



# Church of ST. CLEMENT

*Sunday, May 26, 2024*

## PARISH MINISTRIES

**Marriage Preparation** Church Office 566-3616, ext 111  
**Baptism Preparation** Church Office 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  
**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

## THE HOST HOLY TRINITY

### SATURDAY, MAY 25, 2024

5PM ANN VALLER by Susan & Bruce Quinn  
PHILOMENIA EOVIINO by Patti & Vern Ralph  
ELIZABETH MCCLOSKEY by the Besso family

### SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2024

8AM JENNIFER SALEM by Deborah Provenza  
MAUREEN NOLAN by Theresa & Charles Hartigan & family  
PASQUALE A. PARISI by the Tesi family  
11AM FRANCES CARLTON by Barbara Martorana  
MAY SAGARIA by Maria & Hank Montenegro  
MARGE SASSO by Bill Fiorelli

### MONDAY, MAY 27, 2024

8AM JOSEPH SERGEWICH

### TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2024

8AM ANTOINETTA BARONE by the Buro family

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 2024

8AM MARIA ZAMORA by the Baldassare family

### FRIDAY, MAY 31, 2024

8AM SPECIAL INTENTION FOR THE  
GODCHILDREN OF THE PITIO FAMILY by  
Walter & Arminda Pitio

### SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2024

5PM ANN FALCO by Kevin & Diane McNamara  
PATRICIA MCGONIGLE by the Michels family  
ROSE & THOMAS A. MCDONALD SR. by  
Rose McDonald Siniscal

### SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2024

8AM LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE  
ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY  
BILL HEGARTY by his family  
MICHAEL PALUMBO, JR. by his family  
11AM SADIE DEMAIO by the St. Clement  
Homebound Ministers  
FR. JOHN J. SCULLY by the St. Clement  
Community  
ANTHONY SAGGESE SR. & JOHN SAGGESE  
by their family

### COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024

\$7,395.00

### ONLINE COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, MAY 19TH

\$3,460.00

### COLLECTION FOR PARISH ENERGY COSTS

\$1,409.00

### COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2024

\$8,856.00

### ONLINE COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2024

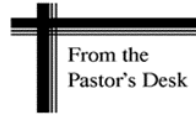
\$2,558.00

### COLLECTION FOR THE CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN

\$595.00

### CHURCH OFFICE

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 27th.



From the  
Pastor's Desk

Greetings everyone, I pray you are well and will have a chance to enjoy this holiday weekend. As we celebrate Memorial Day and spend time with our families and friends, let us take time to remember our servicemen and servicewomen who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. Please say a prayer for the repose of their souls. May we always be grateful for the sacrifice they made in defending our country and the freedom we have been given as its citizens. May they take their rest in the eternal home Jesus prepared for them through His death, resurrection, and ascension. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord; and may perpetual light shine upon them, amen. *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:

JAXSON KANE ANFUSO

Child of Briana & Zachary

ALESSIA BRIELLE GISONNA

Child of Tara & Justin

DOMINICK PETER PASSANTINO

Child of Molly and Frank

AMELIA RYAN SLIPEK

Child of Aria & Jeffery

### COME AND CELEBRATE!

On Sunday, June 2nd after 11AM Mass, we will be celebrating Fr. Tom's 15th year anniversary of his ordination. Please join us in our gym for refreshments and to congratulate Fr. Tom on this special anniversary.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 50/50

Now through Sunday, June 16th the St. Clement Cardinal Newman Council 5324 of the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a 50/50. All monies received will be deposited in the Knights general account and 50 percent will be donated to Birthrite. The other 50 percent to the 50/50 winner. Tickets are \$5.00 each and will be available after all weekend Masses. **The total jackpot so far is \$820.00**

### 2024/2025 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

#### REGISTRATION

Religious Education Registration for the school year beginning September 2024 will be online. The link will be available on this Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> For more information, please visit [stclementreligioused.org](http://stclementreligioused.org)

### CHILDREN'S HOMILY

Just a reminder that 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, May 29th at 7PM in the school building. The Topic will be the "Heaven & the Soul". All adults are invited to attend.

## 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)**



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](http://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 Saturday, June 8, 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: Michael Lee Schonger, Bob Wyshynski, Charles Carley,

Shannon, 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 Reverndo, 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

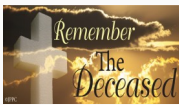
Contributions for 2023 have been updated and we welcome you to log in to [www.parishgiving.org](http://www.parishgiving.org) to review and enter contributions for the New Year. **PLEASE NOTE:** Only recurring contributions (such as Sunday offering, Building Fund, etc.) will be carried forward. All special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

04/26/24 Francis Leonard, 05/11/24 Gloria Diaz



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



### COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY

The diocesan Office of Communications, which is supported by funds from the Annual Catholic appeal, has been of vital importance in keeping the Catholics of the diocese well informed about events of interest throughout the year.



*"I believe it was God putting me where he wanted me to be. I'm very grateful to have landed in a ministry that I truly love and enjoy... It seems when it came to meaningful experiences that were related to the communications field, they somehow always connected with the Church."*

Mary Stadnyk, Associate Editor, The Monitor Magazine

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 \$45,345.77 which is 76% of our goal.**



## **FATHER'S DAY MASS CARDS**

***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 Father's Day prayer requests will be placed on our Altar and offered at all the Masses on Father's Day***  
***Sunday, June 16, 2024***



### **4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY COLLECTION FOR THE TROOPS**

We will be collecting for our Troops beginning next weekend. Below is a list of requested items. We would also add to this list a card to thank them for their service and to let them know we are all thinking and praying for them.

Donations can be placed in the bins in the church lobby before and after all masses. Items need to be received by Sunday June 9<sup>th</sup>.

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| <b>Beef or chicken jerky</b>               | <b>Crunch &amp; Munch</b>     |
| <b>Nuts-any kind</b>                       | <b>Cookies– any kind</b>      |
| <b>Life savers</b>                         | <b>Gum</b>                    |
| <b>Kettle Corn/popcorn</b>                 | <b>Licorice</b>               |
| <b>Dried fruit snacks</b>                  | <b>Rice Krispie Treats</b>    |
| <b>Sunflower seeds</b>                     | <b>Protein bars</b>           |
| <b>Pumpkin seeds</b>                       | <b>Trail mix</b>              |
| <b>Pre-workout protein powder</b>          | <b>Gas X</b>                  |
| <b>Cold, cough, flu relief remedies</b>    | <b>Imodium</b>                |
| <b>Dayquil, Nyquil—pills only</b>          | <b>Lactaid pills</b>          |
| <b>Tylenol Cold</b>                        | <b>Allergy Relief</b>         |
| <b>Aspirin, Motrin, Ibuprofen</b>          | <b>Zantac, Pepcid</b>         |
| <b>Suntan lotion (no sprays)</b>           | <b>Batteries—AAA,C, D</b>     |
| <b>Moisturizer</b>                         | <b>Socks</b>                  |
| <b>Gold Bond Powder &amp; Cream Razors</b> |                               |
| <b>Foot powder</b>                         | <b>Gatorade-drink packets</b> |
| <b>Bug wipes</b>                           | <b>Powerade drink packets</b> |
| <b>Chapstick</b>                           | <b>Q-tips</b>                 |
| <b>Feminine hygiene products</b>           | <b>Fungus cream</b>           |

**Monetary donations towards shipping accepted. Checks payable to the Church of the Nativity on the memo line: Eagles Up!. Tax receipt given upon request.**