

# Church of ST. CLEMENT

*Sunday, September 22, 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** Joseph Pittorino 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 for the Week

## TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2024

5PM WILLIAM TIRELLI by The Woods  
Development  
JOAN CLARKIN HEARY by Patrick Hynes  
FRED SLEE by Roni Vezeris

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

8AM EDWARD SISKO by his loving family  
RON ROCCO by his wife  
JOSEPH CRIME by the Collins & Peterson  
Families  
11AM REBECCA MARY HAYES by the  
Egnatovich Family  
RICHARD MORRISSEY by Donna Papaleo  
JOAN BIENKOWSKY by Cary Rohmeyer  
& family

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2024

8AM CLARA BRANEY by Lucille Cilento

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2024

8AM ANNA MARINO by Susan & Bruce Quinn

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2024

8AM GERARDA VAN WAALWIJK by  
Fred & Marie Canonico

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2024

8AM DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE  
FLORENTINE AND ZIRKEL FAMILIES  
by their loving family

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2024

5PM ANTOINETTA BARONE by the Buro family  
DON PUCILLO by his Mom  
JOHN BRODERICK by his family

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

8AM CAROLE DELISA by the Tesi family  
11AM MARIE & JOHN BAKER by Cathy Gillespie  
JOHN LUCCHESI by his family  
JERRY CONRAD by Gene & Sue Kiley

## COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

\$7350.00

## ONLINE COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

\$3,148.00

## COLLECTION FOR ENERGY SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

\$1,040.00

## 2024/2025 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

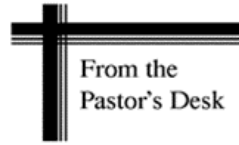
Religious Education Registration for the school year  
beginning September 2024 will be online.

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!



From the  
Pastor's Desk

Greetings everyone, last weekend we had a great turnout for our parish's picnic. The weather was perfect, and those I talked to said they enjoyed the day very much. Our CCD coordinator,

Thomas Sweeney, and our parish staff organized the events for the day. I am grateful to them for their hard work in preparing for the day; they put in extra time to ensure the day was a success. Also, I want to thank the Knights of Columbus, the Altar Rosary Society, and St. Clement's Youth Group for all their help. Both the Knights and Altar Rosary helped with the cooking and serving of the food, while the youth group members helped with the games and activities. Thank you to those who attended and supported the event.

*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:

CONNOR ANTHONY BLEVIS

Child of Samantha & Michael

LUCA GIOVANNI NOCE

Child of Gina & Albert

EVA LEAVEY

Child of Alexandria & Robert

## ST. CLEMENT ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Gil Carmichael & Bill Giovanniello Memorial

Golf Tournament at Knob Hill Golf Club

Tuesday, October 15, 2024.

1 Shinnecock Drive Manalapan, NJ

Anyone interested in golfing or helping please email

[stclementsports@gmail.com](mailto:stclementsports@gmail.com)

Registration QR Code below:



## ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Please join us on Sunday, October 6th at 12:45 with your pet for a special blessing in honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi (celebrated on Friday, October 4th, 2024.) We ask that all pets are on a leash or in a pet carrier. Meet us in front of the church. Hope to see you there!



## [New Jersey Bishops' Mass for Life & NJ March for Life Thursday, September 26, 2024](#)

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Join thousands of Catholics and people of good will in Trenton as we pray together and march for LIFE!

9:30 am NJ Bishops' Mass for Life at [St. Mary of the Assumption Cathedral, 151 N. Warren St.](#)

- *Mass will end in time to walk the short distance to the NJ March for Life event site*
  - *Seating at the Cathedral is first come, first served*
  - ✦ *overflow seating will be available in the lower level with livestreamed viewing on large screens*
  - *No RSVP is necessary for Mass attendance*
  - *Spanish translation devices will be available on site*
- Livestreaming for this portion in English and Spanish will be available*

11:00 am - March for Life Rally & Speakers at the [Statehouse Annex, 131 W. State St.](#)

This will not be livestreamed. However, a recording will be posted on the Diocese of Trenton website within a week of the event.

12 noon - The March steps off! (one mile loop through Trenton and back to the Statehouse Annex)

**Chartered/School Bus travel is encouraged** for schools, organizations, parishes and individuals to ease transportation & parking concerns. Parking for individual cars will be limited due to road closures related to this event.

**ALL BUSES** should be registered with March for Life organizers to help event organizers manage parking and logistics.

**Help spread the word!**

**We hope to see you there!**

*For more information or questions, contact:*  
*Rachel Hendricks, [rhendr@dioceseoftrenton.org](mailto:rhendr@dioceseoftrenton.org)*  
*Belem Perez, Admin Assistant [bperez@dioceseoftrenton.org](mailto:bperez@dioceseoftrenton.org)*

*Or visit <https://dioceseoftrenton.org/nj-march-for-life>*

# **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, October 20th, 2024**

**8:30am to 2:00pm**

**Appointments are preferred, please see a member of the Knights of Columbus, call 1 800 RED CROSS, or log onto [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) sponsor code Knights of Columbus council 5324.**

**You may also scan the QR code below for registration.**



## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST**

**Join us on Sunday, October 27th for a delicious breakfast after the 8am and 11am Masses at the Reception Center.**

**Adults and children age 10 and up -\$10.00, Seniors -\$8,  
Children 9 and younger are free.**

**Our Cardinal Newman Council #5324 sponsors the breakfast for the benefit of parishioners.**

**Proceeds from ticket sales support Knights activities in the church and community.**





## 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 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, October 12, 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: 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, 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 Kikvizze, 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, Evan Cristoe, Leon Lerner

### 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.*



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 \$50,425.77 which is 84% of our goal.**

### ADULT CATHECHESIS MEETING

The next meeting of the Adult Catechesis Group will be held on Wednesday, September 27th at 7pm in the Religious Education Building. The focus will be on the Bible.



### 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 Goncalves.



SVDP provides spiritual, food distribution, emergency financial and other services to those in need. The pantry currently is in need of canned chicken soup 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 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](mailto: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.