



# Church of ST. CLEMENT

*Sunday, May 7, 2017*

## PARISH MINISTRIES

**Baptism Preparation** Holly Cahill, 566-3616  
**Marriage Preparation** Holly Cahill, 566-3616  
**Religious Education** Pat Thein, 566-3616  
**Lector Coordinator** Bruce Quinn 566-1273  
**Eucharistic Ministers** Hank Montenegro, 908-380-6059  
**Pre-Cana** Tom and Mary Lou Wadolowski, 583-9297  
**Bereavement Ministry** Tom Wadolowski 583-9297  
**High School Youth Group** Italia Bernhardt 696-8866  
**Music Director** William Fiorelli, 908-902-7753  
**Rite of Christian Initiation** Peg Scholer, 583-0296  
**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  
[stclementmatawan@aol.com](mailto:stclementmatawan@aol.com)  
**Church Fax** 566-9275  
**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

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2017

5PM DORIS COLABELLI by Joy & Rick Derechailo  
LILA CHIDICHIMO by Sue & Dave Ripple  
VERONICA MAGRINO by the Johnston family

### SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2017

8AM LIVING AND DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE  
ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

9:30AM VINCENTAS SNIRAS by his family  
ALFRED J. COOLEY by his sister Trisha &  
family

11AM EDWARD FLYNN by his daughter Pat Davis  
SEAN DOERER by Debbie Rizeros

### MONDAY, MAY 8, 2017

8AM MARY URBANIAK by Peter Lopez

### TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2017

8AM DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE MICELI  
FAMILY by their granddaughter

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2017

8AM ARNOLD PUCILLO by Maria D'Eletto

### THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2017

8AM GEORGE E. MAGNENAT by J.P. Friedl

### FRIDAY, MAY 12, 2017

8AM BOB GILDERSLEEVE Jr. by the Cahill family

### SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2017

5PM DR. ALFRED CASAGRANDE by the Tucker &  
Formon families

LEONA SCESNEY by her husband Leonard  
Scesney

JOAN HUSSEY by the Danish family

### SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2017

8AM PHILIPP KRAMER by his wife & family

9:30AM HELEN GUMKOWSKI by the Gallo family

ROBERT KLOBY by Marion Guidera

11AM EVA BLUMSTEIN by her family

JORDAN PHILLIPS by the Alli family

### COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 30th, 2017

\$9,849.00

### COLLECTION FOR PARISH ENERGY COSTS

\$2,015.00

The Second Collection this week is for our Diocesan  
Assessment

### 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. *We are also in need of teachers for Monday and Tuesday sessions at 4:30pm and 6pm. Please consider joining this ministry!*

### "I KNOW THAT FATHER TOM!"

Kids, Father Tom wants to give you the chance to answer a question too! Last weeks question was: **What is the name of the very tall candle that is blessed during the Easter Vigil?** The Pascal candle. The paschal or Easter candle represents Jesus who is the light of the world. On the candle is inscribed a cross, the year, and the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet as Jesus is the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the end. The Paschal candle is lit at each Mass during the Easter season until Pentecost. It is also used at baptism and funerals.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO JACOB P. AND LINDSEY T. FOR ANSWERING THIS QUESTION CORRECTLY!**

**This weeks question is: What do we call the feast that celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit?** 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.

### MOTHER'S DAY MASS CARDS

Mother's Day Mass cards are available in the foyer of the church. Please fill out the envelope with your intention and your \$10 donation. Envelopes can be deposited into the collection basket or dropped off at the church office. Prayer requests will be offered at all the Masses on Mother's Day weekend.



### SAVE THE DATE!!!

Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 24th (rain date Sunday, October 1st for the St. Clement Annual Parish Picnic. More information to follow. You won't want to miss a fun filled day with your church family!



### MAY CHILDREN'S MASS

For the month of May the monthly children's Mass will be on Sunday, May 14th. 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. Please remember that 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. 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.

## 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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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](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: Alfonso Wilson, Joseph Casessa, Thomas Flynn, Andrew Smith, Dennis Kryzanowski, Michael Wiggberg, Antonella Parlatti, Ruth Ann Hutula, Scott Gibb, James Martin, Joyce Sweeting, Michael Petolino, Yolanda Ramos, Pat Martelliti, Carla Carlino, Teresita Tiu, Scott Waldman, Salvatore Zingalli, Robert Flynn, Iris Miranda, Kim Jones, Christina Bucco, Grace McKelory, Michael Falcone, Marcella Gatti, Sharon Jones, Mary Brady, 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, 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:  
04/10/2017 Peter DeVita, 04/14/2017 Mrs.

