



Church of ST. CLEMENT

Sunday, November 24, 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
Liturgy Committee Bill Fiorelli 732-566-3616
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
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.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

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2024

5PM KELLYANNE BRODERICK by her family
RAYMOND REILLY by his wife & family
JOHN CONDON by Stephen, Barbara & Sarah Moser

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2024

8AM DOMENICA RUTA by her loving family
CYNTHIA KLATT by James Duffy Jr.
11AM VINCENT PLACANICA by Mary Reilly
LILLIAN CONRAD by the Conrad family
MARIE DESIMONE by Joann & Robert Buhler

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2024

8AM NICHOLAS KRACS by Orasz & Kracs family

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2024

8AM DOMINICK CLEMENT by the Savarese family

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2024

8AM MICHAEL A. DENUZZIA by the Johnston Family

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2024

10AM THANKSGIVING MASS
ANTOINETTA BARONE by her family

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2024

8AM JAMES QUINN by Bruce & Susan Quinn

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2024

8AM JOSEPH "BUD" MULLANEY by Linda, Gene & Jennifer McDonald

5PM JAY GREEN by the Chrzanowski family
DONCO ZAJKOVSKI by Mary Naso & The FFA Team & PPG
KENNETH CHEKOWSKI by Aunt Lucy

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2024

8AM LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY
HOWARD WARDEN by his wife Barbara & Sister in law Joan
11AM ISADORE & MARY GRASSO by their Daughters
CHRISTOPHER CRONIN by his family
JOSEPH GABRIEL SR. by Joe & Holly Cahill

COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2024

\$7,636.00

ONLINE COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2024

\$3,731.00

COLLECTION FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2024

\$640.00

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

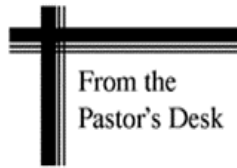
Mass will be celebrated on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 28th, at 10:00am.

CHURCH OFFICE

The church office will be closed on Thursday, November 28th and Friday, November 29th. Happy Thanksgiving!!

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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



From the
Pastor's Desk

Greetings everyone, on Saturday, November 23, the church honors St. Clement I, our parish's patron saint. Clement was installed as pope in the late first-century; he followed St. Peter, St. Linus, and St.

Cletus. According to later church fathers, Clement I was known to have heard the preaching of the Apostles. Thus, he is regarded as an Apostolic Father because he provided a direct link between the Apostles and later generations of Church Fathers. Clement is recognized and celebrated as a martyr because he refused to renounce his faith in Jesus at the threat of the Roman government. Legend has it that Clement was thrown into the sea with an anchor attached to his body. May we honor St. Clement for his courage and ask his intercession to help us stand strong in our faith.

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:

GIULIANA NOELLE ACIERNO

Child of Ashley & Joseph

ROMAN DANIEL QAMAR

Child of Victoria & Daniel

ANTHONY JASON & EMILY STEPHANIE MULA

Children of Meggan & Jason

WEDDING BANNES

Annalicia Lopez & Eric Pizzulli

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 LADY OF GUADELOUPE TORCH

The Respect for Life Our Lady of Guadalupe Torch will be presented 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, 11/30 at 6pm, Sunday, 12/1 at 12:15pm, Monday, 12/2 thru Friday, 12/6 at 7pm, Saturday, 12/7 at 6pm and Sunday, 12/8 at 12:15pm.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



There will be a Parish Tree Lighting on Saturday, December 7th after the 5pm Mass. The Children's Christmas Choir will be performing on Christmas Eve during the 5pm Mass. If your child would like to take part, or for more information,

please email: tweeney@stclementmatawan.org



FLOWERS FOR THE BLESSED MOTHER

The two flower arrangements placed at our Blessed Mother Statue this weekend are in Thanksgiving for God's Blessing by Claudia & Tom Strano.

The Sanctuary light is dedicated this week in memory of Lillian Conrad by the Conrad family.

