



# Church of ST. CLEMENT

*Sunday, March 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.stclementreligouised.org](http://www.stclementreligouised.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

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

### SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2025

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

### SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2025

8AM ALFRED PARADISE by his wife Joan & sister in law Barbara  
TOM CONSENTINO by his wife & family  
MICHAEL PALUMBO by his family  
11AM RON THOMPSON by his family  
JOSEPH GALLO by Bob & Lisa Gallo & family  
RICHARD RIVERA JR. by Arlene & Richard Rivera

### MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2025

8AM MARY T. DELISA by the Moreau family

### TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025

8AM STEPHANO SHIM by the Min Family

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2025

8AM BROCK HOR by Claudia & Tom Strano

### FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2025

8AM BROCK HOR by Maureen Morello

### SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2025

5PM PHYLLIS IMBROSCIANO by her family  
RALPH & JOSEPH LUCCHASE by their families  
PHYLLIS ZULIN & RON KOCZROWSKI by her daughter & his wife

### SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2025

8AM CLAIRE CREGAN by her sister  
JOAN FENSKE by Pat Davis  
ALFRED PARADISE by wife Joan & sister in law Barbara  
11AM MICHAEL PALUMBO SR. by his family  
CELESTINA & ROMANO NACINOVIC by their family

### COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2025

\$ 10,191.00

### ONLINE COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2025

\$ 2,359.00

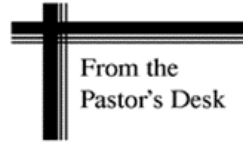
### COLLECTION FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS

\$1,559.00

*The 2024/2025 Paschal Candle was donated in loving memory of Gerard Conrad by his family*



*The Sanctuary light is dedicated this week in loving memory of George Farrell by his wife and family*



From the  
Pastor's Desk

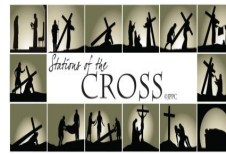
Greetings everyone, in celebrating Ash Wednesday last week, we have now entered the Lenten Season. Lent is a penitential season, denoted by the use of the color purple on the altar

and in the liturgical garments worn by priests. Using purple conveys the somberness of the season. As a penitential season, Lent is a time for the church's members to both recognize and make atonement for sins. As Christians, we do acts of charity and prayer to help us repent of our sinfulness. I pray you can experience the transformation of soul this Lent by seeing your works as having a greater purpose: uniting yourself with Christ and his Cross and desiring the ways of holiness.

*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.



### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the cross will take place in the church at 7:30pm on Friday, March 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.



### 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

Maddelenas cheesecakes for sale. Cheesecake samples will be available in the back of the church after all Masses this weekend. Order forms 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 cheesecake sale will end March 16th. Candy and cheesecakes will be distributed on Saturday, April 5th in the gym from 10:00



### HOSPITALITY NEWS

Sunday, March 9th, our Hospitality Committee will be hosting Coffee & Fellowship after the 8am & 11am Masses. All are welcome to attend.



### LOCAL ADDITIONAL CONFESSION OPPORTUNITIES

ST.CATHARINE, Holmdel, NJ  
Thursday, April 10th, 7PM

## 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.

**OCIA** ...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! Tom Sweeney (732)-566-3616 ext. 2.

**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, April 12, 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).**



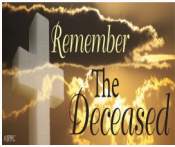
### LONG TERM PRAYER LIST

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, 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, Benjamin Hoffman

### 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:  
02/22/25 Kenneth Dolinick



SVdP provides spiritual, food distribution, emergency financial and other services to those in need. The pantry currently is in need of 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](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.

### THOMAS COSENTINO MEMORIAL BLOOD DRIVE

Sponsored by the American Red Cross and the Knights of Columbus Council 5324  
Held at St. Clements Church  
172 Freneau Avenue Matawan, NJ  
Sunday, March 9th 8:30am to 1:30pm  
Appointments are preferred, please call 1 800 RED CROSS, or log onto [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) sponsor code Knights of Columbus council 5324. You may also scan the QR code below for registration.



### Extending Christ's Love

Extending Christ's Love Our faith calls us to serve those most vulnerable. Through the Annual Catholic Appeal, our Catholic Social Services extend compassionate care to individuals and families facing profound challenges. Your gift provides hope and healing, enabling our community to walk alongside those navigating difficult journeys. By contributing, you become a beacon of Christ's love, offering comfort, guidance, and renewed hope to those in need. Respond today. Help us strengthen our community through compassionate service. Give online at [giveaca.org](http://giveaca.org)  
**The goal this year for St. Clement is \$57,000.00. To date, we have received 10,984.00 which is 19% of our goal.**

## ~PARISH DIAPER DRIVE~

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

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*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 8<sup>th</sup> thru March 15<sup>th</sup>.  
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!**