



Church of ST. CLEMENT

Sunday, March 19, 2017

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Parish Trustees Joe Angello & Barbara Warden
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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 OF LENT

SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2017

5PM DENNIS P. KING by Christine & Thomas King
ANTHONY SCAVOLA by the Paras of Memorial School
PHYLLIS IMBROSCIANO by Carmela Deleonardo

SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2017

8AM DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE GRAZIANO FAMILY by their Granddaughter
9:30AM JOAN HUSSEY by Beverly & Paul Miller
11AM GIUSEPPE VACCARELLA by his daughter Agnes
RONALD THOMPSON by his family

MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2017

8AM KATIE KEOGH by Maria & Hank Montenegro

TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2017

8AM EDWARD FLYNN from his daughter Pat Davis

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2017

8AM EUGENE PETLICK by Peter Lopez

THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2017

8AM REV. MONSIGNOR JOSEPH C. SHENROCK by the St. Clement Community

FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2017

8AM JOHN JOHNSON by the Falconite family

SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2017

5PM LILA CHIDICHIMO by Sandra Steinhausen
HELEN MACMILLIAN by Susan & Bruce Quinn
DONNA KNOX by George & Dotty McLaughlin

SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2017

8AM DOLORES FALCON by her family
9:30AM DOMENICO FAZZOLARI by Andy & Nancy Cannizzo
11AM DEE TUCKER by the Popplewell family
ANNA CLARA BACCI by Nancy & Andy Cannizzo

COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2017

\$9,174.00

COLLECTION FOR PARISH ENERGY COSTS

\$2,189.00

WEDDING



We wish to congratulate Bianca Rizzo and Francesco Bianco who were married here at St. Clement this weekend. May the love of God always be with them in their Sacrament of Matrimony.

EASTER FLOWERS



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Envelopes are available in the vestibule for donations of flowers to beautify our church during the Easter Season. You may donate flowers in memory of or in honor of loved ones. Donation is \$10.00. Please drop your envelope in the offering basket or bring to the parish 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. *Last weeks question: Can you spot the red light that hangs on the wall by the Tabernacle? What is it called?* **Sanctuary Lamp!** As Catholic Christians, we believe that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist. If some of the Blessed Sacrament remains after Communion on Sunday, it is reserved in the tabernacle. The Red Lamp burns night & day as a reminder of His holy presence. When we enter the church & bless ourselves with holy water, we do so while facing the Tabernacle in reverence to Jesus. Lindsey T. answered this question correctly. **Good job Lindsey!**

Question of the week; Jesus chose this man to be the leader of the apostles & he later became our first pope. What is his name?

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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



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.

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!

CCD NEWS

2017-2016 Registration has begun. Please check the website at www.stclementprep.com or call the CCD office for more information at 732-566-3616.

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.

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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. 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: James Martin, Louis Cunningham, Joyce Sweeting, Michael Petolino, Yolanda Ramos, pat martelliti, Carla Carlino, Vivian Rocco, Teresita Tiu, Scott Waldman, Salvatore Zingalli, 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

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: 02/18/2017 Sonya S. Haugabook-Matos, 03/01/2017 Anna Slobodzian, 03/01/2017 Felicia Carbonara, 03/03/2917 Christopher Joseph Swensen III

**THANK YOU VETERANS
FOOD COLLECTION**

St. Clement CCD, Youth Group, Altar Rosary, Holy Name and the Knights of Columbus will honor and remember



Veterans on Saturday, April 8th from 6-8PM in our gym. **Our Youth Group will be accepting donations of non-perishable food and gift cards at all Masses during the weekend of March 25/26 for the**

homeless Veterans. If you're a Veteran or a surviving military spouse, please contact Carl Duque (732)778-3451 so that he can include you in the April 8th activities

EASTER EGG HUNT & FAMILY PHOTO'S

Our Sr. & Jr Youth groups will be hosting a Easter Egg



Hunt after 11AM Mass on Easter Sunday. Children ages 1-8 are invited to participate. Please bring your own basket. Due to allergy concerns only small toys and stickers will be hidden in the eggs. Our Knights of Columbus will

also be offering family photo's to be taken in front of the Blessed Mother after Mass. In case of inclement weather, the Egg Hunt will be cancelled but the family photo's will be taken inside the church. Please plan on staying a little after 11am Mass on Easter morning and join the fun.!

NEW CHURCH ORGAN

Many wonderful donations have come in to help with the cost of our new organ. This week we received donations from Steven J. Distefano in memory of his mother Gladys Disstefano, Mr. & Mrs. Andy & Nancy Cannizzo & Mr. & Mrs. David & Kelley Cannizzo in memory of Arnold Pucillo, a donation from the Cannizo family and a donation from Ronald & Betty Wiggberg in memory of the deceased members of their families. A plaque has been made and is displayed by the organ with all the in memory/in honor names listed. To date we have received \$22,590.00 to offset the \$42,000.00 cost of the organ. **DO-NATIONS 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.

ALTAR ROSARY

On Wednesday, March 29th the Altar Rosary is hosting a DINE TO DONATE event at Holulihan's in Holmdel from 5-9:30pm. A portion of the proceeds will go to the Altar Rosary. Flyer' are available in the lobby of the church. You will need to bring this flyer with you the night of the event so that St. Clement will receive a credit. This event also includes any take-out orders placed on this evening between the 5-9:30pm timeframe. Holulihan's are asking that we provide them with a approximate head count. A sign up sheet is in the lobby for this purpose.

UPCOMING ALTAR ROSARY EVENTS:

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5TH

Please join us at the monthly meeting at Reception Center. Rosary is at 7:30PM & meeting starts at 8PM. At this meeting they will have a demonstration/lesson on basic steps of Knitting & Crocheting.

