



Church of ST. CLEMENT

Sunday, February 2, 2025

PARISH MINISTRIES

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SERVICES

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ORGANIZATIONS

Altar Rosary Society Marie Canonico 732-970-8261
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REV. THOMAS VALA, PASTOR

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 9AM-3PM,
Church Office 566-3616

Admin@stclementmatawan.org

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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-4:00PM

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 PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2025

7:45AM ANNA PUGLIESE by Theresa Hartigan
5PM TOM CAHILL by John Grady
JOSEPH "BUD" MULLANEY by Kathy Sporer
PETAR RELJANOVIC by Ana Sertic

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2025

8AM LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY
EDITH J. RESETER by Gene & Linda McDonald
11AM ROBERT FENSKE by his wife & family
JACK SHAW by Tom & Cathy Boland
HENIA JANKOJC by the Serpi & Vaccaro families

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2025

8AM DIANE FLORENTINE by her loving family

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2025

8AM RAE RAINONE by the family of Faith & Harvey Brenner

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2025

8AM THOMAS BARTLETT by Lucille Cilento

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2025

8AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2025

8AM PETER MCKENTY by his family

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2025

5PM JACK SHAW by John Grady
JOSEPH "BUD" MLLANEY by Bill & Joan Lambertson
DEBORAH JACKSON by the Hartigan/Palumbo family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2025

8AM JOAN WHELAN by Claudia & Tom Strano
FRED SEITZ by the Cahill family
11AM EDWARD & CATHERINE FLYNN by their daughter Pat Davis
REBECCA HAYES by her family
DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE JANKOJC FAMILY by the Serpi & Vaccaro families

COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025

\$ 8,532.00

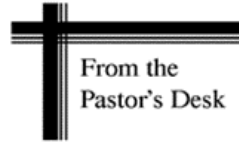
ONLINE COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, JAN. 26, 2025

\$ 2,043.00

COLLECTION FOR LATIN AMERICA

\$ 657.00

February



From the
Pastor's Desk

Greetings everyone, as part of the current Jubilee year, Pope Francis has talked about the importance of prayer in a Christian's life. Prayer, according to the pope, finds its roots in the human

heart and reaches out to God's heart, which is compassionate and merciful. It is the spiritual life that constantly breathes in each of us. Moreover, through prayer one's life is transformed. I know that most of us cannot devote our lives to prayer all day; however, in our daily activities we use prayer to assist us in discerning God's call. Even more important is the mercy we experience through prayer because God listens to us and wants to hear from us. I pray we can all find time this jubilee year for prayer, sharing our struggles, fears, joys, and hope with God and allowing him to continue to guide us.

Father Tom

BAPTISM

We wish to welcome into the family of God and the St. Clement parish community the following children who were baptized here this weekend:

CHARLOTTE JEAN WALSH
Child of Courtney and Thomas
REESE SANTINO BRULO
Child of Michelle and Michael

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 is offering **two options** for their Easter Fundraiser. In addition to their Gertrude Hawk candy sale, they will also have cheesecakes for sale. Candy brochures will be available in the lobby of the church. The cheesecake order forms will be

available in early February. You can return your orders by putting them in the collection basket or drop off at the church office. **The candy sale will end March 5th.** Candy and cheesecakes will be distributed on Saturday, April 5th in the gym from 10:00am-12:00pm.



HOSPITALITY NEWS!

Please join us next Sunday, February 9th after the 8am & 11am Masses for Fellowship and Coffee. Coffee, tea, baked goods, water and juice will be served. Please contact Ellen Vaccaro or Denyse Galasso if you would like to donate a goodie.

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 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, February 8, 2025 at noon.** 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.



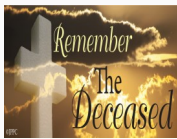
LONG TERM PRAYER LIST

Please keep in your prayers the following individuals who are dealing with long term health issues: Randy Bishop, Bill

Szabo, 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 Reverendo, 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, Stephanie Keusch, Michael Ebid.

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:
01/16/25 Patricia Kohler.



SVdP provides spiritual, food distribution, emergency financial and other services to those in need. Thanks to your generosity, our pantry is fully stocked this week. Future 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.

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.



Stress in Your Marriage!

Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage?
Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse?

Are you constantly fighting? Or, do you simply shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking about it only make it worse?

Retrouvaille is a Lifeline to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages. The program consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions.

UPCOMING WEEKEND: February 28-March 2, 2025

For Information and to Register Call:

Rich Colasuonno: 732-236-0671 Or Annette Colasuonno: 732-672-0748 or email 3024@retrouvaille.org





Save the Date!!

St. Clement Hospitality Group

**St. Patrick & St. Joseph's Day
Spring Dance**

**Saturday, March 15th
6 to 10 PM at
The Reception Center**





Offerings at Francis House of Prayer

Trenton Diocesan Spiritual Center and Retreat House
84 Walnford Road • Allentown, NJ 08501
609-877-0509 or FHOP@verizon.net

Please check www.FHOP.org for dates, registration, directions and for our other offerings!
All programs will be offered online and in-person unless otherwise indicated.

PERSONAL RETREAT DAY

Wednesday, February 5 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM

Come to Francis House for silence, personal prayer and optional spiritual direction. The day begins and ends with a brief prayer together. Please bring a bag lunch. Donation: \$10; \$40 with spiritual direction.

WRITING AND JOURNALING DEEPEN OUR FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD

Wednesday, February 12 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Writing and journaling can be a conversation with God! Enjoy a gentle day with God's guidance as we reflect on graces received in our lives by using writing prompts that bring us deeper into sacred stillness and love. Please bring a notebook or journal. Donation: \$30, includes lunch. Zoom: \$25.

ABANDONMENT TO DIVINE PROVIDENCE

Tuesday, February 18 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM

I am going to summarize the essence of this classic by Jean Pierre de Caussade so that you can enjoy and internalize his message of complete abandonment to the care of Divine Providence. We seem to need that more than ever and I so desire to acquaint you with his wisdom in pointing to the Providence of God in all things. Donation: \$25, includes materials and lunch. Zoom: \$20.

EVENING ZOOM ONLY POPE FRANCIS' NEW ENCYCLICAL *Dilexit Nos* "HE LOVED US"

3 Tuesdays: March 11, 18, 25 7:00 – 8:00 PM

What better way to participate in Lent? Pope Francis invites us to experience deeply the love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus for the world and for each of us. His writing is simple and understandable, and inspiring to say the least. The Encyclical is available online and on Amazon. Donation: \$50