



Church of ST. CLEMENT

Sunday, December 29, 2024

PARISH MINISTRIES

Marriage Preparation Church Office 566-3616, ext 111
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Ushers Ron Johnson 732-290-1371
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Debbly Popplewell 732-772-9890

SERVICES

Athletic Director Phyllis Besso, 732-970-4487
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Safe Environment Coordinators
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ORGANIZATIONS

Altar Rosary Society Marie Canonico 732-970-8261
Holy Name Ron Johnson 732-290-1371
Knights of Columbus Joseph Pittorino 732-566-3616
Senior Citizens Maryann O'Brien 732-566-0962
Hospitality Denyse Galasso 908-794-2007
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REV. THOMAS VALA, PASTOR

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 9AM-3PM,
Church Office 732-566-3616
Admin@stclementmatawan.org
Church Fax 732-566-9275
CCD Office 732-566-3616

In case of a pastoral emergency 732-858-5187
Reception Center 732-591-8180
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-4:00PM
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

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2024

5PM ANTOINETTA BARONE by the Buro Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2024

8AM MANDY RODRIGUES by Charles Dunn
JOHN FALCO by Patti & Vern Ralph
WILLIAM KELLY by Karen & Sean
McNamara

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2024

8AM PHILOMENA MORRISSEY by the Gabriel
family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2024

5PM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2025

8AM RALPH PAPALEO by his family

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 2025

8AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 2025

8AM PATRICIA A. OTERSEN by Michael &
Rosabelle Abend

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 2025

7:45AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

5PM HANK IMCOGNITO by the Hevia Family
ROLAND TOLENTINO by the Giovanniello
family
JOAN FENSKE by the St. Clement Senior
Citizens

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2025

8AM LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE
ST. CLEMENT ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY
NANCY PALUMBO by her family
MARGARET "PEGGY" RAYNOR by
Joseph & Mary Mullaney
11AM CATHERINE PORTERA by Lynette &
Robert Morronaro & Family
RACHEL "RAE" RAINONE by Denise
Bruzzi Dempsey
ARMINDA HERRERA by Lee & Patty Gesner

COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2024

ONLINE COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, DEC. 22, 2024

CHRISTMAS DAY COLLECTION

**DUE TO EARLY SUBMISSION DATE, THESE
AMOUNTS WILL BE POSTED IN A FUTURE
BULLETIN**

COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15th, 2024

\$6,778.00

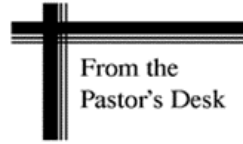
ONLINE COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, DEC. 15th, 2024

\$3,126.00

COLLECTION FOR RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT

\$856.00

*God Bless
You In The
New Year*



From the
Pastor's Desk

Greetings everyone, I pray you had a joyful Christmas celebration with family and friends and were able to find some peace during that busy time. As we begin 2025 on Wednesday, we continue the

Christmas season. The light of Christ continues to shine, especially through all of us. In that shining light, I hope and pray the New Year brings you and your loved ones many blessings. You will have many experiences and interactions in the new year; these moments will be opportunities for you to bear Christ's light. May these encounters strengthen both your faith and trust in the Lord, and may they bring you a renewed Spirit to live your faith and salvation, as St. Paul encourages all Christians to do.

Father Tom

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.

ALTAR ROSARY FUNDRAISER

The Altar Rosary will be having their Gertrude Hawk Easter candy sale starting the weekend of Jan. 18/19. Brochures will be available in the lobby of the church. You can return your orders by putting them in the collection basket or drop off at the church office. The sale will end March 5th and the candy will be distributed on Saturday, April 5th in the gym.

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

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



*Of The
Feast Holy 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



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Catering for Weddings, Sweet 16's, Communion, Baptisms,
Repasses & More
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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, 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 VanDao Vergona, John Beungard, Teddy Connolly, Monica O’Toole, Evan Cristoe, James Dreago, Carl Lundberg, Peter Rooney, Elsie Rooney, Mat Mahon, John Mahon, Chad Seifried

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.



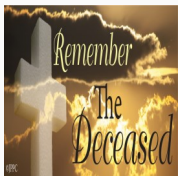
VALENTINE’S DAY COLLECTION FOR TROOPS

We will be collecting for our Troops beginning next weekend.

Below is a list of requested items. We would also add to this list valentine candy and a card to thank them for their service and to let them know we are all thinking about them and praying for them.

Donations can be placed in the bins in the church lobby before and after all Masses. Items need to be received by **Sunday, January 19th** so we can make sure our packages arrive in time for Valentine’s Day!!

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| Beef or chicken jerky | Crunch & Munch |
| Nuts- any kind | Cookies – any kind |
| Life Savers | Gum |
| Kettle Corn / popcorn | Licorice |
| Dried fruit snack | Rice Krispie Treats |
| Sunflower seeds | Protein bars |
| Pumpkin seeds | Trail mix |
| Pre-workout protein powder | Gas X |
| Cough, cold, flu relief remedies | Imodium |
| Dayquil, Nyquil – pills only | Lactaid pills |
| Tylenol Cold | Allergy Relief |
| Aspirin, Motrin, Ibuprofen | Zantac, Pepcid |
| Suntan lotion (no spray) | Batteries – AAA, C, D |
| Moisturizer | Socks |
| Gold Bond Powder & Cream | Razors |
| Food powder | Gatorade - drink packets |
| Bug wipes | Powerade - drink packets |
| Chapstick | Q-tips |
| Feminine hygiene products | Fungus cream |
- Monetary donations towards shipping accepted. Checks Payable to: The Church of the Nativity on the memo line: Eagles Up! Tax receipt given upon request.



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:

12/10/24 Michael Abatemarco, 12/13/24 Ann M. DeVizia, 12/13/24 Grace Parisi



SVdP provides spiritual, food distribution, emergency financial and other services to those in need. The pantry currently is in need of coffee, mayonnaise and catsup. Donations may be dropped at the church office. Please call their help line at 732-290-1878 if you need assistance.



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.