



Church of ST. CLEMENT

Sunday, December 5, 2021

PARISH MINISTRIES

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SERVICES

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ORGANIZATIONS

Altar Rosary Society Marie Canonico 970-8261
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REV. THOMAS VALA, PASTOR

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 9AM-3PM,
Church Office 566-3616
Admin@stclementmatawan.org
Church Fax 566-9275
CCD Office 566-3616

In case of a pastoral emergency 732-858-5187
Reception Center 591-8180
www.TheReceptionCenter.com

Parish Trustees Bruce Quinn & Linda Shirvanian
Parish Religious Education Program PREP
www.stclementreligious.org
St. Clement Athletic Association
www.stclementsports.com

Sacrament of Baptism

By appointment only—732-566-3616

Sacrament Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30PM-4:15PM

Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements should be made one year prior.
Pre-Cana Conference required.

Mass Intentions

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2021

5PM EDWARD MCCARTHY by Ellen McCarthy
JAMES CARR, SR. by Jerry & Kathy Hourihan
PHYLLIS ZULIN by her family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2021

8AM LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF
ALTAR ROSARY
NICKI MONTAPERTO by Barbara Warden &
Joan Paradise

11AM CHRISTY O'CONNOR by the Sandy family
FRANCISCO VIAS by his wife & family
AGNES GAVIGAN by her family
JEANINE T. OKONEK by the Lamendola
family

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2021

8AM MARY DOHERTY by Barbara & Kevin Keenan

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2021

8AM DANNY VANDERBILT by Jack & Anita
Donegan

7:30PM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH OF ST CLEMENT

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2021

8AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH OF ST CLEMENT

7:30PM ANNA & FLAVIAN VALA by their family

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2021

PRIVATE MASS CELEBRATED BY FR. TOM

PEOPLE OF THE PARISH OF ST CLEMENT

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2021

8AM MARY GORMAN by Merle Cristi

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2021

5PM RONALD BAKER by the Baker family
FELICIA CARBONARA by her granddaughter
Josephine Magliocco & family
BENNY MONTICCILO by his wife & family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2021

8AM MARGARET KRAFT by Barbara Warden &
Joan Paradise

LILLIAN CONRAD by the Lamendola family
NICKI MONTAPERTO by the St. Clement
Senior Club

11AM RONALD THOMPSON by his family
PAUL FITZGERALD by his wife & family
MICHAEL TALLON by his wife & family

COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2021

\$7,481.00

ONLINE COLLECTION, SUNDAY, NOV. 21ST

\$2,745.55

COLLECTION CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

\$717.00

COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2021

\$9,935.00

ONLINE COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, NOV. 28TH

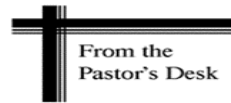
\$1,665.92

COLLECTION FOR ST VINCENT DE PAUL

\$995.00

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Masses will be held on Tuesday, December 7th at 7:30pm
and Wednesday, December 8th at 8am and 7:30pm



From the
Pastor's Desk

In this weekend's Gospel John the Baptist tells us to make straight our paths. His words remind the faithful that the path to heaven is found in holiness. A good first step to a fruitful Advent is to acknowledge the sin in my life and then make efforts to eliminate it. Another suggestion for the Advent season is to practice a devotion or do some spiritual reading. A spiritual devotion or a good spiritual book will help us grow closer to the Lord. In taking time for these practices during the busy and stressful days leading to Christmas, we come to lift our hearts to the Lord and trust that his love and grace will truly satisfy us.
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:

GIANNA SOPHIA CANTILLO

Child of Jessenia & Rafael

MASON THOMAS DELEO

Child of Paula & Justin

PHOENIX SAINT GUZMAN

Child of Regina & Jeremy

MIA ALEXANDRA KVETKO

Child of Natalia & Slavomir



Merry Christmas

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2021

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

CHRISTMAS EVE

Friday, December 24, 2021

5PM Mass

11PM Solemn Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY

Saturday, December 25, 2021

9AM, 11AM Mass

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Friday, December 31, 2021

5PM Mass

NEW YEAR'S DAY - SOLEMNITY OF MARY

Saturday, January 1, 2022

10AM & 5PM Mass

GIVING TREE



Is available in the lobby of the church this weekend. Gifts will need to be returned by Sunday, December 12th. 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!

The Sanctuary light is dedicated this week in loving memory of Mary & Izzy Grasso by Kathy, Lena & family

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 (except during the season of Lent) 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.stclementreligious.org 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

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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! 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 July and August) in the Reception Center. 7PM Recitation of the Rosary; 7:30PM meeting. All ladies of the parish are invited. Altar Rosary members attend the First Sunday, 8AM Mass of each month (with the exception of 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 10:30am 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. For more information on our Seniors Club, please call Lena Hor at 732-583-5538. The Seniors sponsor a trip to Atlantic City the third Monday of every month. Call Mary Ann O'Brien at 732-566-0962 for more information on these trips.

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.

