



Church of ST. CLEMENT

Sunday, May 4, 2025

PARISH MINISTRIES

Marriage Preparation Church Office 566-3616, ext 111
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Religious Education Tom Sweeney, 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 EASTER

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025

5PM MARILYN FALESKA by Joe & Lauri Faleska
"BUDDY" MULLANEY by Susan & Bruce Quinn
JOHN SHAW by Ronnie Vezeris

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2025

8AM LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE
ST. CLEMENT ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY
HELEN & MICHAEL CICHETTI by family
FRANCIS LARocca by his family
11AM EDMUND & JEANINE OKONEK by the
Conrad family
JOHN SHAW by the Vezeris family
NANCY SMITH by the Pitio family

MONDAY, MAY 5, 2025

8AM RONALD ANDERSON by the Village at
Meadowbrook

TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2025

8AM MARY ELIZABETH FLANAGAN by
Cindy Assini & family

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2025

8AM ANDREW FARROW by Sandra & David
Gonzalez

THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2025

8AM LAURA SMITH by Denise Urbanski

FRIDAY, MAY 9, 2025

8AM PETER MCKENTY by his family

SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2025

5PM MARION VETRANO by the Vetrano family
JOHN KEOGH by Henry & Maria
Montenegro
AGNES MIRANDA by the Gracias family

SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2025

8AM ALL MOTHERS by the People of the Parish
BETTE CLARE MCCLOSKEY by her family
11AM LUCILLE DELLA PIETRO by the
Lambertson family
ROSE SCALA by the Chrzanowski family
GARY BELLONE by Todd, Beth & Gillian
Bellone

COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2025

\$ 8,049.00

ONLINE COLLECTION FOR SUN. APRIL 27, 2025

\$2,484.00

COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS

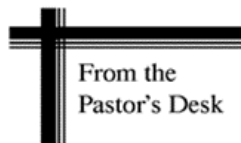
\$ 667.00

ADULT CATECHESIS

The next meeting for Adult Catechesis is Wednesday, May 7th at 7PM in the Religious Education building. The focus will be the Bible. All adults are invited to attend.



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



Greetings everyone, I pray that your Easter season has been invigorating and joyful so far. I want to thank all who attended the Divine Mercy Sunday prayer service last weekend. Your

participation, along with the music, made the service more spiritual and uplifting. Pope Francis' focus of this Jubilee Year is on mercy and how it transforms the lives of the faithful. As a priest I am reminded of my call to be a beacon of God's mercy to those whom I encounter. I pray that in the sacrament of confession you will experience mercy and the peace that is its fruit. The following is an excerpt from St. Faustina's diary, "I desire that priests proclaim this great mercy of Mine towards souls of sinners. Let the sinner not be afraid to approach me. The Flames of mercy are burning me – clamoring to be spent. I want to pour them out upon these souls." (Diary 50)

Father Tom

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS!

Religious Education for the school year starting in September will be online only and will begin on April 30th. For more information, see the Religious Education Website or contact Tom Sweeney.

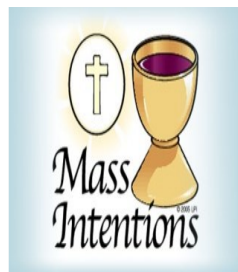
CHILDREN'S HOMILY

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.



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



2026 MASS INTENTIONS

The 2026 Mass Intention book is open for in person visits to the church office. No phone calls for intentions will be accepted for the next week. Please note that each parish family is allowed four weekend Mass intentions and four daily intentions in order to accommodate everyone.



*The Sanctuary light is dedicated this
week in loving memory of
Edmund & Jeanine Okonek
by the Conrad family*

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
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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 10, 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.



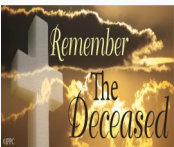
LONG TERM PRAYER LIST

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, 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 Coppia, 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, 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, Susan Pike, Leah Jones, John Donnarumma

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: Eugene Gorzelnik 04/25/25, Steven W. Castles 04/23/25



SVdP provides spiritual, food distribution, emergency financial and other services to those in need. The pantry currently is in need coffee and canned pata. 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 Shammass, 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 \$25,826.00 which is 45% of our goal.

