



Church of ST. CLEMENT

Sunday, December 11, 2022

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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Church Office 566-3616
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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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2022

5PM DENNIS KING by Christine & Thomas King
SUZANNE MATTHAEY
MARY DONOHUE by the Cryan family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022

8AM MARGARET KRAFT by Barbara Warden &
Joan Paradise
PEOPLE OF THE PARISH OF ST CLEMENT
SUZANNE MATTHAEY by KOC Cardinal
Newman Council #5324
11AM PAUL FITZGERALD by his family
MARY M. CAROLAN by Laura Milo & family
ANITA DONEGAN by Donna & Brian Mayer

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2022

8AM LILLY NORBUT by Don & Mary Norbut

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2022

8AM WILLIAM LEBER by Beth & Michael
Lorenzetti

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2022

8AM TERRY HARTIGAN by Charles & Theresa
Hartigan & family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2022

8AM ENZO GIUSEPPE by Lois Finn

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2022

5PM HENRY ALBAN by Ruth Farrell
DOROTHY INGOGLIO by Lucy Pucillo
FRANK CHIDICHIMO by the Conrad family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2022

8AM MARTIN VAN ORDEN by Bruce & Susan
Quinn
PEOPLE OF THE PARISH OF ST CLEMENT
ALFRED PARADISE by his wife Joan & sister-
in-law Barbara
11AM PAUL FITZGERALD by his wife
MARTIN REDDINGTON by Nora Reddington
& family
CRAIG CARTMELL by Susan & Tom Sweeney

COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2022

ONLINE COLLECTION SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2022

COLLECTION FOR OUR DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT

Collection amounts not available at time of publishing.
Amounts will be posted in a future bulletin.

WEDDING BANNES

Veronica Kolodziej & Patrick Walter

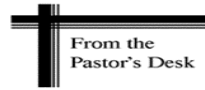
WEDDING

We wish to congratulate Larin Parisi and Nicholas Farley who were married here at St. Clement this weekend. May the love of God always be with them in their Sacrament of Matrimony.

NATIVITY PLAY

Our 1st and 2nd grade ccd students will be performing a Nativity Play on Fri. Dec. 16th at 6:00 pm in the church. Please join us, all are welcome.

The 2022/2023 Paschal Candle was donated in loving memory of Don Joseph Pucillo by Nancy & Andy Cannizzo



From the
Pastor's Desk

Greetings everyone, I pray you are finding some time to be with the Lord as we continue the Advent season. The response to this year's

Giving Tree program was tremendous, and I thank you for your donations. Your kindness and generosity will help to make Christmas a brighter one for many who are in need. I also want to thank those who recently made first-time or additional contributions to the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA). The parish is getting close to reaching its goal. I should have the updated amount within a week or two; after receiving it I will post it in an upcoming bulletin. Once again, thank you so much for your support to our outreach programs during this time of the year. All contributions help to spread the joy of the Christmas season. *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:
ZOEY CYNTHIA SZCZUPLAK
Child of Brianna & John
GRAYSON ANTHONY VELEZ
Child of Tamara & Anthony

ALTAR ROSARY 50/50

The drawing took place on Dec. 3, 2022 at the St. Clement Church Gym

Total Sales- \$30,300.

1st Prize - \$6,060. (20%)

2nd Prize - \$3,030. (10%)

3rd Prize - \$3,030. (10%)

4th Prize - \$1,515. (5%)

5th Prize - \$1,515. (5%)

ADVENT ADDITIONAL CONFESSION OPPORTUNITY

Father Tom will be offering additional confession opportunities on Tuesday, December 13th and Tuesday, December 20th from 7:30-8:30pm in the church.



Merry Christmas

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2022

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

CHRISTMAS EVE

Saturday, December 24, 2022

5PM Mass

11PM Solemn Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY

Sunday, December 25, 2022

8AM, 11AM Mass

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Saturday, December 31, 2022

5PM Mass

NEW YEAR'S DAY - SOLEMNITY OF MARY

Sunday, January 1, 2023

9AM, 11AM Mass

The Sanctuary light is dedicated this week in loving memory of Margaret Kraft by sisters-in-law Barbara Warden & Joan Paradise

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 12:30PM. 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.

Safe Environment: All parish volunteers working with minors or vulnerable adults in a direct or administrative capacity and all parish employees must follow the policies set forth by the Diocesan Office of Youth and Child Protection. This includes submitting to a criminal background check through fingerprint analysis and attending the required VIRTUS Awareness Training Program. To begin this process, please create an account at virtus.org and contact Amy Colen (908-267-0161). Virtus website registration instructions can be found at dioceseoftrenton.org/policies-forms.

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 Tuesday 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 7PM 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: Alan Keusch, Jane Slee, Catherine Salerno, Noemia

Santos, Camille White Yessen, Vinny Amato, Aaron Van Trease, David Pike, Mrs. Carol, Ann McLoughlin, Annette Davau, Noel Wittenberg, Billy Coward, Joan McGoven, Desmond Kelly, Tom Swords, Joan Pasquale, Sharon Kosick, Maryann Zarillo, Hilda Marotta, Joan McKenna, Helen Pickel, Marjorie Go Simpler, Lisa Hooker, Art Ubbins, Douglas Dobak, Cleveland Neal, Geraldine Gillespie, Rosemary Ravenna, Francesca & Nicole Allen, Gerard M. Conrad, Kate Kikvizge, Noreen Zelenko, Bill Hegarty, Jess Mulvihill, Robert Rorke, Angela Laboy, Pat Gallagher, Kristine O'Hara, Maureen Collins-Dougherty

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:

11/22/22 Frank Sirianni



SVDp provides spiritual, food distribution, emergency financial and other services to those in need. The pantry currently is in need of small turkey's (12-15lbs), boxed potatoes, laundry detergent & mayonnaise.

Donations may be dropped at the church office.

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

ALTAR ROSARY NEWS

The Altar Rosary would like to thank everyone who participated in our 2nd annual St. Clement 50/50. It was a huge success once again and we reached our goal of \$30,000! We would like to thank Michael Grandi, director of Waitt Funeral Home, parishioner, and lecturer at church, for his generous contribution in paying for all the expenses that we incurred to get this fundraiser underway. Special thanks goes out to our new Treasurer, Joanne Formon is a God-sent! She was so meticulous with all aspects of running this event and making sure all the proceeds got into the bank in a timely manner. We are so Blessed and Grateful to be a part of this church community. Your support means so much to us and we will keep you all in our prayers! Have a wonderful holiday season. *Marie Canonico, President*

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, Spc., 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.

THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL



Father Tom is pleased to announce that St. Clement has received over - **\$56,500.00 (94% of our goal)** in pledges for the Annual Catholic Appeal. Our goal is \$60,000. Once the goal has been reached 50% of all subsequent donations will be returned to St. Clement. Please consider making a gift to the appeal.

AREA ADVENT PENANCE & RECONCILIATION SERVICES

St. Mary's, Colts Neck, 3PM on Sun., Dec. 4th
The Parish of St Mary's, Middletown,
Monday, Dec. 19-Fri, Dec. 23rd at 6:30pm
St. Benedict's, Holmdel, 2-4PM, Sun., Dec. 18th

SIMBANG GABI IN MONMOUTH COUNTY BEGINS MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

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.

