

Church of ST. CLEMENT

Sunday, November 19, 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
Church Office 566-3616
stclementmatawan@aol.com
Church Fax 566-9275
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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2017

5PM DENNIS P. KING by Christine & Thomas King

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2017

8AM CATHERINE L. BOYLE by the Philbin family

9:30AM KATHLEEN BELLOISE by Al & Cathy

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11AM PATRICIA SEELEY MICHEL by Al & Cathy

Genkinger

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2017

8AM JOANN COLOT by J.P. Friedl

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2017

8AM PAUL CONVERSE by the Michels family

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2017

8AM LUIS RENTO CORPUS by his family

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2017

10AM ST. CLEMENT COMMUNITY

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2017

8AM MICHAEL CINO by John Gehr

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2017

5PM MARY LOU MERRITT by the Michels family

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2017

8AM SALLY COOK by Raymond Jaeger

9:30AM MICHELE SAKOWSKI by the Gallo family

11AM CATHERINE FLYNN by her daughter Pat

Davis

COLLECTION SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2017

\$9,778.00

COLLECTION FOR THE CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

\$1,439.00

The Second Collection this weekend is for of our Parish Energy needs. Please be as generous as your means allow.

BANNS

Ashley Martin & Gregory Krissak

THANKSGIVING MASS

Mass will be celebrated on Thanksgiving Day at 10AM.

USHERS NEEDED!

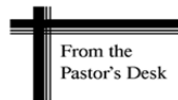
We are in need of additional Ushers at our 9:30AM Mass. If you would like to assist with this ministry, please contact Joe Angello at 732-566-2349

GIVING TREE

Will be available in the lobby of the Church the weekend of November 25th and 26th and December 2nd & 3rd. Gifts will need to be returned by Sunday, December 10th. Please take a tag off the tree and make a Christmas wish come true. Your continued enthusiasm and generosity for this program is greatly appreciated!

CHURCH OFFICE

The Church office will be closed on Thurs., Nov. 23rd and Fri., Nov. 24th.



On Thursday, November 23, the Catholic Church will celebrate and honor with a feast day our parish's patron, St. Clement. This year our parish is allowed to transfer the feast to the 11:00 Mass on the prior Sunday. St. Clement was the fourth pope of the Church. He was born in Rome and served as pontiff from 88 A.D. to 99 A.D. He wrote a letter to the church in Corinth and was eventually martyred. In his letter he said that a person is inspired to live a life of holiness in response to God's saving grace. His letter stressed the continuous relationship between salvation and the commitment to a moral and holy way of life. According to St. Clement, our sins and failures can never detract from or diminish in any way God's love for us. When the believer understands this it brings joy to the soul and meaning and purpose to his or her actions. The proper response then is a willingness for one to be devoted or dedicated to a lifetime of serving and pleasing God. May God bless you, and I pray you have a blessed Thanksgiving Day.

Father Tom

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:

CHLOE RAE FRYE

Child of Kimberly & Eric Frye

CHARLOTTE ROSE MILLER

Child of Michele & Greg

FRANCESCA TROTTER

Child of Natalie & John

YOUTH GROUP THANKSGIVING FOOD

COLLECTION



Feeding the Community

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.

COLLECTION FOR PUERTO RICO

The St. Clement Emergency Committee will be collecting in the lobby of the church on the weekends of November 18/19 and November 25/26 for the victims of Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico. Items that are requested are cases of water, manual can openers, extension cords, all sizes of baby diapers, all sizes of adult diapers and blue tarps. We are also requesting monetary donations to help with the shipping costs of these items to the island. Donations can also be dropped off at the Parish office during the week from 9am-2pm. Your generosity for those in need is GREATLY appreciated!

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: 10/26/17 Cary Broderick, 10/23/17 Larry Garda, 11/07/17 Paul "Hank" White, 11/06/17 Philip Rosenow

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.

OUR PROMISE TO PROTECT

The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined in the U.S. Bishop's Charter for the protection of Children and Young People in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors. If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan Abuse Hotline: 1-888-296-2965 or via email at abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org.

The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to local law enforcement authorities.

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.

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.



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.

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!

ALTAR ROSARY CHRISTMAS DINNER

December 6th is the Altar Rosary Christmas Dinner at 6PM at M.J. Buttonwood. The cost is \$35.00. Payment is due by Tuesday, November 20th. All women over the age of 18 are invited to join us. Call Fran Triolo for more information at 732-566-6790.

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.

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.

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 program. Informational flyers are located in the lobby of the church.

ST CLEMENT SENIORS—ATLANTIC CITY TRIP

St. Clement Seniors will be running a trip to Resorts in Atlantic City on Monday, December 4th. The cost is \$25.00 with a \$25.00 flat play returned. Reservations deadline is Sunday, December 3rd. For more information please contact Ann Marie Colosurdo at 732-888-9682.

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.

NEW CHURCH ORGAN

Many wonderful donations have come in to help with the cost of our new organ. This week we received a donation from Donna & John Demartino in memory of Donna's mother Kathleen Sellers. To date we have received \$40,265.00 to offset the \$42,000.00 cost of the organ. **DO-NATIONS 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.

AVAILABLE MEDICAL SUPPLIES

A member of our parish has the following medical equipment that he wishes to donate; transport chair, walker, shower chair, and cane. If you have a interest in any of these items, please contact the church office.

St. Clements Youth Group
Presents...

Breakfast with Santa



December 17, 2017
St. Clements Reception Center
8:30 am-12:30 pm
Children 5 and under are free
\$5.00 for ages 6 and up (including adults)



Please join for Breakfast (pancakes, pastries, bagels), Christmas Crafts, Christmas Storytime, Games, Christmas Music and a visit with Santa!
BYOC (Bring your own Camera!)

**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, 11AM 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

