

# Church of ST. CLEMENT

*Sunday, October 29, 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** Church Office 732-566-3616  
**Ushers** Joe Angello, 566-2349  
**Prison Ministry** Mark Micali, 890-7706  
**Liturgy Committee** Carol Capasso 583-6958

## 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  
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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.stclementreligious.org](http://www.stclementreligious.org)  
St. Clement Athletic Association  
[www.stclementsports.com](http://www.stclementsports.com)

## Sacrament of Baptism

Sunday at 12:15PM

## Sacrament Reconciliation

Saturday: 12:30PM to 1:15PM

## Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements should be made one year prior.  
Pre-Cana Conference required.

# Mass Intentions

## THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2017

5PM ANTONIETTA BARONE by the Buro family  
ARNOLD PUCILLO by Connie Guarnieri

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2017

8AM ANGELO IMPERIALE by Raymond Jaeger  
9:30AM GEORGE E. MAGNENAT by Maureen Gallo &  
family

11AM FRAN MCKENNA by Toni McKenna

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2017

8AM JESSIE OBLIGACION by Joan Whelan

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2017

8AM LUIS RENATO CORPUS by his family  
7PM THE ST CLEMENT COMMUNITY

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2017

8AM LULU MANALO by Merle Cristi  
7:30PM THE ST CLEMENT COMMUNITY

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2017

8AM GRACE & SAM CARROZZA by their daughter  
7:30PM THE ST CLEMENT COMMUNITY

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2017

8AM MARIA YI by the Min family

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2017

5PM LEONA SCESNEY by Leonard, Robyn & family  
JOSEPHINE BERKE by Donna Chrzanowski

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2017

8AM LIVING AND DECEASED MEMBERS OF  
THE ALTAR ROSARY  
9:30AM OFELIA ACHECAR by Gay, Heidi & Tim  
Wittenberg

CLAIRE BRYNE by the Toomey family

11AM DR. CASAGRANDE by J.P. Friedl

7PM FLAVIAN VALA by his family

### COLLECTION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2017

\$8,453.00

### COLLECTION FOR HURRICANE MARIA

\$3,263.00

### WEDDING

We wish to congratulate Janine Norbut and Tom Smolinski who were married here at St. Clement this weekend. May the love of God always be with them in their Sacrament of Matrimony

### BANNS

Alexandra Shirvanian & Marco Tolisano

### UPCOMING HOLY DAY MASSES

Tues., Oct. 31st, 7PM All Saints Vigil Mass

Wed. Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, 8AM and 7:30PM All Saints Mass

Thursday, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8AM and 7:30PM All Souls Mass

### BAPTISM

We wish to welcome into the family of God and the St. Clement parish community the following children who were baptized here this weekend:

CLAIRE N. LITOS

Child of Jennifer & Hristoforos

PIPER WEINSTEIN

Child of Alexis & Larry

### ALL SOULS MASS & CANDLE MEMORIAL

Will be held Thurs., Nov. 2nd at 7:30pm. This Mass will honor and remember all of our beloved dead. Names of those who have passed away in our parish over the past 12 months will be read aloud. As the name is read, family members will accept a lighted candle in their memory. If you would like to add a name to the list, please contact the church office. All are invited to attend this special Mass.

### YOUTH GROUP PIE SALE

Our Youth Group will be taking orders for Thanksgiving



Pies from Delicious Orchards. Orders can be placed for Apple, Pumpkin, Mince, Pecan or Cherry Pie after all Masses on 10/29&30 and 11/4 & 5. You

can also order via our website with online payment available at [www.stclementmatawan.org](http://www.stclementmatawan.org). Your order will be available for pick up at the gym on Tuesday, November 21st from 4PM-7PM. Pies are 9 inches and cost \$16 each. Save yourself a trip to the Orchard and help out our Youth Group all at the same time!

### BAPTISM CLASS

The next Baptism Class is scheduled for Wednesday, November 15th at 7:30pm in the church. Please call the church office at 732-566-3616 to register.

