



# Church of ST. CLEMENT

*Sunday, January 8, 2017*

## PARISH MINISTRIES

**Baptism Preparation** Holly Cahill, 566-3616  
**Marriage Preparation** Holly Cahill, 566-3616  
**Religious Education** Pat Thein, 566-3616  
**Lector Coordinator** Bruce Quinn 566-1273  
**Eucharistic Ministers** Hank Montenegro, 908-380-6059  
**Pre-Cana** Tom and Mary Lou Wadolowski, 583-9297  
**Bereavement Ministry** Tom Wadolowski 583-9297  
**High School Youth Group** Donald Norbut, 290-9466  
**Music Director** William Fiorelli, 908-902-7753  
**Rite of Christian Initiation** Peg Scholer, 583-0296  
**Altar Servers** Joe Cahill, 290-8130  
**Ushers** Joe Angello, 566-2349  
**Prison Ministry** Mark Micali, 890-7706

## 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](mailto:stclementmatawan@aol.com)  
Church Fax 566-9275  
CCD Office 566-3616  
Reception Center 591-8180  
[www.TheReceptionCenter.com](http://www.TheReceptionCenter.com)

Parish Trustees Joe Angello & Barbara Warden  
Parish Religious Education Program PREP  
[www.stclementprep.com](http://www.stclementprep.com)  
St. Clement Athletic Association  
[www.stclementsports.com](http://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

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

### 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

### MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2017

8AM DONNA KNOX by J.P. Friedl

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2017

8AM MEMBERS OF OUR ARMED SERVICES

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2017

8AM GLORIA CARPUS by her children

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2017

8AM MARY MELISSE by her family

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 2017

8AM SALVATORE & TERESA D'AMATO by their daughter

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 2017

5PM MARYANN ESSIG by Rick & Joy Derechailo  
DENNIS P. KING by Christine & Thomas King  
LAWRENCE BUCCELLATO by Grace Hourihan

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2017

8AM LILA CHIDICHIMO by Nancy & Andy Cannizzo  
JOSEFA SERVANO by Emiliana Magpantay  
9:30AM VINCENT RUGGIERO by Connie Guarnieri & family  
MICHELE SAKOWSKI by Mr. & Mrs. Kurzawa  
PATRICIA COLLINS by Anita & John Donegan  
11AM RALPH GIUNTI by his wife & family  
PEGGY ANN DEMARTINO by Eleanor McCoy  
MICHELE SAKOWSKI by the Romanello family

### COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2016

\$48,075.00

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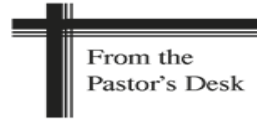
\$8,690.00

### COLLECTION FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY

\$3,015.00

### MUSIC MINISTRY

Many thanks to the members of the Adult and Children's Choirs for their beautiful singing during the Christmas Season. The choirs will resume rehearsals in February. New members are welcome to join as we prepare for the Lenten and Easter seasons. If interested please contact Bill Fiorelli.



I hope everyone had a happy and enjoyable New Year's celebration. Another year is upon us. I would like to thank all of you who stopped by our open house get-together on New Year's Day. Fr. Gregg and I enjoyed having many of you take a few minutes to visit the rectory and share fellowship with both of us and each other. By the looks of it, those who attended seemed to enjoy themselves. Fr Gregg and I would like to thank you also for the Christmas gifts you gave to us. You were very generous to us. The past few weeks were busy ones at the parish, with the social outreach activities and the celebration of Masses taking place. So many of you worked very hard to put it all together, and I am grateful to you. As your pastor I am pleased and encouraged to see so many parishioners, who are moved by the Spirit, give of their time and talents to assist at the parish. Being united in the Holy Spirit and seeking to fulfill God's will, we can make the face of God present to those who are hurting or suffering in some way. That is a great and wonderful gift we can give to our neighbors. St. John writes, "...for the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also."

*Father Tom*

### 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](mailto:sports@stclementsports.com) or Knights of Columbus District Deputy, Mr. Steve Traverso, at [nyyankee15@verizon.net](mailto:nyyankee15@verizon.net) for additional information. Request a registration form by [altarser@stclementmatawan.org](mailto: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](http://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](http://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

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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.

**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](http://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: 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: 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, 12/23 Josephine Frizalone

**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.

**YOUTH GROUP CORNER**

Learn & Live Your Faith  
Open to all 7<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> 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. 8TH MEETING– The Family (The Foundation of Society) at the House of Hope (7 pm to 9 pm)  
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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**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 still looking for volunteers to assist during local & national disasters. 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*. Our first meeting is Tuesday, January 27th at 7:30pm in the church office.



Please contact the Church Office if you are interested in joining us.

**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](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.....***This is the reminder that the contributions for 2017 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 01/01/16-12/31/16). 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 donations in memory of George Braun from his family & friends. 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 \$15,190.00 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.