

Church of ST. CLEMENT

Sunday, February 27, 2022

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 9AM-3PM,

Church Office 566-3616

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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 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

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 REBOTON SUN by Joe & Richelle Pickel
SYLIVA DAMASCO VDA. 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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2022

8AM ANTOINETTE BARONE by the Buro family

TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2022

8AM LILLY NORBUT by the Min family

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2022

8AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH OF ST CLEMENT
7:30PM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH OF ST CLEMENT

FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2022

8AM ROSE PROK by her daughter

SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 2022

5PM REV. LASZLO RAUCH by Susan & Bruce Quinn
FRED DOYLE by Kathy & Erin
JAMES MCGUINNESS by Dorothy & Frank Schneider

SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2022

8AM LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE ALTAR ROSARY
PEOPLE OF THE PARISH OF ST. CLEMENT REMEDOIS "ADING" JAKOSALEM POINTING by Richelle & Joe Pickel
11AM HELEN KOVACS by the Hynes family
GERARD DELTUFO, JR. by Charles & Theresa Hartigan & family
INNA DELEO by Patty & Bob Richardson & family

COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2022

\$9,437.00

ONLINE COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20th

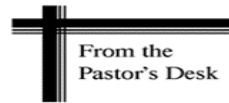
\$3,192.62

COLLECTION FOR ENERGY COSTS

\$1,531.00

WEDDING BANNES

Anthony Cappiello & Anastasia Millicker



Greetings everyone, this coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the start of our church's Lenten season. I pray you can join us for either Mass or a prayer service on that day. Also, as part of this season, the parish will offer the Stations of the Cross on the Fridays of Lent. If you are able, please join us. The Stations are a great way to meditate on the steps that Jesus takes to the hill of Golgotha, where he will be crucified. As we journey with Christ during Lent, may we bring our lives, including the struggles and crosses, to him. In doing so, Lent becomes a time when we can reflect on the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert in fasting and prayer. It is a time that is appropriate for spiritual exercises, voluntary acts of self-denial such as fasting and almsgiving, and fraternal works of charity and mission. *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:

OLIVIA ANN DEREDITA

Child of Kaitlyn and David

SCARLETT JO MCGUGART

Child of Gianna & Leo

SALVATORE ROCCO MAIORANA

Child of Carolyn & John

NICO ANTHONY NOCE

Child of Gina & Albert



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 blood drive has been completely booked with volunteers to give blood! You can find other area blood drives online at www.redcrossblood.org. Thank you for your support!

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.

The Sanctuary light is dedicated this week in loving memory of Joseph Takacs by his wife & 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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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 El-

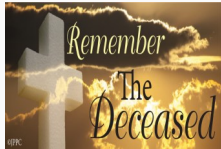
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Special Intentions

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



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:

01/29/22 James Christopher Collins, 01/29/22 Richard Paul Brizendine, 01/30/22 John Joseph McCauley, 01/28/22 Edith Valentin, 02/02/22 Craig Cartmell, 02/14/22 Gerard Robert "Bob" Holton, 02/13/22 William "Bill" Giovanniello, 02/17/22 Stephanie Bartolotta, 2/16/22 Edward P. Welstead

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.



SVdP provides spiritual, food distribution, emergency financial and other services to those in need. The pantry currently is in need of boxed milk, apple and orange juice (juice bottles 32 or 64 ounces). Donations 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.

ALTAR ROSARY NEWS

MEETING

The Altar Rosary will be meeting at the Reception Center on Wednesday, March 9th for all members and anyone interested in joining. Rosary will be recited at 7PM and the meeting will begin at 7:30p. It will be a St. Patrick's Day theme so dress accordingly!! Please plan on wearing a mask for the meeting for now. I hope to see you all there!

FUNDRAISERS

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

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

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.

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.