



Church of ST. CLEMENT

Sunday, March 2, 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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Ushers Ron Johnson 732-904-5593
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Church Environment - Debby Popplewell 732-772-9890
Respect Life-Arminda Rubio 732-616-2759

SERVICES

Athletic Director Phyllis Besso, 732-970-4487
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Amy Colen 908-267-0161
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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

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

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2025

7:45AM ROSEMARY D'ARMINO by Theresa Hartigan

5PM JAMES TANCREDI by Armina Rubio-Pitio
CARL ROSSI by his wife Ivette
FRED DOYLE by Kathy & Erin

SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2025

8AM LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE ALTAR ROSARY

11AM PETAR RELJANOVIC by Kathy Annunziata
BILL DAVIS by his wife Pat Davis
KERRY FOGARTY by Cathy & Al Genkinger
THOMAS COBB by Giacomina & Joseph Sorezza & family

MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2025

8AM BROCK HOR by Holly Cahill

TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2025

8AM JOSEPH "BUD" MULLANEY by Bill & Jean Fiorelli

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2025

8AM JOSEPH "BUD" MULLANEY by Carol Bambrick

7:30PM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2025

8AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2025

8AM PETER MCKENTY by his family

SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2025

5PM GEORGE FARRELL by his wife & family
FRED DOYLE by Kathy & Erin
JIM BRODERICK by his family

SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2025

8AM ALFRED PARADISE by his wife Joan & sister in law Barbara

11AM TOM CONSENTINO by his wife & family
MICHAEL PALUMBO by his family
RON THOMPSON by his family
JOSEPH GALLO by Bob & Lisa Gallo & family
RICHARD RIVERA JR. by Arlene & Richard Rivera

COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2025

\$ 8,767.00

ONLINE COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, FEB. 23, 2025

\$3,097.00

COLLECTION FOR CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE

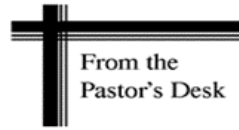
\$705.00

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.



The Sanctuary light is dedicated this week in loving memory of Joseph Takacs by his wife and family



From the
Pastor's Desk

Greetings,

Here are guidelines for the Lenten Season:

The days of FAST (only one full meal) and ABSTINENCE (no meat) are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are automatically dispensed from fast and abstinence regulations outside the age limits noted below include: the physically or mentally ill, especially individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also included in the dispensation are women who are pregnant or nursing. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting.

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to FAST (only one full meal) as noted above. From the age of 14, people are also obliged to ABSTAIN: this obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat.

The obligation, the privilege really, of receiving the Eucharist at least once a year --- often called "Easter duty" --- for those in the state of grace should still be fulfilled during the period from the First Sunday of Lent, March 8-9, 2025, to Trinity Sunday, June 14-15, 2025. However, the Church's law does permit this precept to be fulfilled at another time during the year when there is a just cause.

Father Tom



ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2025

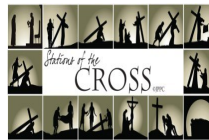
8AM - Mass with distribution of Ashes

10AM - Service with distribution of Ashes

4:30PM - Service with distribution of Ashes

7:30PM - Mass with distribution of Ashes

Remember, all that is required of Ash Wednesday is fasting and abstinence. The reception of ashes, while noble and worthy, is not mandated.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the cross will take place in the church at 7:30pm on Friday, March 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th as well as April 4th and April 11th. The Living

Stations will take place on Good Friday, April 18th at 7:30pm.

THOMAS COSENTINO MEM BLOOD DRIVE

Sponsored by the American Red Cross and



the Knights of Columbus Council 5324 Held at St. Clements Church 172 Freneau Ave Matawan, NJ Sunday, March 9th 8:30am to 1:30p

Appointments are preferred, please call 1 800 RED CROSS, or log onto www.redcrossblood.org sponsor code Knights of Columbus council 5324. You may also scan the QR code for registration.

HOSPITALITY NEWS

Next Sunday, March 9th, our Hospitality Committee will be hosting Coffee & Fellowship after the 8am & 11am Masses. All are welcome to attend. Please contact Denyse Galasso or Ellen Vaccaro if you would like to contribute a goodie.

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, 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

Online Prayers

Online prayer requests can be accessed at the following website: www.prayoverus.com.



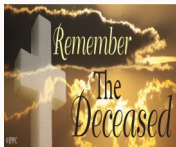
LONG TERM PRAYER LIST

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, 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, Christopher Keith, Oscar Grossman, Mary Sicolo, Albert Camarra

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: 02/21/25 Luigi Nuzzolese.



SVdP provides spiritual, food distribution, emergency financial and other services to those in need. The pantry currently is in need of coffee, pancake mix, and syrup. Donations may be dropped at the church office. Please call the 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.



ALTAR ROSARY DINE TO DONATE

The Altar Rosary is sponsoring a Dine to Donate at Town Square Diner on Monday, March 3rd from 8am-9pm. Must present flyer or a picture on your mobile device to get credit for the

church. This is also valid for phone orders, takeout and delivery.

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. Brochures are 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 candy sale will end March 5th and the cheesecake sale will end March 16th.** Candy and cheesecakes will be distributed on Saturday, April 5th in the gym from 10:00am-12:00pm.



The 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal is Now Underway. Bishop O'Connell's letter should have arrived at your homes. You may also make your pledge with the cards in the pews. During this Jubilee Year, our Appeal theme 'Fan the Flame of Hope' calls us to be Pilgrims of Hope. As the papal motto reminds us, 'Hope Does Not Disappoint' (Romans 5:5). Your gift supports ministries that offer hope to our most vulnerable neighbors, strengthen families, form clergy, educate youth, and spread Christ's love throughout our diocese. Our Goal this year is \$57,000.00 Help the parish to **Fan the Flame of Hope** through your pledge or make your gift today at giveaca.org.

~PARISH DIAPER DRIVE~

Help us make a change... A Diaper change that is!

PLEASE support the Diaper Bank at
Child Care Resources of Monmouth County

WHAT IS DIAPER INSECURITY?

The condition where families cannot afford a sufficient supply of diapers to ensure their children are clean, dry and healthy.

WHEN:

Our Parish Diaper Drive will run
from **March 8th thru March 15th**.
During this period, you can drop off
your donation in the church lobby
or at the church office.



WHAT IS NEEDED? While all diaper sizes are accepted, the greatest need at this time is for Size 4 thru 7, Pull ups for Boys and Girls and Wipes.

MONETARY DONATION INSTEAD?

In lieu of diapers, you can make a monetary donation with a check payable to the parish and placed in the collection baskets or mailed to: Diaper Bank c/o St. Clement Church, 172 Freneau Ave, Matawan, NJ 07747. *All funds collected will be used to purchase diapers.* No amount is too small.

On behalf of the Children and Families served by the Diaper Bank,
THANK YOU for your support. If you have any question please contact the church office.

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!