



# Church of ST. CLEMENT

*Sunday, April 7, 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  
**Adult Catechesis** Tom Sweeney, 566-3616  
**Lector Coordinator** Cathy Boland 290-1338  
**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](mailto: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](http://www.TheReceptionCenter.com)

**Parish Trustees** Bruce Quinn & Linda Shirvanian  
**Parish Religious Education Program PREP**  
[www.stclementreligioused.org](http://www.stclementreligioused.org)  
**St. Clement Athletic Association**  
[www.stclementsports.com](http://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

## SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

### 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

### MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2024

8AM ROBERT COLLINS II by the Collins family

### TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2024

8AM CLAIRE DELOSKEY by Susan & Bruce Quinn

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2024

8AM AMY GILL by Marie & Fred Canonico

### FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2024

8AM ALICE RALPH by Patti & Vern Ralph

### SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2024

5PM JOAN LUCEY by Jane & Bruce Riznyk  
DANIEL F. MAGRINO by the Johnston family  
MICHAEL & DONALD SEAMAN by Aunt  
Carol

### SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024

8AM JOHN CHIMIANTI by the D'Elia family  
WILLIAM PISCHEL by Jean & Bill Fiorelli  
JOSEPH ILVENTO by the Barr family  
11AM EDMUND A. OKONEK by the Conrad family  
RON THOMPSON by his wife and family  
KENNETH GIM NONA LEE by Lena & Brock  
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### COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY MARCH 31, 2024

\$8,803.00

### ONLINE COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 31ST

\$2,396.00

### COLLECTION FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

\$801.00

### COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND

\$1,221.00

### COLLECTION FOR EASTER

\$24,140.00

### COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024

\$9,492.00

### ONLINE COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 24th

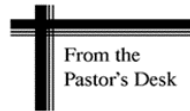
\$2,484.00

### COLLECTION FOR OUR PARISH ENERGY EXPENSES

\$1,660.00

### WEDDING BANNES

Katherine O'Donnell & John DiNapoli  
Marisa Monasseri & Christopher Gehrsitz



From the  
Pastor's Desk

Greetings everyone, I pray that you had a joyous Easter celebration last weekend. It was wonderful for me to have had to privilege to celebrate the great feast of our Savior's resurrection with you. The Church's catechism states that Easter is the greatest of all solemnities and the "Great Sunday". I pray that the renewed faith and hope that Easter brings will renew our spirits and inspire us to bear fruit in our vocations. That fruit is made real when each of us, being a member of the faithful at St. Clement's parish, strives to be a beacon of grace and peace in our community. May the light of the Risen Christ, whose victory of sin and death restores our hope, shine through each of you and touch the world in great and loving ways. *Father Tom*

### BAPTISM

We wish to welcome into the family of God and the St. Clement parish community the following child who was baptized here this weekend:

ALYSSA GRACE DELFINA DEFRANCISCO  
Child of Rosamaria & John

### CHILDREN'S HOMILY

Beginning this month St. Clement will have a Children's Homily at our 11AM Mass on the second and fourth Sunday of each month. All children are invited to attend!

### ADULT CATECHESIS

The next meeting for Adult Catechesis is Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 7PM in the school building. The Topic will be the "Fragmentation of Christianity". All adults are invited to attend.



### & 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.

### ALTAR ROSARY

The next meeting of the Altar Rosary will be on Tuesday, April 9th in the Annex Room of the Reception Center.

Rosary is recited at 7pm and the meeting starts at 7:30pm. All Ladies of the church over the age of 18 are invited to attend.

*The Sanctuary light is dedicated this week in loving memory of Bernadine M. Santos by her family*

## 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](http://virtus.org) and contact Amy Colen (908-267-0161). Virtus website registration instructions can be found at [dioceseofrenton.org/policies-forms](http://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](http://www.ParishGiving.org)**



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Repasses & More  
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(732)-591-8180  
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**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 next Saturday, April 13, 2024.** For more info, please contact Arminda Rubio-Pito at 732-616-2759 or email at [prolife.mom.9@gmail.com](mailto:prolife.mom.9@gmail.com)

**Online Prayers**

Online prayer requests can be accessed at the following website: [www.prayoverus.com](http://www.prayoverus.com).



### LONG TERM PRAYER LIST

Please keep in your prayers the following individuals who are dealing with long term health issues: Charles Carlely, Shannon, Helen Cichetti, Meredith Cox

Yanes, Tina Brungard, 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 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, 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, 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

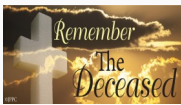
**THE PARISH WEBSITE IS ACTIVE AND UPDATED REGULARLY.** [www.stclementmatawan.org](http://www.stclementmatawan.org) To include a church activity on our Web Site, email Mr. Quinn at [admin@stclementmatawan.org](mailto:admin@stclementmatawan.org)

### ELECTRONIC GIVING – PARISH GIVING

Contributions for 2023 have been updated and we welcome you to log in to [www.parishgiving.org](http://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:

03/11/2024 Carol Irene Crocco, 3/15/24 Carol Ryan, 03/11/24 Richard Rivera, 03/22/24 Nicholas Richard Gentile, 03/25//24 Fred Slee, 3/30/24 Angelina R. Cedero



SVdP provides spiritual, food distribution, emergency financial and other services to those in need. The pantry currently is in need of snacks and 64oz bottles of 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](mailto: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.

Many commercial companies seek to do good in their communities by embracing corporate social responsibility and philanthropy. A *Matching Gift* program is one way that they can exercise this initiative and demonstrate their generosity. A *Matching Gift* program is an arrangement where a company matches its employee's donations to a nonprofit group or entity, thereby maximizing the positive impact of the donation. Studies show that nearly 80% of employees whose companies offer a *Matching Gift* arrangement have no idea of the program's existence. Additionally, only 7% of employees ever submit a request for a matching gift. Often employers will match an employee's donation at a 1:1 ratio, starting at a minimum amount. But gifts may range in maximum size and ratio depending on the policy of each company. If you are interested in the *Matching Gift* program, there is a link on the Diocese of Trenton website (search for Annual Appeal). You can use the link to see if your employer participates and offers a *Matching Gift* program.

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 \$37,443.00 which is 62% of our goal.**