

Church of ST. CLEMENT

Sunday, April 9, 2017

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REV. THOMAS VALA, PASTOR

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OFFICE HOURS

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www.TheReceptionCenter.com

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

PALM SUNDAY

SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2017

5PM DORIS COLLABELLI 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

MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2017

8AM PATRICIA BURNS by the Michels family

TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2017

8AM STEVEN LANCOS by Betty Policari

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2017

8AM ALICE RALPH by Patti & Vern Ralph

THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2017

7:30PM DANIEL MAGRINO by the Johnston family

FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2017

3PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 2017

7:30PM MEMBERS OF THE ST. CLEMENT
COMMUNITY

SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2017

8AM MEMBERS OF THE ST. CLEMENT
COMMUNITY

9:30AM TIMOTHY & JOAN HUSSEY by the Danish
family

11AM EVA BLUMSTEIN by her family
DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE SILVESTRI
FAMILY by the Morello family

COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2017

\$9,722.00

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.



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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: Who is the patron Saint of Workers? Congratulations to Jacob P and Lindsey T who both answered correctly. Joseph was a humble carpenter and chosen by God to be Jesus' foster father on earth. He worked hard to support and protect his family during very difficult times. Saint Joseph taught Jesus his trade. He teaches us the work performed in love and prayerful service to God is worthy of respect. We can copy St. Joseph by doing our best at school and work and offering service to the poor and needy.

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.

HOLY THURSDAY

Communion will be offered under both species. Note that reception of the Precious Blood is optional as the Body of Christ is wholly present under the appearance of the bread or the wine.



HOLY THURSDAY

April 13, 2017

Mass: 7:30PM

8:30PM-Midnight—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 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: Jim Bazydlo, Emily Patricia Westfield, Michael Wiggberg, Antonella Parlanti, Ruth Ann Hutula, Scott Gibb, James Martin, 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: 03/09/2017 Gemma Hughes, 03/10/2017 Arnold Pucillo, 03/17/2017 Frank Bertulis, 03/18/2017 William G. Smith, 03/26/2017 Domenico Amato

THANK YOU VETERANS



St. Clement CCD, Youth Group, Altar Rosary, Holy Name and the Knights of Columbus will honor and remember Veterans on this Saturday, April 8th from 6-8PM in our gym. Please stop over after 5PM Mass!

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. 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.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Cheers to Summer! will be held on Thursday evening, May 25 at Spring Lake Bath & Tennis Club. Kick off the Summer of 2017 at this great event, hosted by the Monmouth County Board of Catholic Charities, which includes dinner, dancing, 50/50 raffle and gift auction in a great party atmosphere. Tickets are \$125 and are available at www.catholiccharitiestrenton.org/events or call Jennifer Leip at 609-394-5181 X 1137. Reservations are limited.

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:

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 or call the CCD office for more information at 732-566-3616.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

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!

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.



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

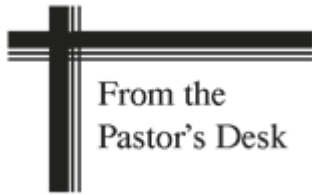


As adults in the Catholic faith, we have generously followed the teachings on giving alms to the Church which enables the Church to continue its mission to the poor. Each Sunday, as the basket is passed in the church, we place in our envelopes for both the needs of the parish and for the needs as described 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.

VINCENT'S LEGACY



St. Clement is teaming up with St. Joseph's St. Vincent de Paul Society for this new venture. Vincent's Legacy will provide gently used home furnishings and household goods for our neighbors in need. They are asking for volunteers from the St. Clement community to work in their warehouse in Wall township for 4 hours, one Saturday per month. They especially need furniture movers and donation processors. If you would like to volunteer, please call St. Joseph's SVDP Help Line at 732-290-1878. In your message please mention Vincent's Legacy and leave your name & phone number. They are also looking for donations of gently used, of good quality, furniture & household goods from a smoke-free & pet free-homes. If you have a donation, please email at furniture@svdptrenton.org.



A parishioner recently asked, "When is Mass over and when is the appropriate time to leave the church?"

Mass ends with the Concluding Rite, which consists of the Prayer after Communion and the Final Blessing. The appropriate time to leave Mass is after the celebrant has processed out of the church, following the Final Blessing. It saddens a priest to see people leave Mass right after they have received Communion. A person might have an emergency or serious situation to attend to and feel compelled to leave before Mass has ended. However, a person should seriously consider the reason for leaving Mass early, especially without a grave reason.

Christ is the most important person in our lives. Being in a right relationship with strengthens our relationship with others. When attending and participating in Mass, you are present with Him. Moreover, when you receive Communion, you are receiving Jesus in his fullness. These elements of our worship should serve as inspiration to remain for the entire celebration. By doing so, we are participating with all of our soul and with all our heart and all our mind.

We are invited to dine each week with the King of the universe. Jesus, who loves us so much he died to save us from our sins, asks us to spend an hour with him each week. I know that some people have an occasional emergency, but is that the reason all people leave early? Everyone deserves the grace of receiving the final blessing. Once the priest processes out of the sanctuary and the recessional hymn concludes, it is appropriate to leave the church.

Let me present an analogy. If you attend the wedding of a loved one, especially a son or daughter, will you leave the ceremony before the couple walked down the aisle as husband and wife? From another perspective, would you arrive late? The day would be so important to you because your child is an important person in your life. You would then want to share the entire ceremony with them, waiting until the very end. I am sure there is much joy in a parent's eyes when watching his or her child, now married, walk down the aisle. The same concerns the reception afterward. You would not leave the reception right after the dinner has been eaten.

Is not Mass just as important? If you truly believe that Jesus is present in the Eucharist, then spending time with Him would be important and meaningful to you. As I mentioned in a previous article, spending time meditating and thanking Jesus for his sacrifice makes reception of Communion meaningful and unites us with Christ through the Eucharist.

Father Tom