



Church of ST. CLEMENT

Sunday, July 27, 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

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
Youth Group Tom Sweeney 566-3616
Senior Citizens Maryann O'Brien 732-566-0962
Hospitality Denyse Galasso 908-794-2007
Ellen Vaccaro 732-762-8129

REV. THOMAS VALA, PASTOR

Matthew Nicosia, Deacon

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 732-591-8180

www.TheReceptionCenter.com

Parish Trustees Bruce Quinn & Linda Shirvanian

Parish Religious Education Program PREP

www.stclementreligiousused.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



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, JULY 26, 2025

5PM MARIA GONCALVES by the Alfano, Jeffrey & Turi families
SHIRLEY CHIPPENDALE by the Macomber family
IRENE MORALES by her family

SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2025

8AM FRANK B. CREGAN by his sister
CHRISTOPHER REESE by his wife & family
11AM BROCK HOR by Tom & Cathy Boland
ANTHONY PALUMBO by Charles & Theresa Hartigan
PAUL SCHAEFER by the Chrzanowski family

MONDAY, JULY 28, 2025

8AM ANTOINETTE BARONE by her family

TUESDAY, JULY 29, 2025

8AM VIRGINIA CAFARO by the Marronaro family

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 2025

8AM FR. JOHN J. SCULLY by the St. Clement Community

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1, 2025

8AM PETER MCKENTY by his family

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, 2025

7:45AM ANNE COPPA by Phyllis, Terry & Claire McGovern
5PM MONA PETROCINE by Barbara & Kevin Keenan
MARGUERITE MURPHY by Matt & Jane Heron
PAULINE MELFI by Sami Hamsel & Ophelia Uzan

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2025

8AM THE FERNANDES FAMILY by the Gracias family
AILEEN GILDERSLEEVE by Evelyn & Anthony Savarese
11AM LUCILLE ZONA by the Tesi family
LYLA YIP by Roni Vezeris
PEGGY MURPHY by Cathy & Al Genkinger

COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2025

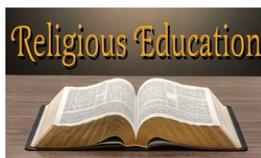
\$ 12,113.00

ONLINE COLLECTION FOR JULY 20, 2025

\$ 4,361.00

COLLECTION FOR ENERGY

\$ 1,299.00



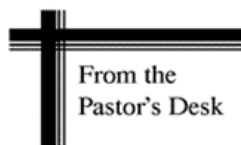
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education for classes starting in September is open and online. Please see the Religious Education website for more information.

stclementreligioused.org



*The Sanctuary light is dedicated this week in loving memory of
Edward Johnson
by Tony & Evelyn Savarese*



From the
Pastor's Desk

Greetings everyone, as I said last week, our garden is beginning to produce. The plants are flourishing and beginning to grow in abundance. I thought I would share with you a picture of what the garden has grown so far in this planting season. I want to thank those members of Matawan's REACH program who planted many of the vegetables and those who recently picked the produce.



BAPTISMS

We wish to welcome into the family of God and the St. Clement parish community, the following children who were baptized here this weekend:

AVA ANGELA ALMAZAN
JOHN ALFONSO & JOSEPH ANDREW DEMARIO



LABOR DAY COLLECTION FOR TROOPS

Below is a list of requested items.

We would also add to this list, cards to thank them for their service and to let them know we are all thinking about them and praying for them. Donations can be placed in the bins in the church lobby before and after all Masses. Items need to be received by Sunday, August 10th so we can make sure our packages arrive in time for Labor Day!!

Beef or chicken jerky	Crunch & Munch
Nuts- any kind	Cookies – any kind
Life Savers	Gum
Kettle Corn / popcorn	Licorice
Dried fruit snack	Rice Krispie Treats
Sunflower seeds	Protein bars
Pumpkin seeds	Trail mix
Pre-workout protein powder	Gas X
Cough, cold, flu relief remedies	Imodium
Dayquil, Nyquil – pills only	Lactaid pills
Tylenol Cold	Allergy Relief
Aspirin, Motrin, Ibuprofen	Zantac, Pepcid
Suntan lotion (no spray)	Batteries – AAA, C, D
Moisturizer	Socks
Gold Bond Powder & Cream	Razors
Food powder	Gatorade – drink packets
Bug wipes	Powerade – drink packets
Chapstick	Q-tips
Feminine hygiene products	Fungus cream

Monetary donations towards shipping accepted. Checks Payable to: The Church of the Nativity on the memo line: Eagles Up! Tax receipt given upon request.

