



Church of ST. CLEMENT

Sunday, January 19, 2025

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 732-904-5593
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, 970-4487
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Safe Environment Coordinators
Amy Colen 908-267-0161
Bob Tully 848-468-6554

ORGANIZATIONS

Altar Rosary Society Marie Canonico 970-8261
Knights of Columbus Joseph Pittorino 566-3616
Holy Name—Ron Johnson 732-904-5593
Senior Citizens Maryann O'Brien 732-566-0962
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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-4:00PM

Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements should be made one year prior.
Pre-Cana Conference required.



Mass Intentions for the Week

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2025

8AM EDDIE MALANE by Tom Sweeney

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2025

8AM JACK BABIC by Bill & Kara Sakoutis

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2025

8AM RAE RAINONE by Bill Fiorelli

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2025

8AM NICHOLAS DEJORIA by Al & Cathy Genkinger

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2025

5PM KAITLYN PETERSON by her family
BROCK HOR by Tom & Pat Carew
SUSAN HINKELBEIN by the Settimo family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025

8AM PEGGY RAYNOR by Carol Brady
PHILLIP VOTA by Louise & John Webster
11AM SEAN DAVIS by his mom, Pat Davis
BRADLEY HAGENSEN by the Hartigan Family
BILL ABAHAZY JR. by Lucy & Sabrina Laverty

COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025

\$7,156.00

ONLINE COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, JAN. 12, 2025

\$ 2,768.00

COLLECTION FOR DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT

\$ 735.00

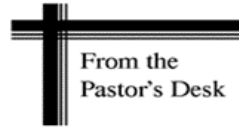
MULTI-PARISH NOVENA FOR LIFE

JANUARY 16-24, 2025 - 7:00PM

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

Sat	Jan 18	Our Lady of Fatima	Keypoint
Sun	Jan 19	Our Lady of Fatima	Keypoint
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

The Sanctuary light is dedicated this week in loving memory of Don Pucillo by his mom



From the
Pastor's Desk

Greetings everyone, to help celebrate the Jubilee Year, pilgrimage sites have been designated within our diocese. A pilgrimage is an actual journey to visit holy places with the intention

to seek to grow in faith and become a better Christian. It is not a trip to just observe a particular site. There are many instances of pilgrimages in the bible: Moses going to Mount Sinai to receive the Commandments; the shepherds who went in haste to see their newborn savior; and the women who went to the empty tomb. The churches that have been designated are: St. Mary Cathedral in Trenton; Our Lady Star of the Sea in Long Branch; St. Robert in Freehold; St Anthony in Hamilton; St Joan of Arc in Marlton; and St Mary in Barnegat. I pray you have the opportunity to visit one of these sites and spend some quality time to contemplate God's presence in your lives. The addresses of these sites will be listed on our Parish website.

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:

SYDNEY SCHRIEKS
Child of Andrea & Chris
FRANCESCA FREISEN
Child of Kristen & William
ADALINA RODRIGUEZ
Child of Laura & 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. Starting the weekend of Jan. 18/19, candy brochures will be available in the lobby of the church. The cheesecake brochures will be available shortly thereafter. 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 will be distributed on Saturday, April 5th in the gym.

HOLY HOUR

There will be a Holy Hour with Rosary for Peace on Tuesday, January 28th at 7:30pm

SANCTUARY LAMP



Parishioners may donate the Sanctuary Lamp that burns in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church. These intentions will be on a weekly basis. The suggested donation for the Sanctuary Lamp is \$25.00. Please

contact the church office with your request in honor or in memory of a loved one.

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.



DIOCESAN YOUTH CONFERENCE

THE JOURNEY

FEB. 1ST
2025
10AM



8th-12th grade



Notre Dame H.S.
Lawrence, NJ



Advance Registration
\$25



Walk-in Registration
\$25



dioceseoffrenton.org/dyc



"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



Silent Guided Contemplative Retreat for Beginners

"Contemplative prayer is nothing else than a close sharing between friends; it means taking time frequently to be alone with God who we know loves us". (Teresa of Avila)

February 14-17, 2025 (Extended weekend Fri. - Mon.)

A gentle immersion into the practice of contemplative prayer for beginners helping individuals comfortably access a deeper connection with their inner self and the Divine through stillness and quiet awareness.

Presenters: Sister Kathryn Benham IHM and Sister Rose Adams IHM



Sister Kathryn Benham, IHM is a member of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Immaculata, PA. Her experience of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius laid a strong foundation for her spiritual growth and formation as a spiritual director, religious educator and parish minister. Her places of study include Immaculata University, Creighton University, The Jesuit Center for Spiritual Growth, Wernersville, PA, Ignatius Center, Guelph, Ontario and The Upper Room, Neptune, NJ.

Sister Kathy has served a diverse population of the People of God in Pennsylvania, Virginia, Georgia and Perú. True to her IHM charism and spirituality, she is passionate and creative as she greatly enjoys accompanying other seekers on their spiritual journey.



Sr. Rose Marie Adams, IHM currently serves on the staff of the IHM Conference/Retreat Center in Bryn Mawr, PA. Her experience includes over twenty years directing adult faith formation programs and offering retreats in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and the Diocese of Raleigh. She is also a certified spiritual director.

Cost: \$450

**Registration: (See attached form) OR
Register online at www.info@sanalfonsoretreats.org**

Phone: (732) 222-2731 Ext. 140

E-mail: info@sanalfonsoretreats.org

Fax: (848)-800-8717



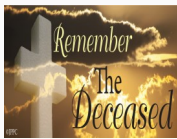
LONG TERM PRAYER LIST

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.

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: 01/06/25 Jeffrey O'Kane, 01/07/25 Sheri Spadaccini.



SVdP provides spiritual, food distribution, emergency financial and other services to those in need. The pantry currently is in need of coffee and canned soup. 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
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 THE TROOPS

All donations are due by this Sunday, January 19th and can be placed in the bins in the church lobby before and after all Masses.

- Beef or chicken jerky
 - Nuts- any kind
 - Life Savers
 - Kettle Corn / popcorn
 - Dried fruit snack
 - Sunflower seeds
 - Pumpkin seeds
 - Pre-workout protein powder
 - Cough, cold, flu relief remedies
 - Dayquil, Nyquil – pills only
 - Tylenol Cold
 - Aspirin, Motrin, Ibuprofen
 - Suntan lotion (no spray)
 - Moisturizer
 - Gold Bond Powder & Cream
 - Food powder
 - Bug wipes
 - Chapstick
 - Feminine hygiene products
 - Crunch & Munch
 - Cookies – any kind
 - Gum
 - Licorice
 - Rice Krispie Treats
 - Protein bars
 - Trail mix
 - Gas X
 - Imodium
 - Lactaid pills
 - Allergy Relief
 - Zantac, Pepcid
 - Batteries – AAA, C, D
 - Socks
 - Razors
 - Gatorade – drink packets
 - Powerade – drink packets
 - Q-tips
 - 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.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

If you have had a loss and are grieving a loved one, you are invited to attend a Bereavement group at our Lady of Fatima in Keyport, NJ. We will be starting a new session on February 10th, 2025 at 7pm in the Parish Center. We meet every Monday night to discuss a topic and share this difficult time with each other. Please leave a message at the Parish Office (732-264-0322) for Carmela Grace or contact: cgrace@fatimakeyport.org if you would like to attend.