

**Wm. Patrick Madden**  
*Mayor*



**John Salka**  
*Deputy Director of Public Information*

**Monica Kurzejeski**  
*Deputy Mayor*

**Office of the Mayor**  
City Hall  
433 River Street  
Troy, New York 12180

Phone: (518) 279-7131  
Fax: (518) 270-4546  
[john.salka@troyny.gov](mailto:john.salka@troyny.gov)

---

For Immediate Release  
July 2, 2018

## **Statement by Mayor Patrick Madden on the Death of Reverend Cornelius Clark**

**TROY, NY** – Mayor Patrick Madden has issued the following statement regarding the death of Reverend Cornelius Clark, founder and pastor of Holy Serenity Church of God in Christ and member of the Troy African American Pastoral Alliance:

“We are profoundly saddened to learn of the death of Reverend Cornelius Clark, a steadfast youth advocate and leader in the Troy community. Reverend Clark was deeply committed to the well-being of our residents — especially the young people of our city. From his involvement in recreational programming at Frear Park Golf Course, service as a mentor and tutor, and contributions as a member of the Troy African American Pastoral Alliance, Reverend Clark exemplified the virtues of serving one’s community. While never seeking recognition, his service and good works earned him the respect of his peers and acknowledgment by national organizations for his 45 years of service and contributions to positively impact the lives of our community and neighborhoods. The City of Troy is a stronger place due to Reverend Clark’s selfless service and I am deeply grateful for his partnership and insight on the many important issues facing our city. My heart remains with the Clark family and the entire Holy Serenity Church of God in Christ congregation during this painful and challenging time and express my sincere condolences on their tremendous loss.”

###

**Press Contact:**

John Salka, Deputy Director of Public Information  
[John.Salka@troyny.gov](mailto:John.Salka@troyny.gov) / (518) 279-7131