### NEW SUNDAY EVENING MASS AT ST. CLEMENT'S

For the first Sunday of every month (for November it will be celebrated on Nov. 5th), we will be having a 7 p.m. mass here at St. Clement that will satisfy your Sunday obligation. Although the mass will be geared toward the teenage youth of our parish, all are welcomed to attend.

## 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 12:15PM. 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: Eleanor Martin, Marybeth Janoff, Kayleigh Hoercher, Mario Fernandez, Dominick Difede, Marita Briones, George Moresco, Mary Lou Morrison, Michelle DiLauro, Earl Griffin, Billy Mocci, Veronica Fenlon, Ken Smolinski, Debi Archibald, Marcie Rothman, Angela DeCarlo, Anthony & Viola Scarpa, Majorie Simpler, Karen Monaco Leo, Anne DiNapoli, Joseph Labianca, Jerry Nesti, Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Maria DiCamillo, George Moresco, Bill Hegarty, Alfonso Wilson, Thomas Flynn, Andrew Smith, Michael Wiggberg, Ruth Ann Hutula, Scott Gibb, James Martin, Joyce Sweeting, Yolanda Ramos, Clara Carlino, Scott Waldman, Salvatore Zingalli, Robert Flynn, Iris Miranda, Kim Jones, Christina Bucco, Grace McKelory, Michael Falcone, Marcella Gatti, Sharon Jones, Mary Brady, Mary Turiano, Noemi Robinson, Richard Harcourt, Enza Torres, Elena Santo, Carla Izzo, Grace McElroy, Jasmine Chalmers, Jacqueline Santos, Victor Panopio, Bernard Panopio, Delia & Bridget LaSalle, Janelle & Laurie Vanoni, Mary Ann Smetana, Jack Creamer, Patricia Davis, 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: 09/29/17 Michael Petolino, 09/30/17 Marie Artelli. 10/03/17 Walter Mayer

### NEW CHURCH ORGAN

Many wonderful donations have come in to help with the cost of our new organ. To date we have received \$25,195.00 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.

### CHAPLET OF THE DIVINE MERCY & 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!

### BIBLE STUDY AT ST. CLEMENT

A lively and insightful journey into the Word of God; & 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 at 6:30pm for the Catechism and 7:30 to 9pm 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!

### 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  
Mark Zeller, LCDR, U.S. Navy

***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.***

### NOVEMBER CHILDREN'S MASS

For the month of November the monthly children's Mass will be on Sunday, November 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. 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.



### 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.

### "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.

### FLOCKNOTES

#### PARISH EMERGENCY CONTACT SYSTEM

St. Clement has joined the Flocknotes program, which is strongly recommended by the Diocese of Trenton. Flocknotes is a program that will allow you to receive general announcements from Father Tom and Father Gregg, or from a group that you belong to in St. Clement's either by e-mail or text message. There is no cost to you to join Flocknotes. Just fill out the form, located in the Church lobby, with either your email address, your cell phone number that receives text messages, or both. Please deposit this paper in the basket labeled Flocknotes in the lobby. Your participating is totally up to you, but it will allow the parish to reach you in emergencies or with important information.

### ADVENT WREATH'S



Join us in making your own Advent Wreath on Sunday, December 3, 2017 at 12 Noon in our Religious Education building. Cost is \$30 per wreath. Each family is asked to bring clippers for the greens. Registration forms are available in the lobby of the church to be filled out and returned to the PREP office with payment by Nov, 10th.

### THE REVEREND MONSIGNOR STRANO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Monsignor Strano was a longtime Pastor of several parishes in the Bayshore area. His passion was working with youth. He loved Catholic education and was a strong advocate of Catholic Schools. This scholarship was established through his generosity to provide financial assistance to Catholic families, making it possible for their children to attend St. John Vianney High School.

