



# Church of ST. CLEMENT

*Sunday, April 6, 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

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2025

7:45AM JOAN PEIN by the Villages at Meadowbrook  
 5PM STEPHANIE BARTOLOTTA by the Bartolotta family  
 DIANE MARSICANO by Nancy, Steven, & Meredith  
 LOUISE D'ORLANDO by the Giovanniello family

### SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2025

8AM LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY  
 FR. JOHN J. GILLESPIE by Catherine Gillespie  
 GAETANA MASSARATTO by Santina Maio  
 11AM JOSEPH DELLABELLA by his wife & family  
 GASTANO ROSITANO by his family  
 GERALDINE & ANTONIO PINTO by Barbara Cassata

### MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2025

8AM BERNADINE M. SANTOS by the Santos family

### TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2025

8AM VIRGINIA MENDELSON by Gene & Linda McDonald

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2025

8AM DORIS FREYLAND by The Villages at Meadowbrook

### FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 2025

8AM PHILLIP VOTA by Bruce & Susan Quinn

### 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 Christensen  
 11AM JOAN WHELAN by Joann & Robert F. Buhler  
 JOHN SCALA by the Chrzanowski family  
 GERALDINE STROUSE by Veronica & Anthony Nitko

### COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2025

\$ 6,954.00

### ONLINE COLLECTION FOR SUN. MARCH 30, 2025

\$ 2,317.00

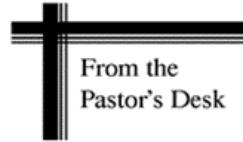
### COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

\$ 824.00



*The Sanctuary light is dedicated this week in loving memory of Bernadine Santos by the Santos Family*

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



From the  
Pastor's Desk

Greetings everyone, I pray that the Lenten journey is going well with each of you. I want to thank all who donated to the recent diaper collection here at St. Clement's.

The Diaper Bank at Child Care Resources extends its thanks to St. Clement Parish and its parishioners for hosting the collection, which will help the families that the agency serves throughout Monmouth County. A total of 2,190 diapers and 1,315 wipes were collected. In 2024, the Diaper Bank distributed 238,000 diapers and 460,000 baby wipes that were used to serve 6,830 children. The agency's representative asked me to convey its sincere appreciation and said that they are very grateful for St. Clement's continued support of our mission to alleviate diaper shortages. I thank you, again, for your response to our parish's outreach programs.

*Father Tom*



### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the cross will take place in the church at 7:30pm on Friday, April 11th. 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



Fr. 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.

### CHILDREN'S EASTER CHOIR



All parish children Grade 3 and up are invited to participate in the choir at 9:30am Mass on Easter Sunday.

There will be two practices before Easter. If your child would like to take part, or for any questions, please

email Tom Sweeney. [tsweeney@stclementmatawan.org](mailto:tsweeney@stclementmatawan.org)

## 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, Benjamin Hoffman, Tom Meyer

### 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.

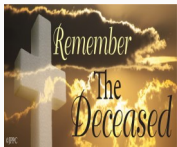


### Extending Christ's Love

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 \$19,809.00 which is 35% of our goal.**

### 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:  
03/21/25 Agnes P. Lally



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.

### 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.

### 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.



### HOSPITALITY NEWS!

There will be **no Hospitality and Fellowship on Sunday, April 13th**, due to the Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast. Hospitality for May will take place on the same Sunday as the May Crowning, **May 4th** after the 8am & 11am Masses.





**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**

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**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**

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

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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](mailto:tsweeney@stclementmatawan.org)***