



# Church of ST. CLEMENT

*Sunday, January 1, 2023*

## 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  
**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

## SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD THE OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2022

5PM CHRISTINE CARAPUCCI by the Gallo family  
RICHARD O. VENINO by Marilyn & Thomas Swords  
JANET SCHEID by the Cahill family

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023

9AM NANCY PALUMBO by her family  
FR. RICHARD MILEWSI by the Parish of St. Clement

11AM GERTRUDE SMOLINSKI by her family  
DOMINICK CLEMENTE, JR by Anthony, Evelyn, Anthony & Steven Savarese  
JAY GREEN by the Chrzanowski family

### MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 2023

8AM MARY BECKHAM by the Burlew family

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2023

8AM IOLANDA SCHIANO DICOLA by Lucille Cilento

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2023

8AM MARK JOHNSON by Nancy Palumbo & family

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2023

8AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH OF ST CLEMENT

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 2023

8AM JOHN DONEGAN by the Min family

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 2023

5PM LILLY NORBUT by her husband & children  
DR. EARL B. SIDMONS by Rose McDonald Siniscal  
JERRY HOURIHAN by Ellen & Mickey Roberts

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2023

8AM RICHARD GLOWACKI by Kathy & Bob Flammer  
LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE ALTAR ROSARY  
FRANK VETTER by Sarah & Craig

11AM THOMAS GALLINARO by the Gabriel family  
RUTH VALA by Donna & Michael Kelly  
ALBERTA TOTH by Rose & Anna Buono-Zimmer

### COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2022

\$7,643.00

### ONLINE COLLECTION SUNDAY DECEMBER 18TH

\$3,604.00

### COLLECTION FOR OUR PARISH ENERGY NEEDS

\$1,328.00

### COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2022

### ONLINE COLLECTION SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

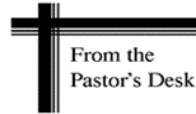
Collection amounts not available at time of publishing.  
Amounts will be posed in a future bulletin.

### WEDDING BANNERS

Kerri Redden & Gerard Valley

### WEDDING

We wish to congratulate Veronica Kolodziej & Patrick Walter who were married here at St. Clement this weekend. May the love of God always be with them in their Sacrament of Matrimony.



From the  
Pastor's Desk

Greetings everyone, I hope you are doing well and had an enjoyable New Year's Eve celebration. I want to wish you all the best and a very happy and healthy New Year. The past year was a busy and successful one for the parish, and I am grateful for your continued support. As in years past, your generous response to our parish's outreach activities impresses me greatly. Moreover, your financial support for the parish has been tremendous; St. Clement's surpassed its goal for the Annual Catholic Appeal and will receive a check for \$9,500. Thank you also for your words of encouragement and appreciation; they mean a great deal to me. May the new year bring you many blessings in all parts of your lives, and may God's grace continue to be with you. *Father Tom*



### FLOWERS FOR THE BLESSED MOTHER

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



### SANCTUARY LAMP

Parishioners may donate the Sanctuary Lamp that burns in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church. These intentions will be on a weekly basis. The suggested donation for the Sanctuary Lamp is \$25.00. Please contact the church office with your request in honor or in memory of a loved one.

### CHURCH OFFICE

The church office will be closed on Monday, January 2nd. It will reopen on Tuesday, January 3rd at 9am. Happy New Year!



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

The Sanctuary light is dedicated this week in loving memory of Nancy Palumbo by her 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 12:30PM. 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

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

### **Respect Life Chapter**

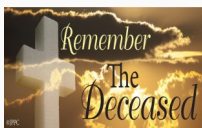
Please, join us as we pray the Prolife rosary in the church, every Thursday evening at 7:30pm and every Friday morning at 8:30am. For more info, please contact Arminda Rubio-Pito at 732-616-2759 or email at [prolife.mom.9@gmail.com](mailto:prolife.mom.9@gmail.com)



**LONG TERM PRAYER LIST**

Please keep in your prayers the following individuals who are dealing with long term health issues: Christine Porter, Donald Shara, John Fal-

co, Richard Christian Sr., 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 Kikvigze, 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: 12/02/22 Dolores Schoelkopf, 12/09/22 JoAnn Campbell, 12/09/22 James Ducharme, 12/12/22 Robert Cassaburi, 12/14/22 Joyce Helene Jablonski



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

**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](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

**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 2022 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 01/01/22-12/31/22). Then click on the pdf icon (on the right hand side of the page) to generate the report.



**VALENTINE COLLECTION FOR THE TROOPS**

We will be hosting our annual collection for our Troops beginning next weekend. Below is a list of requested items.

We would also add to this list valentine candy and perhaps a card to thank them for their service and to let them know we are all thinking and praying for them. Donations can be placed in the bins in the church lobby before and after all masses. Items need to be received by Sun, Jan 22nd in order to have enough time to send these items overseas.

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| Beef or chicken jerky            | Crunch & Munch         |
| Nuts-any kind                    | Cookies- any kind      |
| Life savers                      | Gum                    |
| Kettle Corn/popcorn              | Licorice               |
| Dried fruit snacks               | Rice Krispie Treats    |
| Sunflower seeds                  | Protein bars           |
| Pumpkin seeds                    | Trail mix              |
| Pre-workout protein powder       |                        |
| Cold, cough, flu relief remedies | Imodium                |
| Dayquil, Nyquil—pills only       | Lactaid pills          |
| Tylenol Cold                     | Allergy Relief         |
| Aspirin, Motrin, Ibuprofen       | Zantac, Pepcid         |
| Gas X                            |                        |
| Suntan lotion (no sprays)        | Batteries—AAA,C, D     |
| Moisturizer                      | Socks                  |
| Gold Bond Powder & Cream         | Razors                 |
| Foot powder                      | Gatorade-drink packets |
| Bug wipes                        | Powerade drink packets |
| Chapstick                        | Q-tips                 |
| Feminine hygiene products        | Fungus cream           |

Monetary donations towards shipping accepted. Checks payable to the Church of the Nativity on the memo line: Eagles Up!. Tax receipt given upon request.