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Sunday, August 25, 2024

ST. CLEMENT

PARISH MINISTRIES

Marriage Preparation Church Office 566-3616, ext 111
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Religious Education Tom Sweeney, 566-3616
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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

Parish Trustees Bruce Quinn & Linda Shirvanian Parish Religious Education Program PREP www.stclementreligioused.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.



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 2024

PORTIA "RUTH" DECANDIA by 5PM

Bob & Rhonda Vella

GLENN W. SCHNEIDER by the Moser family

AGNES & THOMAS CAREW by the

Carew Family

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 2024 8AM ANTHONY VESTUTO by

Stacev Prestigiacomo

HELEN CICHETTI by the Cassano family

ARMINDA HERRERA by the

McGovern Family

11AM JAMES MARTIN by his family

DEWEY GHERALDI by the Provenza family

KATHERINE RALPH by Patti & Vern Ralph

MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2024

NORMAN & MAVIS DESOUZA by the 8AM

Gracias family

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2024

TOM COSENTINO by his family 8AM

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2024

8AM JOHN F. SANTOS by his family

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30, 2024

8AM WILLIAM L. MAGRINO by his family

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 2024

5PM JOSEPH GREENE by his wife & family

ROBERT DIGIOVANNI by John Corallo

BILL CONNORS by his wife & family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

RON ROCCO by his wife 8AM

ANTONIO LIM by Richelle & Joe Pickel

JOAN MARIE BOYCE by the Colbert family

11AM VITO SAGGESE by his family

ROBERT DIGIOVANNI by

Anthony Chimento

ANN FALCO by the Karpie & Doxbeck

families

COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2024

\$ 6812.00

ONLINE COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY,

AUGUST 18, 2024

\$3,608.00

COLLECTION FOR PARISH ENERGY

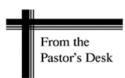
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FLOWERS FOR THE BLESSED MOTHER

The two flower arrangements placed at our Blessed Mother statue this weekend are given in memory of Edmund & Jeanine O'Konek by the Conrad family.

The Sanctuary light is dedicated this week in loving memory of of John F. Santos by his family.



Greetings everyone, I hope you are well. This past week I had a chance to enjoy walking in some of the parks in our area. It was good to experience the outdoors,

especially during pleasant weather. Spending time outdoors is a great way to commune with our God and creator. I want to thank those individuals who donated blood at our blood drive last Sunday. In total, 42 individuals made donations. The Red Cross representatives were very grateful to St. Clement's for hosting the drive and for those who attended. I thank the Knights of Columbus Council for organizing the drive. As always, their hard work and dedication helped to make the drive a success.

Father Tom

SANCTUARY LAMP

Parishioners may donate the Sanctuary Lamp which burns in the presence of the Blesses Sacrament in the Church. These intentions will be on a weekly basis. The suggested donation for the Sanctuary Lamp is \$25.00. Please contact the church office with your request in honor or in memory of a loved one.

BAPTISMS

We wish to welcome into he family of God and the St. Clement community the following children who were baptized here this weekend:

CHARLOTTE JAYNE LINKLETTER Child of Kimberly & Robert DOMINIC MICHAEL JOSEPH Child of Christin & Jeff CONNOR GREGORY KRISSAK Child of Ashlev & Greg LEO JOSEPH LAFFERTY Child of Nancy & Brian AVA CAROLINE PIASEVOLI **Child of Marina and Tomislay**

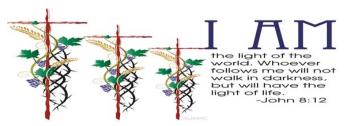


The St. Clement Hospitality Group

Please Join us for Food, Fun and Fellowship

Sunday September 15th Noon to 2:30 Outside the Gym

Tickets may be purchased following masses or online at: st.clementreligioused.org For more information, please contact Tom Sweeney at 732-566-3616 ext. 2 tsweeney@stclementmatawan.org



What: St. Clement Altar Rosary Wine & Cheese

When: <u>Tuesday, September 10, 2024</u>

Time: 7:00pm

Where: Reception Center Annex

Details: Are you looking for a parish group to join for socialization, fun, and food? Then come on and join the St. Clement Altar Rosary!! All women 18 years and older are invited to be our guest for the first meeting of the year. Come join us and see what we're all about, meet other women from our parish, and make some new friends!!!