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.

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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 Sundays (except during the season of Lent) at 12:30PM and Saturdays at 2:00PM.. 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 dioceseofirenton.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, August 9, 2025 at noon.

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: Francine Brogen-Alampi, Cindy Allutto, Vinny Amato, William Baker, Joan Baldwin, Bart Beaudry John Beungard, Randy Bishop, Grace Bloxham, Bryan Brancaccio, Peter Bregman, Barbara Broderick, Gerry Brungard, Tina Brungard, The Burke Family, Marita Veronica Burke, Dominic Michael Calabrese, Emily Carew, Charles Carley, Mrs. Carol, Richard Christian Sr., Lorenzo Cifelli, Teddy Connolly, George Coppa, Billy Coward, Evan Cristoe, Theodore D'Alessandro, Donald DeMartino, John Donnarumma, Courtney Donohue, Maureen Collins-Dougherty, James Dreago, Kerrin Duff, Ramona Fogelstrom, Roslyn Frank, Linda Frusci, Pat Gallagher, Oscar Grossman, Pat Hartman, Patrick Hegarty, Benjamin Hoffman, Dorothy Holmes, Lisa Hooker, Edward Imperati, Anna Jacobs, Bill Jones, Leah Jones, Trystan Gianni Joyce, Roger Katon, Desmond Kelly, Stephanie Keusch, Kate Kikvigze, Sharon Kosick, McKenna Kranek, Angela Laboy, Dana & Patty Liccone, Michael Liccone, Carl Lundberg, John Mahon, Mat Mahon, Hilda Marotta, Chris Mattern, Michael McCoy, Joan McKenna, Ann McLoughlin, Kevin McNamara, Tom Meyer, Jess Mulvihill, Peter Murray, Kristine O'Hara, Monica O'Toole, Iris Ortiz, Joan Pasquale, Joseph Henry Pickel Jr., Susan Pike, Betty Policari, Ethan Pyle, Rosemary Ravenna, Andrea Reverendo, Elsie Rooney, Peter Rooney, Robert Rorke, Dennis Rowic, Rhoda Rubin, Catherine Salerno, Yvette Salon, Rosemary & Gene Sandifer, Michael Lee Schoniger, Chad Seifried, Tom Serpi, Shannon, Donald Shara, Christy Sheperd, Robert Shuya, Mary Sicolo, Mila & Jerry Spiegelman, Janet Strunak, Antoinette Sweeney, Bill Szabo, Josephine Torri, Art Ubbins, Darryl Vanderebilt, Aaron VanTrease, Anthony Vergona, James Van Dao Vergona, Linda & Mike Wisnovsky, Noel Wittenberg, Bob Wyshynski, Meredith Cox Yanes, Camille White Yessen, Maryann Zarillo



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: Michael Taglietta, 07/13/25



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
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 2024 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 01/01/24-12/31/24). 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 \$42,127.78 which is 74% of our goal.



SVdP provides spiritual, food distribution, emergency financial and other services to those in need. The pantry currently needs coffee, laundry detergent and toilet paper. Donations may be dropped at the church office. Please call the help line at 732-290-1878 if you need assistance.



THOMAS COSENTINO MEMORIAL BLOOD DRIVE

Sponsored by the American Red Cross & the Knights of Columbus Council 5324
Held at: St. Clements Church Gymnasium
172 Freneau Ave Matawan, NJ

Sunday, August 17th 8:30am-1:30pm

Appointments are preferred, please call 1 800 RED CROSS, or log onto www.redcrossblood.org sponsor code Knights of Columbus council 5324. You may also scan the QR code for registration.



5 DAYS - 4 NIGHTS
NOVEMBER 10 - 14, 2025

\$1,719 Per Person *Double Occupancy*

\$2,088 Per Person *Single Occupancy*

\$50 Non-refundable deposit due by 8/5/25

Balance due by 9/11/25



PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- * Roundtrip flight from Newark to New Orleans
- * 4 Nights Lodging at the Fairfield Inn & Suites Downtown N.O.
- * 4 Breakfasts
- * Buffet Lunch & Tour at the Houmas House Plantations & Gardens
- * Jazz Luncheon Cruise aboard the *City of New Orleans* Riverboat on the Mississippi River
- * 2 Dinners, including Dinner at New Orleans School of Cooking
- * Guided Tour of New Orleans, including the French Quarter
- * Riverwalk & Jax Brewery
- * Café au lait & beignets at Café du Monde
- * National World War II Museum
- * Harrah's Casino
- * Souvenir Gift
- * Luggage Handling at hotel
- * All Taxes & Meal Gratuities
- * Motorcoach Transportation in New Orleans

Cancellation insurance is available & highly recommended; see reverse side for details.

