



Church of ST. CLEMENT

Sunday, March 26, 2017

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OFFICE HOURS

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Parish Trustees Joe Angello & Barbara Warden
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www.stclementprep.com
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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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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

MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2017

8AM ANNE TAVORMINA by Janice & Dave Rucinski

TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2017

8AM ANTONIETTA BARONE by the Buro family

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2017

8AM MARY LOU MERRITT by Nancy & Joe Piskorowski

THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2017

8AM MEMBERS OF OUR ARMED FORCES

FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2017

8AM MARY LOU MERRITT by the St. Clement Altar Rosary Society

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

COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2017

\$9,877.50

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: Jesus chose this man to be the leader of the apostles & he later became our first pope. What is his name? The answer is Peter.* Peter, a humble fisherman, became Jesus' friend. He followed Jesus almost without question and was one of the first to recognize Jesus as the Son of God. Was he perfect? Far from it, but neither are we. Even after Peter denied Jesus three times on the night He was arrested, Jesus still loved and believed in Peter. He forgave Peter just like He forgives us when we make mistakes. Next week's question is: *On Friday's during Lent, what does the Church ask us not to eat on Fridays?*

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 the first five Mondays during Lent in the church from 7:30-8:30pm.

CCD NEWS

2017-2018 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: 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, 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: 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,

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

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.

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 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!**

NEW CHURCH ORGAN

Many wonderful donations have come in to help with the cost of our new organ. This week we received a donation from Mr. & Mrs. Walter Mayer in memory of Walter & Jeanne Bing. 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

On Wednesday, March 29th the Altar Rosary is hosting a DINE TO DONATE event at Houlihan'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. Houlihan'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 29th at St. Barnabas in Bayville. 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.

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.



Another question was asked by a parishioner: "I notice that some people receive Communion on the tongue and some receive in the hand. Which method is correct?"

The US Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) makes it clear that either method is correct and proper. The person receiving decides on the manner. What is important is that you approach the sacrament with reverence and humility, as it truly is the Body of Christ.

After the priest or Eucharistic minister says "The Body of Christ", the one receiving responds "Amen" and nothing else. In saying "Amen", St. Ambrose wrote, "...you acknowledge in your heart that you are receiving the Body of Christ." If receiving in the hand, place your left hand on top of your right (or reverse if you are left-handed) and receive the consecrated host in the palm of your top hand. Don't reach for the host while the Eucharistic Minister is offering it, because it may break or be dropped. Immediately take the host and consume it. It is not proper under any circumstances to make the Sign of the Cross using the host, offer a part of the host to a child or sick family member, or carry the host back to your pew to consume later. If ushers or Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion witness this they are asked to promptly remind the communicant to consume the host. The ushers can escort a minister to someone who is unable to walk to the altar to receive - approach the usher before Mass to make this request.

It is also important to remember that when receiving Holy Communion you are receiving Jesus in His fullness. Think about the importance of taking time to return to your pew to pray and meditate on this experience each time you receive Holy Communion. You may also, at this time, want to thank Jesus for His love and the sacrifice he made for all of us.

Some members of St. Clement Parish serve as Extraordinary Ministers who bring Holy Communion to the homes of parishioners who are unable to attend Mass due to illness or infirmity. Please contact the church office to arrange a visit.

Father Tom