

Church of ST. CLEMENT

Sunday, February 26, 2017

PARISH MINISTRIES

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

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2017

8AM JOSE LORENO, SR. by his family

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2017

8AM ANTONIETTA BARONE by the Buro family

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2017

8AM HELEN PULLEN by Renate & Willie Michitsch
7:30PM MEMBERS ST. CLEMENT COMMUNITY

THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2017

8AM MEMBERS OF OUR ARMED FORCES

FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2017

8AM KATHLEEN SADOWSKI by the Tomkiewicz
family

SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 2017

5PM HARRY STARK by Susan & Bruce Quinn
LILA CHIDICHIMO by Carol & Marilyn Sawick
MICHELE SAKOWSKI by Ronne & Paul
Buccellato

SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2017

8AM LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF ALTAR
ROSARY
9:30AM HORACE LACANIGNA by Mr. & Mrs. Sebastian
Lentini
11AM VICTOR GRECO by Lucille Cilento
MARY KEATING by Eleanor McCoy

COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2017

\$8,552.00

COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC MISSIONS AMONG THE BLACK & NATIVE AMERICANS

\$1,849.00

COLLECTION FOR HEALING MASS

\$723.00

THE SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND IS FOR
PARISH ENGERY COSTS

ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2017

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

CONFESSION DURING THE LENTEN SEASON.

Father Tom and Father Gregg will be offering an additional
opportunity for Confession on each Monday during Lent in
the church from 7:30-8:30pm.

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:

MAYA MARGARET VICTORIA WANG,

Child of Steffanie & Brian

MADISON ELYSE CASTANEDA

Child of Nicole & Nicholas

SANTINO DELFIN RUSSO

Child of Shana & Brian

ALANA FAZZINA

Child of Samantha & Alexander

TRISTAN JOSEPH CHARLES REID

Child of Kelly & James

AUBRIE VERONICA GILBERT

Child of Sharon & Danny

"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

*Thank you to Olivia, a child who asked me the question:
"Do you know Jesus?"*

*Olivia, although I have never met Jesus face to face, I can
still say I know him. Because of my faith, I have a
personal relationship with Jesus. I speak to Jesus every
day, whether it's about something wonderful that has
happened or something that was difficult for me. I also
know Jesus through his words and through the
Sacraments of the Church. I experience his words by
reading the Bible and listening to him speak to me in the
stillness of nature. Even though I have many friendships
with people here on earth, I consider Jesus to be my best
friend. He loves me very much, just as he loves you.*

*When you say your prayers before going to sleep or
anytime of the day, you can tell Jesus you love him and are
thankful for the blessings in your life. He wants to hear
from you and to know how much he means to you. Ask
Jesus to be your friend and to help you come to know how
much he cares for you. Father Tom*

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During the season of Lent, Stations of the Cross will be
held in the church at 7:30pm followed by a brief
benediction. On Good Friday, April 14th our Youth
Group will be hosting the Living Stations of the Cross at
7:30pm. Please come join us.

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: Vivian Rocco, Edward Kleiner, Teresita Tiu, 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, Victor Panopio, Bernard Panopio, Michael Petolino, Madison Trezza, Delia & Bridget LaSalle, Janelle & Laurie Vanoni, 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: 1/26/17 Dr. Alfred Casagrande, 01/28/17 Elizabeth Tullo, 1/30/17 Larry Sarlo, 1/30/17 Doris J. Colabell, 02/06/17 James Sparano, 02/11/17 Joan Orpen, 02/12/17 Joan Hussey

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.

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. If you have an interest please e-mail Joe Cahill at altarserver@stclementmatawan.org



ALTAR ROSARY

Join the Altar Rosary on Wed., March 1st at our Reception Center. Recitation of the Rosary is at 7:30PM and the meeting starts at 8PM. We will have a Physical Therapist as a guest speaker. All women over the age of 18 in and outside our parish are welcome. PLEASE NOTE: You are invited to attend the Altar Rosary 8AM Mass on next Sunday, March 4th. Contact Lena Hor with any questions at 732-583-5538

FLYERS FOR THIS EVENT LOCATED IN THE LOBBY OF THE CHURCH

Please join us in Supporting:

ALTAR/ ROSARY OF ST. CLEMENT CHURCH

Fundraiser night at:

Houlihan's
A.C.E. RESTAURANT GROUP, INC.

2136 Route 35, Holmdel, NJ 07733
(732) 671-6633

Date: Wednesday, March 29, 5pm-9:30pm
****** Must Present Flyer ******

Please RSVP by 3/27 to:
lenahor@hotmail.com

**A portion of the proceeds goes to benefit Altar/ Rosary of St. Clement Church. **
No coupons or discounts may be applied to Fundraiser Events.
Valid for dine in or take out. No early bird menu.
Flyer may not be distributed in or around Houlihan's property.

Houlihan's Office Use Area:
Guest Name: _____
Manager on duty's name: _____
Houlihan's Staff Member / Manager must staple Micros Receipt to the flyer and file for reconciliation.

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!

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

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!



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 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.



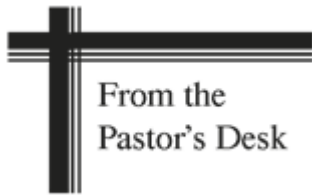
With questions, please email Cristina Imperato at:

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



THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS.

Part 2 of a series. - LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

The second way Christ is present among His faithful at Mass is in the Sacred Scripture. The Liturgy of the Word consists of: an Old Testament reading, the Responsorial Psalm, a New Testament Reading, Gospel Acclamation (Alleluia or Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ), Gospel reading, Homily, the Profession of Faith (Creed) and Universal Prayer (Prayer of Faithful). During the Easter season, readings from the Acts of the Apostles replace the Old Testament readings.

The scripture readings, which are found in the Lectionary, are arranged in three year cycles: A, B, and C. Cycle A is designated for the 2016-17 Church Year and features the Gospel of Matthew. Cycle B uses the Gospel of Mark and Cycle C the Gospel of Luke. The Gospel of John is found in all three cycles. Over a three year period a significant part of the Old Testament and practically the entire New Testament are covered. The Old Testament Readings are chosen to parallel the Gospel readings; the Responsorial Psalms are selected to coordinate with both the Old Testament and Gospel readings.

A lector proclaims the first two readings, and the cantor proclaims the Responsorial Psalm. The Gospel, however, can only be proclaimed by a Deacon or Priest. The ambo is the designated place for the reading of scripture. Ideally, the congregation's act of listening to the scripture readings takes precedence over the tendency to read along with the lector, deacon or priest. The Liturgical documents emphasize that the Liturgy of the Word should be celebrated in a manner so as to foster meditation; therefore, brief periods of silence between readings are observed.

The Gospel Reading is the high point in the Liturgy of the Word and is preceded by the singing of the Alleluia or an alternate acclamation during Lent. While the congregation remains seated for the first readings, they stand for the Acclamation and Gospel.

The Homily, given by the Celebrant or Deacon, explains the readings in context of our faith and every day Christian life. After a short period of silent reflection, the Profession of Faith (Creed) is recited by all as an affirmation of our beliefs. During the Creed we bow at the words "by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man". By bowing we express reverence in the fundamental sacred mystery of Christianity that in Jesus, God became man, born of a woman by the power of the Holy Spirit (the Incarnation). The Liturgy of the Word concludes with the Universal Prayer (The Prayer of the Faithful) in which intentions are offered for a variety of needs.