

# Church of ST. CLEMENT

*Sunday, March 16, 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](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.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 Schedule:** Saturday: 5:00PM | Sunday 8:00, & 11:00AM **Daily Mass:** Mon, Tues, Wed., Fri 8:00AM



# Mass Intentions for the Week

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

### 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

### MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2025

8AM COLIN PATRICK MEANY by his family & friends

### TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2025

8AM MICHAEL CICHETTI by his family

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2025

8AM EUGENE FINK by Kevin & Barbara Keenan

### FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2025

8AM BROCK HOR by Greg & Amy Colen

### SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2025

5PM PATRICK TRUAX by the Collins Family  
ANTONETTE MYKOLAITIS by Ray & Mary Mykolaitis & family  
DOMENICO AMATO, ANGELA & ANNA ZANNA by Angela Amato & family

### SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2025

8AM JOSEPH "BUD" MULLANEY by Charlene Walker  
ROSE PROK by Geraldine Brungard  
ALBERTO TORRES by the Herrera family  
11AM RAE RAINONE by St. Clement's Seniors  
EDWARD TRUAX by the Collins & Peterson families  
PATRICK TRUAX by the Collins family

### COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2025

\$ 9,109.00

### ONLINE COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2025

\$ 3,563.00

### COLLECTION FOR BLACK & NATIVE AMERICANS

\$757.00

### HOLY HOUR

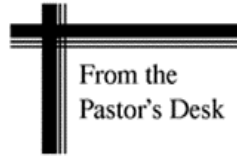
There will be a Holy Hour with Adoration on Tuesday, March 18th at 7:30pm.

### 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 Alfred Paradise by his wife Joan & Sister in-law, Barbara



From the  
Pastor's Desk

Greetings everyone, this weekend we celebrate the Second Sunday of Lent. As we enter into the heart of the Lenten season, consider as inspiration the church's Works of Mercy, both

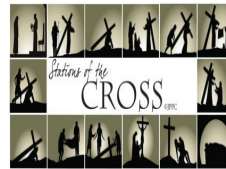
spiritual and corporal. There are 7 Spiritual Works, which help our neighbors with their spiritual needs: counseling the doubtful, instructing the ignorant, admonishing the sinner, comforting the sorrowful, forgiving sinners, bearing wrongs patiently, and praying for the living and the dead. The 7 Corporal Works are acts of charity that help to meet the physical needs of others: feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, welcoming the stranger, clothing the naked, visiting the sick, visiting the prisoner, and burying the dead. Think about the glory you bring to God when practicing these works; pray to the Holy Spirit for help to discern what you can do for others in your family, workplace, and community.

Father Tom

### BAPTISMS

We wish to welcome into the family of God and the St. Clement parish community the following children who were baptized here this weekend:

JOSEPHINE RAY HUNT  
Child of Leigh & Austin  
COLETTE MARIE CAMMARATA  
Child of Alexandria & Michael  
LORENZO GALLADAY  
Child of Victoria & Keith



### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the cross will take place in the church at 7:30pm on Friday, March 21st, 28th as well as April 4th and April 11th. The Living Stations will take place on Good Friday, April 18th at 7:30pm.



### LOCAL ADDITIONAL CONFESSION OPPORTUNITIES

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



### ALTAR ROSARY FUNDRAISER

Just a reminder that this Sunday, March 16th, is the last day to get your order forms in for the cheesecake sale. Please either put your order forms in the collection basket, or drop off at the church office. Candy and cheesecakes will be distributed on Saturday, April 5th in the gym from 10:00am-12:00pm. Please note that the cheesecakes may be frozen.

## 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)



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Catering for Weddings, Sweet 16's, Communion, Baptisms,  
Repasses & More  
Exclusively by Mayer Catering  
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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.

**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).



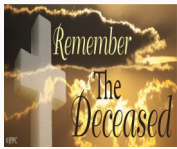
### LONG TERM PRAYER LIST

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 coffee, mayonnaise, pancake mix and pancake 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.*



### SUPPORTING CLERGY

Support our clergy through the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal. Your gift provides essential formation and support for priests and deacons who guide our faith journey, celebrate sacraments, and serve our parish communities. Help strengthen those who dedicate their lives to serving God's people.

Make your gift online at [giveaca.org](http://giveaca.org)

***The goal this year for St. Clement is \$57,000.00. To date, we have received \$16,197.00 which is 28% of our goal.***



**Knights of Columbus®**

Cardinal Newman Council 5324 will be sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast on Palm Sunday, April 13th. - More details to follow!!



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!**



**Offerings at Francis House of Prayer**  
**Trenton Diocesan Spiritual Center and Retreat House**  
**84 Walnford Road • Allentown, NJ 08501**  
**609-877-0509 or [FHOP@verizon.net](mailto:FHOP@verizon.net)**

Please check [www.FHOP.org](http://www.FHOP.org) for dates, registration, directions and for our other offerings!  
All programs will be offered online and in-person unless otherwise indicated.

**THE COSMIC CHRIST**  
**TEILHARD'S EXPERIENCE OF THE SACRED HEART**

**Tuesday, April 1 9:30 – 11:30 AM**

In his latest encyclical, Pope Francis tells us that relationship to the Sacred Heart has power to change the world. From early childhood, Teilhard de Chardin was deeply devoted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. As he matured, so did that early devotion. During our time together, we will consider how, as Teilhard's devotion to Christ deepened, his understanding of the Sacred Heart evolved into the Cosmic Christ. Led by S. Kathy Duffy, SSJ. Donation: \$25

**IN-PERSON ONLY**  
**PERSONAL RETREAT DAY**

**Wednesday, April 2 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM**

Come to Francis House for silence, personal prayer and optional spiritual direction. The day begins and ends with a brief prayer together. Please bring a bag lunch. Donation: \$10; \$40 with spiritual direction.

**POPE FRANCIS' ENCYCLICAL ON THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS**

**Friday, April 4 1:00 – 3:30 PM**

We offer this opportunity to spend time with and unpack heartfully Pope Francis' new encyclical on the Sacred Heart of Jesus, *Dilexit Nos* ("He Loved Us"). We need so very much to remember the deep and compassionate love of Jesus' Sacred Heart for all of us in this Lenten season. I hope you will come to experience anew the immense love of Jesus' Sacred Heart for you. Pope Francis writes simply and is very understandable. Donation: \$20

**IN-PERSON ONLY**  
**EMBRACING THE WAY OF THE CROSS THROUGH ART**

**Monday, April 7 9:30 AM – 2:00 PM**

This retreat day will enhance your Lenten experience and bring you closer to Jesus which is the deepest desire of your heart. Please come. Sister Celeste, one of our very best SSJ artists, will offer the beauty of her masterpieces for you to experience anew the mystery of Christ's love as He bares His cross. Led by S. Celeste Mokrzycki, SSJ. Donation: \$40, includes lunch.