



Church of ST. CLEMENT

Sunday, March 4, 2017

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REV. THOMAS VALA, PASTOR

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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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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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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

MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2017

8AM PATRICIA MCGUINN by her family

TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2017

8AM DR. ALFRED CASAGRANDE by Peter Lopez

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2017

8AM ROBERT NAVOTNY by Joseph Piskorowski

THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2017

8AM TED CORCORAN by Bridget & Brendan

FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 2017

8AM MEMBERS OF OUR ARMED FORCES

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

COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2017

\$9,153.00

COLLECTION FOR PARISH ENERGY COST

\$2,174.00

THE SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND IS FOR
CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

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.



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.

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

The following question was submitted by an adult member of our parish:

What is the proper placement of the hands during the recitation of the Our Father during Mass? Some people fold their hands, others extend their hands, while some people join hands. Which is correct? And in a related question, Why does the priest announce before the Our Father, 'We dare to say...'"

Thank you to those who asked these excellent questions!

Priests follow rubrics, or laws, that govern how the Mass is said. The rubric directs the priest to assume the Orans (Latin for *praying*) posture when he leads the Lord's Prayer. Remember, the priest serves *in persona Christi*, or in the person of Christ. This extension of the priest's hands indicates that he is praying to God on behalf of the people. The rubric states that the deacon is not to extend his hands during the Lord's Prayer. While the charismatic renewal led to some faithful extending or joining their hands during the Lord's Prayer, it is proper for the faithful to pray with relaxed hands, but always with engaged hearts and minds!

In Luke 11:1-4 the disciples ask Jesus to teach them how to pray as John the Baptist taught his followers. Jesus gives them what we commonly call the Lord's Prayer. We are united, and we *dare* to pray with boldness, that is with the confidence as beloved sons and daughters of the heavenly Father. Even as mere mortals, God invites us in Matthew 21:22, "And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith"

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

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Elegant & Affordable Wedding Packages

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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: 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 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: 02/06/17 James Sparano, 02/11/17 Joan Orpen, 02/12/17 Joan Hussey, 02/18/2017 Sonya S. Haugabook-Matos



Thank you to all of you who have made a pledge to the *Faith to Move Mountains* Campaign! I have been truly humbled and blessed by your overwhelming generosity – we have raised \$454,885 towards our goal of \$725,000!

I am so grateful for the support we have already received, but with a parish of more than 2,000 families, I know we can count on more success. I hope that all of you will do what you can by making a sacrificial pledge for our parish and Diocese today. Thank you again to everyone who has so generously made a pledge and brought us closer to our goal! If you have any questions, please contact the parish office.



**THANK YOU VETERANS
FOOD COLLECTION**

St. Clement CCD, Youth Group and the Knights of Columbus will honor and remember Veterans on Saturday, April 8th from 6-8PM in our gym. Donations of non-perishable food and gift cards are

being requested and can be dropped 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

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. 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

\$18,115.00 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.

ANNULMENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

These sessions are open to everyone who may be considering annulment. The next session will be on March 9th, 7:30pm-9pm at St. Ann Church in Lawrenceville. More information on other area sessions can be found on the poster in the lobby of the church

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, like the one pictured below, 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. Please indicate on the sign up sheet in the lobby if you will be able to attend. Thank you!

Please join us in Supporting:

**ALTAR/ ROSARY OF
ST. CLEMENT CHURCH**

Fundraiser night at:



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



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 5th Meeting – Being a Disciple of Jesus. Meeting will be held at the House of Hope (7 pm to 9 pm)

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.





THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS
Part 3 of a series – LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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 Liturgy of the Eucharist begins with the Preparation of the Altar, Presentation/Preparation of gifts, and concludes with the distribution of Communion. The Altar is the center of the entire Liturgy of the Eucharist as it is a symbol of Christ's presence. The preparation of the Altar begins with the placement of the Missal and chalice. The gifts of bread and wine presented and placed on the Altar are the same elements used by Jesus at the Last Supper. The Priest pours wine and a little water into the chalice symbolizing Christ's divinity and humanity. The Priest incenses the Altar, gifts and cross; the Deacon incenses the Priest and congregation. Incense is used as an expression of reverence and prayer. The Priest prays as he washes his hands asking the Lord to cleanse him of sin.

The Prayer of Offering ("May the Lord accept the sacrifice...") prayed by the Priest and affirmed by the congregation ("Blessed be God forever.") closes the preparation part of the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

The Eucharistic Prayer is a prayer of thanksgiving and sanctification. It is the center and high point of the entire Mass. In an introductory dialogue (Preface) the Priest invites the people to lift their hearts to God in prayer and thanksgiving. We respond by joining with the Angels and Saints in singing the Holy, Holy, Holy. This acclamation which is based on Isaiah 6:1-4; Revelation 4:8, 5:13 and Matthew 21:9 is sung by all. While there are a number of Eucharistic prayers which the Priest may select, they all share common elements and are comprised of the following sections:

1. Thanksgiving and Calling upon the Holy Spirit to sanctify the bread and wine (Epiclesis).
2. Institution Narrative (the words of Jesus at the Last Supper) and Consecration.
3. Mystery of Faith (three options).
4. Remembrance of Jesus' passion, resurrection, and ascension into heaven (Anamnesis).
5. Oblation - the Church offers the unblemished sacrificial Victim to the Father, and the congregation are called to offer their selves
6. Intercessions
7. Concluding Doxology ("Through, him and in him") and Amen.

The consecration of bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ may only be performed by a Priest and only at the celebration of Mass.

In preparation for the reception of the Eucharist, we pray the Lord's Prayer, followed by a short prayer in which the priest asks for deliverance from evil. The Sign of Peace is shared not only as a greeting to those seated close to us but as a commitment to share peace outside the walls of the church. During the Fraction Rite the Priest breaks a small piece of the consecrated host and puts it in the chalice. This action not only symbolizes the breaking and sharing of bread at the Last Supper but signifies the unity of the body and blood of the Lord. During the Fraction Rite the Lamb of God is sung by all.

The Priest elevates the sacred host and invites the congregation to receive the body of Christ ("Behold the Lamb of God"). All respond: "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter my roof"... (Matthew 8:8). The hymn which accompanies the reception of Communion serves to express the spiritual unity of the congregation. After a period of silence the Prayer after Communion is said by the Priest.

The Concluding Rite consists of the Priest's greeting, blessing and dismissal which is acclaimed by the Deacon or Priest. The dismissal reminds the congregation to go forth and bring Jesus, whom they heard in the Word and received in the Eucharist, into the world.