



Church of ST. CLEMENT

Sunday, January 12, 2025

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
Order of Christian Initiation Tom Sweeney 566-3616
Altar Servers Jim Starace 732-566-3616
Ushers Ron Johnson 732-290-1371
Liturgy Committee Bill Fiorelli 732-566-3616
Church Environment - Debby Popplewell 732-772-9890
Respect Life - Arminda Rubio 732-616-2759

SERVICES

Athletic Director Phyllis Besso, 732-970-4487
Clement House Louise Peddel 732-299-9503
Safe Environment Coordinators
Amy Colen 908-267-0161
Bob Tully 848-468-6554

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
Ellen Vaccaro 732-762-8129

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

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2025

5PM ANASTASIA O'BRIEN by the Village at Meadowbrook

GLORIA CHRISTIANSEN by the Chrzanowski family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025

8AM ALAN MOMBRAVY by Lucille Cilento
PETER MCKENTY by his family

11AM JOHN SHAW by Eileen & Steve Nicholl
RACHEL RAINONE by Cathy & Al Genkinger

PAUL SANTAROMITA by Lynette & Robert Marronaro & Family

MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2025

8AM RACHEL RAINONE by Jill & Gary Fishman

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025

8AM CONCETTA MARONI by Kevin & Barbara Keenan

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2025

8AM ANA & MILAN SERTIC

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2025

8AM HANK IMCOGNITO by the Gullod family

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2025

5PM PHYLLIS IMBROSCIANO by her family
DON PUCILLO by his Mom

JAMES FOX by Lauri Faleska

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2025

8AM MARIE & SALVATORE STRANO by their family

SCOTT STANAWAY by the Sica family

11AM MARK MENDES by the Trimarche family & Centrim Electric

HENRY SKOROS by Nancy Jaeger

MATTHEW WIESNIEWSKI SR. by the Eggolt family

CHRISTMAS DAY COLLECTION

\$14,140.00

ONLINE CHRISTMAS DAY COLLECTION

\$2,165.00

COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2024

\$6,216.00

ONLINE COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, DEC. 29, 2024

\$ 2,074.00

COLLECTION FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY

\$ 3,149.00

COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, JAN. 5, 2025

\$18,021.00

ONLINE COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, JAN. 5, 2025

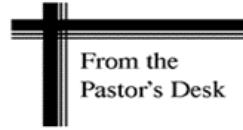
\$ 3,373.00

The 2024/25 Paschal Candle was donated in loving memory of Gerard M. Conrad by his wife & children.

*The Sanctuary light is dedicated this week in memory of
Laura Ann Insolera
by Tony & Evelyn Savarese*

HOLY HOUR

There will be a Holy Hour with Rosary for Peace on Tuesday, January 21st at 7:30pm



From the
Pastor's Desk

Greetings everyone, Christmas has passed, but I would like to share with you a message from a representative of the American Red Cross, one of the

organizations that received donations from our Giving Tree campaign this past Christmas. The representative told our Knights of Columbus council how much she appreciated the donations of gift cards that were given to their food pantry that serves families of military personnel at Joint Base McGuire-Dix. The food pantry was about to turn people away just as she was walking in with the gift cards, so you can imagine how appreciative those families were. It should give all of us comfort to know that as a council and as a parish we were able to make a difference in people's lives, no matter how big or small the offering. I am sure this is not the only story regarding the impact of the fruits of our parish's efforts. Thank you again for your generosity and commitment to St. Clement parish and its outreach programs.

Father Tom

HOSPITALITY NEWS

Our Hospitality Committee will host fellowship this Sunday after the 8am & 11am Masses. Baked goods, coffee, tea, water and other treats will be served. All are welcome to attend.

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.



VALENTINE'S DAY COLLECTION FOR TROOPS

We are collecting for our Troops for Valentine's Day. 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!!

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.	

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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 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, 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.



