



Church of ST. CLEMENT

Sunday, September 8, 2024

PARISH MINISTRIES

Marriage Preparation Church Office 566-3616, ext 111

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Rite of Christian Initiation Tom Sweeney 566-3616

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Ushers Ron Johnson 290-1371

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SERVICES

Athletic Director Phyllis Besso, 970-4487

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ORGANIZATIONS

Altar Rosary Society Marie Canonico 970-8261

Holy Name Ron Johnson 290-1371

Knights of Columbus Neil Matthaey 566-3616

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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 for the Week

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2024

7:45 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH OF ST. CLEMENT
5PM COLIN MEANY by his family & friends
VINCENT P. BURNS by Susan & Bruce Quinn
FRED SLEE by Joe & Holly Cahill

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

8AM LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY
JERRY HOURIHAN II by Susan & Bruce Quinn
JOAN R. AMABILE KENNEDY by the Cioffi family
11AM GEORGE & PETTY DEITZ by their families
RON THOMPSON by his wife & family
ANTOINETTE CAMMARATA by Joyce & Vinny Antes

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2024

8AM ROBERT GAMBLE by the Hartigan Family

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2024

8AM GIUSSEPPI RUTA by his family

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 13, 2024

8AM AGNES YOON by the Min Family

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2024

5 PM JOSEPH GREENE by his wife and family
SARAH SAVARESE by her family
REBECCA MARY HAYES by Christine Lietz & Joe Morton

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

8AM JOHN & ROSE CHIMIANTI by the D'Elia family
JOSEPH ZAWACKI by the Orlowki & Cho families
PAUL ANTHONY MASI by the St Clement Community & Deacon Matt's family
11AM REBECCA MARY HAYES by the McDermott family
SOPHIE JACKAPINO by Theresa Hartigan
PATRICIA MOORE by Cathy & Tom Boland

COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

\$7455.00

ONLINE COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

\$2366.00

DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT FOR SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

\$654.00

COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 26, 2024

\$6454.00

COLLECTION FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

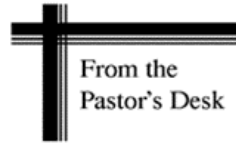
\$747.00



FLOWERS FOR THE BLESSED MOTHER

The two flower arrangements placed at our Blessed Mother statue this weekend are given in memory of Colin Meany by his family.

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



From the Pastor's Desk

Greetings everyone, I hope you had an enjoyable Labor Day celebration with family and friends. This coming Wednesday marks the 23rd anniversary of the horrific terrorist attacks on our

country in 2001. There will be ceremonies in our area to remember those who lost their lives on that tragic day. Although we feel sorrow and mourn the loss of the innocent lives in the attacks, we trust that, in God's eyes, their lives had great meaning to so many they encountered. As Christians, it is in hope we pray that they are at rest in God's peace. We also pray that they will share in the great day of victory when Christ returns to gather his faithful together and bring them to the home that he prepared for them in God's eternal kingdom. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. May perpetual light shine upon them, Amen.

Father Tom

BAPTISMS

We wish to welcome into the family of God and the St. Clement community the following child who was baptized here this weekend:
JOHN JOSEPH CASTELLANE
Child of Alexandra & Kenneth



The St. Clement Hospitality Group

*Please join us for Food, Fun, and Fellowship - Sunday, Sept. 15th
Noon to 2:30 Outside of the Gym*

Tickets may be purchased following Mass or online at: stclementreligiously.org

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

2024/2025 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

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

For more information, please visit:

stclementreligiously.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!

ST. CLEMENT ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Gil Carmichael & Bill Giovannello Memorial Golf

Tournament

Knob Hill Golf Club

Tuesday, October 15, 2024.

1 Shinnecock Drive Manalapan, NJ

Anyone interested in golfing or helping, please

email: stclementsports@gmail.com

ANGEL HANDS MINISTRY

Did you know that St. Clement has a ministry to provide hand knitted baptismal and lap blankets to the parishioners of our church? If you or someone you know would be interested in helping this ministry, please contact the church office at 732-566-3616, et. 111.

911 PRAYER SERVICE

Deacon Matt Nicosia will hold a prayer service with Communion on Wednesday, September 11th at 8am.



Soldiers

"America without her SOLDIERS would be like God without His angels."
- Claudia Pemberton

LABOR DAY COLLECTION FOR OUR TROOPS

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

Donations can be placed in the bins in the church lobby and the gym before and after all masses. Items need to be received by Sunday, September 15th.

Beef or Chicken Jerky

Nuts – any kind

Life Savers

Kettle Corn /Popcorn

Dried fruit snacks

Sunflower Seeds

Pumpkin Seeds

Pre-workout protein powder

Cough, cold, flu relief remedies

Dayquil, Nyquil – pills only

Tylenol Cold

Aspirin, Motrin, Ibuprofen

Suntan Lotion (no sprays)

Moisturizer

Gold Bond Powder & Cream

Foot Powder

Bug Wipes

Chapstick

Feminine Hygiene Products

Crunch & Munch

Cookies – any kind

Gum

Licorice

Rice Krispie Treats

Protein Bars

Trail Mix

Gas X

Imodium

Lactaid pills

Allergy Relief

Zantac, Pepcid

Batteries (AAA, AA, C, D)

Socks

Razors

Gatorade Drink Packets

Powerade Drink Packets

Q-Tips

Fungus Cream

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



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

THE GRACE OF BEAUTY
FALLING IN LOVE WITH THE GOD OF BEAUTY

Tuesday, September 10 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM

This year, our one-day programs start out with a day on the Grace of Beauty because we as a culture and a world are in such need of seeing the beauty of God in all things. You will receive Melannie Svoboda's book, *The Grace of Beauty*, to help you usher in this Fall season with the practice of noticing beauty around you. We will buddy up with a partner to enjoy the book together throughout the season and come together again in November to see what difference the practice of noticing beauty makes in your life. Donation: \$40, includes lunch & book. Zoom: \$25

IN-PERSON ONLY
CREATION IS GOD'S LOVE

Friday, September 13 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Spend time exploring creation using all of your senses! In simple ways, we will watch how God's love is revealed in nature. Come and enjoy this day of "play" outside! Donation: \$25, includes lunch.

DISCERNMENT MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE
IN YOUR WORLD!

Tuesday, September 17 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM

This retreat includes the full teaching of Ignatian Discernment of Spirits! If you find yourself sliding down "the greasy pole" of desolation or negative thinking, this day will help you immensely. The Ignatian teaching on discernment is life changing as we practice awareness, understanding and right action regarding the various spirits that present themselves to us day by day and moment by moment. Donation: \$35, includes lunch and materials. Zoom: \$30

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 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., 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 Kivigze, 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, Monica O'Toole

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:
08/27/24 Maria L. Goncalves.



SVDP provides spiritual, food distribution, emergency financial and other services to those in need. The pantry currently is in need of laundry detergent, boxed pasta and canned soup. 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.

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 \$50,305.77 which is 84% of our goal.**

ADULT CATECHESIS

Adult Catechesis will resume on Wednesday, September 11th at 7:00pm in the Religious Education Building. The focus this year will be The Bible. For more information, please call or email Tom Sweeney 732-566-3616 ext.2 tsweeney@stclementmatawan.org