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
(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 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

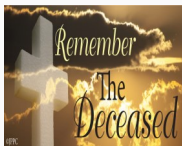
THE PARISH WEBSITE IS ACTIVE AND UPDATED REGULARLY. www.stclementmatawan.org To include a church activity on our Web Site, email Mr. Quinn at admin@stclementmatawan.org

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 \$54,260.77 which is 90% 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:
11/13/24 William E. VanPelt



SVdP provides spiritual, food distribution, emergency financial and other services to those in need. The pantry currently is in need of pancake mix, soup, 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.



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



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Council #5324



Knights of Columbus: Season of Giving

Join us in making a difference this holiday season in helping the less fortunate!

The Knights of Columbus are collecting donations to support:

Coats for Kids

Project Paul in Keansburg

Hot Meals on Thanksgiving for Minisink Village Senior Housing in Matawan

Every little bit helps!

Let's come together as a community to make a bigger impact!
Reach out to your friends, family, and business associates to join us in spreading kindness and generosity this season.

How to Donate: (*Donations are tax deductible*)

Cash: Give directly to any Brother Knight.

Checks: Payable to KofC #5324

Drop your donation(s) in the giving basket,
at the St. Clement's Church office,
or mail to: P.O. Box 22, Matawan, NJ 07747

Please have your donations in by **Sunday December 1st.**

Thank you for your generous support and for helping us uplift our community!



**Hot Meals on Thanksgiving for
Minisink Village Senior Housing**

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

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



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Keep Christ in Christmas Yard Signs and Magnets



Yard signs are printed full color 2 sides on weather resistant coroplast. Included is a 10 X 30 inch stake to affix sign to the ground.

**Magnets
\$5**



**Yard Signs
\$10**

Yard Signs and Magnets will be on sales at the back of St. Clement on Nov 30/ Dec 1, Dec 7 / 8 and Dec 14/15 at all masses

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

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



Birthday Cards for Jesus

Sunday December 1st at Noon in the Gym

*All parish children are welcome to take part
but to be sure we have enough supplies please email:*

tsweeney@stclementmalawan.org

by Monday, November 25th if you plan to attend



Family Movie Night

All are Welcome to Attend

Sunday December 1st at 6:00 pm in the Gym



First and Second Grade Students Will Perform the Nativity Play

All Are Welcome to Attend

Friday December 13th

7:00 pm in the Church



Santa Comes to St. Clement

All are Welcome to Attend

Sunday December 15th

10:30 am to 1:00 pm in the School Building

St. Clement Church Tricky Tray

Saturday, December 7, 2024 1-4PM

Doors Open at 1PM-CALLING BEGINS at 2:30PM

Hosted by the Altar Rosary Society of St. Clement Church

Location: St. Clement School Gym

172 Freneau Avenue, Matawan NJ 07747

\$20 Advanced Purchase Admission (\$25 at the door) includes: Complimentary beverages, dessert, 1 door prize ticket and 1 Red Ticket Sheet

Additional individual Prize Tickets May be Purchased at the Event

- **Red Ticket Basket value:** \$50-99- 1 sheet for \$10 or 3 for \$25
- **Blue Ticket Basket value:** \$100 and up- 1 sheet for \$15 or 3 for \$35
- **Yellow Ticket Basket value:** Grand Mystery Prize valued at over \$1,000- 1 ticket for \$5 or 5 tickets for \$20

-----CUT HERE & RETURN To PARISH OFFICE or Place in COLLECTION Basket at Mass-----

PLEASE LABEL YOUR ENVELOPE "TRICKY TRAY". YOUR TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT.

Name: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Email: _____ Cell Phone: _____

of Advanced Purchase Admission Package (@ \$20 each): _____

If writing a check please make check payable to: St. Clement Altar Rosary Society

Please feel free to bring outside food and snacks for your table. Remember, beverages and dessert will be provided.

- **NO** consumption of Alcoholic Beverages is permitted
- No one under 18 years old admitted
- **The Annual 50/50 winners will be called at this event:** Please purchase 50/50 prior to day of Tricky Tray- **NO** 50/50 tickets will be sold at the Tricky Tray & **MUST** be purchased prior.



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