



Church of ST. CLEMENT

Sunday, January 22, 2017

PARISH MINISTRIES

Baptism Preparation Holly Cahill, 566-3616
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Ushers Joe Angello, 566-2349
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SERVICES

Athletic Director Phyllis Besso, 970-4487
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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
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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

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURADAY, JANAUARY 21, 2017

5PM PHYLLIS IMBROSCIANO by her family
GILBERT B. WOOD, JR. by his wife & daughter
LAWRENCE BUCCELLATO by Andrew &
Edith Lopez
TIMOTHY HUSSEY by Francine & Flory
Danish & Joan Hussey

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2017

8AM SUE HIGHERS by Lucille Cilento & family
9:30AM JEAN CLAUDE FOUASSIER by Hank & Maria
Montgenegro
HUGH KIRBY by the Giovanniello family
HEDWIG GORZELNIK by the Gorzelnik family
11AM JULIO QUIROS by the Popplewell family
HARRY STARK by J.P. Friedl
ANN CUCCI by Catherine Casessa & family

MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2017

8AM AUDREY LOPRETE by Pat Davis & Diane
DiBari

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2017

8AM SEAN DAVIS by his mom Pat Davis

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2017

8AM JOHN ENNY by the Michels Family

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2017

8AM BART HANRAHAN by Joan & Al Grunwald

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 2017

8AM ANITA PASTOFF by Hank & Maria Montenegro
SATURDAY, JANAUARY 28, 2017
5PM ANTONIETTA BARONE by the Buro family
LAWRENCE BUCCELLATO by Gene, Linda &
Jennifer McDonald
VINCENT RUGGIERO by Bob, Kathy & Michael
Sporer

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2017

8AM FLAVIAN VALA by his family
9:30AM PATRICIA COLLINS by Maggie, Lance,
Katelynn & Erin Spence
WARREN ANNUNZIATA by the Lanza family
ROSEMARY HAUSMAN by the Donegan family
11AM BOB FENSKE by his wife Joan & family
PATRICIA DIAZ by the Chambers family
HANNELORE WEINZIERI by Al & Cathy
Genkinger

COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2017

\$10,827.00

ST. CLEMENT SNOW POLICY

GUIDE LINE FOR WINTER MASS ATTENDENCE

This is a guideline for parishioners to follow in case of inclement weather. Please refer to our website at www.stclementmatawan.org or call the church office (732)566-3616 and listen to the first announcement on our auto attendant for up to date information regarding Mass. If a State Emergency has been declared in Monmouth County, PLEASE do not attempt to come to Church. We do not want you to jeopardize yourself.

Daily Mass:

If it is snowing at 8AM, Mass will be held at 12 Noon if the snow has ceased to fall. If it is still snowing at 12 Noon, Mass will be cancelled.

Saturday Evening Mass:

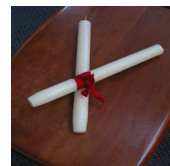
Mass will be cancelled if it is still snowing on Saturday afternoon at 2PM.

Sunday Morning Masses:

8AM Mass will be cancelled on Sunday if it is still snowing at 6AM. If snow continues throughout the morning, then both the 9:30AM and 11AM Masses will be cancelled.

A Sunday Evening Mass at 6PM will possibly be offered if all Sunday morning Masses are cancelled and if the weather is clear. Again, please check our website or call the church office for this information.

Again, the above are guide lines and it is best to check with our website or call the church office.



FEAST OF ST BLASÉ— THROAT BLESSING

The Feast of St. Blasé will be celebrated on Friday, February 3rd at 8am Mass and also at all weekend Masses on February 4th and 5th.

RCIA NEWS



As the New Year begins, those of us involved in the RCIA process are busy preparing for the Lenten Season. It is during this time that several members of Saint Clements RCIA will begin the final phase of their formal learning about our catholic faith. It will begin with a Morning of Prayer on March 4, 2017 at 8:30AM in the cry room. The topic this year is "Lazarus, from death to new life". This is a beautiful, prayerful way to begin Lent and we invite everyone to attend. As always, please remember the participants in the RCIA process in your prayers.

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.



LONG TERM PRAYER LIST

Please keep in your prayers the following individuals who are dealing with long term health issues: Anthony Rossano, Jean Kochodonski, Robert Flynn, Iris Miranda, 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: 12/23 Josephine Frizalone, 01/05/17 Frances A. Newman, 1/13/17 Elio Rosario DiCosmo



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

JAN. 22ND Meeting– The Family (The Foundation of Society) at the House of Hope (7pm-9pm).

JAN. 22ND—Game Night & Pizza at the House of Hope (7 pm to 9 pm) Bring your favorite Board or Card Game

Service Projects

January 27th Youth Rally & March for Life Washington DC

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.

