



# Church of ST. CLEMENT

*Sunday, February 9, 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 732-290-1338  
**Eucharistic Ministers** Jim Starace 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 732-904-5593  
**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, 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  
**Knights of Columbus** Joseph Pittorino 566-3616  
**Holy Name**—Ron Johnson 732-904-5593  
**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](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

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### 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  
KAITLYN PETERSON by Peggy Collins  
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

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2025

8AM JOHN SANTOS by the Santos family

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025

8AM ALAN HODGSON by the Gorzelnik family

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2025

8AM BABY JUSTIN by the Kowalewski family

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2025

8AM WILLIAM MIGLIORE by the Gabriel family

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2025

5PM BOUNG IK MIN by the Min Family  
PHYLLIS ZULIN & RON KOCZROWSKI by her daughter & his wife

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2025

8AM JAMES SLUYK by Paul & Nancy Percussi  
BARBARA GLOWACKI by Kathy & Bob Flammer  
11AM ALEXANDER MATTHAERY by Michael & Deb Hickey  
MARIE S. CARDONE by Susan & Tom Sweeney  
CHRISTINE CLEWLOW by John Ryan & Patricia Dischler

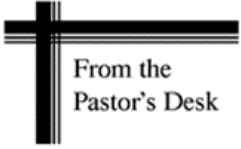
### COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2025

\$ 8,478.50

### ONLINE COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, FEB. 2, 2025

\$ 2,139.00

*The Sanctuary light is dedicated this week in loving memory of John F. Santos by the Santos family*



From the  
Pastor's Desk

Greetings everyone, I would like to continue to address the importance of prayer as presented in the Vatican's Resource for the Jubilee Year, which I discussed in last week's bulletin. Pope Francis

said that prayer in the church is important in many ways. Prayer helps us to open ourselves to God's call, and it helps us to maintain that right relationship with Him. It offers us the channel to stay connected with the Lord as it directs us to good intentions and sustains our response through action. Through prayer we allow the Holy Spirit to inspire and encourage us to grow and transform our selves and lives. Be aware that the evil one will try to discourage prayer among the faithful. Many of us will sometimes feel that our prayers are futile and ineffective; however, Jesus wants us to not surrender. He encourages us and prays for us at these times; he will see us through.

*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.



### 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 are 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 5<sup>th</sup>.** Candy and cheesecakes will be distributed on Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

### CATHOLIC MEN FOR JESUS CHRIST

Join other Catholic men from across the Diocese of Trenton at the 28th Annual Men's Conference on Saturday, February 22nd at St. Mary Mother of God Church in Middletown, NJ. The Theme of this year's conference is "Solidarity: A Time to Unite." The day runs from 8:00am-2:30pm and will feature Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop David O'Connell. Speakers include Elvis Grbac, a 2001 ProBowl quarterback with the Chiefs and Super Bows XXIX champion with the 49ers. The line up of other speakers is on the flyer in the church lobby. Cost is \$60 per person; \$20 for students. Breakfast & lunch will be provided. To register by mail, send the name(s) of each person registering, your check and self-addressed stamped envelope to: Catholic Men for Jesus Christ P.O. Box 266 Clarksburg, NJ 08510



## 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  
[www.TheReceptionCenter.com](http://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, March 8, 2025 at noon.** 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, 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:

01/24/25 Lyla Yip, 01/27/25 David Raynor, 01/28/25 Joseph Higgins, 01/30/25 Ellen M. Reilly



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](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.



### 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](mailto:3024@retrouvaille.org)







The St. Clement Hospitality Group

## St. Patrick & St. Joseph Day Spring Dinner Dance

**Tickets: \$60 Each / \$30 Children 10 and Under**  
On Sale After all Masses or Online

**Dinner, Dessert, Music, Dancing, Trivia,  
Door Prizes, Cash Bar**

**Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**6 to 10 pm at**  
**The Reception Center**  
**172 Freneau Avenue**  
**Matawan**

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I LOVE YOU TO THE



MOON  
AND BACK!

# DADDY-DAUGHTER DANCE

Sunday, March 23rd

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Presented By: Knights of Columbus  
Cardinal Newman Council #5324

Pre-Registration Required  
Get Tickets Here By  
Scanning the QR Code

**GIRLS CAN BRING  
DAD OR ANY  
ADULT MALE**

Open to ages  
5 - 13 years



Hosted At: The  
Reception Center  
172 Freneau Ave  
Matawan, NJ 07747



For More Information Contact  
the Knights at (732) 490-6970 or  
KoC5324NJ@GMail.com

Tickets \$100 - For each Daddy Daughter Duo

\$25 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL DAUGHTER

**TICKET PRICE INCLUDES : DJ, DINNER AND PHOTO BOOTH!**