



Church of ST. CLEMENT

Sunday, January 26, 2025

PARISH MINISTRIES

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Athletic Director Phyllis Besso, 732-970-4487
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ORGANIZATIONS

Altar Rosary Society Marie Canonico 732-970-8261
Knights of Columbus Joseph Pittorino 566-3616
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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 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 Schedule: Saturday: 5:00PM | Sunday 8:00, & 11:00AM **Daily Mass:** Mon, Tues, Wed., Fri 8:00AM



Mass Intentions for the Week

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2025

8AM CAROL FINNERTY by Virginia Carrigan

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2025

8AM ANTOINETTE BARONE by her family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2025

8AM JOAN HODGSON by the Gorzelnik family

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2025

8AM MARLYN MICHAELS by Theresa Hartigan & Dana Schwartz

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

COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2025

\$ 6, 862.00

ONLINE COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, JAN. 19, 2025

\$ 3, 873.00

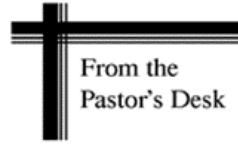
COLLECTION FOR ENERGY

\$ 1, 257.00

HOLY HOUR

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

The Sanctuary light is dedicated this week in loving memory of John, Anna Mae & Francis Curran by their family.



From the
Pastor's Desk

Greetings everyone, I pray you are dealing well with the cold weather our area has been experiencing. I want to thank those who donated to our recent collection for the troops. We had another great response, and the

volunteers at Eagles-Up are very grateful for your generosity. As in years past, our CCD students made cards that will be included in the packages. Also, your monetary donations provide relief to the families of the troops since many military families, because of the cost, are unable to ship packages to their loved-ones. As always, I am grateful for your willingness to support our outreach programs at St. Clement parish. The items will be shipped out in time for Valentine's Day. May the Lord watch over and protect our troops. I also want to thank those who attended our Pro-Life Novena on and Monday and Tuesday evenings. Your participation made the novena more meaningful.

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:

KAILEY BRIELLE BARNES

Child of Marissa & Thomas

AVERY ANN HEBERER

Child of Lauren & Chris

AURORA SKYE BERBER

Child of Paige and Eren

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 brochures will be available shortly. 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.

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.

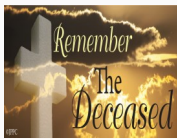


LONG TERM PRAYER LIST

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

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: 01/07/25 Sheri Spadaccini.



SVdP provides spiritual, food distribution, emergency financial and other services to those in need. The pantry currently is in need of coffee, paper products, ketchup, mayonnaise and cooking oil. 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

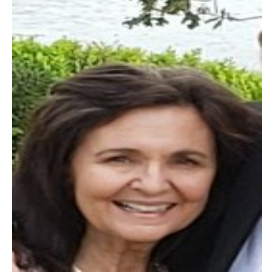
BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

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.



CATHOLIC WOMEN OF ZION CHAPTER 1
A Ministry to Catholic Women Young and Older Alike
at The Church of St. William the Abbot
36th Year Anniversary Retreat Day



YOU ARE INVITED TO CWOZ CHAPTER 1: The day consists of Mass, Music by: *Joyful Praise*, speaker, sharing, networking and prayers for healing.

This month's speaker: Ana Maria Garcia is a Catholic lay evangelist. For nearly 30 years, she witnessed to the healing power of God's love and mercy as a team member of Good News International, a lay ministry that carried the Gospel to parishes all over this country, as well as South America and Europe. Since then, she has continued to answer the Lord's call with a resounding and joyous, YES!

Ana María has spoken throughout New Jersey and New York at Retreats, Communion Breakfasts, Women's Groups, Prayer Meetings, Workshops, and Life in the Spirit Seminars, in addition to Parish Missions conducted in English and Spanish. She has given witness at the Catholic Tent Revival of New Jersey, the New Jersey Catholic Charismatic Conference, and ecumenical organizations, and has also appeared on Religion and Ethics Newsweekly on PBS. She proclaims the gospel and witnesses to the healing power of God's love and mercy.

Ana María is the mother of three children, grandmother of eight, and a parishioner for over 30 years at the Church of St. Luke in Toms River, where she and her husband served as coordinators of the parish Evangelization Team, bible studies, and Renew 2000. She also served on the RCIA formation team, and is currently a Lector and Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist.

Most recently, Ana María began Our Lady's Power of Prayer Group at St. Luke in obedience to the May 25, 2024 request of Our Lady of Medjugorje, who asked: "Little children, create prayer groups in order to encourage each other to the good and grow in joy."

Ana Maria invites us to join her as she shares:
"Behold, I Make All Things New" *Rev 21:5*

Date: Saturday, February 8, 2025
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Mass-9:00am. will be celebrated by Fr. Thomas Maher

Place: St. William the Abbot Church
2740 Lakewood Allenwood Rd
Howell, NJ 07731

Admission: \$25.00 includes Box lunch - pay at the door
Come and bring a friend!

Reservations: are necessary-must select a Box Lunch from
Selections listed on CWOZ Website www.cwoz.org

You can also register by phone-please leave your phone number,
spell your last name and selection of Box Lunch
at 732-475-7113 no later than Tuesday, February 4, 2025

Mary Ann Collett, Co-founder/Director of Catholic Women of Zion cwoz@cwoz.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 Kathy 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