



# Church of ST. CLEMENT

*Sunday, November 10, 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](mailto: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 Intentions for the Week

## THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2024

5PM JAMES GREENE by his wife & family  
JOSEPH GREENE by his wife & family  
CARY BRODERICK by his family

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2024

8AM LOUISE MARTORANA by her family  
ANTHONY BRYAN LIMITU by  
Richelle & Joe Pickel  
ERNEST IMBROSCIANO by his family  
11AM JOSEPH DELLA BELLA by his wife & family  
FRANK CREMATO by Diane & Kevin  
McNamara  
JOHN DONEGAN by his family

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2024

8AM CAROL RYAN by the Buro family

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2024

8AM VIRGINIA & DANIEL MAGRINO  
by their family

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2024

8AM DOMENICA BY RUTA by her loving family

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2024

8AM ROSANNE MOELLER JEFFERSON  
by the Johnston Family

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2024

5PM THE WANKO FAMILY by their family  
NEAL PATRICK HAYNES by his Mom & Dad  
VINCENT BURNS by Susan & Bruce Quinn

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2024

8AM ELEANOR QUINN by Susan & Bruce Quinn  
AGNES BALATONI by her daughter & family  
11AM JEANINE T. OKONEK by the Conrad family  
PASQUALE PROVENZA by his family  
PAT MARSALA by his daughters & family

### COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2024

\$ 8,807.00

### ONLINE COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY,

NOVEMBER 3, 2024

\$ 2,913.00

### THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

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

### 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!



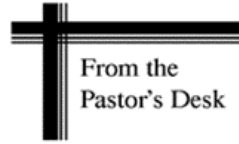
### ANGEL HANDS MINISTRY

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



### FLOWERS FOR THE BLESSED MOTHER

The two flower arrangements placed at our  
Blessed Mother Statue this weekend are in  
memory of Thomas T. Conrad by the Conrad  
family.



From the  
Pastor's Desk

Greetings everyone, I pray you  
are well. I want to thank those  
individuals who donated blood at  
our blood drive that was held on  
October 20. More than 50  
individuals made donations. The

Red Cross representatives were very grateful to St.  
Clement's for hosting the drive and for those who  
attended. Also, we had a great turnout for the pancake  
breakfast that was held on October 27. The turnout was  
one of the best we have ever had. I thank the Knights of  
Columbus Council for organizing both events. As  
always, their hard work and dedication helped to make  
these events successful ones.

*Father Tom*



### 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 \$8,000.00 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/)



### GIVING TREE

Will be in the lobby of the church  
beginning on Saturday, Nov. 23rd.  
Gifts will need to be returned by  
Sunday, Dec. 8th.

Please take a tag off of the tree  
and make a Christmas wish come

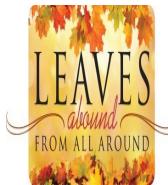
true!! Your continued enthusiasm and generosity for  
this program is greatly appreciated!!

### ALTAR ROSARY NEWS

The Altar Rosary will sponsor a "DINE TO DONATE"  
on Tuesday, November 19th at MJ's Buttonwood Manor  
from 11am-closing. Flyers are available in the lobby of  
the church.

The Altar Rosary is hosting a TRICKY TRAY/ BASKET  
RAFFLE on Saturday, December 7th from 1:00-4pm  
in the school gym. Many baskets and door prizes will be  
available and dessert will be served. Tickets are \$20.00 in  
advance (\$25.00 at the door) and will be on sale after all  
Sunday Masses.

The Altar Rosary SUPER 50/50 tickets will be on sale  
after all Masses. The drawing will be held on Saturday,  
December 7th, 2024 from 4:00-4:30pm.



### SHAKE A RAKE

The "SJV Make A Difference Club" will  
be hosting its first ever "Shake A Rake"  
event. Members of the club will be raking  
leaves for those members our community  
who cannot do it themselves. If you or  
anyone you know needs a helping hand,  
please email Linda Foranocce at [foranocce@sjvhs.com](mailto:foranocce@sjvhs.com).  
This event is planned for Saturday, November 23rd.

## 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)**



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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, Leon Lerner, James Dreago, 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:  
10/16/24 Fred Seitz



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, as well as store coupons for free turkeys. 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  
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.



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 \$52,640.77 which is 88% of our goal.**

### BLOOD DRIVE

Most Holy Redeemer Parish (Desmond Hall)  
133 Amboy Rd, Matawan, NJ 07747

N.J. Blood Services will be conducting a blood drive at Most Holy Redeemer Parish in Desmond Hall  
**Thurs.Dec. 12, 2024, from 1:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

At this time, the blood supply is critically low – PLEASE HELP. To remain in compliance with the federal guidelines for social distancing. **DONORS PRESENTING:** Must wear a mask or face covering, will have their temperature taken, must be 14 days symptom-free if recovered from COVID-19, may NOT donate if they have had a positive diagnostic test or experienced symptoms of COVID-19 in the last 14 days, may NOT donate if they are currently on self-quarantine restrictions.

Please be aware that we DO NOT test for COVID-19. You should contact your health care provider if you want to be tested. Remember to eat, drink, and bring your Donor ID or ID with your name and photo.

# 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.

**This is the last weekend to donate!!**



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.



## *Birthday Cards for Jesus*

*Sunday December 1<sup>st</sup> at Noon in the Gym*

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

*[lsweeney@stclementmatawan.org](mailto:lsweeney@stclementmatawan.org)*

*by Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup> if you plan to attend*



## *Family Movie Night*

*All are Welcome to Attend*

*Sunday December 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm in the Gym*



## *First and Second Grade Students Will Perform the Nativity Play*

*All Are Welcome to Attend*

*Friday December 13<sup>th</sup>*

*7:00 pm in the Church*



## *Santa Comes to St. Clement*

*All are Welcome to Attend*

*Sunday December 15<sup>th</sup>*

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