



# Church of ST. CLEMENT

*Sunday, January 5, 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  
**Rite of Christian Initiation** Tom Sweeney 732-566-3616  
**Altar Servers** Jim Starace 732-566-3616  
**Ushers** Ron Johnson 732-290-1371  
**Liturgy Committee** Bill Fiorelli 732-566-3616  
**Liturgical Environment**  
Debby Popplewell 732-772-9890

## SERVICES

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

## ORGANIZATIONS

**Altar Rosary Society** Marie Canonico 970-8261  
**Holy Name** Ron Johnson 290-1371  
**Knights of Columbus** Joseph Pittorino 566-3616  
**Senior Citizens** Maryann O'Brien 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](mailto: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](http://www.TheReceptionCenter.com)

**Parish Trustees** Bruce Quinn & Linda Shirvanian

**Parish Religious Education Program PREP**

[www.stclementreligious.org](http://www.stclementreligious.org)

**St. Clement Athletic Association**

[www.stclementsports.com](http://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

## EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

### 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

### MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2025

8AM ALINA MIKRUH by the Village at Meadowbrook

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2025

8AM KATHY LAWLOR by Virginia Corrigan

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2025

8AM RAE RAINONE by the St. Clement's Choir

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 2025

8AM KATELYN MORALES by the Moser family

### 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 MOMBRAY 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

### COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2024

\$7,913.00

### ONLINE COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, DEC. 22, 2024

\$3,122.00

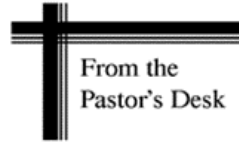
### COLLECTION FOR PARISH ENERGY COSTS

\$1,441.00

**Due to required early submission date, the collection amounts for Christmas and the Solemnity of Mary will be posted in a future bulletin.**



*The Sanctuary light is dedicated this week in memory of  
 Mary Joan Lazarus  
 by Tony & Evelyn Savarese*



From the  
 Pastor's Desk

Greetings everyone, I hope you had enjoyable New Year's celebrations and that the beginning of 2025 is going well for you. I am very happy to say that St. Clement's parish surpassed its

goal for the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA.) Because of this, our parish will receive a rebate check for more than \$11,000, which will be deposited into the main business account. The parish's finance council and I are grateful to those who contributed to the campaign. Also, on Christmas Eve Pope Francis inaugurated the Jubilee Year for 2025. A Jubilee Year celebrates God's mercy and forgiveness and the renewal they bring to all people. It will conclude on the Epiphany of 2026. Our Holy Father said that he wants all people to be willing to open the doors of their hearts, believing that hope does not disappoint.

*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.



### VALENTINE'S DAY COLLECTION FOR TROOPS

We are collecting for our Troops.

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 19<sup>th</sup> 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, Ibuprof	Zantac, Pepcid
Suntan lotion (no spr	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.



## 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](http://virtus.org) and contact Amy Colen (908-267-0161). Virtus website registration instructions can be found at [dioceseoftrenton.org/policies-forms](http://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](http://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  
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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](mailto:prolife.mom.9@gmail.com)

**Online Prayers**

**Online prayer requests can be accessed at the following website: [www.prayoverus.com](http://www.prayoverus.com).**



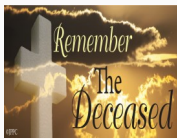
### LONG TERM PRAYER LIST

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

### 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:  
12/11/24 John Quinn



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](mailto: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](http://www.stclementmatawan.org) To include a church activity on our Web Site, email Mr. Quinn at [admin@stclementmatawan.org](mailto:admin@stclementmatawan.org)

### ELECTRONIC GIVING – PARISH GIVING

Contributions for 2023 have been updated and we welcome you to log in to [www.parishgiving.org](http://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 5<sup>th</sup> and the candy will be distributed on Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> in the gym.

### 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.