Respect Life Chapter

Please, join us as we pray the Prolife rosary in the church, every Thursday evening at 7:30pm and every Friday morning at 8:30am. For more info, please contact Arminda Rubio-Pito at 732-616-2759 or email at prolife.mom.9@gmail.com



LONG TERM PRAYER LIST

Please keep in your prayers the following individuals who are dealing

with long term health issues: Daria Vala, Angela & Francesca Sanfratello, Carl & Toni Steinfeld, Robyn Caputo, Richard Kosten, Evan Charles Christoe, Douglas Dobak, Richard Brizendine, Rosemarie Clifton, Emma Hughes, Barbara & Jack Shaughnessy, Linda Szymanski, Ian Gallagher, Jim Lally, Theresa & Fred Smith, Noreen Zelenko, Ann Wojtak, Christine & Ernestine Jones, Barbara Moskal, Elizabeth Anglim, Dolores Schoelkoph, Gerry Conrad, Arthur Ubens, Fran Triolo, Rosemary Sandifer, Carolanne Decarlo, John Senkeleski, James DelGaldo, Carl Rossi, Mary Alban, Marjorie Simpler, Carmine Rapisarda, Karen Barker, Geraldine Gillespie, Marybeth Donegan, Joan McGovern, Michele Langenbach, Parker Boyer, Roberta Griffin, Rose Vala, Evelyn Vena, Arthur William, Joe Bliss, Rocco Gallagher, Frank George Pickel, Dorene Sefack, Jim Duffy, Sr., Nicholas Basdelis, Keith Davis, Maurice Escayg, Irene Holmes, Molly Grozer, Charlie Meglio, Jr. Joseph Porpora, Mary Hughes, Lorice Giles, George Barreiro, Dominick Difede, John Matthew DeCarlo, Frank Simonetti, Adam Levenstein, Alan Hughes, Danny Mulhern, John Gilligan, Ann McLoughlin, Jack Evans, Judy DeSimone, Joseife Lim, John White, Helen Pickel, Bogumila Pietera, Norma Zarzecki, Debra Basso, John Mocchi, Constante Felibrico, Norma Pascuale, Janet Centimole, Lucia Perez, Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Ortencia Roldan Montez, Eleanor Martin, Donald DeMartino, Wellington Davis III, Paula Stetler, Michelle Burns, Erin Christie, Maureen Belmonte, Louise D'Orlando, Glenn Hall, Gary Fishman, Anna DiCamillo, Gary Wistuba, Kathi Sullivan, Erica Wasser, Mary Thomas, John Mangini, Tom Cosentino, Toni Davis, Kayleigh Hoercher, Jill Geistwilkie, Joey Russo, Mario Fernandez, Dominick Difede, Billy Mocchi, Marcie Rothman, Angela DeCarlo, Anthony & Viola Scarpa, Karen Monaco Leo, Jerry Nesti, Bill Hegarty, Alfonso Wilson, Thomas Flynn, Andrew Smith, Joyce Sweeting, Yolanda Ramos, Salvatore Zingalli, Iris Miranda, Christina Bucco, Michael Falcone, Marcella Gatti, Mary Turiano, Richard Harcourt, Enza Torres, Carla Izzo, Jasmine Chalmers, Jacqueline Santos, Bernard Panopio, Delia & Bridget LaSalle, Janelle & Laurie Vanoni, Patricia Davis, Jack Murphy, Mary Beth Alban, Bea Duffy, Nick Minnotulo, Barbara Monaco

PRAYERS-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. 11/05/21 Mollie Troncone,

11/12/21 Kevin Nelson, 11/17/21 Raymond M. Nagle, 11/18/21 Maria Vaccarella, 11/20/21 Katherine Jeanne Hynes



SVdP provides spiritual, food distribution, emergency financial and other services to those in need. The pantry currently is in need of coffee, bar soap and

paper towels. Donations may be dropped at the church office.



Special Intentions

Kyle Davis, U.S. Army
Thomas Labenski, U.S. Navy
Mark Zeller, LCDR, U.S. Navy
Daniel Vala, CPT, U.S. Army
J.P. Maloney, CPO., USMC
Sean Coughlin, Spc., U.S. Army
Michael Chiappone, Private 1st Class, U.S. Army
Markus A Garcia, Corporal, USMC

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

Contributions for 2020 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 01/01/20-12/31/20). Then click on the pdf icon (on the right hand side of the page) to generate the report.

THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Fr. Tom is pleased to announce that St. Clement has received over \$49,038.40 in pledges for the Catholic Appeal. Our goal is \$60,000. Once the goal has been reached 50% of all donations will be returned to St. Clement.

SIMBANG GABI IN MONMOUTH COUNTY

Simbang Gabi is the Filipino custom of offering a nightly Mass each day for nine nights preceding Christmas Day to help the faithful prepare themselves for the joyous, yet solemn, celebration of the birth of our Lord. The novena of Masses, which signifies the nine months our Lord was in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary, has become a beloved tradition and devotion to the Blessed Mother since the 1600s in the Philippines. All are welcome to attend and participate in Simbang Gabi. The Rosary will be prayed and confessions will be heard before every Mass. More information is available in the church lobby.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

In honor of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Our Lady of Guadalupe Choir will sing Marian songs before the 8AM mass on December 12, 2021.

50/50 ALTAR ROSARY

The Altar Rosary would like to thank everyone who participated in our first Super 50/50 for St. Clement. It was a huge success! We would especially like to thank Michael Grandi, manager of Waitt Funeral Home in Morganville. He is a lector for our church as well as a parishioner and gave a very generous donation to help us get all the supplies needed to run the 50/50. We are extremely grateful to him for his support. We'd also like to thank the Knights of Columbus for letting us use their license to run this event.

Have a Blessed holiday season.
Marie Canonico, President
Debby Popplewell, Secretary