



# Church of ST. CLEMENT

*Sunday, December 18, 2022*

## PARISH MINISTRIES

**Marriage Preparation** Holly Cahill 566-3616, ext 4  
**Baptism Preparation** Holly Cahill 566-3616, ext. 4  
**Religious Education** Tom Sweeney, 566-3616  
**Lector Coordinator** Cathy Boland 290-1338  
**Eucharistic Ministers** Jim Starace 732-566-3616  
**Music Director** Daniel Bucko 908-902-5736  
**Rite of Christian Initiation** Tom Sweeney 566-3616  
**Altar Servers** Tom Sweeney 732-242-9653  
**Ushers** Ron Johnson 290-1371  
**Liturgy Committee** Carol Capasso 583-6958  
**Liturgical Environment**  
Debby Poppelwell 732-772-9890

## SERVICES

**Athletic Director** Phyllis Besso, 970-4487  
**Clement House** Christine King 583-3911  
**Safe Environment Coordinators**  
Amy Colen 908-267-0161  
Bob Tully 848-468-6554

## ORGANIZATIONS

**Altar Rosary Society** Marie Canonico 970-8261  
**Holy Name** Ron Johnson 290-1371  
**Knights of Columbus** Michael Hickey 566-3616  
**Senior Citizens** Lena Hor 732-583-5538

## REV. THOMAS VALA, PASTOR

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

**Monday - Friday** 9AM-3PM,  
**Church Office** 566-3616  
[Admin@stclementmatawan.org](mailto: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](http://www.TheReceptionCenter.com)

**Parish Trustees** Bruce Quinn & Linda Shirvanian  
**Parish Religious Education Program PREP**  
[www.stclementreligious.org](http://www.stclementreligious.org)  
**St. Clement Athletic Association**  
[www.stclementsports.com](http://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 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

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2022

8AM CELESTE DONNELLEN by the Hynes family

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2022

8AM JOHN F. & BERNADINE M. SANTOS by their family

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2022

8AM AMANDA BRUNGARD by her grandmother

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2022

8AM CELESTE DONNELLAN by the Hynes family

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2022

5PM GEORGE FARRELL by his wife & family  
FRED DOYLE by Kathy & Erin Doyle  
11PM MICHAEL TALLON by his wife & family  
LILLY NORBUT by her husband & children

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2022

8AM ALFRED PARADISE by his wife Joan & his sister-in-law Barbara  
PEOPLE OF THE PARISH OF ST CLEMENT  
BILL GALLO by his wife & family  
11AM JOHN LUCHESE by the Lucchese family  
MARY SALVIA by the Kowalewski family  
EVA BLUMSTEIN by her family

### COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2022

\$9,600.00

### ONLINE COLLECTION SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2022

\$3,290.00

### COLLECTION FOR OUR DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT

\$762.00

### COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022

### ONLINE COLLECTION SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022

### COLLECTION FOR RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

### OUR DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT

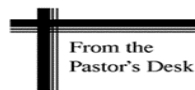
Collection amounts not available at time of publishing.  
Amounts will be posted in a future bulletin.

### WEDDING BANNES

Veronica Kolodziej & Patrick Walter

### CHURCH OFFICE

The church office will be closed on Friday, December 23rd and Monday, December 26th. The office will be open on a limited basis the week between Christmas & New Year. During this time period, if you have a pastoral emergency, please call 732-858-5187. Thank you & Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



From the  
Pastor's Desk

Greetings everyone, I want to thank you all of you who participated in the Christmas Tree lighting last Saturday, December 10. It was a fun time, and the lights on the tree look great. Also, I want to thank our Youth Group for organizing the Morning with Santa, which took place last Sunday morning. The group's adult and the teen members worked very hard to organize the event. Members of our Knights of Columbus Council also pitched in to make the day a fun one. On this last Sunday of Advent we begin preparation for the birth of our Savior. The lights on Christmas trees represent that light of Christ that shines today. May the light of Christ that glows at Christmas shine in our lives. *Father Tom*

### ADVENT ADDITIONAL CONFESSION OPPORTUNITY

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

### ST. CLEMENT ALTAR ROSARY 50/50 RESULTS

The total collected for our 50/50 was \$30,300.

The five prizes awarded were:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize - \$6,060. Ticket #7138

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - \$3,030. Ticket #3312

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - \$3,030. Ticket #5264

4<sup>th</sup> Prize - \$1,515. Ticket #3583

5<sup>th</sup> Prize - \$1,515. Ticket #1629

The other half of the money, which is \$15,150, will be donated by the St. Clement Altar Rosary to St. Clement Church to be used for church projects and needed repairs.

Thank you again to all who participated and Congratulations to the winners!!



*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 Alfred Paradise by his wife Joan & sister-in-law Barbara*

## 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](http://virtus.org) and contact Amy Colen (908-267-0161). Virtus website registration instructions can be found at [dioceseoftrenton.org/policies-forms](http://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](http://www.ParishGiving.org)**

## The RECEPTION CENTER AT SAINT CLEMENT

### **Specializing in Personalized Catering for All Occasions**

Elegant & Affordable Wedding Packages

Exclusively by W. J. Mayer Catering

(732)-591-8180

[www.TheReceptionCenter.com](http://www.TheReceptionCenter.com)

Special Packages for Parish Members

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 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](http://www.facebook.com/upperroomspiritualcenter). Then click on Like button on Facebook page.

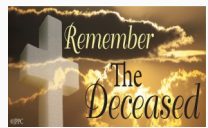
### **Respect Life Chapter**

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](mailto: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, 12/02/22

Dolores Schoelkopf



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 & paper towel. 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.



### TECT

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](mailto: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

### CRS

This Advent, join the Diocese of Trenton Chapter of Catholic Relief Services in helping families around the world. CRS is the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States and provides assistance to people in need in over 100 countries. Support the Church's mission of serving people in need by contributing to our Giving Tree. Please go to our Giving Page [Diocese of Trenton CRS Chapter - Fundraising For Catholic Relief Services \(donordrive.com\)](#) to learn more about how you can help and to make a donation. Thank you for your compassion and generosity. If you would like more information about our Chapter or would like to join us, please contact

### 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](http://www.stclementmatawan.org) To include a church activity on our Web Site, email Mr. Quinn at [admin@stclementmatawan.org](mailto:admin@stclementmatawan.org)

### ELECTRONIC GIVING – PARISH GIVING

Contributions for 2021 have been updated and we welcome you to log in to [www.parishgiving.org](http://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 reached its goal for the Annual Catholic Appeal. Our goal was \$60,000. Thank you all for your donations! Now that our goal has been reached 50% of all subsequent donations will be returned to St. Clement.

### AREA ADVENT PENANCE & RECONCILIATION SERVICES

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.

