

Church of ST. CLEMENT

Sunday, May 12, 2024

PARISH MINISTRIES

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SERVICES

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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
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 ASCENSION OF THE LORD

SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2024

5PM GEORGE F. JOHNSTON by his family
ROBERT FLORIO by the Savarese family
SANTA KINZLER by her family

SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2024

8AM LIVING AND DECEASED MOTHERS OF
THE PARISH OF ST CLEMENT
PEOPLE OF THE PARISH OF ST. CLEMENT
11AM BOB GILDERSLEEVE by the Cahill family
EVA BLUMSTEIN by her family
LORRAINE HOLMES by Sharon & Bill O'Hare

MONDAY, MAY 13, 2024

8AM YOLANDA AQUILINO by the Vaccaro family

TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2024

8AM ROBERT WOLFENDEN, SR. by the Webster family

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2024

8AM ANDREA DIVERNIERI by Nancy & Andy Cannizzo

THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2024

8AM WALTER BARKER SR. by his family

FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2024

8AM DANIEL MORRISSEY by Lucille Cilento

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2024

5PM MARION VETRANO by her family
MARY RALPH by the Michels family
JUNE YOUNG by the Grady & Vaughn families

SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024

8AM ADOLF & MARY FILIPOWICZ by Claudia & Tom Strano
MARY DEMARZO & MARIE GLOWACKI by Eileen & Robert Glowacki
HELEN PICKEL by Richelle & Joe Pickel
11AM STEPHEN KELLEHER by Gerard & Jeanine Conrad
ROBERT FANTO by the St. Clement Seniors Club
REBECCA HAYES by the Toomey family

COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024

ONLINE COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024

COLLECTION FOR OUR DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT

Collection amounts were not available at time of publication.
Amounts will be posted in a future bulletin.

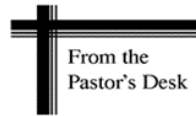
FLOWERS FOR THE BLESSED MOTHER



The two flower arrangements placed at our Blessed Mother statue this weekend are given in memory of Adolf & Mary Filipowicz by Tom & Claudia Strano.

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.



From the
Pastor's Desk

Greetings everyone, we are in the month of May, which is the time the church focuses on the importance of Mary in the Church. I want to thank all of you who attended our May

Crowning last Sunday. The rain held off and the turnout was great. Some of our First Communion children were there and participated in the ceremony. I am grateful for the members of our Altar Rosary Society for their efforts in planning the crowning and leading the participants in song. During this month, devote some time to Mary by praying a rosary or one of the many novenas that are dedicated to our Blessed Mother. May Mary's intercession bring us strength and renewed hope. *Father Tom*

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 50/50

Beginning this weekend 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.

2024/2025 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Religious Education Registration for the school year beginning September 2024 will be online.

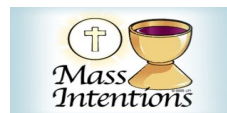
The link will be available on May 29th

For more information, please visit stclementreligioused.org



SAVE THE DATE!

On Sunday, June 2nd after 11AM Masses, 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.



2025 MASS INTENTION BOOK

The 2025 Mass Intention book is open. Please note that each parish family is allowed four weekend mass intentions and four daily intentions in order to accommodate everyone.



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



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 dioceseoftrenton.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



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Catering for Weddings, Sweet 16's, Communion, Baptisms,
Repasses & More
Exclusively by Mayer Catering
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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, June 8, 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: 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 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 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.



MINISTRY OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Your gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal provides funding that enables us to develop stronger Catholic school leaders and teachers.



“Catholic Schools within the Diocese provide a faith-filled community where students, families, faculty, and staff can grow spiritually, academically, and socially.”

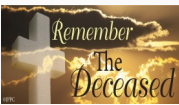
Donna White, Principal
St. Catharine’s School, Spring Lake

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 \$42,800.77 which is 71% of our goal.**

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:

4/15/24 Francis “Frank” Policano, 04/20/24 Andrew J. Vassallo, 04/25/24 Helen Cichetti, 04/26/24 Francis Leonard



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 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.

