



# Church of ST. CLEMENT

*Sunday, April 28, 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.stclementreligious.org](http://www.stclementreligious.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

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024

5PM WILLIAM L. MAGRINO by the Johnston family  
ARNIE PUCILLO by his wife  
JOHN BRODERICK by his family

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024

8AM ROY G. HERMAN by Gabriel & Margita Tirpak  
MSGR. RONALD J. BACOVIN by Susan & Bruce Quinn  
FRED SLEE by the Inzelpuch family  
11AM ANTOINETTA BARONE by the Buro family  
MSGR. PETER KAIN by the Saggese family  
STUART H. DEBOLD by the Percussi family

MONDAY, APRIL 29, 2024

8AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH OF ST CLEMENT

TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2024

8AM ANTHONY SAVARESE SR. by his family

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2024

8AM SADIE DEMAIO by the Savarese family

THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024

8AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH OF ST CLEMENT

FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2024

8AM PETER MCKENTY by his family

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024

5PM VERONICA V. MAGRINO by the Johnston family  
JAMES SCANLON by Mr. & Mrs. Gonzalez & son  
ANN VALLER by Joyce & Vinny Antes

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024

8AM LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE ALTAR ROSARY  
FRANCES LAROCCA by her family  
ANNETTE DAVIAU by Melanie Schueller  
11AM STUART H. DEBOLD by the Patrick Hynes family  
JOAN WHELAN by Joann & Robert Buhler  
THELMA PUNZALAN by Terry Motomal

### COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST

\$8,166.00

### ONLINE COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST

\$3,087.00

### COLLECTION FOR PARISH ENERGY EXPENSES

\$1,522.00

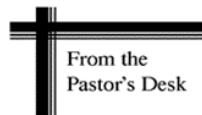
### WEDDING

We wish to congratulate

Marisa Monasseri & Christopher Gehrsitzr who were married here at St. Clement this weekend. May the love of God always be with them in their Sacrament of Matrimony.

### FLOWERS FOR THE BLESSED MOTHER

The two flower arrangements placed at our Blessed Mother statue this weekend are given in loving memory of Thomas & Lillian Conrad Sr. by the Conrad family.



From the  
Pastor's Desk

Greetings everyone, a few people have asked me about the phrase "descended into hell", which is found in the Apostles creed. The Hebrew word for hell ("Sheol") was ambiguous because it could either refer to the place of the damned or mean the place where the righteous awaited redemption. According to the Catechism, the souls of those who died (whether righteous or evil) before Jesus' death went to the same place, the "place or realm of the dead". This is where Jesus descended. After Jesus opened the gates of heaven, only the souls of the righteous, those who believed in the redeemer, would be freed from this location and be brought to heaven.

*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:

LEONARDO PULEO-BADILLO

Child of Julie & Gilberto

JACK LOUIS CENTIMOLE

Child of Laurie & Louis

EMERY HAYES DELEO

Child of Erika

JOSEPH & HENRY MALAVE

Children of Molly & Eddie

WESTON ROBERT SOBIN

Child of Brianna & Dylan



Please join the Altar Rosary after 8AM Mass on Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup> for the Crowning of the Blessed Mother in the Grotto. We will be celebrating our First Communion Children (first communion children are encouraged to wear their First Communion outfit) and welcome them to our parish community. Coffee, Tea, Juice Boxes, Water and Treats will be available after the Crowning.



### 2025 MASS INTENTION BOOK

The 2025 Mass Intention book will open for in person visits to the church office on Monday, April 29th at 10am. No phone calls for intentions will be accepted. Please note that each parish family is allowed four weekend mass intentions and four daily intentions in order to accommodate everyone.



Please fill out the envelope with your intention and your \$10.00 donation. Envelopes can be deposited in the collection basket or brought to the church office. These Mother's Day prayer requests will be placed on our Altar and offered at all the Masses on Mother's Day Sunday, May 12, 2024

*The Sanctuary light is dedicated this week in loving memory of Arnie Pucillo by his wife.*

## 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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**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 Saturday, May 11, 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 Carley, 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, 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

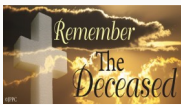
Contributions for 2023 have been updated and we welcome you to log in to [www.parishgiving.org](http://www.parishgiving.org) to review and enter contributions for the New Year. **PLEASE NOTE:** Only recurring contributions (such as Sunday offering, Building Fund, etc.) will be carried forward. All special (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

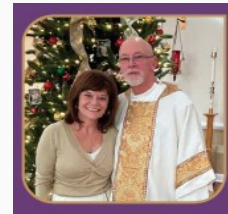
Prayers for the dead is one of the greatest acts of charity we can perform. The following is a list of the names of members of St. Clement that have recently departed:

3/30/24 Angelina R. Cedero, 04/11/24 Joan Marie Boyce, 4/15/24 Francis "Frank" Policano



### DIACONATE MINISTRY

Your generosity helps fund the education costs to become a deacon and allows a man like John White to pursue the diaconate ministry.



*"While watching a Confirmation Ceremony I had a sort of out of body experience (a hit over the head so to speak) which I later learned was the Holy Spirit calling me to vocation. Being a Deacon is all about service."*

**Deacon John and Caroline White St. Monica's Church, Jackson**

### 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@diocesoftrenton.org](mailto:abuse@diocesoftrenton.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.

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 \$41,865.77 which is 70% of our goal.**