

Church of ST. CLEMENT

Sunday, February 18, 2018

PARISH MINISTRIES

Baptism Preparation Holly Cahill, 566-3616
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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 Mike Torri 252-7866
Prison Ministry Mark Micali, 890-7706
Liturgy Committee Carol Capasso 583-6958

SERVICES

Athletic Director Phyllis Besso, 970-4487
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 - 3:00PM
Church Office 566-3616
stclementmatawan@aol.com
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CCD Office 566-3616

In case of a pastoral emergency 732-858-5187

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

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2018

5PM DENNIS P. KING by Christine & Thomas King
GABRIEL HUGHES by Susan & Bruce Quinn

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2018

8AM MANUEL SPANN by his family
9:30AM DOROTHY MCPADDEN by the Gallo family
FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED
SOULS IN PURGATORY by the Go family
11AM RONALD THOMPSON by his family
JOSEPHINE CHIANETTA by Maria & Ron
Gerhard

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2018

8AM BRYANNA KATHLEEN ABEL by her parents
Kathy & Dan Abel

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2018

8AM DANTE TRUNCELLITO by Lena Alosco

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2018

8AM CARY BRODERICK by Susan & Bruce Quinn

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2018

8AM FRANK PASQUARIELLO by Bridget &
Brendan McGoldrick

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2018

8AM IDA GARCIA by Eileen & Bill Noweck

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2018

5PM WILLIAM SOMMA by his wife

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2018

8AM MARIE ARTELLI by Elaine & Eddie Short
9:30AM JAMES MCDERMOTT by Margot & Tom
Vaughan
11AM EILEEN OLSON by the St. Clement Community
JULIE O'DONNELL by Eleanor McCoy
GIUSEPPE VACCARELLA by his wife

COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2018

\$7,571.00

The Second Collection this weekend is for Catholic Missions
Among the Black & Native Americans

WEDDING BANNES

Nicolette Cevasco & Ronald Reyes

THE CELEBRATION OF MASS DURING THE LENTEN SEASON

During the Lenten Season there are some changes in our weekend Masses. We will recite the Confiteor (I confess to almighty God) and sing the Kyrie Eleison (Lord have Mercy) . The Gloria is omitted and not sung again until the celebration of Mass on Holy Thursday. The Gospel Acclamation Alleluia is replaced with the alternate acclamation Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ King of Endless Glory. We will recite the Apostle's Creed (found on the Prayer Cards) rather than the Nicene Creed. In lieu of a closing hymn we will recite the Communion Antiphon found in the Breaking Bread Missals.



As we begin our Lenten Season, I pray that each of you will come to experience the love and mercy of God in greater ways over the next weeks. Lent is a time to acknowledge our sinfulness as

humans. In doing so, we express to God sorrow for our sins and make a sincere effort to repent of the sin that hinders us. Lent is also a penitential season in which we seek ways to give of ourselves in acts of kindness, prayer, and self-denial.

Someone recently asked about praying: "When we pray we make the sign of the Cross, and at the end of the prayer we say, 'through Christ our Lord'. Is not this redundant?" When we make this sign of the Cross, we are declaring our faith and belief in the Holy Trinity, who is the God we adore and in whom we were baptized. Christ, as the Second Person of the Trinity, is our intercessor, whom our prayers go through to God the Father. Therefore, we conclude a prayer by directing it to Christ. *Father Tom*

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

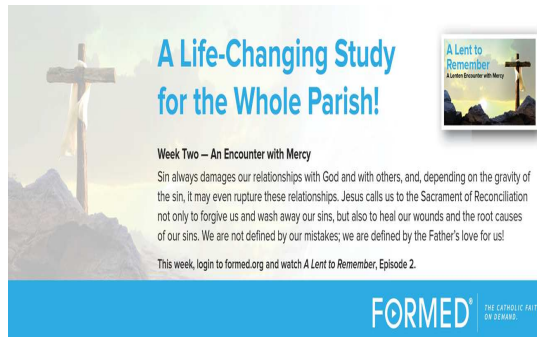
During the season of Lent, Stations of the Cross will be held in the church at 7:30pm on Friday evenings.

CONFESSION DURING THE LENTEN SEASON.

Father Tom and Father Gregg will be offering an additional opportunity for Confession during Lent on Monday, March 5th , 12th , and the 19th in the church from 7-8pm

FORMED

Fr. Tom has purchased a gift for every family in our parish. The gift is a subscription to FORMED, a wonderful website that has been called a "Catholic Netflix". FORMED has inspiring movies & video based programs, audio presentations & e-books from the Church's most compelling speakers & authors. Below is information on a Lenten Study that you may be interested in. To register for FREE visit www.stclementmatawan.formed.org, enter your email address and create a password.



A Life-Changing Study for the Whole Parish!

Week Two -- An Encounter with Mercy

Sin always damages our relationships with God and with others, and, depending on the gravity of the sin, it may even rupture these relationships. Jesus calls us to the Sacrament of Reconciliation not only to forgive us and wash away our sins, but also to heal our wounds and the root causes of our sins. We are not defined by our mistakes; we are defined by the Father's love for us!

