



Church of ST. CLEMENT

Sunday, February 20, 2022

PARISH MINISTRIES

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Liturgical Environment
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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.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

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2022

5PM DON JOSEPH PUCILLO by Antonietta & Lupo Pruscino
BRYANNA KATHLEEN ABEL by her parents Kathy & Don
RAY MURPHY by the Grady family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2022

8AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH OF ST CLEMENT
MARIA VACCARELLA by Anna & Tony Pruscino
JACQUELINE BERTRAM by Jim & Karin Nusbaum
11AM MARIE OLIN DOHERTY by Mary & Jim Corrigan
JOHN RESH by the Hartigan family
NORA REDDINGTON by the St. Clement Homebound Ministers

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2022

8AM LOUISE MAURO by Elaine & Larry Magee

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2022

8AM JUNE POTOSKY by Linda, Gene & Jennifer McDonald

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2022

8AM KARL MAHOMEN by Mary & Jim Anglim

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2022

8AM THOMAS COSENTINO by the Min family

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2022

5PM JOANNE & ARTHUR KENNEDY by their daughter & family
GERARD L. DELTUFO, JR. by Linda, Gene & Jennifer McDonald
DON PUCILLO by Betty Bullen

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2022

8AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH OF ST. CLEMENT
JULIO RETOTON SUN by Joe & Richelle Pickel
SYLIVA DEMASCO VD DE SUN by Joe & Richelle Pickel
11AM BILL DAVIS by his wife Pat Davis
ELEANOR MATTINA by the Crocilla family
ROBERT SCHMITT by Charles & Theresa Hartigan & family

COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2022

\$7,986.00

ONLINE COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13th

\$2,680.42

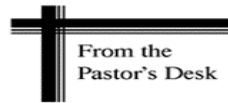
COLLECTION FOR OUR DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT

\$553.00

FLOWERS FOR THE BLESSED MOTHER

If you wish to place flowers at our Blessed Mother statue, in honor or memory of a loved one, the cost of two arrangements is \$75.00. Please contact the church office.

The Sanctuary light is dedicated this week in loving memory of Luis Herrera by his family



From the
Pastor's Desk

Greetings everyone, in January I invited parishioners to participate in the Synod program that our diocese is promoting. A total of 15 people from St. Clement parish signed up for the program. The meetings were held last week, and I believe the discussions were very fruitful. All of the notes that were recorded will be compiled and forwarded to the Diocese's main office. I would like to offer additional meetings opportunities; so if you are interested in participating, please email or contact the parish office. In the discussions you are asked to share the joys and obstacles encountered in your journey with the Catholic church, to reflect on input from other participants, and to provide ideas as to how you and others can become more engaged in the mission of the church.
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:

EVERLEIGH ROSE LUNKENHEIMER

Child of Jessica & Allan

THOMAS JOHN RAYCHEL

Child of Jill & Michael

EMMA LORRAINE ROSENTHAL

Child of Sara & Nicholas

GRACELYN GREY RINELLI

Child of Lynsey & Christopher

ASH WEDNESDAY MARCH 2, 2022

8AM-Mass with distribution of Ashes

10AM-Service with distribution

4PM-Service with distribution

7:30PM- Mass with distribution of Ashes.

Remember, all that is required of Ash Wednesday is fasting and abstinence. The reception of ashes while noble and worthy, is not mandated.

THOMAS COSENTINO MEMORIAL

BLOOD DRIVE

SUNDAY MARCH 13, 2022

The Knights of Columbus will host a blood drive in conjunction with the American Red Cross inside the St. Clement Gym from 8:30am-1:30 pm. The Red Cross is following stringent health and safety precautions and all social distancing measures will be in effect. You can book your appointment now online at www.redcrossblood.org. Just look for St. Clement Roman Catholic Church and the date.