Questions? – Please contact Marie Canonico at mteach1@hotmail.com
Hope to see you there!!





Offerings at Francis House of Prayer Trenton Diocesan Spiritual Center and Retreat House 84 Walnford Road • Allentown, NJ 08501 609-877-0509 or FHOP@verizon.net

Please check <u>www.FHOP.org</u> for dates, registration, directions and for our other offerings! All programs will be offered online and in-person unless otherwise indicated.

IN-PERSON ONLY

PERSONAL RETREAT DAY

Wednesday, September 11 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM

Take a day away from the busyness of your life to rest a while in the Lord and experience God's presence. Come to Francis House for silence, personal prayer, and optional spiritual direction. The day begins and ends with a brief prayer together. Please bring your lunch. Donation: \$10; \$40 with spiritual direction.

ZOOM ONLY

KARL RAHNER SERIES THE MYSTICAL WAY IN EVERYDAY LIFE

9 Mondays 7:00 - 8:15 PM

September 16 December 9 March 10 October 14 January 13 April 14 November 11 February 10 May 12

Karl Rahner, SJ offers us an intelligent, insightful and inspiring treatment of the mystical life for our times. His writings give your mind something to chew on while quenching the thirst of your soul for truth. We will use Rahner's *The Mystical Way in Everyday Life*. Donation: \$175

HINDS' FEET ON HIGH PLACES

9 Wednesdays 3:30 – 4:30 PM

September 18 December 18 March 12 October 16 January 15 April 9 November 13 February 12 May 14

Hinds' Feet on High Places is a story of endurance, persistence, and reliance on God. This book has inspired millions to become sure-footed in their faith, even when facing the rockiest terrain. This beloved classic is available now in a charmingly illustrated edition that includes space for journaling. This is a book you will never forget! Donation: \$175

RE-DEFINING MY LIFE SPIRITUAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL GROWTH IN LIFE'S LATER YEARS

9 Fridays 9:30 – 11:30 AM

September 20 December 20 March 14 October 18 January 17 April 25 November 15 February 14 May 16

Where have I been? Where am I now? And where am I going? These are haunting questions for life's later years. We will ponder them as you take the time to reflect on *your* life, past, present and future and grow in faith, hope and love for the gift of *your* life. These 9 mornings are a gift to yourself to delve into the depths of your deepest desires at this point in your life as God and you make the last third the best of all. We will read *The Inner Work of Transformation* by Ted Dunn in between sessions and also receive a workbook for your use. Donation: \$225

PARISH POLICIES

<u>Parish Registration</u>... 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.

<u>Weddings</u>...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.

<u>Baptisms</u>...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

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, Communions, 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.

<u>RCIA</u> ...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.

<u>The Altar Rosary Society</u> 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 June, July and August).

<u>The Holy Name Society</u> 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.

<u>The Knights of Columbus</u> 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.

<u>RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:</u> 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, September 14, 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

FOR THE SICK Please keep in your prayers the following individuals who are dealing with long term health issues: Phil Vota, Randy Bishop, Bill Szabo, James McGowan,

Michael Lee Schoniger, 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, 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., 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, McKenna Kranek, Kevin McNamara, Robert Shuya, Donald DeMartino, Anthony Vergona, James VanDao Vergona, John Beungard, Teddy Connolly and Monica O'Toole



PRAYERS-FAITHFUL DEPARTED

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

08/10/24 Joan Leonard



SVdP provides spiritual, food distribution, emergency financial and other services to those in need. The pantry currently is in need of pancake syrup and 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 PROMISE initiatives outlined in the U.S. Bishop's Pledge 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.



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 \$49,585.77which is 83% of our goal.

