

Church of ST. CLEMENT

Sunday, November 5, 2017

PARISH MINISTRIES

Baptism Preparation Holly Cahill, 566-3616
Marriage Preparation Holly Cahill, 566-3616
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Lector Coordinator Bruce Quinn 566-1273
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Bereavement Ministry Tom Wadolowski 583-9297
High School Youth Group Italia Bernhardt 696-8866
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Rite of Christian Initiation Peg Scholer, 583-0296
Altar Servers Church Office 732-566-3616
Ushers Joe Angello, 566-2349
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Liturgy Committee Carol Capasso 583-6958

SERVICES

Athletic Director Phyllis Besso, 970-4487
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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

Parish Trustees Joe Angello & Barbara Warden
Parish Religious Education Program PREP
www.stclementreligious.org
St. Clement Athletic Association
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

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

11AM CLAIRE BRYNE by the Toomey family
DR. CASAGRANDE by J.P. Friedl
7PM FLAVIAN VALA by his family

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2017

8AM DORIS COLEBELLI by J.P. Friedl

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2017

8AM PETER MANCHISI by Diane & Kevin
McNamara

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2017

8AM GODOFREDO PANOPIO by Merle Cristi

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2017

8AM DORIS MURPHY by her brother Jim and
Nancy Doran

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2017

8AM SALVATORE & TERESA D'AMATO by their
daughter

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2017

5PM EDNA O'KEEFE by Grace Hourihan
CARY BRODERICK by the Cahill family

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2017

8AM GEORGE MAGNENAT by Maria & Pete
Sakowski
9:30AM JOSEPH DELLA BELLA by his wife & family
DOLORES FALCON by her family
11AM RONALD THOMPSON by his family
MARY TERESE DUFFY by her husband &
family

COLLECTION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2017

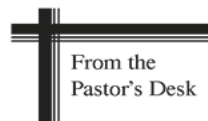
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BANNS

Alexandra Shirvanian & Marco Tolisano

YOUTH GROUP THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION

Our Youth Group will be hosting a Thanksgiving food drive for the St. Joseph's St. Vincent de Paul food pantry in Keyport. They will be collecting in the lobby of the church on the weekends of November 11/12 and 18/19. The pantry is currently in need of cereal, boxed macaroni & cheese, canned corn, canned yams and boxes of stuffing. They are also in need of Turkey's for both Thanksgiving & Christmas. Gift cards to area grocery stores are also appreciated



From the
Pastor's Desk

Autumn has now arrived and I hope everyone is enjoying the cool weather. Although Christmas is almost 2 months away, I would like to take time to address the upcoming Christmas celebrations in our parish. The Fourth Sunday of Advent this year will be on December 24, which is Christmas Eve. For those of you who attend Mass on Christmas Eve, I want you to be able to fulfill the Sunday obligation as well that weekend. To make it easier so that you will not have to attend Mass twice on the 24th, I have decided to add an extra Mass on Saturday, the 23rd. However, there will be only 2 Masses on Sunday morning, December 24th. To celebrate 3 Masses on that Sunday morning and 3 more in the evening will be difficult for Fr. Gregg and me. So there will be Masses at 4:00 and 5:30 on Saturday, December 23. Sunday morning Masses on the 24th will be celebrated at 8:00 and 9:30 only. Also, the decorating committee will need time to finish decorating the Church for the Christmas Eve Masses. So, eliminating the 11:00 Sunday morning Mass will give the committee time to complete their work before the 5:00 Christmas Eve Mass begins. *Father Tom*

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 this weekend. You can also order via our

website with online payment available at www.stclementmatawan.org. Your order will be available for pick up at the gym on Tues., Nov. 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!

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.

ST. CLEMENT FEAST DAY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH

We will celebrate the Feast Day of our Patron, Saint Clement, at 11AM Mass on Sunday, November 19, 2017.

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 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

Specializing in Personalized Catering for All Occasions

Elegant & Affordable Wedding Packages

Exclusively by W. J. Mayer Catering

(732)-591-8180

www.TheReceptionCenter.com

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: Donald Marino, Doris McGrath, 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: 10/03/17 Walter Mayer, 10/26/17 Cary Broderick, 10/23/17 Larry Garda

NEW CHURCH ORGAN

Many wonderful donations have come in to help with the cost of our new organ. To date we have received \$25,215.00 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 Tues. 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.

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 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.

NOVEMBER CHILDREN'S MASS

For the month of Nov. the monthly children's Mass will be on Sun. Nov. 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. 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. 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.

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 THANK YOU!

Many thanks for those that participated in our Dine to Donate event last week. \$600.00 was raised for the benefit of the Altar Rosary Society. Keep an eye out for our next Dine to Donate event in Spring 2018!



**LAST SUNDAY OF ADVENT &
CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2017
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Saturday, December 23, 2017
4PM, 5:30PM Mass

Sunday, December 24, 2017
8AM, 9:30AM Mass

**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
CHRISTMAS EVE**

Sunday, December 24, 2017
5PM Children's Mass
8PM Vigil Mass
12AM Solemn Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY
Monday, December 25, 2017
8AM, 10AM Mass

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Saturday, December 30, 2017
5PM Mass

Sunday, December 31, 2017
8AM, 9:30AM & 11AM Mass

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Sunday, December 31, 2017
5PM Mass

NEW YEAR'S DAY - SOLEMNITY OF MARY

Monday, January 1, 2018
9:00AM, 11AM Mass

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIR

Children (third grade and older) are invited to sing at the 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass.



There are three MANDATORY Thursday evening rehearsals from 6:45 PM to 7:45 PM on November 30, December 14 and 21. Rehearsals will be held in the church. There is no rehearsal on December 7th due to the 7:00 PM Vigil Mass- Immaculate Conception.

For additional information call Bill Fiorelli 908-902-7753.

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.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES,

MONMOUTH COUNTY, REACHES OUT!

Our Outreach Services support local families, children and singles in need. We make holiday gifts and baskets, distribute back to school supplies, and organize coat and food drives. Learn more about what we do and how you can help. Your time and talent, great or small, can make a difference. For more information call Mary Lee 732-241-5841 or email Mary at: mlee502@gmail.com.

**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 8th 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. 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.

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!"

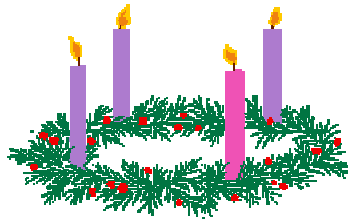
Kids, Father Tom wants to give you the chance to answer a question too! Watch for Father's question in the upcoming bulletins. If you know the answer, fill out the question sheet and drop it in the "Ask Father Tom" box in the church lobby. He'll randomly select a name from among the correct answers and publish the winner's first name and last initial in the bulletin.

The Savior is Coming!!

Get ready for Him! Join us in making your own

Advent Wreath!

Great fun for
the whole
family!



Coffee, tea &
hot cocoa and
sweet treats
will be
provided!

St. Clement Parish Religious Education Building

Sunday, December 3, 2017 at 12:00 Noon

All materials will be provided – just bring a clipper for the greens.

Registration is required! Fill out the tear-off below and return it to the PREP office with payment, no later than Nov. 10.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Name _____ Phone No. _____

Number of Adults _____ Children _____ attending.

Please enclose \$30 per wreath ~ Checks payable to St. Clement Church.

Materials need to be pre-ordered; therefore no refunds can be made.