



Church of ST. CLEMENT

Sunday, December 17, 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
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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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2017

5PM DENNIS P. KING by Christine & Thomas King
DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE MORELLO
FAMILY by the Morello family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2017

8AM DANNY by Raymond Jaeger
WILLIAM BURNS by his wife Linda
9:30AM THERESA FAYNE WHALEN by Ronne & Paul
Buccellato
11AM PAUL FITZGERALD by his wife Barbara &
family

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2017

8AM GRAZIELLA D'ANGELO by Lena Alosco

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2017

8AM LUIS RENATO CORPUS by his family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2017

8AM LUIS RENATO CORPUS by his family

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2017

8AM SALVATORE & TERESA D'AMATO by their
daughter

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2017

8AM JOSEPHINE VAS by J.P. Friedl

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2017

4PM LEONA SCESNEY by her husband Leonard
Scesney

5:30PM ROSE PROK by her daughter Geri

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2017

8AM ROSE FIGUEREDO by John & Marie
Figueredo

9:30AM ANNA VALA by her family

5PM FRED DOYLE by Cathy & Erin Doyle
TIMOTHY & JOAN HUSSEY by the Danish
family

8PM MICHAEL PETOLINO by his wife & family

12AM MARIE ARTELLI by Joey, Maria & Sara
Artelli

COLLECTION FOR IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

\$1,846.00

COLLECTION SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2017

\$8,321.00

COLLECTION FOR THE RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT FUND

\$1,754.00

BAPTISM

We wish to welcome into the family of God and the St.
Clement parish community the following child who was

baptized here this weekend:

JAMES MULKERRINS

Child of Genevieve & Timothy

ST. CLEMENT SNOW POLICY

GUIDE LINE FOR WINTER MASS ATTENDENCE

This is a guideline for parishioners to follow in case of inclement weather. Please refer to our website at www.stclementmatawan.org. We also encourage parishioners to sign up for our Flocknote notification program, which uses text message and email. Forms for this program are located in the lobby of the church. If a State Emergency has been declared in Monmouth County, PLEASE do not attempt to come to Church. We do not want you to jeopardize yourself.

Daily Mass:

If it is snowing at 8AM, Mass will be held at 12 Noon if the snow has ceased to fall. If it is still snowing at 12 Noon, Mass will be cancelled.

Saturday Evening Mass:

Mass will be cancelled if it is still snowing on Saturday afternoon at 2PM.

Sunday Morning Masses:

8AM Mass will be cancelled on Sunday if it is still snowing at 6AM. If snow continues throughout the morning, then both the 9:30AM and 11AM Masses will be cancelled.

A Sunday Evening Mass at 6PM may possibly be offered if all Sunday morning Masses are cancelled and if the weather is clear. Again, the above are guidelines and it is best to check with our website or wait for communications from the church via our Flocknote program.

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.

MATAWAN PBA—STUFF-A-TRUCK FOOD DRIVE

Come help us stuff a truck with food to benefit the Foodbank of Monmouth & Ocean Counties. **“NO FAMILY SHOULD BE HUNGRY FOR THE HOLIDAYS!”** This Sunday, December 17th at the Matawan Police Headquarters from 10am-2pm. Drop off your nonperishable food donations!

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: Joey Russo, Donald Marino, Doris McGrath, Eleanor Martin, Marybeth Janoff, Mario Fernandez, Dominick Difede, Marita Briones, George Moresco, Mary Lou Morrison, Michelle DiLauro, Earl Griffin, Billy Mocci, Veronica Fenlon, 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, 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: 11/21/17 Victoria Marotte, 11/23/17 Yolanda Perrini, 12/03/17 Rosalie Cassati, 12/09/17 Frank Edward Sturt

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.

NEW CHURCH ORGAN

Many wonderful donations have come in to help with the cost of our new organ. This week we received donations from Lisa & Paul Van Heest Jr., Corrine Jennings in memory of her parents William and Marie Jennings and Laura & Curt Ciumei and family in memory of Carmine & Nancy Ciumei & Carmine Volpe. To date we have received \$43,690.00 to offset the \$42,000.00 cost of the organ. **WE HAVE REACHED OUR GOAL!!!! So many thanks to all of you who have donated over the past two years.! The additional money that we have received will be used for our Music Ministry. Again many, many thanks!**

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.

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.

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!

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.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Envelopes are available in the vestibule of the Church for donations toward the purchase of Christmas flowers and other decorations for the Christmas season. Donation is \$10 which can be made in memory of, or in honor of, a loved one. Envelopes may be put into the collection basket or returned to the Church Office.



