



# Church of ST. CLEMENT

*Sunday, February 19, 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** Italia Bernhardt 696-8866  
**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

## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2017

5PM LILA CHIDICHIMO by Mr. & Mrs. Walter Gajdzis  
VINCENT RUGGERIO by Ilsa Tong  
CLAIRE ARMELLINO KLAUVON 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

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2017

8AM SPECIAL INTENTIONS FOR IXCOT, CAMALES, DIXI & BERNABE FAMILIES

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2017

8AM ANGELA J. VARGO by the Cahill family

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2017

8AM MEMBERS OF OUR ARMED FORCES

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2017

8AM FLAVIAN VALA by his family

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2017

8AM BRYAN JAY ABADILLA by his family

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2017

5PM DEWEY GHERALDI by his family  
VINCENT RUGGIERO by the Saporito family  
LILA CHIDICHIMO by her family

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2017

8AM GEORGE JOSEPH by Larry & Elaine Magee  
9:30AM GIUSEPPE VACCARELLA by his wife  
GLORIA CORPUS & TERESA LAZO from their family  
11AM EDWIN VANHANDEL by Jack Donegan  
WILLIAM DAVIS from his wife Pat Davis  
RONALD THOMPSON by his family  
FRANK PIGNATA by Janice & Richard Agnello

## COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2017

\$9,239.00

## COLLECTION FOR DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT

\$2,221.00



ASH  
WEDNESDAY

## ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2017

Distribution of Ashes will be at 8AM,  
4PM and 7:30PM.

## BAPTISM

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

REMO LOUIS CAMPASANO  
Child of Marisa & Michael  
VICTORIA ELIZABETH HAMILTON  
Child of Jessica & Stephen  
LILA IVY OBRUSNIAK  
Child of Erin & Jason  
CONNOR JAMES WILSON  
Child of Kelly & Isaiah

## THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS.

### Part 1 of a series.

*In order to increase our knowledge and deepen our understanding of the Mass, the Bulletin will feature a three part series. Please take time to read this important information. If you have additional questions please speak to me, Fr. Gregg or one of the Deacons or fill out a question sheet for the Ask Fr. Tom'box in the church lobby.*  
*Father Tom*

Christ is present in four ways in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Christ is present in the celebrant, the congregation, ("Where two or three are gathered in my name there am I in the midst of them." Mt.18:20), Scripture readings and foremost in the Eucharist.

The Mass consists of four distinct parts: The Introductory Rites, the Liturgy of the Word, the Liturgy of the Eucharist, and the Concluding Rites. This short article focuses on the Introductory Rites which include: Entrance, Greeting, Penitential Act, Kyrie, Gloria and Collect. The Introductory Rites serve as a beginning, introduction and preparation for the rest of the Liturgy. The Entrance Hymn which accompanies the Procession serves to unify the congregation and to reinforce the liturgical season or solemnity. When the Procession ends the celebrant reverences the altar, a symbol of Christ, with a bow and kiss. The celebrant then leads the congregation in the Sign of the Cross, an act and sign of a faith in a Triune God. In the Penitential Rite, which follows, the congregation acknowledges their sins and asks for God's mercy. The Kyrie Eleison/Lord have Mercy is either incorporated into the Rite or recited/sung after the Confiteor (I Confess to Almighty God). The Gloria, an ancient hymn of praise, is sung on Sundays outside of Advent and Lent, and on Holy Days and Solemnities. The Gloria begins with the words that the angels sang when the birth of Christ was announced to the shepherds (Luke 2:14). The Opening Prayer, which follows the Gloria, is known as the Collect (kah-lekt). In this prayer the celebrant invites the congregation to pray ("Let us pray"). The short period of silence which follows allows the congregation to be aware of being in God's presence and to express their intentions. The celebrant "collects" the prayers of the congregation into one prayer and presents them to God. The congregation makes the prayer their own by responding "Amen."

## 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.

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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: 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, 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. Colabell, 02/06/17 James Sparano, 02/12/17 Joan Hussey,

**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](mailto:altarser@stclementmatawan.org)

**MEN'S PRIESTLY VOCATION DISCERNMENT MEETING**

If you are a single Roman Catholic man between the ages of 18 and 40 who would like to know more about an exciting and powerful approach to life in the Lord, join us for this month's Priestly Vocation Discernment Meeting on Sunday, February 26th from 6:00 p.m. (Mass) – 8:00 p.m. at St. Mary of the Lakes Church, 40 Jackson Rd. in Medford. Join Father Mike Wallack, Father Dan Swift and Father Carlos Florez for a discussion on the priesthood, discernment and vocations, and dinner. Please RSVP (or for further information) by contacting Father Dan at [father\\_dan@smlparish.org](mailto:father_dan@smlparish.org).

**CALLING ALL GARDNERS!**



Spring will be here before we know it! We are looking for assistance with planning our 2017 Victory Garden . Now is the time to start seedlings and planning on what we will plant to benefit the area food pantries this summer. If you have a green thumb or even if you don't, please contact the church office. Thank you!

### 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](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.

### 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!

### 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



### 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](mailto:duque240@yahoo.com) to schedule an appointment or visit [www.cjcbblood.org](http://www.cjcbblood.org) for more information.

### 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.

### February Gatherings

February 26<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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

## 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](http://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.

### "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.

### 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

## RCIA News

With Lent fast approaching, the participants in the RCIA process are anxiously preparing for three very important Rites that will take place on the first Sunday of Lent, March 5, 2017. The celebration of these Rites will mark the beginning of the final leg of their journey to become fully initiated members of the Catholic Church.

The Rite of Sending will be celebrated at St. Clement's during the 11:00AM mass. It is during the Rite of Sending that we as a parish affirm, that following a lengthy period of discernment, the catechumens in our parish are ready to be recognized as Members of the Elect. The participants receive a special blessing from the residing priest, are called forth to sign the Book of the Elect, and are sent forth to Trenton to participate in the Rite of Election. The Rite of Election is celebrated in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Trenton on that same day. There, in the presence of Bishop David O'Connell, the catechumens from the entire Diocese of Trenton gather to publicly express their desire for Baptism. They are joined by members of their parish who affirm their willingness and commitment to become members of the Catholic Church. Their names are recorded in Trenton and they are no longer catechumens but are now referred to as the Elect. The members of the Elect now enter a period of purification and enlightenment that culminates in the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation during the Easter Vigil.

We kindly ask you to remember in your prayers, Gillian Cortes, Liza Sinclair, and John Sinclair, as they prepare for these Rites and anticipate their full initiation into the Catholic Church.

The final Rite to be celebrated on this day is the Call to Continuing Conversion. This Rite is celebrated by candidates in the RCIA process. Candidates are those seeking full communion with the Catholic Church that have previously been Baptized but have not completed the Sacraments of Initiation. During the 11:00AM mass these candidates, after completing a period of discernment, are called forth by the residing priest and affirm their desire to become fully initiated members of the Catholic Church.

They receive a special blessing from the priest and, like the Elect, enter a period of purification and enlightenment in anticipation of completing the Sacraments of Initiation on Pentecost Sunday.

We kindly ask you to remember in your prayers, Jennifer Bida and Amandine DiSanto as they prepare for this Rite and anticipate the completion of the Sacraments of Initiation.

Also, please remember in your prayers Amy Rios and Danielle LaCugna who have recently entered the RCIA process.