



# Church of ST. CLEMENT

*Sunday, April 2, 2017*

## PARISH MINISTRIES

**Baptism Preparation** Holly Cahill, 566-3616  
**Marriage Preparation** Holly Cahill, 566-3616  
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**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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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

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2017

5PM HUGH KIRBY by the Besso family  
DONNA KNOX by Ronne & Paul Buccellato  
ANNA & BERNARDO FRISONE from their  
loving daughter Pam Sparano

### SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2017

8AM LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE  
ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY  
9:30AM BARBARA A. GAUTHIER by Jack & Anita  
Donegan  
CHARITA LEGARA by the Go family  
JOSEPH DELLA BELLA by his wife & family  
11AM MARY ANGELI by the Burbella family  
STEPHANIE WISNIEWSKI by Mr. & Mrs.  
Popplewell

### MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2017

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

### TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2017

8AM ROBERT MCCARTIN by his wife

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2017

8AM TIBORCIO I MALTEZO by Linda & Lewis  
Egnatovich

### THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2017

8AM JORGE M CARDIELLOS by Maria Robinson

### FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2017

8AM BRIAN QUINN forever in our hearts

### SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2017

5PM DORIS COLABELLI by Ronne & Paul  
Buccellato

RITA FRIEND by Janet Mickelsen

### SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2017

8AM PHILIPP KRAMER by his wife & family  
9:30AM PETER VENISCOTSKI by the Carozza family  
DORIS COLABELLI by her family  
11AM IRENE F. MOSKAL & EDWARD W.  
MOSKAL, SR by their family  
JOHN STRANGE by Pam & James Sparano

### COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2017

\$9,388.00

### EASTER FLOWERS

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.



### DIVINE MERCY PRAYER SERVICE

Plan on joining us for Divine Mercy Sunday Prayer Service at 3PM on Sunday, April 23, 2017

### "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: On Friday's during Lent, what does the Church ask us not to eat on Fridays? The answer is Meat. Congratulations Lindsey T., who had the correct answer.* After the age of 14, Catholics give up or abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and every Friday. Because Jesus died on the cross to save us all from sin, we offer this sacrifice freely to honor Him for this great gift. Kind of small in comparison, right? This Tradition dates back to the 1st century. Next week's question is **Who is the patron Saint of Workers?**

### 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.



### CONFESSION DURING THE LENTEN SEASON

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

### HOLY WEEK MASS SCHEDULE 2017

#### HOLY THURSDAY

April 13, 2017

Mass: 7:30PM

8:30-10PM—Adoration

#### GOOD FRIDAY

April 14, 2017

The Lord's Passion—3:00PM

Living Stations of the Cross—7:30PM

#### HOLY SATURDAY

April 15, 2017

Solemn Easter Vigil—7:30PM

#### EASTER SUNDAY

April 16, 2017

8:00, 9:30 and 11AM

## **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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*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: Jim Baydlo, Emily Patricia Westfield, Michael Wiggberg, Antonella Parlati, Ruth Ann Hutula, Scott Gibb, 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, Matt Siwinski, Phil Kramer Jr., Mary Turiano, Noemi Robinson, 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: 03/01/2017 Anna Slobodzian, 03/01/2017 Felicia Carbonara, 03/03/2917 Christopher Joseph Swensen III, 03/09/2017 Gemma Hughes, 03/10/2017 Arnold Pucillo, 03/17/2017 Frank Bertulis, 03/18/2017 William G. Smith

**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. 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

**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. 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 Youth Group is also looking for a Air Hockey Table for their meetings at the House of Hope. If you would like to donate a new or used table, please contact the Church Office. Thank you!**

**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.

**NEW CHURCH ORGAN**

Many wonderful donations have come in to help with the cost of our new organ. 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 \$23,090.00 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.

**ALTAR ROSARY**

**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.

**BAPTISM CLASS**

**THE NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS** will be held on Wednesday, April 19th in the Church at 7:30PM. To register for the class, please call the Parish Office.

**CCD NEWS**

2017-2018 Registration has begun. Please check the website at [www.stclementprep.com](http://www.stclementprep.com) or call the CCD office for more information at 732-566-3616.

