



# Church of ST. CLEMENT

*Sunday, December 1, 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  
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**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.stclementreligouised.org](http://www.stclementreligouised.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 Schedule:** Saturday: 5:00PM | Sunday 8:00, & 11:00AM **Daily Mass:** Mon, Tues, Wed., Fri 8:00AM



# Mass Intentions for the Week

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### 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

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2024

- 8AM PATRICIA A. MOORE by Holly & Joe Cahill

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2024

- 8AM LORI CERRO by the Golda family

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2024

- 8AM CURTIS ELDRIDGE by Nancy & Andy Cannizzo

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2024

- 8AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2024

- 8AM PETER MCKENTY by his family

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2024

- 7:15AM 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 CHIMIENTI 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

**DUE TO EARLY SUBMISSION, COLLECTION AMOUNTS WERE NOT AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF THIS PUBLICATION**



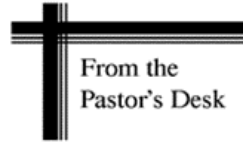
### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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



### WEDDING BELLS

We wish to congratulate Annalicia Lopez & Eric Puzzulli who were married here on November 30th. May the love of God always be with them in their Sacrament of Matrimony.



From the Pastor's Desk

Greetings everyone, in celebrating the first Sunday of Advent this weekend at St. Clement's, we begin the Church's new liturgical year. This time of the year brings the anticipation of

the joy of celebrating the Christmas season. We experience this joy because our savior comes. Christ comes to us not only as a child but also in his second coming in glory, victorious over death. Advent is a time to prepare for these two events. I pray each of you can break away from the pre-Christmas activity to find some time to be with the Lord these next few weeks and reflect on his presence in your life and strengthen your relationship with him.

*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:  
**LORENZO OLIVEIRA**  
 Child of Samantha & Steven

### 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 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: Sunday, 12/1 at 12:15pm, Monday, 12/2 thru Friday, 12 at 7pm, Saturday, 12/7 at 6pm and Sunday, 12/8 at 12:15pm.

*The Sanctuary light is dedicated this week in memory of Howard Warden by his wife Barbara & Sister in law Joan*

*The 2024/25 Paschal Candle was donated in loving memory of Gerard Conrad by his 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](http://virtus.org) and contact Amy Colen (908-267-0161). Virtus website registration instructions can be found at [dioceseoftrenton.org/policies-forms](http://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](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 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](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: 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

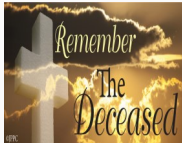
### Special Intentions

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](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.



### 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 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.



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.**





*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 17<sup>th</sup>*

*and Thursday December 19<sup>th</sup>*

*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](mailto:tsweeney@stclementmatawan.org)*

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## **CHRISTMAS EVE**

**Tuesday, December 24, 2024**

**5:00PM Mass**

**11:00PM 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 Mass**

## **NEW YEAR'S DAY - SOLEMNITY OF MARY**

**Wednesday, January 1, 2025**

**8:00AM & 11:00AM Mass**