



Church of ST. CLEMENT

Sunday, January 1, 2017

PARISH MINISTRIES

Baptism Preparation Holly Cahill, 566-3616
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Religious Education Pat Thein, 566-3616
Lector Coordinator Bruce Quinn 566-1273
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Bereavement Ministry Tom Wadolowski 583-9297
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Ushers Joe Angello, 566-2349
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SERVICES

Athletic Director Phyllis Besso, 970-4487
Decorating Committee Jean Fierro, 566-4379
Clement House Frank Mack, 536-0005
Safe Environment Coordinator Pat Thein, 566-3616

ORGANIZATIONS

Altar Rosary Society Lena Hor, 583-5538
Holy Name Michael Burke 290-1251
Knights of Columbus James Wakeham 470-2350
Senior Citizens Mary Ann O'Brien, 566-0962

REV. THOMAS VALA, PASTOR

Rev. Gregg Leo L. Abadilla, Parochial Vicar
Mark Micali, Deacon
Tom Wadolowski, Deacon

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 9:00AM - 2:00PM
Church Office 566-3616
stclementmatawan@aol.com
Church Fax 566-9275
CCD Office 566-3616
Reception Center 591-8180
www.TheReceptionCenter.com

Parish Trustees Joe Angello & Barbara Warden
Parish Religious Education Program PREP
www.stclementprep.com
St. Clement Athletic Association
www.stclementsports.com

Sacrament of Baptism
Sunday at Noon

Sacrament Reconciliation
Saturday: 12:30PM to 1:15PM

Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements should be made one year prior.
Pre-Cana Conference required.

Mass Intentions

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2016

5PM LAWRENCE BUCCELLATO by Susan & Bruce
Quinn

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2017

8AM LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE
ALTAR ROSARY

9:30AM LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE
ST. CLEMENT COMMUNITY

11AM VITO ABBRUSCATO by the Abbruscato family

MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 2017

8AM JOSEPH VALA by his family

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2017

8AM ROSE VERILE by her family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2017

8AM NICHOLAS MELISSE by his family

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2017

8AM HANNELORE WEINZIERI by Carol & Anthony
Taglieri

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 2017

8AM JOHN FALCON by his family

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 2017

5PM JOSEPH A. BLISS by Mrs. Florence Opramolla &
family

BRIAN QUINN forever in our hearts

LAURENCE BUCCELLATO by Rich, Nancy,

Philip & Erica Palermo

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2017

8AM JANET LAROCCO by Barbara Keenan

9:30AM MICHELE SAKOWSKI by the Alli family

DONNA KNOX by Jack & Anita Donegan

PATRICIA COLLINS by Mary Beth & Steve
Swenson

11AM RONALD THOMPSON by his family

JUDY MUSCIETTA by Tara Ferraro

JOHN FRARACCIO by Tara Ferraro

COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2016

\$10,425.00

COLLECTION FOR PARISH ENGERY COSTS

\$2,249.00

Due to the Christmas and New Year's holidays, the bulletin has to be submitted before the weekly collection information is available. We will be running a week behind on collection totals.

Happy New Year

RECTORY OPEN HOUSE

Father Tom & Father Gregg invite you all to an open house at the church Rectory on January 1st after all Masses. Come and join your church family on the first day of the new year and enjoy light refreshments.

YOUTH GROUP-BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

The St. Clement Youth Group hosted a successful



Breakfast with Santa featuring a live nativity and crafts for the kids. We enjoyed spending time with all the little ones and their families during this holy season. The group extends a heartfelt thanks to all those who graciously volunteered to bake and

help with the event, especially Renate Michitsch (BEST apple strudel) and Mrs. Lombardi who donated those adorable snowmen and delicious chocolate crumb cake! Merry Christmas!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP



St Clement Parish will host the Knights of Columbus local Basketball Free Throw Competition in the Parish Gymnasium on Saturday, January 14, 2017 from 6 PM to 8 PM. Boys and girls, ages 9 through 14, are invited to

compete. Registration forms are available at the St Clement Gym. Please contact Mrs. Phyllis Besso, St Clement Athletic Association, at sports@stclementsports.com or Knights of Columbus District Deputy, Mr. Steve Traverso, at nyyankee15@verizon.net for additional information. Request a registration form by altarser@stclementmatawan.org Enter Free Throw in the subject line. Snow Date: Saturday, January 21, 2016 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

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 at Noon. 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.

FINGERPRINTING: Parish volunteers that need to be fingerprinted can obtain the Registration Form on the Religious Ed. Website. Go to www.stclementPREP.com and click on the tab for Downloadable Forms to print this document.