Frances McKenna, 04/14/2017 Joseph Chin, 04/17/17 George Magnenat, 04/18/2017 Alfred J. Cooley. 04/20/2017 Sister Carol Ann Bearistro

**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.

**MONTH OF MAY SERVICE PROJECT:**

St. Clement Youth Group would like to honor our Blessed Mother and all mothers everywhere during the Month of May. A “Mommy Drive” will take place on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> for the less fortunate Mom's, that need to care for their babies. We will be collecting baby food, formula, diapers, wipes, bibs, baby soap/shampoos, pacifiers, baby snacks, burp clothes, wash clothes, teething toys etc. Whatever you give is most appreciated. Please bring all your items, before or after each Mass on May 20th & 21st. . The collection area will be in the lobby of the church.

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.

**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 \$23,615.00 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.

**IT'S TIME FOR SPRING CLEANING!**



We are collecting gently used and new shoes. Please check your closets for any shoes including flip flops, heels, work boots, sport shoes etc—for men, women & children. A collection bin in located in the lobby of the church. The funds raised from the event will help assist pregnant & new moms with postpartum depression or anxiety disorder. Shoe donations need to be received by this Sun., May 7th.

**ROSARIAN NEWS**

Late news but worth mentioning. The “DINE TO DONATE” held at Houlihan’s in Homdel turned out a success! We would like to thank all the parishioners that participated. We hope to see everyone at Houlihan’s next year!

Our Tea party that was held this past Sunday, April 30th was a HUGE SUCCESS!. All the ladies left with a “Fr. Gregg’s” cheerful smile on their faces. Thank you to all the Rosarians who participated for a job well done, especially Jean Fierro and Fran Triolo. It was great team work.

Our last event for the year is our Installation Dinner on June 7 at 5PM at Bliss Restaurant located on the corner of Old Mill Road & Route 34. Merle Cristi 732-566-3093 and Donna DeMartino 732-566-4281 are co-chairs. Cost is \$25 for Rosarians & \$30 for non members. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend.

### 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.

### 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.

**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!

### 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](mailto:furniture@svdptrenton.org).

### CALLING ALL GARDNERS!

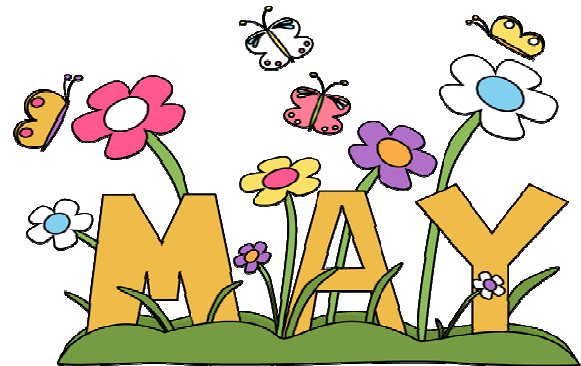


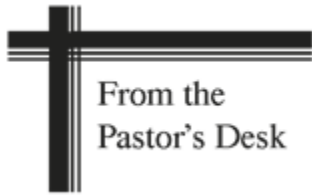
We are looking for assistance with planning our 2017 Victory Garden. Now is the time to start planning on what we will plant to benefit the area food pantries this summer. If you have a green thumb or even if you don't, please contact the church office. Thank you!

### 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.





**An adult parishioner asked, "If Christianity wasn't widely accepted until the 4th century and Christianity began with the death and resurrection of Christ, why was John the Baptist baptizing people, including Jesus, since Jewish people aren't baptized?"**

All though the word "baptism" is not found in the Old Testament, Jews practiced a ritual sign of purification and repentance using immersion in a river or in ritual baths in urban areas where a water source was not readily available. John the Baptist says in Matthew 3:11, "I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire."

The baptism of John the Baptist did not have the same effect as the baptism ritual that Christ instituted. The Jews who came to John acknowledged their sinfulness, but John's baptism did not take away their sins nor did it call down the Holy Spirit. John's baptism was not a Christian baptism. It prepared people for Christ's coming and inspired them to repent of their sinful ways. Baptism as Christ instituted it took on a different meaning. The sacrament now effects a change in the baptized person's soul through the anointing of the Holy Spirit and the removal of all sin. Once a person is baptized, he or she remains baptized for life; the sacrament is never repeated on that person.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states, "From the very day of Pentecost the Church has celebrated and administered holy Baptism. Indeed St. Peter declares to the crowd astounded by his preaching: 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.' The apostles and their collaborators offer Baptism to anyone who believed in Jesus: Jews, the God-fearing, pagans. Always, Baptism is seen as connected with faith: "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household,"

Also, St. Clement's Parish congratulates our 2nd grade Religious Education students, who received their 1st Holy Communion this past Saturday. Over 40 children participated in our 2 ceremonies. Pray that these children will be strengthened in their faith through the Eucharist. I would like to thank our CCD staff and the volunteers who helped to make this year a successful one.

*Father Tom*