



Church of ST. CLEMENT

Sunday, December 24, 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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2017

8AM THE COMMUNITY OF ST. CLEMENT

11AM GLORIA CORPUS, LUIS RENATO CORPUS & TERESA LAZO by their families

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2017

8AM REV. MICHAEL J. WAITES by the St. Clement Community

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2017

8AM EUGENE GOLDNER by Susan & Bruce Quinn

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2017

8AM ANTOINETTA BARONE by the Buro family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2017

8AM JOHN FALCO by his family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2017

5PM CARMELLA MARTIN by Karen & Sean McNamara

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2017

8AM ALBERTO VALA by his family

9:30AM BRYAN JAY ABADILLA by his family

11AM PATRICIA MARTELLITTI by the Ferraro family

5PM ROSE VERILE by her family

MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2017

9AM VALENTINA ABADILLA by her family

11AM VITO ABBRUSCATO by his family

COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2018

\$9,142.00

COLLECTION FOR OUR PARISH ENERGY NEEDS

\$1,746.00

ALTAR ROSARY

Join the Altar Rosary on Wed. Jan. 3rd at 6PM for their annual Pot Luck Dinner & White Elephant Auction. This event takes place at our Reception Center. Bring a dish to share and any unwanted items to be auctioned off. 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 Sun. Jan. 7th.** Contact Lena Hor with any questions at 732-583-5538

Please note the Church Office is closed on Tues. Dec. 26th.



From the
Pastor's Desk

I would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas season. Christmas is a time when our hope is renewed because God has not forsaken his

people. Instead, He was willing to come to us as a child, to share in the life of mankind, and to bring redemption to his children. Jesus revealed God's mercy and love to us and so our faith is strengthened. When we as Christians experience this awesome presence of God in our lives, we then express the fire of charity more deeply to those around us. That charity was made evident at St. Clement's these last few weeks. Our Giving Tree Program was a true success, and I am grateful to all of you who donated gifts for the program. Your kindness and generosity touched all of those who organized the event and collected the gifts. To all parishioners, I pray that God's blessings come upon you in a special way throughout the season, bringing you to a deeper love for God and his ways. May God's love and peace be with you and your families as you celebrate the birth of our Savior. *Father Tom*

NEW YEAR'S EVE/DAY MASSES

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

RECTORY OPEN HOUSE

**Happy
New Year!**

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!

**Merry
Christmas**

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.

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Special Packages for Parish Members

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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).

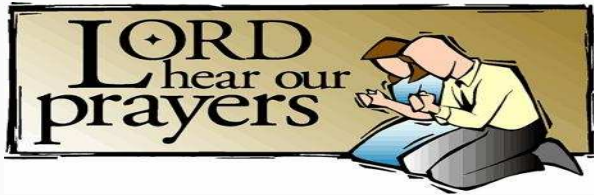
The Holy Name Society meets the first Monday of each month at 7:30 P.M. in the Church's Cry Room. Men of the parish are cordially invited to attend.

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. 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: Kayleigh Hoercher, Jill Geistwilkie, Jamie & Brooklyn Smith, 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, 12/17/17 Nancy Papa

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. 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.