FOR INFORMATION AND RESERVATIONS CON-

KJ TRAVEL AGENCY
Jean Casamassina
216 Woodward Rd., #256
Manalapan, NJ 07726
(908) 907-1546



WHITE STAR TOURS

26 E. Lancaster Avenue, Reading PA 19607 * 610-775-5000 * 800-437-2323 * www.whitestartours.com

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

5 Days - 4 Nights

The sample itinerary described below is approximately like the itinerary your group will be following during your stay with WHITE STAR TOURS. However, the exact times, days, and destinations may vary for your group.

- Day 1** Depart from your hometown and travel to the Newark Airport for your flight to New Orleans, also known as the "Big Easy." Upon arrival, you will claim your baggage and board your motorcoach for transfer to your hotel to check in for a four-night stay. This evening you will enjoy a delicious **dinner** at one of New Orleans' popular restaurants.
- Day 2** Enjoy breakfast, then depart on a **guided tour of New Orleans** and its historic sites. Three centuries of New Orleans and culture will be highlighted during the tour which will include the French Quarter, Jackson Square, historic St. Louis Cathedral and the exotic French Market. You will pass the splendid Creole Cottages on Esplanade Avenue and view one of the unique above-ground cemeteries, referred to as "Cities of the Dead" for their elaborate, architectural tombs. Your guide will detail the local legends of voodoo and pirates as you follow Bayou St. John to Lake Pontchartrain and the renowned seafood restaurants of the West End. The tour path will pass St. Charles Avenue, the University Section and Audubon Park. View the decadent and exclusive homes of the lush Garden District and ride back to the 21st Century as you pass the Superdome and high-rises of the Central Business District. You will also enjoy a visit to the **National World War II Museum** which focuses on the contribution made by the U.S. to victory by the Allies in WW II and the Battle of Normandy in particular. The museum's main section focuses on the War in the Pacific and the War against Germany. There is also a special area on the Normandy Invasion and on Higgins Industries of New Orleans that designed and built the amphibious landing craft. The rest of the afternoon is free for you to explore the area at your own pace. This evening enjoy a cooking demonstration of a traditional **Creole meal** and enjoy the finished meal at the **New Orleans School of Cooking**.
- Day 3** Following breakfast, enjoy a **tour of the Houmas House Plantation & Gardens**, followed by a **buffet lunch**. Then, spend the afternoon exploring some of New Orleans' attractions on your own. Enjoy some shopping and lunch on your own in the French Quarter, New Orleans' most popular neighborhood and one of the best preserved historical neighborhoods in America. The French Quarter features a strong, lasting Spanish and French influence and is home the best-known party street in New Orleans ... Bourbon Street; you may visit the Riverwalk and Jax Brewery. While in the French Quarter, enjoy **café au lait and beignets at the Café du Monde**. Dinner is on your own this evening.
- Day 4** After breakfast, depart for **Harrah's Casino** where you can spend a few hours trying your luck at the slots and other games of chance. Afterwards, you will enjoy a spectacular **luncheon cruise aboard the City of New Orleans Riverboat** on the mighty Mississippi River. Savor the beauty and romance of New Orleans and take a journey back in time aboard the authentic sternwheel steamboat. Dinner is on your own this evening.
- Day 5** Enjoy breakfast, then check out and prepare for your departure to the airport for your return flight home with lasting memories of your journey into the deep South, Cajun Country of New Orleans.

THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING WHITE STAR TOURS TO BE A PART OF YOUR TRAVEL PLANS!

TRIP CANCELLATION PROTECTION

*Cancellation protection is encouraged for medical emergencies that may occur. The **Enhanced option must be paid within 14 days** from the day the first deposit for the trip is paid to the organization and/or group leader. There is an additional Enhanced upgrade - **Cancel for Any Reason**. Cancellation must be made no later than 48 hours prior to your scheduled departure, conditions, limitations, and exclusions do apply. These plans are only valid for trips booked through White Star Tours. To purchase the protection, please contact NTA/AON Insurance via their website at <https://nta.aontravelprotect.com> and provide the **Tour Operator Location #386097**.*