



# Church of ST. CLEMENT

*Sunday, October 20, 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 732-566-3616  
**Altar Servers** Jim Starace 732-566-3616  
**Ushers** Ron Johnson 732-290-1371  
**Liturgy Committee** Bill Fiorelli 732-566-3616  
**Liturgical Environment**  
Debbly 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  
**Hospitality** Denyse Galasso 908-794-2007  
Ellen Vaccaro 732-762-8129

**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-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2024

5PM MARIAN VETRANO by her family  
ROSA FIGUEIREDO by her family  
THOMAS A. MCDONALD  
By Rose McDonald Siniscal

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2024

8AM GRACIAS FERNANDES by the Gracias family  
SOON YOUNG CHO by the Min family  
11AM KENNY MAR by Lena & Brock Hor  
VINCENT P. BURNS by the Corrigan family  
EFTEKAR IBRAHIM by Veronica Truglio  
and Patrick Hynes

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2024

8AM RAE RAINONE by her Senior Group Friends

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2024

8AM VINCENT ANTES SR. by his family

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2024

8AM CAROLYN RATHSMITH  
by Fred & Marie Canonico

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2024

8AM JACK VALLER by Susan & Bruce Quinn

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2024

5PM CAREY BRODERICK by his family  
FRANKLIN A. ZAHN by  
Rose McDonald Siniscal  
LUNA EDOUARD by Frank & Fran Antonelli

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2024

8AM TONY FUSCO by Paula DelRosso  
JAMES DUFFY SR. by his son, wife &  
daughter  
9:30AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH OF  
ST. CLEMENT  
11:00AM ROBERT FARRO by the Moser Family  
PATRICIA DONOVAN by Pat Davis  
& Peggy Collins  
LEROY CHIN by Lena & Brock Hor

### COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2024

\$8,406.00

### ONLINE COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY,

OCTOBER 13, 2024

\$2,507.00

### COLLECTION FOR ENERGY

OCTOBER 13, 2024

\$867.00



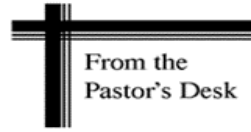
### FLOWERS FOR THE BLESSED MOTHER

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

### ALTAR ROSARY TRICKY TRAY

The St. Clement Altar Rosary Society will be hosting a TRICKY TRAY on Saturday, December 7th from 1-4 PM in the school gym. Many baskets, door prizes & dessert will be served. Tickets are \$20 in advance (\$25 at the door) & go on sale this Sunday, October 20, after Sunday Masses. The Altar Rosary Society is accepting donations of new, unused items for the Tricky Tray in December. Please leave at the parish office & label "Tricky Tray".

Thank you!



From the  
Pastor's Desk

Greetings everyone, I pray you are enjoying the cool weather. The autumn season is my favorite time of the year. I enjoy being outside and enjoying the comfortable temperatures. This past Tuesday I stopped by the golf outing for our St. Clement Athletics group. The turnout was good, and I was able to talk to some of the golfers. I want to thank Phyllis and James Besso for their effort in organizing the event. Some of our parishioners volunteered to assist throughout the day, and I am also thankful for their help. The money raised will help to pay the expenses for the basketball program for the upcoming season, which begins in December. Please pray for those involved with this program - committee members, coaches and players.

*Father Tom*

### BAPTISMS

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

MICHAEL ANTHONY MURRAY

Child of Amanda & Colin

ALLESIA ROSE CARAMANICA

Child of Michelle & Michael

GRETA ROSE D'APOLITO

Child of Francesca & Christian

MADISON REGINA NIGRO

Child of Jessica & Matthew



Rev. Monsignor Strano Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to one 8th grade student from St. Clement Church. The candidate must be a registered and practicing parishioner. The student will receive a 4 year scholarship of \$8000.00 annually. This amount will not decrease or increase over the 4 years at SJVHS. Deadline for scholarship application is November 15, 2024. Please review the criteria and application process. To apply, please visit: [www.sjvhs.com/admissions/](http://www.sjvhs.com/admissions/)



### THE THOMAS COSENTINO MEM.

#### BLOOD DRIVE

Sponsored by the American Red Cross & the Knights of Columbus Council 5324 held at St. Clements Church 172 Freneau Ave Matawan, NJ on Sunday, October 20th, 2024 from 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 for registration.

### YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Our Youth Group will be hosting a pumpkin painting event after the 11am Mass on Sunday, October 27th. This is a free event. In order to make sure we have enough pumpkins, please email: [Tsweeney@stclementmatawan.org](mailto:Tsweeney@stclementmatawan.org) with your RSVP.



### WEDDING

We wish to congratulate Nicole Wolpin & Janes Siegel who were married here on October 18th. May the love of God always be with them in their Sacrament of Matrimony.

### WEDDING BANNERS

Gabrielle Sferrazza & Joseph Beukers





**Cardinal Newman  
Council #5324**



# Pancake BREAKFAST

**Support Knights of Columbus Cardinal Newman Council #5324**  
*Proceeds from ticket sales support Knights activities in the church and community*



**Tickets:** Seniors \$10,  
Adults and children 13+ \$12,  
Children 6-12 years old \$5  
and younger - free

*Bring Home Breakfast to family or friends*  
*ToGo Containers \$10*

**Sunday October 27**

**8:45 am to 1:00 pm**

**"Win Big, Give Back: Support  
Hurricane Relief!"**

*"Feeling lucky? Every ticket you  
buy helps rebuild lives! 100% of  
the profits from our Lottery  
raffle go straight to Hurricane  
Relief. Play for a chance to win  
and be a hero at the same time!"*



**Hosted at  
The Reception Center**

**172 Freneau Ave  
Matawan, NJ 07747**

*Interested in becoming a Knight, join us every Second and Fourth Monday of each  
Month 7pm @ The Reception Center Aux.*

*For more information contact Keith Hinkle (732) 490-6970 or KoC5324NJ@GMail.com*

# FOOD PANTRY

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## THE MATAWAN FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP!!

The St. Clement's Youth Group will be sponsoring a food drive for the Matawan Food Pantry.

Food will be collected on the on the following weekends:

11/02 & 11/03/24 and 11/09 & 11/10/24



Any non-perishable items are welcome, but, listed below is what is most needed:

**Pasta**  
**Pasta Sauce**  
**Soup**  
**Canned Beans**  
**Diapers size 3-5**  
**Wipes**  
**Pancake Mix**  
**Syrup**  
**Jelly**

Some additional items will also be needed for the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays:

**Gravy**  
**Stuffing**  
**Instant Mashed Potatoes**

The Matawan Food Pantry is grateful for the support of St. Clement's parishioners for this worthy cause.



## 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, November 9, 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).



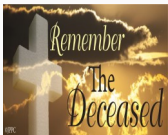
### LONG TERM PRAYER LIST

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 Schnoinger, 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 Coppia, 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, Monica O'Toole, Evan Cristoe, Leon Lerner, James Drago, Carl Lundberg

### 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:  
10/08/24 Joseph "Bud" Mullaney



SVdP provides spiritual, food distribution, emergency financial and other services to those in need. The pantry currently is in need of coffee, laundry detergent and turkeys for holiday food baskets. Donations may be dropped at the church office. Please call their help line at 732-290-1878 if you need assistance. SVdP also needs sponsors for their Adopt-A-Family Program where sponsors buy children Christmas gifts for a family in need.

### 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.

### 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 01/01/24-12/31/24). 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 \$51,220.77 which is 85% of our goal.**

### CHILDREN'S HOMILY

Just a reminder that St. Clement will have a Children's Homily at our 11AM Mass on the first and third Sunday of each month. All children are invited to attend!

### ADULT CATHECHESIS MEETING

The next meeting of the Adult Catechesis Group will be held on Wednesday, October 23rd in the Religious Education Building. The focus will be on the Bible.



### ANGEL HANDS MINISTRY

If you enjoy knitting or crocheting, please consider our ministry. We provide baptismal blankets for our newest parishioners and cozy, warm lap blankets for seniors. Contact the Church Office at 732-566-3616 ext. 111