DIOCESAN YOUTH CONFERENCE

THE JOURNEY

FEB. 1ST
2025
10AM



8th-12th grade



Notre Dame H.S.
Lawrence, NJ



Advance Registration
\$25



Walk-in Registration
\$35



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*"Those who hope in the Lord will run and
not be weary." (Is 40:31)*

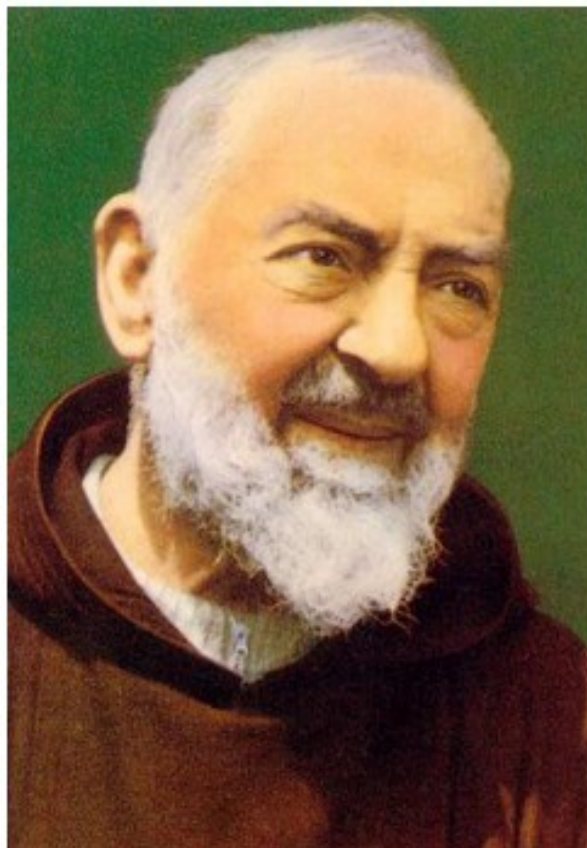
For More Information, Please Contact the
Religious Education Office

732-566-3616 Ext 2

tsweeney@stclementmatawan.org



St Padre Pio Prayer Group of St Ambrose Parish



Come join us in prayer as we celebrate mass together in honor of St Padre Pio by Celebrant Fr. Jack C. Grimes. Mass will be celebrated on Saturday January 18, 2025 at 9:00 AM followed by veneration of a first class relic of St Padre Pio.

***St Ambrose Parish
83 Throckmorton Lane, Old Bridge NJ 08857
(732)679-5666***





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

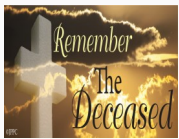
Contributions for 2023 have been updated and we welcome you to log in to www.parishgiving.org to review and enter contributions for the New Year. PLEASE NOTE: Only recurring contributions (such as Sunday offering, Building Fund, etc.) will be carried forward. All special (including Christmas and the 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.

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 Sat. April 5th in the lobby of the gym.

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:
12/18/24 Ricardo Fontanes



SVdP provides spiritual, food distribution, emergency financial and other services to those in need. The pantry currently is in need 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.



RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE Tens of thousands of couples have healed their

marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retrovy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program will be held February 14 - 16, 2025 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

MULTI-PARISH NOVENA FOR LIFE

JANUARY 16-24, 2025 7:00PM

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Holy Rosary, Prayer for Life & Benediction.

Thurs	Jan 16	Holy Family	Union Beach
Fri	Jan 17	Holy Family	Union Beach
Sat	Jan 18	Our Lady of Fatima	Keyport
Sun	Jan 19	Our Lady of Fatima	Keyport
Mon	Jan 20	St Clement	Matawan
Tue	Jan 21	St Clement	Matawan
Wed	Jan 22	St Benedict	Holmdel
Thu	Jan 23	St. Benedict	Holmdel
Fri	Jan 24	St Benedict	Holmdel