**CRITERIA:** Open to all 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who together with their parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s) are registered members in good standing of St. Clement Church, Matawan, NJ, St. Ann Church, Keansburg, NJ or St. Benedict Church, Holmdel, NJ practicing their faith and living a Catholic lifestyle, regardless of race, gender or national origin. One child each from: St. Clement Church, St. Ann Church, and St. Benedict Church, will be chosen on an annual basis to receive a \$6000 per annum scholarship for 4 years to aid in the payment of the child's tuition at St. John Vianney High School, Holmdel, NJ. The application for the Reverend Monsignor Strano Memorial Scholarship is available on line at [www.SJVHS.org](http://www.SJVHS.org). Under the Admissions tab, click Scholarship information, choose Reverend Monsignor Strano Memorial Scholarship and open and complete the application. The application deadline is November 17, 2017.

### PARISH COUNSELING SERVICES

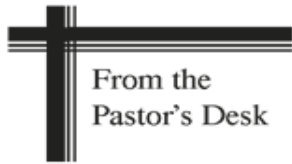
Through a joint effort of the Diocese of Trenton & Catholic Charities, licensed professional counselors are available to help parishioners with difficult issues that interfere with day-to-day functioning. This service can be accessed by contacting Fr. Tom who will provide additional information and a referral. The fee is \$75 per session. If needed, financial assistance for short term counseling (maximum of 6 sessions) is available through the Diocese of Trenton Parish Counseling Services.

### ALTAR ROSARY CRAFT SHOW

Our Altar Rosary will be having their Annual Christmas Craft show on Sat., Dec. 2, 2017 from 9am-4pm in our gym. **VENDORS ARE NEEDED!!** Contact Merle Cristi, 732-591-1273 or 908-601-2957 or Renate Michitsch 908-461-1812 for more information.

### ALTAR ROSARY

Join the Altar Rosary on Wednesday, November 1st at our Reception Center. Recitation of the Rosary is at 7:30PM and the meeting starts at 8PM. Baskets will be made for the Christmas Craft Show. All women over the age of 18 in and outside our parish are welcome. **PLEASE NOTE; You are also invited to attend the Altar Rosary 8AM Mass on Sunday, November 5th.** Contact Lena Hor with any questions at 732-583-5538.



**I would like to thank you for contributing to last weekend's collection for the relief efforts in Puerto Rico. All money that was collected has been forwarded to Catholic Charities. Also, we received the first installment check from the diocese for the Faith to Move Mountain campaign, which was conducted last winter. The amount of the check was over \$40,000, and the money will be used to fund some of the upgrade projects at St. Clement's.**

**A parishioner recently asked about responding to a 20 year old college student who has received the sacraments but says she is not sure of her Catholic religion any longer.**

**It's difficult to be a young adult facing so many decisions in life. You may want to ask carefully guided questions during a quiet moment with your daughter. What in particular are you struggling with? Has a conversation with someone led to your doubts? Can we talk about it?**

**The Catechism of the Catholic Church is a helpful resource when researching our faith. She'll find scriptural references that shed light on common questions. Perhaps she would be willing to look up a topic and discuss it with you. Encourage her to pray about her questions and reassure her that even the great minds in our Catholic history have wrestled with doubts. Prayer and spending time reading the Word of God eventually led them to the truth of our faith.**

**Finally, invite her to get involved in her Catholic community at school. Attending Mass with other students and possibly taking an active role by serving as a lector or extraordinary minister could inspire her to a deeper faith.**

**It's important to know that we cannot understand God in the same way we can understand the physical world. We can come to know others because they are humans too, and we can relate to others in tangible ways. We can analyze a tree or an animal through scientific methods that help us to understand their respective behaviors. However, God's essence is not like the physical world. So we struggle to experience God in our lives in concrete ways. That makes our relationship with Him a mystery, and wanting to be drawn into that mystery is a lifelong encounter. When people surrender their wills to our mysterious God, they will be amazed at how He will manifest Himself to them through the experiences they will have throughout their lives, especially through the Sacraments offered in the Catholic Church. For friends who struggle with their faith, I often pray that they be drawn into that great mystery and be drawn to God's love and mercy.**

*Father Tom*