



Church of ST. CLEMENT

Sunday, February 12, 2017

PARISH MINISTRIES

Baptism Preparation Holly Cahill, 566-3616
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Religious Education Pat Thein, 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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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
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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

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2017

5PM DENNIS P. KING by Christine & Thomas King
HARRY STARK by Rick & Joy Derechailo
VINCENT REUGGIERO by Ronne & Paul
Buccellato

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2017

8AM VERNON RALPH SR. by his family
MARY WACKER by her children
9:30AM GLORIA CORPUS & TERESA LAZO by their family
EDWARD W. KELLER by the Cahill family
SKIP HATCH by Cathy & Dow Armore-
Crescibene & family
11AM KRISTIN MUSELLA by Ann Ricciardi
JACK TRIOLO by his wife & family
NORMAN HATCH by the Gorzelnik family

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2017

8AM CONCEPTION LORENO by her family

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2017

8AM NICHOLAS MELISSE by his family

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2017

8AM MEMBERS OF OUR ARMED FORCES

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2017

8AM MARY MELISSE by her family

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2017

8AM PORPERIA LAGUILLES by her family

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2017

5PM LILA CHIDICHIMO by Mr. & Mrs. Walter
Gajdzis
VINCENT RUGGERIO by Ilsa Tong
CLAIRE ARMELLINO KLAVON by Susan &
Bruce Quinn

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2017

8AM DEIRDRE O'DELL by Ann Dunn
9:30AM BRYANNA KATHLEEN ABEL by her parents
Dan & Kathy
VINCENT RUGGIERO by Debbie Scotto
GLORIA CORPUS & TERESA LAZO by their families
11AM JOSEPH MARTINELLI by the Palumbo family
GULLERMINA GARCIA DIAZ by her husband
& family

COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2017

\$9,398.00

COLLECTION FOR THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE

\$1,707.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Beginning this weekend, Saturday & Sunday, February 11th and 12th, Mass Intentions will be read during the Prayer of the Faithful. They will no longer be read at the beginning of Mass.

BAPTISM

We wish to welcome into the family of God and the St. Clement parish community the following child who was baptized here this weekend:
ALEXANDRIA KAITLYN BIDA
Child of Jennifer & Ervis

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.

ASK FATHER TOM



Did you ever want to know, "Who was St. Clement?" or "How does the priest decide what color vestment to wear?"

Why not "Ask Father Tom!" Drop any questions about the Catechism, the Liturgy, Church traditions, or the

Saints in the box and Father will answer at least one in the bulletin each week. The "Ask Father Tom" question box is located in the lobby of the church. Question sheets and pencils are available.

"I KNOW THAT FATHER TOM!"

Kids, Father Tom wants to give you the chance to answer a question too! Watch for Father's question in the upcoming bulletins. If you know the answer, fill out the question sheet and drop it in the "Ask Father Tom" box in the church lobby. He'll randomly select a name from among the correct answers and publish the winner's first name and last initial in the bulletin.

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: Scott Waldman, Salvatore Zingalli, 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, 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: 1/13//17 Elio Rosario DiCosmo, 1/19/17 Vickie Lee Christensen, 1/26/17 Dr. Alfred Casagrande, 01/28/17 Elizabeth Tullo, 1/30/17 Larry Sarlo, 1/30/17 Doris J. Colabelli

THE NEW DAY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

held by The Parish of Saint Mary
Ministry of Consolation
One Phalanx Road
Colts, NJ 07722

Invites You...to participate in a nine week program for those who are grieving the death of loved ones and want to work through the tasks of grief in a structured way using the *New Day Journal, A Journey from Grief to Healing*. The sessions include readings, reflection, sharing and journaling. The program will meet at 7:00 pm in the Spiritual Center's Chapel.

Starting Date: Tuesday, 18 April 2017

Ending Date: Tuesday, 13 June 2017

For information and pre-registration: Marilyn Simone at 732-462-8088

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. 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 \$18,115.00 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.

