



Church of ST. CLEMENT

Sunday, March 12, 2017

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OFFICE HOURS

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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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2017

5PM LILA CHIDICHIMO by the Michels family
DONNA KNOX by Susan & Bruce Quinn
ANTOINETTE GUISTI by Ronne & Paul
Buccellato

SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2017

8AM DOROTHY VANDERVEER the Gralewski family
& daughters
PHILIPP KRAMER by his wife & family
9:30AM TERESA PRUSCINO by Nancy & Al Cannizzo
DOLORES PANOPIO by Merle Cristi
11AM ANNE GRACE VELECHENKO by John &
Donna Lucchese & family
RITA HOWE by the Romanello family

MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2017

8AM BRIDGET ENNY by the Michels family

TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2017

8AM JORGE M. CARDIELLOS by Maria Robinson

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2017

8AM ROBERT MCCARTIN by his wife

THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2017

8AM ROBERT NAVOTNY by Mr. & Mrs. Richard
Piskorowski

FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2017

8AM BILL GALLO by Angela Hicks & family

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

COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2017

\$9,611.00

COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

\$2,218.00

THE SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND IS FOR
PARISH ENERGY COSTS



WEDDING BANNS

Bianca Rizzo and Francesco Bianco

"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.

Here's your question from Fr. Tom: Can you spot the red light that hangs on the wall by the Tabernacle? What is it called? Remember to fill the question sheet with your answer and drop it in the "Ask Father tom" box in the church lobby.

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 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.

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!

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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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: 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: 02/11/17 Joan Orpen, 02/12/17 Joan Hussey, 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 are 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.!

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.

NEW CHURCH ORGAN



Many wonderful donations have come in to help with the cost of our new organ. This week we received a donation in memory of Jack Triolo, Sr. from his wife & family and also an anonymous donation. 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 \$18,265.00 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

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. Please indicate on the sign up sheet in the lobby if you will be able to attend. Thank you!

**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

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 15th, 7:30pm-9pm at St. Thomas More, Manalapan. More information on other area sessions can be found on the poster in the lobby of the church



CARE GIVING FRIENDS

If you know someone in our Parish or local community that could use our help with shopping, running errands, doctor's visits, or just a new person to visit with, please contact the church office. We have also been blessed with a volunteer that has a therapy dog that can also make home visits. Volunteers are also still welcome to join this ministry. Please visit our website for more information.

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

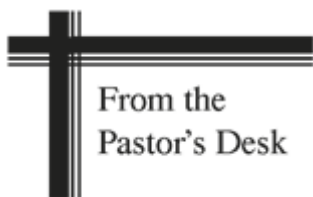
For more information about the Youth Group and upcoming activities, and gatherings, call Don Norbut at 732-290-9466 or Italia Bernhardt at 732-696-8866.

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.



Greetings,-

A parishioner submitted another question recently. An adult wrote in, "When we recite the Our Father prayer we say, '...and lead us not into temptation.' God would not lead us into temptation. Can you please explain the meaning of this line?"

This line may confuse a number of people, so thank you for bringing it up. To begin, God does not tempt anyone; rather, he allows it to happen. I would like to refer to the sacrament of Baptism. Baptism removes original sin of the baptized individual who is under the age of 7. A child under the age of 7 is not guilty of sin because he or she has not reached the age of reason and, therefore, cannot fully understand when an act is sinful. When a person over the age of 7 is baptized, original sin and any personal sins are forgiven. Baptism, however, does not take away one's inclination to sin. When discerning particular situations, all baptized persons of sound reason have "free will" to make their own choices concerning their actions. God wants us to choose the right path, but he does not force us to do so. His desire is that in our earthly lives we freely and willingly choose what is good.

In reference to the subject verse, the Catholic Catechism states, "We ask him (God) to not allow us to take the way that leads to sin." In other words, we want to follow the path that keeps us away from potentially sinful occasions. Temptation abounds in our world and all are tempted, many of us more than others. God allows it to happen. How will we deal with the temptations that we will inevitably encounter?

From one perspective, regarding this particular verse, we are asking God to help us resist that natural impulse to fall into sin. In praying "lead us not into temptation" we are expressing our need for God's Spirit and grace to live a holy life. By reaching out to our Father, we pray, with the help of his grace, that He will put up "road blocks" and give us the strength and help to avoid giving into a temptation.

From another perspective, we also ask God to help us be vigilant with respect to the temptations in our world. St. Paul wrote about the battle between the Spirit and the flesh and how we need to be alert and aware in that battle. Vigilance also helps us to know when we are in the midst of temptation and to follow God's grace to escape it. Along with vigilance, discernment is needed to know when a situation can lead to temptation and when we are consenting to a temptation.

Finally, the Catechism also states, "'Lead us not into temptation' implies a decision of the heart." In our deepest longings, we must desire and will what is wholesome and moral in the eyes of God, not what is sinful. Holiness is of God and must be the most important longing in our hearts. This a choice we must freely make. Christ said, "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also...No one can serve two masters."

We are blessed that Jesus gave us the sacrament of Reconciliation to allow us to seek God's forgiveness when we fall. It also helps us to shed the burden of sin that separates us from our Lord. I and Father Gregg invite you to come to confession this Lent and experience the peace that comes from putting sin behind you and receiving true forgiveness.

Father Tom