This week, login to formed.org and watch *A Lent to Remember*, Episode 2.

FORMED THE CATHOLIC FAITH ON DEMAND

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: Rita Marinaccio, Tom Cosentino, Glenn Klink, Toni Davis Kayleigh Hoercher, Jill Geistwilkie, Jamie & Brooklyn Smith, Joey Russo, Doris McGrath, Eleanor Martin, Marybeth Janoff, Mario Fernandez, Dominick Difede, Marita Briones, George Moresco, Mary Lou Morrison, Michelle DiLauro, Earl Griffin, Billy Mocchi, Veronica Fenlon, 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, James Martin, Joyce Sweeting, Yolanda Ramos, Clara Carlino, Salvatore Zingalli, Robert Flynn, Iris Miranda, Kim Jones, Christina Bucco, Grace McKelory, Michael Falcone, Marcella Gatti, Sharon Jones, Mary Brady, Mary Turiano, 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: 01/16/2018 Debi Archibald, 01/31/2018 Christine Seifert

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 01/01/17-12/31/17). Then click on the pdf icon (on the right hand side of the page) to generate the report.

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!

Saint Clement Parish
Invites you to a
Healing Mass



With Father Anthony Michalik of the St. John Neumann Shrine, Philadelphia and Fr. Thomas Vala and Fr. Gregg Abadilla

Saturday, March 24th
at 10:30AM
St Clement Church
172 Freneau Avenue, Matawan, NJ
732-566-3616

Please join us in Supporting:

ALTAR/ROSARY OF
ST. CLEMENT CHURCH

Fundraiser night at:



2136 Route 35, Holmdel, NJ 07733
(732) 671-6633

Date: Wednesday, March 28, 11am-10pm

****** Must Present Flyer ******

****A portion of the proceeds goes to benefit Altar/ Rosary of St. Clement Church. ****

No coupons or discounts may be applied to Fundraiser Events.
Valid for dine in or take out. No early bird menu.

Flyer may not be distributed in or around Houlihan's property.

Houlihan's Office Use Area:
Guest Name: _____
Manager on duty's name: _____
Houlihan's Staff Member / Manager must staple Micro: Receipt to the flyer and file for reconciliation.

RCIA News

With Lent fast approaching, the participants in the RCIA process are anxiously preparing for three very important Rites that will take place on the first Sunday of Lent, February 18, 2018. The celebration of these Rites will mark the beginning of the final leg of their journey to become fully initiated members of the Catholic Church.

The Rite of Sending will be celebrated at St. Clement's during the 11:00AM mass. It is during the Rite of Sending that we as a parish affirm the catechumens in our parish are ready to be recognized as Members of the Elect. The participants receive a special blessing from the residing priest, are called forth to sign the Book of the Elect, and are sent forth to Freehold to participate in the Rite of Election.

The Rite of Election will be celebrated at St. Robert Bellarmine in Freehold on that same day. There, in the presence of Bishop David O'Connell, the catechumens from the entire Diocese of Trenton will gather to publicly express their desire for Baptism. They are joined by members of their parish who affirm their willingness and commitment to become members of the Catholic Church. Their names are recorded in Trenton and they are no longer catechumens but are now referred to as the Elect. The members of the Elect now enter a period of purification and enlightenment that culminates in the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation during the Easter Vigil and on Pentecost Sunday.

We kindly ask you to remember in your prayers, Danielle LaCugna, as she prepares for these Rites.

The final Rite to be celebrated on this day is the Call to Continuing Conversion. This Rite is celebrated by candidates in the RCIA process. Candidates are those seeking full communion with the Catholic Church that have previously been Baptized but have not completed the Sacraments of Initiation. During the 11:00AM mass these candidates, after completing a period of discernment, are called forth by the residing priest to affirm their desire to become fully initiated members of the Catholic Church. They receive a special blessing from the priest and, like the Elect, enter a period of purification and enlightenment in anticipation of completing the Sacraments of Initiation on Pentecost Sunday.

We kindly ask you to remember in your prayers, Beni Caba, Jessica Wilkie, Keith Hinkle, and Robert Schwarz as they prepare for this Rite and anticipate the completion of the Sacraments of Initiation.

Also, please remember in your prayers Michael Marone, Wes Stanton, and Bradley Stanton who have recently entered the RCIA process.

GIVE
BLOOD

Church of St. Clement
BLOOD DRIVE

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus #5324

172 FRENEAU AVENUE, MATAWAN, NJ

Please donate on the bus parked outside of the Parish Hall

Sunday, March 18th

8:30am – 1:30pm

Donation appointments are *greatly appreciated*.

Please contact Carl Duque at (732) 778-3451 or duque240@yahoo.com to schedule an appointment. Or visit www.cjbcblood.org, click on “donate now”. *Thank you!*

Don't Forget:

- DONORS must present photo or signature ID.
- PLEASE eat and drink water before donating.
- DONORS must be healthy, 17 years of age, (16 with parental consent) and weigh at least 120 pounds.

