



# Church of ST. CLEMENT

*Sunday, April 20, 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

## EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

### 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

### MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2025

8AM LEE BOYDMAN by the Lambertson family

### TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2025

8AM HELEN SWEENEY by Holly Cahill

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2025

8AM LISA O' NEILL by Bruce & Susan Quinn

### FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 2025

8AM ROSARIA (SADIE) RIGGIO by her niece & family

### SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2025

5PM JOE BARONE by his family  
DENNI KING by his wife & family  
ARNIE & DAYNA PUCILLO by his wife & grandmother

### SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2025

8AM JACK BRODERICK by his family  
PATRICK GILLESPIE by Catherine Gillespie  
ALBERT CAMARRA by Anthony & Evelyn Savarese  
11AM THOMAS & LILLIAN CONRAD SR. by the Conrad family  
ALBERT & EVELYN MANNELLA by Terry, Lissie & Claire  
ROBERT WYATT SR. by the Wallis family

### COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2025

\$7,506.00

### COLLECTION FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS APR. 6, 2025

\$1,380.00

**Due to required early submission date, the following collection amounts were not available at time of this publication and will be posted in a future bulletin.**

### COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025

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### ONLINE COLLECTION FOR SUN. APRIL 13, 2025

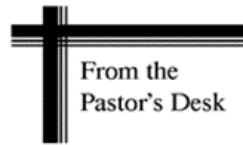
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### COLLECTION FOR DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT

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*The Sanctuary light is dedicated this week in loving memory of  
Joan Marie Boyce  
by the Colbert family*



From the  
Pastor's Desk

Greetings everyone, I want to wish you a blessed Easter season as we celebrate the solemnity of The Lord's Resurrection this weekend. The season of Easter will conclude on

Pentecost Sunday, which is June 8 of this year. I offer a sincere thank you to all of you who participated in our Holy Week services. The attendance at the Masses and services was inspiring to me. There was a great deal of activity this past week, as well as this Easter Sunday weekend; and I am very grateful for those who helped plan and organize the different liturgies and events. I will be leaving on Monday for a short vacation and will return on Friday evening. As we celebrate this beautiful solemnity, I pray you can recognize the risen Lord's presence in your lives. May his presence remind us of the victory over sin and death that is ours when we stay faithful to our baptismal calling. Let us also pray for each other for strength and resolve in our earthly journeys

*Father Tom*



**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.**

### 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 2025/2026 Paschal Candle was donated in loving memory of  
Helen Cichetti  
by her husband, Mike, and daughter, Julia*

## 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, 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](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).**





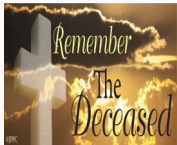
### LONG TERM PRAYER LIST

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, Christopher Keith, Oscar Grossman, Mary Siculo, Benjamin Hoffman, Tom Meyer, Michael McCoy, Susan Pike, Leah Jones.

### 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: 04/08/25 Pauline Rose Melfi.



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



### 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 \$25,826.00 which is 45% of our goal.**



Lord, bless her and keep her  
Happy Mother's Day Mom!

## **MOTHER'S DAY MASS CARDS**

***Please fill out the envelope with your intention  
and your \$10.00 donation.***

***Envelopes can be deposited in the collection  
basket or brought to the church office.***

***These Mother's Day prayer requests will be  
placed on our Altar and offered***

***At all the Masses on Mother's Day  
Sunday, May 11, 2025***



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.

### WISDOM OF ST. HILDEGARD OF BINGEN

**Friday, May 2      9:30 AM – 2:00 PM**

Let's celebrate St. Hildegard by learning about her God-given wisdom as a Doctor of the Church, an abbess, a visionary, a healer, a writer, a composer, an artist, etc.! What a wonderful day to spend time reflecting on her message of wholeness in God. Donation \$35, includes lunch. Zoom: \$30

### THOMAS MERTON DELIGHT IN THE BEAUTY OF CREATION

**Monday, May 5      9:30 AM – 1:00 PM**

Open your eyes, ears and hearts to God's glory in nature. We will reflect on Thomas Merton's nature writings collected in *When the Trees Say Nothing* and let his words inspire us to be more attentive to the love of God. Some time outdoors will be spent enjoying creation and reflecting on God as a loving Creator. Donation: \$25, includes lunch. Zoom: \$20

### PERSONAL RETREAT DAY

**Wednesday, May 7      9:30 AM – 2:30 PM**

Take a day away from the busyness of your life. 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.

### SILENT DIRECTED RETREAT WEEKEND

**6:30 PM Friday to Noon on Sunday**

**August 1 – 3**

Liturgy, spiritual direction and optional contemplative prayer periods are included. Donation: \$200/\$100 non-refundable deposit. Full payment is required 2 weeks in advance of start date.