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

NO PARKING ZONE – PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE ENTRANCE TO THE CHURCH IS A “NO PARKING ZONE.” THIS IS TO ALLOW FIRE TRUCKS TO ENTER IN CASE OF EMERGENCY AND ALSO TO ENABLE OTHER PARISHIONERS TO ENTER THE PARKING LOT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

The RECEPTION CENTER AT SAINT CLEMENT

Specializing in Personalized Catering for All Occasions

Elegant & Affordable Wedding Packages

Exclusively by W. J. Mayer Catering

(732)-591-8180

www.TheReceptionCenter.com

Special Packages for Parish Members

Voted Best Weddings by “KNOT” Magazine

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.

RCIA ...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! Peg Scholer 732-583-0296, Cathy Boland (732)290-1338 or Roni Vezeris (732)591-8658.

The Altar Rosary Society meets the first Wed. of each month (with the exception of June, July and August) in the Reception Center. 7:30PM Recitation of the Rosary; 8PM 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 Holy Name Society meets the first Monday of each month at 7:30 P.M. in the Church's Cry Room. Men of the parish are cordially invited to attend.

The Knights of Columbus meet the second and fourth Monday of each month at 8PM in the Reception Center. Men of the parish are cordially invited to attend.

ST. CLEMENT SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB meets every Tuesday morning at 10:30 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. The Seniors sponsor a trip to Atlantic City the third Monday of every month. Call Mary Ann O'Brien at 732-566-0962

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Please continue to check the Web Page for information regarding Religious Education and Sacraments.

The Upper Room, Neptune, sponsored by the Diocese of Trenton, offers many programs. For info, go to www.facebook.com/upperroomspiritualcenter. Then click on Like button on Facebook page.

Special Intentions

Staff Sgt. Rory Duane, U.S.M.C.
Thomas Labenski, U.S. Navy
CCMS Joseph R. Greene, Jr., US Air Force
Capt. Nicholas A. Parisi, 10th Mountain, U.S. Army
Tyler Bienkowski, U.S.M.C.

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..... This is
the reminder that the contributions for 2017 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 01/01/16-12/31/16). Then click on the pdf icon (on
the right hand side of the page) to generate the report.

NEW CHURCH ORGAN

Many wonderful donations have come in to help with the
cost of our new organ. This week we received a donation
from a parishioner who requested not to be
named and also a donation in the memory of
Edward L. Hor(n) from Brock & Lena Hor.
At a future time a plaque will be made and
displayed by the organ with all the in
memory/in honor names listed. To date we have received
\$15,000.00 to offset the \$42,000.00 cost of the organ.
Donations are still being accepted. Please make a check out
to St. Clement and in the memo section indicate the
donation is for the church organ.



CARE GIVING FRIENDS

If you know someone in our Parish or
local community that could use our
help with shopping, running errands,
doctor's visits, or just a new person to
visit with, please contact the church office. We have also
been blessed with a volunteer that has a therapy dog that
can also make home visits. Volunteers are also still
welcome to join this ministry. Please visit our website for
more information.

ALTAR ROSARY

Join the Altar Rosary on Wed., Jan. 4th at 6PM in our
Reception Center for a Pot Luck Dinner & White
Elephant Auction. Please bring a dish to share and don't
forget to bring something for the White Elephant Auction!
All women over the age of eighteen in and outside our
parish are welcome. Contact Lena Hor for more
information at 732-583-5538

YOUTH GROUP CORNER

Learn & Live Your Faith

Open to all 7th thru 12th Grade students – Come & See
what We Are All About. Where Faith, Friendship &
Service to our Community Strengthen the Christian
Lifestyle of our Youth.

January Gatherings

- January 8th Meeting – The Family (The Foundation of
Society) at the House of Hope (7 pm to 9 pm)

January 22nd Game Night & Pizza at the House of
Hope (7 pm to 9 pm) Bring your favorite Board
or Card Game

Service Projects

January 22nd Youth Rally & March for Life
Washington DC

February Parish Family Spaghetti Dinner Parish Center

For more information about the Youth Group and
upcoming activities, and gatherings, call Don Norbut at
732-290-9466 or Italia Bernhardt at 732-696-8866.

WEARABLES FOR WARMTH



Ryan Sabados, a student at CBA, is collecting
hats, scarves, gloves, mittens, earmuffs and
blankets/throws for those in need. If you care
to donate, please drop your items in the red
bin in the vestibule of the church. Thank you.

