



Church of ST. CLEMENT

Sunday, December 19, 2021

PARISH MINISTRIES

Marriage Preparation Holly Cahill 566-3616, ext 4
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Liturgical Environment
Debby Poppelwell 732-772-9890

SERVICES

Athletic Director Phyllis Besso, 970-4487
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ORGANIZATIONS

Altar Rosary Society Marie Canonico 970-8261
Holy Name Ron Johnson 290-1371
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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.stclementreligioused.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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2021

5PM MARTIN VAN ORDEN by Bruce & Susan Quinn
DENNIS KING by Christine & Thomas King
PHILIP FRANGIPANE by Christine & Merinda Frangipane

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2021

8AM ALFRED PARADISE by his wife Joan & sister-in-law Barbara
THOMAS BAYER by his wife & family
DOROTHY INGOGGIO by Lucy Pucillo
11AM PAUL FITZGERALD by his wife & family
ROB COLLINS by Beth & Jack Evans
JAMES SELLERS by Mary & Jim Anglim

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2021

8AM WILLIAM TAN GO by Richelle & Joe Pickel

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2021

8AM CHARLES B. WELLS, JR. by Linda, Gene & Jennifer McDonald

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2021

8AM DANIEL O'LEARY by Kevin & Peggy Houlihan

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2021

8AM MARIA TERESA LAZO by her family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2021

5PM FRED DOYLE by Kathy & Erin
GEORGE FARRELL by his wife & daughter
PHYLLIS ZULIN & RON KOCZROWSKI by their families

11PM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH OF ST CLEMENT

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2021

9AM BILL GALLO by his wife & family
WALTER MAYER by his wife

11AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH OF ST CLEMENT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021

8AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH OF ST CLEMENT
11AM ANTOINETTE BARONE by the Buro family
BRENDAN MARTIN by Patrick Hynes & family
JOHN DOBY & MICHAEL PETOLINO by their families

COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2021

ONLINE COLLECTION, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12th

COLLECTION FOR RETIREMENT FUND FOR THE RELIGIOUS

The above collection amounts will be posted at a later time due to early submission of the bulletin.

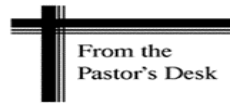
ADDITIONAL CONFESSION OPPORTUNITY

Father Tom will be offering an additional confession opportunity on Monday, December 20th from 7-8pm in the church.

CHURCH OFFICE

The church office will be closed on Friday, December 24th and Monday, December 27th. The office will be open on a limited basis the week between Christmas & New Year.

The Sanctuary light is dedicated this week in loving memory of Paul Fitzgerald by his wife & family



From the
Pastor's Desk

Greetings everyone, I pray you are finding some peace and quiet time with the Lord as you prepare for Christmas next weekend. I thank

all of you who participated in the parish's 50/50 raffle. The response was great, and the money the parish received was applied to capital projects. One project involved installing an upgraded entry system at the school building. Also, doors in the church and school building were repaired and made weatherproof. These renovations were greatly needed, and I thank you for your continued support and generosity for St. Clement's parish. *Father Tom*



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

Many thanks to all our parishioners who continue to support this Ministry each Christmas Season. So many Christmas wishes were made to come true due to your generosity. Merry Christmas!

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. **ST. CLEMENT WILL HOST THIS EVENT ON TUESDAY, DEC. 21ST AT 7PM.**

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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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: Anthony Ciaglia, Rosemary Carbone, 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, Anna 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, Ortenzia 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, 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: 1/20/21 Katherine Jeanne Hynes, 11/29/21 Jacqueline Bertram, 11/30/21 Thomas Cosentino, 11/30/21 Dolly Miceli



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 \$50,738.40 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.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

For a truly meaningful Christmas present, one that lasts long after the decorations have been put away, why not give your spouse the gift of a Marriage Encounter Weekend? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held February 4 – 6, 2022. Please apply ASAP as space is limited. Phone 1-732-904-9636 for application and information (Tom & Ruth DeFalco). Visit us at: www.wwme.org for more information.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Thank you. Your generosity enables Catholic Charities to serve those in desperate need. That generosity was especially demonstrated by the rapid response to the urgent need of the Afghan children housed at McGuire Air Force Base. They and all we serve are so grateful for your support. If you know of anyone needing assistance, especially during this Christmas season, with food, housing, drug addiction, domestic violence or immigration services please contact us at: www.catholiccharitiestrenton.org or call 800-360-7711. We wish you a blessed Christmas holy, healthy and happy New Year