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!

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. Informational Flyers 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 .

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 RSC Solutions in memory of Hugh Kirby, a donation from Brock & Lena Hor and a donation from Steven Distefano. 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 \$17,615.00 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.



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 Fr. Bill will take us line by line through the Book of Hebrews.

MARCH CHILDREN'S MASS



For the month of March the monthly children's Mass will be on Sunday, March 12th.

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.

VOLUNTEER TO BE AN ALTAR SERVER



If you have made your Confirmation or will make your Confirmation in April 2017 and are 13 to 18 years old you can become an Altar Server at St Clement Church. There are four practices beginning Mon. Feb. 6th,

in the church from 6:00 PM to 6:35 PM. Induction will be in April. Come to the first practice and see what it's all about. If you have an interest please e-mail Joe Cahill at altarser@stclementmatawan.org

Special Intentions

GyFgt. Rory Duane, U.S.M.C.
Thomas Labenski, U.S. Navy
CCMS Joseph R. Greene, Jr., US Air Force
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.*

SJVHS ANNUAL WINE TASTING

Saturday, February 11th 7-10:00pm
\$40 in advance or \$45 at the door
Sample wines, spirits and beers from over 40 distributors, light fare of tapas dishes, DJ, vendors, 50/50 and gift basket raffles. Register online at www.sjvhs.com or email mlangdon@sjvhs.com for more information



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 Wednesday, February 1st at our Reception Center. Recitation of the Rosary is at 7:30Pm and the meeting starts at 8PM. Bingo will be played on this evening. All women over the age of eighteen in and outside our parish are welcome. Contact Lena Hor for more information at 732-583-5538.

BAPTISM CLASS

THE NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS will be held on Wednesday, February 8, 2017 in the Church. To register for the class, please call the Parish Office.



SAINT MARY
SCHOOL
PRESCHOOL-8TH

**LET YOUR CHILD EXPERIENCE
PREK OR KINDERGARTEN!**

FANTASTIC A DAY where 3-year olds experience PreK (must be 4 by 10/1/17)
OR
SPECIAL K DAY where 4-year olds experience Kindergarten (must be 5 by 10/1/17)

There's still time for
Register on our website: www.stmaryes.org
or Contact our Early Childhood Coordinator
Marita Goworek at
(732)671-0129 x305 or via email: mgoworek@stmaryes.org
or call to Schedule a Tour



We have begun a new Liturgical Year and are now in what the Church calls Ordinary Time. The liturgical readings come from Cycle A, and in this cycle we will hear from Matthew's Gospel on most of the upcoming Sundays.

Most biblical scholars believe the many books that make up the Bible, which is made up of the Old and New Testaments, were written over the course of 1,000 years by many authors. The entire Bible presents the truth that ultimately comes in Jesus Christ. The Gospels, which are part of the New Testament, were written many years after Jesus had died and ascended to heaven. God inspired certain men to compile and present the stories and sayings of Jesus into the Gospels as we know them today. They were not meant to be precise biographies of His life or to retell history exactly as it happened. Instead, they were written to present Jesus as a man who truly lived and to convey and preach His message and His divinity.

Before the Gospels were ever written, the stories and teachings contained in them had been handed down to succeeding generations by word of mouth and, in some cases, written form. God inspired the particular authors through the Holy Spirit to put these sayings, teachings, and miracle stories into assembled forms. God did not give the authors the exact words to be written; however, what was written is without error because of Divine Inspiration. Moreover, the authors wrote at different times and in different locations and cultures. This helps to explain the discrepancies that exist in a story(s) that is recounted in more than one Gospel. The discrepancies pertain to the words attributed to Jesus and the imagery that is used in a particular story.

The Gospel authors had different intentions or purposes for writing their accounts and also wrote to different audiences. St. Matthew's Gospel was written to a primarily Jewish audience, in particular those who had converted to Christianity in the early years of the Church. Conflict arose between those who rejected Christ and those who converted to Christianity. His message and purpose was to present Jesus as the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies, which foretold of a Savior and Messiah who would reconcile mankind to God. Those who became Christian would still be loyal and faithful to the God of the Jewish people. St. Matthew stresses the Jewish roots and heritage of Jesus. He also uses imagery that reflects Jewish customs and refers to Jewish traditions that were practiced before Christ was born. For St. Matthew, Jesus restores the hope of the Israelites by fulfilling God's promise of eternal life in heaven.

As we journey with Jesus in Matthew's Gospel, may we be inspired to remain faithful to our calling because of the hope that Christ brings. In doing so, may we find the peace and joy that God promises us.

Father Tom