JANUARY CHILDREN'S MASS



For the month of January the monthly children's Mass will be on Sunday, January 8th. At this 9:30AM Mass the homily will be geared towards the Children of our parish. We encourage our families with young children to attend this worship where all can celebrate the Word of God.

LONG TERM PRAYER LIST

Please keep in your prayers the following individuals who are dealing with long term health issues: Marie Artelli, Kim Jones, Christina Bucco, Grace McKelory, Michael Falcone, Marcella Gatti, Sharon Jones, Mary Brady, Felicia Carbonara, Matt Siwinski, Phil Kramer Jr., Mary Turiano, Noemi Robinson, Mary Peterson, Richard Harcourt, Enza Torres, Elena Santo, Carla Izzo, Grace McElroy, Jasmine Chalmers, Jacqueline Santos, Dolores Panopio, Victor Panopio, Bernard Panopio, Michael Petolino, Madison Trezza, Ema Hope, Delia & Bridget LaSalle, Janelle & Laurie Vanoni, Carl Hilgers, Mary Ann Smetana, Larry Mignone, Jack Creamer, Patricia Davis, Joanne Colot, Betty McCloskey, Chris Spedding, Jack Murphy, Mary Beth Alban, Bea Duffy, Nick Minnotulo, Barbara Monaco and Ken Fiorelli

PRAYERS FOR THE 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. Please keep them in your prayers: 11/23/16 Kristin Musella, 11/25/16 Vincent Peter Ruggiero, 12/3 Mary Ann Mika, 12/4 Donna Knox, 12/17/16 Mary Beyer, 12/19 George Braun



BIBLE STUDY AT ST. CLEMENT

Fr. Bill Halbing, who is well known for his teaching of in-depth Bible studies, will be conducting Bible Study here every Tuesday. From 6:30-7:30pm the Catechism of the Catholic Church will be discussed and from 7:30-9PM Father Bill will take us line by line through the Book of Hebrews.

CHAPLET OF THE DIVINE MERCY & THE ROSARY

Plan on joining our Altar Rosary, Choir, Holy Name & Knights of Columbus every Wednesday at 7PM in the church for prayer. All are welcome!

MUSIC MINISTRY



Many thanks to both the Children's and Adult Choirs for their participation in the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. The singing was beautiful and added so much to all of the Masses.

EAGLES UP!



Eagles Up! Is a program that gives homage to our military men & women by supporting the troops by promoting many morale boosting activities and programs. Flyers with information on this program are located in the lobby of the church. We also have a bin outside of the church office for donations of non-perishable food items

ST. CLEMENT EMERGENCY RESPONSE



We are looking for volunteers to assist during local & national disasters. Our role would be to work to provide information & services to local agencies & Catholic Charities. We would act as a collection point for food and supplies to any affected areas. This group would tap into the energy and spirit of all of us here at St. Clement, and all are welcome & encouraged to participate. This team will meet once every 3 months to review planning and training programs as they are developed, because it isn't *if* the next disaster happens, but *when*. Contact the Church Office if you are interested in joining us. The 1st scheduled meeting for this group is Tuesday, January 17, 2017, 7:30pm in the church office.



I hope all of you had an enjoyable Christmas celebration with family and friends. As we begin a new calendar year, I pray the coming year will bring you many blessings. I pray also it will bring you closer to our God in a spiritual way, so that you can recognize His presence and discern what he has planned for you. So often we hear of people making resolutions for the next 12 months. In themselves, these resolutions are not bad because people are trying to improve themselves. Some resolutions are not so easy to maintain and achieve, however. I wonder if the problem might be that people try to do it on their own, relying on their willpower. At the outset they may think they have the physical and emotional strength to accomplish what eventually becomes too demanding or overwhelming. In the end, they are unable to continue. Maybe, one resolution would be a desire to experience God in greater ways this coming year. Another might be to get right with God regarding a certain aspect of my life, such as family or work. With these resolutions we are not relying solely on our own efforts and strength. We are asking and allowing God to be part of them through the working of the Holy Spirit. With our cooperation the Spirit will transform us. As we recognize God's presence and open ourselves to his transforming action, other resolutions can be achieved and accomplished. We can then make progress in discerning God's will for our lives. At the same time, we can live in the true hope that God gives us because we are living out the salvation that Jesus brings to us. Whether one desires to get right with God or experience and encounter God in greater ways, the words of Psalm 1 come to mind:

Happy are those
 who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread,
 or sit in the seat of scoffers;
but their delight is in the law of the Lord,
 and on his law they meditate day and night.
They are like trees
 planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
 and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.

Father Tom