



Church of ST. CLEMENT

Sunday, August 18, 2024

PARISH MINISTRIES

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Ushers Ron Johnson 290-1371

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SERVICES

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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 Schedule: Saturday: 5:00PM | Sunday 8:00, & 11:00AM **Daily Mass:** Mon, Tues, Wed., Fri 8:00AM

Mass Intentions

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 2024

5PM JACK ALBAN by Ruth Farrell & family
KELLYANNE BRODERICK by her family
RAYMOND REILLY by his wife & family

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2024

8AM ROSA FIGUIEREDO by her family
AGNES BALATONI by her daughter, Helen and family
KAREN McKENNA by the McGovern family
11AM MICHAEL PALUMBO JR. by his family
MARY HEFFERNAN by Lauri & Joe Faleska
COLIN MEANY by the Caragliano family

MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 2024

8AM MARIA ZAMORA by the Baldassare family

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2024

8AM EVA BLUMSTEIN by her family

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2024

8AM JOSEPH FLORENTINE by his loving Family

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23, 2024

8AM ROBERT COLLINS I by the Collins family

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 2024

5PM PORTIA "RUTH" DECANDIA by Bob & Rhonda Vella
GLENN W. SCHNEIDER by the Moser family
AGNES & THOMAS CAREW by the Carew Family

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 2025

8AM ANTHONY VESTUTO by Stacey Prestigiaco
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

COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2024

THIS COLLECTION AMOUNT WAS NOT AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF THIS PUBLICATION.

ONLINE COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY,

AUGUST 11, 2024

\$3027.00

HOLY HOUR

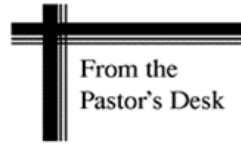
Father Tom will be leading a holy hour of prayer with adoration and confession in the church on Tuesday, August 20th at 7:30pm



FLOWERS FOR THE BLESSED MOTHER

The two flower arrangements placed at our Blessed Mother statue this weekend are given in honor for the special intentions of Claudia & Tom Strano.

The Sanctuary light is dedicated this week in loving memory of Colin Meany by his friends & family.



From the
Pastor's Desk

Greetings everyone, I pray you are well and finding time to rest and be with the Lord in prayer, even it means just sitting in the quiet and feeling His presence. I was talking to some of our young parishioners who

are preparing to return to college in the next week. Some are attending schools in other states, such as Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and Virginia. This is an exciting time for them as they pursue their studies and career paths. Let us pray that they have success in their studies and growth in their faith.
Father Tom

SANCTUARY LAMP

Parishioners may donate the Sanctuary Lamp which burns in the presence of the Blessed 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 the family of God and the St. Clement community the following children who were

baptized here this weekend:

EMILIA MARIE AVALLONE

Child of Katherine & Michael

ANDREA ROSE STARINK

Child of Kimberly & Robert

LYLA MARIE TEEL

Child of Gina & Marc

ISABELLA MARIA DUBICKI

Child of Vanessa & Daniel

THE THOMAS COSENTINO MEMORIAL BLOOD

DRIVE

Sponsored by the American Red Cross and the Knights of Columbus Council 5324

Held at

St. Clements Church

172 Freneau Avenue

Matawan, NJ

Sunday, August 18th

8:30am to 1:30pm

Appointments are preferred, please see a member of the Knights of Columbus, call 1 800 RED CROSS, or log

onto www.redcrossblood.org

sponsor code Knights of Columbus council 5324. You may also scan the QR code below for registration.



2024/2025 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

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

For more information, please visit:

stclementreligious.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!

