

Church of ST. CLEMENT

Sunday, April 13, 2025

PARISH MINISTRIES

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REV. THOMAS VALA, PASTOR

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 9AM-3PM,

Church Office 566-3616

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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 Intentions for the Week

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2025

5PM CHARLES HORVATH by Michael & Margaret Slattery
 AMANDA BRUNGARD by Geraldine Brungard
 CHRISTINE GEFKEN by The Villages at Meadowbrook

SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025

8AM MARIE CREGAN by her daughter
 WILLIAM ABAHAZY JR. by Bob & Pat Reingle
 FRED SLEE by Jane Slee & family
 9:30AM DOREEN LIEBECK by Rich Chrisensen
 11AM JOAN WHELAN by Joann & Robert F. Buhler
 JOHN SCALA by the Chrzanowski family
 GERALDINE STROUSE by Veronica & Anthony Nitko

MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2025

8AM JOHN MIRANDA by the Gracias family

TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2025

8AM ANNETTE MCCULLOUGH by Rose Romer

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2025

8AM PATRICIA FILIPOWICZ by Claudia & Tom Strano

THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2025

7:30PM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 2025

7:45PM SPECIAL INTENTION FOR THE HOLY FATHER

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2025

8AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
 9:30AM MARISSA LEATHERWOOD by the Lambertson family
 MICHAEL HARJES by the Egnatovich family
 MARYBETH DONEGAN by her family
 11AM RAE RAINONE by Brock & Lena Hor
 PHILOMENA & THOMAS Morisey by the Gabriel family
 EUGENE FINK by Rosanne Gurmuhl

COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2025

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ONLINE COLLECTION FOR SUN. APRIL 6, 2025

\$ 3,256.00

COLLECTION FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS

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CHILDREN'S HOMILY

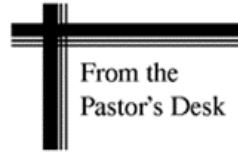
Just a reminder that St. Clement will have a Children's Homily at our 11AM Mass on the first and third Sunday of each month. All children are invited to attend.

HOLY HOUR

There will be a Holy Hour with Adoration and Confession on Tuesday, April 15th at 7:30pm.



The Sanctuary light is dedicated this week in loving memory of Patricia Filipowicz by Claudia & Tom Strano

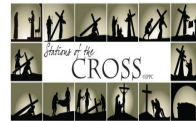


From the Pastor's Desk

Greetings everyone, this Palm Sunday weekend begins our Holy Week celebration as we prepare for the Lord's resurrection on Easter Sunday. There will be a great deal

of activity at all Catholic parishes this coming week. I pray you can join us for our parish's Holy Thursday and Good Friday services, in anticipation of the Easter Vigil. Your participation at these celebrations helps to enhance their meaning and importance. On Monday, I will be participating in the Chrism Mass for our diocese. This year's Chrism Mass will be held at St Robert Bellarmine parish in Freehold. At this Mass, the bishop consecrates the Holy Oils that parishes will use in various liturgies and rites. Also, all priests in attendance renew their priestly vows to the bishop. This is a beautiful ceremony, and I look forward to being a part of it when I am available. Please keep all priests, especially those in our diocese, in your prayers.

Father Tom



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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



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



EASTER FOOD BLESSING

Father Tom will once again be blessing the food for Easter Sunday. You are invited to bring a basket of items for your EASTER DINNER to the lobby of the church on Holy Saturday, April 19th at 10AM for a blessing.



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



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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, May 11, 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, Christopher Keith, Oscar Grossman, Mary Sicolo, Benjamin Hoffman, Tom Meyer, Michael McCoy

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.



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

The goal this year for St. Clement is \$57,000.00. To date, we have received \$25,826.00 which is 45% of our goal.



All Are Welcome

Altar Rosary's May Crowning of the

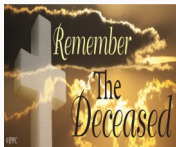
Blessed Mother

Sunday, May 4th

Following the 8:00 am Mass

The crowning will take place in the grotto.

Complimentary coffee, tea, juice boxes and baked treats following the crowning.



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: 03/27/25 Elena Giglio, 04/03/25 Anna C. Flanagan



SVdP provides spiritual, food distribution, emergency financial and other services to those in need. The pantry currently is in need coffee, mayonnaise, and canned spaghetti. 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.



**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**



St. Clement Easter Egg Hunt 2025

***Date: Easter Sunday
April 20, 2025***

Time: 12:15 pm

Place: Front Lawn Opposite the Church Doors

SPECIAL VISIT BY THE EASTER BUNNY

Ages: 2 - 10 years old * Please bring a basket to hold your eggs.

Kindly R.S.V.P. by Sunday, April 14, 2025

Please include the number of children and their ages when you R.S.V.P.

R.S.V.P.: tsweeney@stclementmatawan.org