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

HOLY HOUR FOR YOUNG ADULTS



Young adults between the ages of 18 and 30 are invited on Thursday, February 16th at 7:30PM in the church for a Holy Hour of Prayer. A Prayer service with Adoration, Reflection and followed by fellowship will be offered. Please consider joining us and asking a friend, for this special time for the Young Adults in our Parish and community. For more information, please contact the church office.



Special Intentions

GySgt. 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.

BIBLE STUDY AT ST. CLEMENT

A lively and insightful journey into the Word of God; and it's offered each week right [here](#) at St. Clements! Fr. Bill Halbing has traveled extensively throughout the U.S. and internationally to share his vast and inspiring knowledge of both the Catechism of the Catholic Church and the Holy Bible. Join us in the church each Tuesday evening at 6:30pm for the Catechism and 7:30 to 9:00pm for a Bible study unlike any you've ever experienced. Commuters: arrive when you can for this informal, interactive evening of learning. You'll be glad you did!

Saint Clement Parish
Invites you to a Healing Mass



With Father Bill Halbing

Saturday, February 18th
at 2:00PM
In St Clement Church



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.



St. Clements Knights of Columbus #5324 will be hosting, with the Central Jersey Blood Center, a Blood Drive on Sunday, March 5th from 8:30am-1:30pm. Please contact Carl Duque at (732) 778-3451 or duque240@yahoo.com to schedule an appointment or visit www.cjcbblood.org for more information.

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.

February Gatherings

- February 12th Meeting – Human Work (Occupation & Vocation) at the House of Hope (7 pm to 9 pm)

February 26th Game Night & Pizza at the House of Hope (7 pm to 9 pm) Bring your favorite Board or Card Game

Service Projects

Living Stations of the Cross, Good Friday Evening
Children's Easter Egg Hunt

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.



With questions, please email Cristina Imperato at:

dotyouth@DioceseofTrenton.org

When? Saturday, March 4th |

10:30 am – 7:00 pm

Where? St. Gregory the Great, Hamilton

Who?: Students in grades 9-12 are invited

Registration Fee

\$30.00



From the
Pastor's Desk

Last weekend was a busy one at St. Clement's parish, with the blessing of throats being offered at the end of each Mass. Through this sacramental ritual we ask St. Blaise to intercede on our behalf to bring health of throats and protection against other ailments and diseases. St. Blaise was a bishop in Armenia in the early 4th century. In 316 A.D. the governor of Cappadocia ordered St. Blaise to be imprisoned for not renouncing his faith in Jesus Christ. According to legend, as he was being taken to prison a woman set at the feet of St. Blaise her only son who was choking to death on a fishbone. Through his intercession the bone was dislodged, and the boy's life was saved. The use of candles during the current practice of throat blessing can be traced back to St. Blaise's imprisonment. While in his prison cell a woman brought him food and candles to dispel the darkness of his surroundings. Also, in one particular painting that depicts the healing of the boy, St. Blaise is holding two candles.

Many of you, I am sure, watched the Super Bowl last Sunday. To compete well and be a successful athlete requires determination, practice, and discipline. St. Paul compares the Christian life to that of an athlete. He writes to the church in Corinth, "In a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize. So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable one. Thus, I do not run aimlessly."

St. Paul's words remind us that the Christian life is demanding and can seem grueling at times. However, the hope in eternal life in Heaven is the imperishable wreath or crown that we all strive to attain. Moreover, there is one difference in the race we run in our earthly lives - all can be winners. It is only by the grace of God that we compete well and ultimately succeed. St. Augustine wrote about the need for God's grace. For Augustine, it is grace that effects in us all our good and meritable works, and, therefore, when God crowns our merits he is only crowning his gifts.

Let us be determined to be the holy people God calls us to be through our baptism in Christ. Using our God-given gifts for just purposes, may we produce the fruit of goodness. Let us put our trust in the power of the grace that comes from God. May we all be disciplined so as to resist the temptation and evils of sin and, at the same time, strengthen our wills and desire for righteousness. May God's grace be with you; may it guide you all the days of your life.

Father Tom