, lectors, altar servers, and choir members at Mass showed great dedication to our parish; and the Youth Group did a great job with the Living Stations on Good Friday. Many people attended the evening stations. Ellen Vaccaro, Iniable Paz, Ed Devlin, and Barbara Moser, our Youth Group leaders, worked very hard to coordinate the event. Also, thank you to the Knights of Columbus and the Youth Group for a wonderful pancake breakfast on Palm Sunday. It was wonderful to see many people enjoy the food and fellowship. As we enter the heart of the Easter season, may the light of the Risen Christ continue to shine in our souls and touch the lives of others in many and great ways.

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:

CHRISTY WILLIAM HORAKH, II

&

RHYS GEORGE HORAKH
Children of Christy & Katherine

ANGEL HANDS MINISTRY

Did you know that St Clement has a ministry to provide hand knitted baptismal and lap blankets to the parishioners of our church? If you or someone you know would be interested in helping this ministry, please contact the church office at 732-566-3616, ext. 111.



& Assisted Living Residents

St Clement is in need of volunteers to help with the distribution of Holy Communion to our homebound parishioners and the Assisted Living section at the Village at Meadowbrook (formerly Spring Hills Nursing Home). For the sick and homebound the reception of communion is not only a privilege but also a sign of support and concern shown by the St Clement community for its members.

You would accompany an existing minister on weekend visits until you felt comfortable going. This ministry does require you to be Virtus trained and fingerprinted. If you would like more information, please feel free to contact the church office.

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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

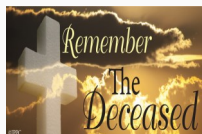
Online Prayers

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: Fred Slee, Francis Leonard, Mila & Jerry Spiegelman, 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 Coppola, 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, Hil-da Marotta, Joan McKenna, Helen Pickel, Lisa Hooker, Art Ubbins, Rosemary Ravenna, Kate Kikvigze, 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: 02/28/24 Joseph Bongiorno, 03/11/2024 Carol Irene Crocco, 3/15/24 Carol Ryan, 03/11/24 Richard Rivera



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 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
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.



COMMUNICATIONS

Diocesan communication efforts through the diocesan website, radio and TV, social media and The Monitor Magazine reach out to all 640,000 parishioners in the Diocese of Trenton, as well as those who are seeking to know more about the Catholic Church. Communications is responsible for the following areas:

- *Trenton Monitor Magazine (print & digital)
- *News Releases
- *Digital Media Resources-websites, mobile communications, newsletter,
- *Communications Support to Diocesan Campaigns, Initiative
- *Multimedia Projection-video, audio, live streaming, innovative approach to messaging, Social Media,
- *Spanish-language communications,
- *Marketing and Creative Services for Diocesan Departments and Ministries—contact development, graphic design,
- *Digital Communications Training and Consultation for Diocesan Departments and Ministries, Parishes and Schools.

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 \$22,818.00 which is 38% of our goal.**