RECTORY OPEN HOUSE

Father Tom & Father Gregg invite you all to an open house at the church Rectory on January 1st after all Masses.

Come and join your church family on the first day of the new year and enjoy light refreshments. Please put this date on your calendar now. See you in 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, 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

ADVENT PENANCE

Please note that here at St. Clement Father Tom and Father Gregg will offer an additional opportunity for confession on Wednesday, December 20th from 7-8PM.

ALTAR SERVERS



There is a sign up sheet in the Altar Server room for all the Christmas and New Year's masses. **Please sign up for the masses that you will be available to serve.** There will be a

Christmas Altar Server practice with Fr. Tom on Thursday, December 21st in the church at 6PM.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIR

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

Thursday evening rehearsals will be held from 6:45 PM- 7:45 PM on December 14

and 21. Rehearsals will be held in the church. For additional information call Bill Fiorelli 908-902-7753.

MUSIC DURING ADVENT SEASON



The GLORIA is omitted during Advent

and returns on Christmas. We will sing

Psalm 25: To You O Lord (# 749) as our

Responsorial Psalm at our weekend Masses

throughout the season.



MONMOUTH COUNTY SIMBANG GABI 2017 CHRISTMAS NOVENA OF MASSES

Sun. Dec. 17
Mass at 7:30PM

St. Clement Church
172 Freneau Avenue, Matawan

Mon. Dec. 18
Mass at 7:30PM

St James Catholic Church
30 Peters Place, Red Bank

Tue, Dec. 19
Mass at 7:30PM

Church of St. Catherine of Siena
31 Asbury Road, Farmingdale

Wed, Dec. 20
Mass at 7:30PM

St. Benedict Catholic Church
165 Bethany Road, Holmdel

Thu, Dec. 21
Mass at 7:30PM

St Michael Catholic Church
800 Ocean Avenue, Long Branch

Fri, Dec. 22
Mass at 7:30PM

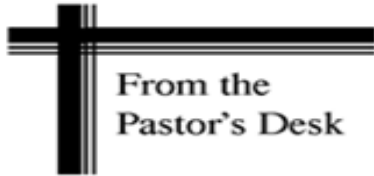
Holy Innocents Catholic Church
3455 W. Bangs Ave., Neptune

Sat, Dec. 23
Mass at 7:30PM

St. Dorothea Catholic Church
240 Broad Street, Eatontown

Please join us at 7PM before every Mass for the recitation of the Holy Rosary and confession. For more information please contact Jhun Allanigue at 732-829-1612 or Eugene Yosucio at 732-822-5963.

Mary, Mother of God...Pray for us!



I was talking with a friend recently about the stress and demands involved with daily life today, especially for people who are married and have children. My friend picked up his cell-phone, showed it to me, and said that it was the cause of the stress in people's lives. We talked and agreed that life can become more demanding because of the technology available to us today. With the phone making someone more accessible, whether it be the phone calls or the web-based conversation applications, I wonder if a person has the emotional strength and capacity to fulfill all of the demands made on him or her. It made me think of how many times I have heard someone say, "what did we do before we had cell-phones, and how can we live without them or what would we do without them today?" Later that night I reflected on that question and thought about my relationship with God. I asked myself, "How can I live without that personal relationship with God and what would I do without God in my life today?" Without God, I am certain I would not have the joy and hope that I do know and experience today. When life becomes very demanding and overwhelming, I know that Advent is a good time to reflect on these questions. God's love draws a person to him every day of one's life. The Christian life is challenging and can be demanding at times. However, God knows our situations and the limits we reach at times. He invites us to break away and find solace in the silence of his presence and bask in his love. May this Advent season be a time for us to find ourselves tuned into God even more than the technology around us.

Father Tom

Please read below a thank you that we recently received from St. Joseph's St. Vincent de Paul.

St Joseph Conference of Society of St Vincent de Paul would like to thank the St. Clement Youth Group, St. Clement Seniors, and parishioners for food and store cards collected Nov. 12 and 19. We received a windfall of food and store cards collected by your Youth group. By the grace of God, the timing is perfect. Our busiest season is before November 16 when the utility shutoff winter moratorium goes into effect. We pay more bills and deliver more food then. And we offer turkey dinner packages to our regular pantry patrons for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Your generosity allows us to respond more generously. Winter months bring their own emergencies; especially sheltering homeless. Our Conference just reflected on how we can better "soften young hearts by showing them the poor and showing them Jesus Christ and His wounds in the person of the poor"- so that we will also hear the words "whatever you did for the least of mine, you did for me". Your Youth fulfills that question by their service. God Bless the parishioners of St Clement!
St. Joseph Conference Society of St Vincent de Paul
John Curry, President