### 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!

### 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!



### 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.

*For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, thirsty and you gave me something to drink, a stranger and you welcomed me...Matthew 25: 35-36*

As adults in the Catholic faith, we have generously followed the teachings on giving alms to the Church which enables the Church to continue its mission to the poor. Each Sunday, as the basket is passed in the church, we place in our envelopes for both the needs of the parish and for the needs as described on the envelope for the second collection. We share as much as we can out of our abundance - or even out of our own small means. Now it is time to teach our children to develop that same spirit of generosity. Beginning on Easter Sunday, at 11AM Mass, St. Clement Parish is offering its children the opportunity to share in the spirit of giving by bringing to the children's mass non-perishable food items - canned goods or boxed items such as cereal, macaroni, and the like. As the ushers are taking up the collection, the children will be placing their food item in a basket that will be on the altar. These items will then be distributed to local food pantries to be given to those who are in need. This will be a wonderful way for our children to feel as if they have contributed during the mass and to know that their food item will make a difference in the lives of other families.

### 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.

### **What is the Easter Triduum?**

The Easter Triduum, also known as the Paschal Triduum, is the three day period that precedes Easter Sunday. The Liturgies celebrated during this period of time include: The Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper; the Good Friday service, which celebrates passion and death of Jesus; and the Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass of Resurrection celebrated after nightfall.

### **Why is the Easter Triduum important?**

The Triduum is important because it is the summit of the Liturgical year. It is the fullest ritual expression of what it means to be a Christian. Although celebrated over a three day period, they are liturgically one day in which we celebrate the mystery of Christ's passion, death and resurrection. The purpose of the Triduum is not to participate in a historical reenactment of Christ's passion, death and resurrection but rather to recall and celebrate Christ's sacrifice for our salvation. In the Triduum liturgies, we commemorate the good news of our faith as Christians. What better way to profess our faith and grow closer to God than to participate in these beautiful liturgies?

### **What is special about Holy Thursday?**

The Mass of the Lord's Supper is celebrated on Holy Thursday evening as the Passover was celebrated after sundown. No other Masses are celebrated on Holy Thursday. This is a very joyful Mass in which we celebrate the institution of the Eucharist and the institution of the Priesthood. The church is decorated with flowers, white vestments are worn, and the Gloria, which is omitted during Lent, is sung with the accompaniment of bells. After the homily, the priest removes his chasuble (the outer garment) and washes the feet of twelve people in imitation of Jesus' service to his apostles. There is no dismissal or blessing at this Mass which ends with a Procession of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the church to a place of repose. The altar is stripped in preparation for Good Friday. A period of silent adoration follows in which we pray before the Blessed Sacrament, this wondrous sacrament instituted by Jesus.

### **Why is Mass not celebrated on Good Friday?**

In keeping with the Church's ancient tradition, Mass is not celebrated on Good Friday or Holy Saturday. Good Friday is a solemn day of fast and abstinence. The Liturgy of the Lord's Passion is celebrated on Good Friday afternoon. This Liturgy begins and ends in silence. Red vestments are worn and the altar is completely bare. The service is divided into three parts: The Liturgy of the Word, which includes the Passion according to St. John; the Adoration of the Cross (a reminder of the price of our redemption); and Holy Communion. We are invited to venerate the cross by genuflecting, touching or kissing it as a sign of reverence, faith and gratitude. We then share in the Eucharist that was consecrated at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday.

### **What is the significance of the Holy Saturday Easter Vigil?**

The Easter Vigil, the highest point of our Liturgical year, begins in darkness to emphasize our waiting for the coming Resurrection. The lighting of the fire and the new Paschal candle symbolize the risen Christ among us. The passing of the flame from person to person symbolizes the Light of Christ moving among us and lighting our lives. The Liturgy of the Word encompasses the history of our salvation from creation through the resurrection. The scripture readings reveal how God throughout the ages has willed the salvation of mankind, which was fulfilled in Christ Jesus. After a long period of preparation our elect are joyfully welcomed into the church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist. The final part of the Vigil is the Liturgy of the Eucharist in which the risen Christ is present in the breaking of the bread. The Easter Vigil celebrates the totality of our faith and is the most significant liturgy of the church year.

As you can see, there are many elements of the Triduum that affirm us as Catholics Christians. The Triduum is the telling of our story, a reminder of the great sacrifice Jesus made for us to gain eternal life. We are called to enter into the Triduum whole-heartedly. Consider taking time from your hectic schedules to participate and worship in these important Liturgies.