



Church of ST. CLEMENT

Sunday, March 23, 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
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Eucharistic Ministers Jim Starace 566-3616
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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

Parish Trustees Bruce Quinn & Linda Shirvanian

Parish Religious Education Program PREP

www.stclementreligious.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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2025

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 23 2025

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

MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2025

8AM BUDDY MULLANEY by Kevin & Barbara
Keenan

TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2025

8AM MARIE L. STEWART by Lois, Nicole &
Jennifer Sichler

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2025

8AM "BUDDY" MULLANEY by Susan & Bruce
Quinn

FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 2025

8AM ANTIONETTE BARONE by her family

SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2025

5PM CHARLOTTE DONOVAN O'SHEA by the
Grady, Murphy, & Vaughans families
PHILLIP VOTA by Louise & John Webster
JENNIFER LAROCCA by Jane & Bruce
Riznyk

SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2025

8AM MARIE & BENJAMIN GLOWACKI by
Eileen & Robert Glowacki
THE BAKER FAMILY by Catherine Gillespie
GERTRUDE ZATRINSKI by The Villages at
Meadowbrook
11AM ROBERT COLLINS II by the Collins family
ROSE MULLANEY by Maureen Gallo &
family
CECELIA CHIARELLI by Joanne Durnin

COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2025

\$ 7,130.00

ONLINE COLLECTION FOR SUN. MARCH 16, 2025

\$ 3,127.00

COLLECTION FOR DIOCESAN ASESMENT

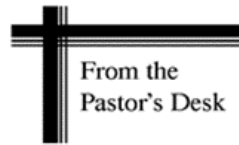
\$753.00

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.

WEDDING BANNS

Adrian Pietrzyk & Allesandra Nigro

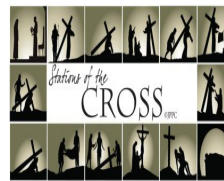


From the
Pastor's Desk

Greetings everyone, I pray your Lenten season is going well and you are finding some time to break away and commune with the Lord. Our parish recently hosted a blood drive for the Red Cross. I

am thankful to the members of our parish who took the time to donate blood. I also want to thank our parish's Knights of Columbus Cardinal Newman Council for organizing the event. They arrived early in the morning on Sunday to set up tables and ensure that the gymnasium was ready for use. As in the past, the blood drive was held in honor of Mr. Thomas Cosentino, who was a past Grand Knight and a very dedicated member of St. Clement parish. He was also active with the Red Cross. The 40 people who signed up to donate made donations; an additional 5 others registered that morning and were able to donate as well. In all, a total of 45 units of blood were collected. The representatives from the Red Cross were very pleased with the turnout. As always, thank you for supporting our parish's outreach activities.

Father Tom



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

2025 PALM SUNDAY, HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY WEEKEND

April 12 & 13, 2025

Saturday, 5:00 PM

Sunday, 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 AM

HOLY THURSDAY

April 17, 2025

Mass:7:30PM

8:30PM-Midnight-Adoration

GOOD FRIDAY

April 18, 2025

The Lord's Passion -3:00PM

Living Stations of the Cross-7:30PM

HOLY SATURDAY

APRIL 19, 2025

Solemn Easter Vigil -7:45PM

EASTER SUNDAY

April 20, 2025

Masses: 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00AM

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.

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

Online Prayers

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



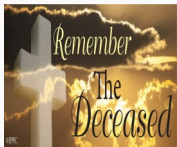
LONG TERM PRAYER LIST

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, 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:
03/02/25 Richard P. Conroy



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. 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.



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
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.





**Cardinal Newman
Council #5324**



Pancake **BREAKFAST**

**Support Knights of Columbus Cardinal Newman Council #5324
Proceeds from ticket sales support Knights activities in the church and community**



Tickets: Seniors \$10,
Adults and children 13+ \$12,
Children 6-12 years old \$5
and younger - free

**Bring Home Breakfast to family
and friends ToGo Containers \$10**

**Sunday April 13
9:00 am to 1:00 pm**

We'll be selling 50/50 tickets for just \$5 each - your chance to win big! Plus, don't miss our special raffle, where you could win a poster board packed with lottery tickets for just \$5 per entry. The more you play, the more you could win!



**Hosted at
The Reception Center**

**172 Freneau Ave
Matawan, NJ 07747**

**Interested in becoming a Knight, join us every Second and Fourth Monday of each Month 7pm @ The Reception Center Aux.
For more information contact Koc5324NJ@GMAIL.com**



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

Please check 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.