SUNDAY, APRIL 30TH

ALTAR ROSARY TEA

Ladies of the parish are invited for the Altar Rosary Tea in our gym at 2PM on Sunday, April 30th. Cost is \$10 and includes tea, scones & finger sandwiches. Please contact Fran Triolo 732-566-6790 for more information and tickets. Seats are limited!

SUNDAY, MAY 7TH

MAY CROWNING OF THE BLESSED MOTHER

The May Crowning of the Blessed Mother will take place on Sunday May 7th after 8AM Mass. A Communion Breakfast, sponsored by the Altar Rosary Society, will immediately follow at the Reception Center. We invite all members and friends of St. Clement. Tickets are \$18.00 per person and may be obtained by calling Terry McKenna at 732-566-1427 or Pat Carew at 732-739-3838

HOLY NAME PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Come join us for delicious pancakes, sausage, bagels, pastry, eggs and coffee after each Mass on Palm Sunday, April 9th. Breakfast will be served from 8am to 12:45pm. Adults are \$6, High School students are \$5, Elementary school students are \$3 and children, age 7 and younger, are free. Our St. Clement Holy Name Society sponsors the breakfast for the benefit of parishioners. Proceeds from ticket sales go to support our RCIA, High School Youth Group, CCD students, and parish activities.

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!

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!

ANNULMENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

These sessions are open to everyone who may be considering annulment. The next session will be on March 21st at Mother of Mercy in Asbury Park. More information on other area sessions can be found on the poster in the lobby of the church.

CONFESSION, SATURDAY, APRIL 1ST

Due to Confirmation Services on Saturday, April 1st, our regular 12:30PM Confession time will be changed to 3PM for this Saturday only.

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. Please visit our website 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.

March Gatherings: March 19th Movie Night & Tacos at the House of Hope (7 pm to 9 pm)

Service Projects

March 26th Easter Food Drive Back of the Church after all of the Masses 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.

THE CELEBRATION OF MASS DURING THE LENTEN SEASON

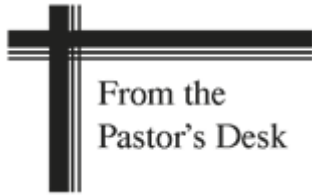
During the Lenten Season there are some changes in the Mass. The GLORIA is omitted and not sung again until the celebration of Mass on Holy Thursday. The Gospel Acclamation ALLELUIA is replaced with an alternate acclamation PRAISE TO YOU LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF ENDLESS GLORY. The ALLELUIA returns during the celebration of the Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass. This year during Lent we will recite the CONFITEOR ("I Confess to Almighty God") and sing the KYRIE ELEISON (Lord Have Mercy). Please repeat after the cantor. We will recite the APOSTLE'S CREED (found on the Prayer Cards) rather than the NICENE CREED. The Mystery of Faith Acclamation chosen for Lent is: WE PROCLAIM YOUR DEATH O LORD.

CHILDREN'S EASTER CHOIR

Children (third grade and older) are invited to sing on Easter Sunday (April 16) at the 9:30 AM PM Mass. There are four MANDATORY Thursday evening rehearsals from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM: March 16, 23, 30 and April 6. Rehearsals will be held in the Church. For additional information call Bill Fiorelli 908-902-7753.

RCIA News

As members of the RCIA process continue a period of purification and enlightenment during Lent they will experience the Scrutinies beginning on the 3rd Sunday in Lent. On three consecutive Sundays a particular gospel is read: The Man Born Blind, symbolizing Christ as the light of the world, The Woman at the Well, Christ as the living water, and The Rising of Lazarus, Christ as the resurrection and the light. At the conclusion of the Liturgy of the Word during these three Sundays, prayers are said for the participants with the intention of healing them, protecting them from sin, and strengthening their desire to live as people of faith. As always, we kindly ask that you remember the participants in the RCIA process in your prayers as they continue their journey to become fully initiated members of the Catholic Church.



One of the children in our parish recently asked:

If you give up something such as cake for Lent, do you have to abstain from eating cake on Sundays between Ash Wednesday and Easter? Lent is 40 days; if you count all the days during Lent, this brings the number to 46.

You are correct that there are 40 days in Lent. The 40 days begin on Ash Wednesday and consist of all weekdays and Saturdays through the end of the Easter Triduum, which is the Easter Vigil. Adding the six Sundays brings the number to 46. Many Catholics opt for additional penitential practices (like not eating cake, ice cream, or chocolate) in addition to the required abstinence from meat on Fridays and fasting/abstinence on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The US Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) states that Sundays are not prescribed days of fast and abstinence.

Sundays in the Lenten Season can still be considered a part of our Lenten journey. Although not regulated by the Church, you should follow your own conscience when deciding to have the piece of cake. I often suggest that if you are going to a birthday party on a Sunday during Lent, have just a small piece of cake. If, in your conscience, you prefer to eat a big piece, then sacrifice something else that day. It is important to remember that when we choose to give up something for Lent we should be drawing closer to God in doing so.

In other matters, I would like to thank those of you who participated in the blood drive that was held at St. Clement on March 5th. About 25 people donated blood at the drive. It is wonderful to see parishioners respond to the needs of the community.

Also, I would like to thank our parishioners who helped at our parish's recent Pre-Cana conference, which was held on March 4th. Special thanks to Jeff Johnson and his wife, Kate, who organized and directed the day's events. Several couples in our parish donated their time to discuss marriage with engaged couples from our area. I attended part of the session in the morning and had a chance to speak to some of the couples. The discussions and talks were productive, and it was encouraging to see the young couples willingly share their feelings and thoughts about each other and their upcoming weddings.

Father Tom