



Church of ST. CLEMENT

Sunday, December 8, 2024

PARISH MINISTRIES

Marriage Preparation Church Office 566-3616, ext 111
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Religious Education Tom Sweeney, 566-3616
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Music Director Daniel Bucko 908-902-5736
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Ushers Ron Johnson 732-290-1371
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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
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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

Parish Trustees Bruce Quinn & Linda Shirvanian

Parish Religious Education Program PREP

www.stclementreligouised.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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2024

7:45AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
5PM THOMAS AND MARY MOYNIHAN by their family
CARL ROSSI by his wife

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2024

8AM MARGARET KRAFT by Barbara Warden & Joan Paradise
ROSEMARIE CHIMIANTI by the D'Elia Family
BEATRICE DUFFY MOELIUS by her brother, mother & father
11AM IMMACULATA SCALA by her family
ALEANDER G. MATTHAEY by Joe & Holly Cahill
GERARD M. CONRAD by his wife & family

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2024

8AM MARGARET RAYNOR by Linda, Gene & Jennifer McDonald
10AM JOSEPH "BUD" MULLANEY by Gerry Lind & Mary Jane Stroz
7:30PM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2024

8AM ADELE MENY by the Pischel & Grawlewski families

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2024

8AM DIANE FUSCO by Paula DelRosso

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2024

8AM BARBARA MURRAY by Springhill Assisted Living & Rehab

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2024

5PM HENRY ALBAN by his sister Ruth Farrell & family
ROBERT WOLFENDEN SR. by the Webster family
JERRY CONRAD by his wife & family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2024

8AM REBECCA HAYES & BERNARD FIGLER by their families
11AM PAUL FITZGERALD by his wife & family
PATRICIA MOORE by Barbara Stephen & Sarah Moser
JERRY CONRAD by the Salvatore family

COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2024

\$8,377.00

ONLINE COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, NOV. 24TH

\$2,782.00

COLLECTION FOR PARISH ENERGY

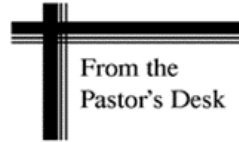
\$1,229.00

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Masses will be held on Monday, December 9th at 8am, 10am and 7:30pm. This is a Holy Day of Obligation.



The Sanctuary light is dedicated this week in memory of Margaret Kraft by Barbara Warden & Joan Paradise



From the Pastor's Desk

Greetings everyone, the Advent season is a good time to participate in the sacrament of Reconciliation. This weekend's bulletin has a list of parishes in our area that are hosting Penance Services. St. Clement's will offer an additional opportunity for confession on this coming Tuesday, December 10 at 7:45pm. This will take place within Adoration and Benediction. Reconciliation is a sacrament of healing, along with the Anointing of the Sick. When you hear the words that absolve you of your sins, you will be at peace because you have encountered God's mercy. Please think about celebrating this sacrament as a way to be watchful and to prepare for the Lord's coming.

Father Tom



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

First & Second Grade Students will perform the Nativity Play on Friday, December 13th at 7pm in the church All are welcome to attend.



Santa Comes to St Clement!! All are welcome to attend Sunday December 15th from 10:30am-1:00pm in the School Building.

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!



Our Parish Giving Tree is now in the lobby of the church. Gifts will need to be returned by Sunday, Dec. 8th. Please take a tag off of the tree and make a Christmas wish come true!! Your continued enthusiasm and generosity for this program is greatly appreciated!!

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE'S PROLIFE TORCH

The Respect for Life Our Lady of Guadalupe Torch will be at St. Clement's beginning on Saturday, November 30th. The torch will remain in the church for one week. Novenas will be prayed as follows: Saturday, 12/7 at 6pm and Sunday, 12/8 at 12:15pm.



LOCAL ADDITIONAL ADVENT CONFESSION OPPORTUNITIES

ST. BENEDICT CHURCH, Holmdel - Sunday, December 8th-2:30pm
ST. MARY'S CHURCH, Colts Neck- Sunday, December 15th-3:00pm



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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 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 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
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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 June, 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, December 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: 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, Iris Ortiz, Bart Beaudry, Francine Brogen-Alampi, Andrea Reverendo, Dana & Patty Liccone, Andrea Reverdo, Anna Jacobs, William Baker, Bryan Brancaccio, Antoinette Sweeney, Dorothy Holmes, Trystan Gianni Joyce, Roger Katon, Linda & Mike Wisnovsky, Tom Serpi, Ethan Pyle, Dennis Rowic, 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, Monica O'Toole, Evan Cristoe, James Dreago, Carl Lundberg

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
Joseph Shammas, Private, U.S. Marines

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.

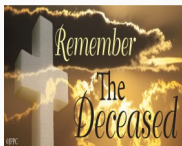


As part of the Annual Catholic Appeal, funds are returned to the parishes for local needs. Some parishes use these funds to provide necessary maintenance to the church or parish buildings. Others direct the money to their social outreach and ministerial support. **PLUS... 15% of the collected goal amount 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 \$54,980.77 which is 92% of our goal.**

CLEMENT HOUSE

Clement House, a free-standing house on the grounds of St. Clement Church, provides one family in crisis with a rent-free home for up to 24 months. It provides a safe haven while families get back on their feet. Clement House also provides an umbrella of opportunities for building skills and self-esteem, including parenting assistance and budgeting skills.

Clement House is currently taking applications for the next family to take advantage of this service. Anyone interested in applying can contact Louise Peddell at 732-299-9503 or at lpeddell87@gmail.com to discuss occupancy requirements and receive an application. Let us be that bridge to independence for a family in need.



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:
11/26/24 Geraldine Strouse.



SVdP provides spiritual, food distribution, emergency financial and other services to those in need. The pantry currently is in need of instant potatoes, canned yams, coffee, 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. 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.





*All parish children Third Grade and above
are invited to take part in
The Children's Christmas Choir
On Christmas Eve during the 5:00 pm Mass.
Practice Dates are:
Tuesday December 17th
and Thursday December 19th
from 5:00 to 6:00 pm in the Church
If your child would like to take part
or for more information please
e-mail: tsweeney@stclementmatawan.org*



CHRISTMAS EVE

Tuesday, December 24, 2024

5:00PM Mass

11:00 Solemn Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY

Wednesday, December 25, 2024

8:00AM, 9:30AM, 11:00AM Mass

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Tuesday, December 31, 2024

5:00PM

NEW YEAR'S DAY - SOLEMNITY OF MARY

Wednesday, January 1, 2025

8:00AM & 11:00AM Mass