



Church of ST. CLEMENT

Sunday, December 15, 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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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

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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 both of their families
 11AM PAUL FITZGERALD by his wife & family
 PATRICIA MOORE by Barbara, Stephen & Sarah Moser
 JERRY CONRAD by the Salvatore family

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2024

8AM FRANK BELMONTE by the Gabriel family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2024

8AM MARGARET RAYNOR by the Varsanyi family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2024

8AM MARTIN & BARBARA VAN ORDEN by Susan & Bruce Quinn

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2024

8AM BERNADINE M & JOHN F. SANTOS by their family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2024

5PM PHYLLIS ZULIN & DECEASED MEMBERS OF HER FAMILY by her family
 EVA ANTES by her family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2024

8AM AL PARADISE by his wife Joan & sister in law Barbara
 ROSE MULLANEY by St. Clement Seniors
 11AM PAUL FITZGERALD by his wife & family
 ROBERT HOLMES by Sharon & Bill O'Hare
 MICHELLE ATIEH DEBLASI by Barbara, Stephen & Sarah Moser

COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2024

\$8,873.00

ONLINE COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, DEC. 1, 2024

\$2,254.00

COLLECTION FOR DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT

\$819.00

HOLY HOUR

There will be a Holy Hour with Adoration on Tuesday, December 17th, at 7:30pm

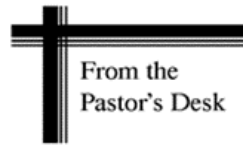
LOCAL ADDITIONAL ADVENT

CONFESSION OPPORTUNITY

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, Colts Neck- Sunday, December



The Sanctuary light is dedicated this week in memory of Bernadine M. Santos by her family



From the
Pastor's Desk

Greetings everyone, there has been a great deal of activity at our parish recently. I thank you again for donating to the Matawan Food Pantry collection for Thanksgiving meals for those in need. Also,

more than 10 turkeys were dropped off to the parish office; these were given to the St. Vincent DePaul Society of Our Lady of Fatima parish in Keyport. Some of the turkeys were used for Thanksgiving Day, and others will be given to families in need for their Christmas Day dinners. I want to thank our Knights of Columbus Council #5324. Council members delivered 32 meals to residents at Minisink Village here in Matawan. Your support for this effort is greatly appreciated.

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:

GINO ENFIOMUSI

Child of Carmin and Marco



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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!



CALLING ALL DECORATORS!!

The decorating committee could use help in decorating the church for Christmas on Sunday, 12/22, after 11AM Mass. We especially need able bodied volunteers who can assist with lifting & assembling the trees, carrying boxes & decorations as well as clean up once decorating is complete.

Please contact Debby Popplewell at 732-772-9890 if you can help.



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



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Catering for Weddings, Sweet 16's, Communion, Baptisms,
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Exclusively by Mayer Catering
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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, January 11, 2025* 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 VanDau Vergona, John Beungard, Teddy Connolly, Monica O'Toole, Evan Cristoe, James Dreago, Carl Lundberg, Peter Rooney, Elsie Rooney

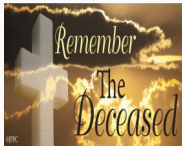
Special Intentions

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.



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:

11/20/24 Joan Sherry, 11/26/24 Geraldine Strouse, 12/06/24 Joan Fenske



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. 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 \$55,355.77 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.





*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