ALTAR ROSARY FUNDRAISER S

The Altar Rosary is hosting a Gertrude Hawk Easter Candy Sale. Brochures are available in the lobby of the church. Orders will be accepted until Sunday, March 6th and can be dropped in the collection baskets or brought to the church office. Candy will be distributed Palm Sunday weekend. They will also be hosting a Dine to Donate on "Fat Tuesday", March 1st at MJ's Buttonwood Manor, Route 34, Matawan. Flyers, that must be presented that day so that we receive credit, are available in the church lobby

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

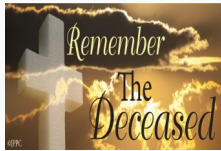
Please, join us as we pray the Prolife rosary in the church, every Thursday evening at 7:30pm and every Friday morning at 8:30am. For more info, please contact Arminda Rubio-Pito at 732-616-2759 or email at prolife.mom.9@gmail.com



LONG TERM PRAYER LIST

Please keep in your prayers the following individuals who are dealing with long term health issues: Gerard M. Conrad, Kate Kikvizge, Noreen Zelenko, Bill Hegarty, Mary Jane Eliott , Jess Mulvihill, Robert Rorke, Angela Laboy

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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 t have recentl1y

departed: 01/17/22 Anita Donegan, 01/29/22 James Christopher Collins, 01/24/22 Louis Cerreto, 01/29/22 Richard Paul Brizendine, 01/30/22 John Joseph McCauley, 01/28/22 Edith Valentin, 02/02/22 Craig Cartmell



SVdP provides spiritual, food distribution, emergency financial and other services to those in need. The pantry currently is in need of boxed milk. Do-

notations may be dropped at the church office. SVdP provides spiritual, food distribution, emergency financial and other services to those in need. Please call their help line at 732-290-1878 if you need assistance.



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

FLOCKNOTES PARISH EMERGENCY CONTACT SYSTEM

St. Clement participates in a Flocknotes program, which is strongly recommended by the Diocese of Trenton. Flocknotes is a program that will allow you to receive general announcements from Father Tom either by e-mail or text message. There is no cost to you to join Flocknotes. Just fill out the form, located in the Church lobby, with either your email address, your cell phone number that receives text messages, or both. Please deposit this paper in the basket labeled Flocknotes in the lobby.

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 2021 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 01/01/21-12/31/21). Then click on the pdf icon (on the right hand side of the page) to generate the report.

CATHOLIC MEN FOR JESUS CHRIST

Join other Catholic men from across the Diocese of Trenton at the 25th Annual Men's Conference on Sat, Feb 26, at Saint Joseph Parish in Toms River, NJ. The theme of this year's conference is "Awaken." The day runs from 8:00 am to 2:30 pm and will feature Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop David O'Connell; producer, writer and film director Jim Wahlberg, the older brother of Mark and Donny Wahlberg and Executive Director of the Mark Wahlberg Youth Foundation; and Chris Padgett, a popular speaker, musician, and author who has traveled around the world for over two decades giving concerts, talks, parish missions and retreats to all ages about the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ. There will also be music, Catholic vendors, and the opportunity to fellowship with other men who are looking to grow in their Catholic faith. Cost is \$40 per person in advance (\$45 at the door); \$20 for students. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. To register online go to www.catholicmenforjesuschrist.org or by mail, send the name(s) of each person registering, your check, and a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Catholic Men for Jesus Christ PO Box 816 Morrisville, PA 19067

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NEWS

Catholic Charities has been asked to relate the following information. Homeowners experiencing financial hardship or an increase in housing related expenses associated with covid-19 may be eligible to receive up to \$35,000 assistance per household. (Includes mortgage delinquency, mortgage default, foreclosure and property tax liens) To obtain information about The Homeowners Assistance Fund click on: <https://njerma.com/> Catholic Charities provides assistance with food, housing, drug addiction, domestic violence, and immigration services. If you know a parishioner needing help, please contact us at <http://www.catholiccharitiestrenton.org> or call 800-360-7711.