**ANNUAL REPORT OF ST. JOSEPH'S CONFERENCE
SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DEPAUL
FISCAL YEAR 2023**

The Society of St. Vincent DePaul is an international Catholic lay organization that leads women and men to grow spiritually through person-to-person service to the needy. This is in the tradition of our founder, Blessed Frederick Ozanam, and our patron, St. Vincent DePaul. The St. Joseph's Conference is blessed to be sponsored by both Our Lady of Fatima and St. Clement parishes, and we are extremely grateful to Fr. Rene and Fr. Tom for their support and for giving us the opportunity to serve the needy in our area. Our conference responds to requests for assistance to individuals and families in our parishes and neighborhoods in Keyport, Matawan, Aberdeen, Cliffwood and Cliffwood Beach.

In the fiscal year 2023, our volunteers provided assistance in the form of food, financial aid, and referrals to other agencies and organizations on over 1300 occasions. Because of the generosity of our parishioners, members, and other benefactors we were able to help 125 families to find emergency shelter or keep their utilities on or avoid eviction. We are the fiduciaries of your donations; before providing financial assistance, we obtain documentation and conduct an interview to confirm that the request is a valid need.

When the amount needed exceeds our resource allocation, we refer clients to Monmouth County agencies managing government assistance and/or other social service agencies, and we work with other SVDP conferences (twinning) to solicit additional help. This allows our clients to obtain more funding than we can provide from our limited resources.

Our volunteers made 605 home visits, bringing food or financial resources, a listening ear, and prayer to our neighbors. Members logged over 15,000 miles and over 7300 service hours assisting our clients. We received over 14,000 pounds of food from the Food Bank of Monmouth & Ocean Counties (Fulfill), supplemented with 9100 pounds of food that you, our parishioners, donated to us. We received another 2500 pounds from other benefactors such as Joe's Bagels, the Knights of Columbus, and the Boy Scouts.

For Thanksgiving and Christmas, we distributed a total of 100 food baskets, and children in 20 families received Christmas gifts provided by our Adopt-a-Family sponsors.

The entrance to our pantry in the St. John Paul II Retreat Center is very steep and narrow and difficult for many members and clients to navigate. We have initiated a project to construct a new entrance to address this issue. Detailed architectural plans were developed and then approved by Keyport. The bidding process has started and will be completed in the fourth quarter. The new entrance is targeted for completion first half of 2024. This project is being funded from donations from many of you and numerous other generous benefactors.

We and those we serve are thankful to our parishioners, members and all our benefactors for providing the resources needed to conduct our work. We could not do this without you!

The Local Lives We Touched	# People Who Benefited		\$ Value
Number of food deliveries made	480	1,200	43,200
Number of families helped financially	125	312	46,990*
Number of referrals given by phone	655	1,637	estimate 42,000
Holiday food baskets distributed	100	250	6,000
Families receiving Christmas gifts	20	<u>66</u>	estimate <u>3,900</u>
Total people benefited	3,465		
Total value of services rendered			142,090

* Actual dollars of aid

Financial Report- Fiscal Year 2023

Receipts:

Parish and poor box collections	\$18,781
Donations from members, memorials, and benefactors	8,045
Other receipts (twinning, charitable organizations)	6,648
Funds from prior year	<u>33,609</u>
Total	\$67,083

Disbursements:

Financial aid to individuals and families	\$46,990
Disaster donations, twinning to other SVDP entities	1,700
Operating expenses (pantry, office supplies, projects)	3,856
Funds carried forward to next year	<u>14,537</u>
Total	\$67,083

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 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



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

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 June, 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, 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

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 Reverendo, 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 Brungard

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 \$49,485.77 which is 82% of our goal.**

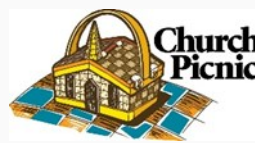


PRAYERS-FAITHFUL DEPARTED

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:
08/06/24 William J. Abahazy, Jr., 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 laundry detergent, toilet paper and pancake syrup. Donations may be dropped at the church office. Please call their help line at 732-290-1878 if you need assistance.



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.clementreligious.org
For more information, please contact Tom Sweeney at 732-566-3616 ext. 2
tsweeney@stclementmatawan.org



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.

