

The Epiphany of the Lord, January 6, 2019



Church of

ST. VALENTINE

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MASSES

**Saturday at 5:30 PM.,
Sunday at 8:00 AM., 10:00 AM. & 12:00 PM.**

**Weekdays: Monday thru Saturday
8:00 AM. in Rectory Chapel.**

Holy Days as announced in the Bulletin.

NOVENA TO THE VIRGIN MARY
Novena Prayer: 8:30 AM. on Saturdays.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession)
Saturday at 4:00 PM. (also by appointment).

PARISH OFFICE

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Archdiocesan Website: www.rcan.org

Mission Statement

We, the Parish Family of Saint Valentine, are a Roman Catholic Community within the local Church of the Archdiocese of Newark. The celebrations of the mass and the other sacraments are central to our identity as a parochial community which worships God in communion with family, neighbors and friends. Celebrating the Eucharist unites us to be a sign of the Kingdom of God present among us, yet ever growing as a reality, as we follow Christ, proclaiming and witnessing to his Gospel in our lives. Through liturgical worship and the ministries of the Church, we love and serve each other in our service of God. THEREFORE, we the Parish Community of Saint Valentine, are dedicated to serving others within and outside ourselves, as we strive to deepen our own response to the Lord and to announce the Good News of salvation in Christ.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Please contact the Religious Education Office to enroll children for Catechism. For further information, please contact the Religious Education Office: (973) 743-6122.

CATECHETICAL FORMATION

The Catechetical programs are open only to registered parishioners. Regular worship at Sunday Mass is an obligation and duty. The Christian formation of children require regular attendance and discipline in Catechism classes for the growing knowledge of our faith and doctrine, in order to prepare children to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist & Confirmation.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrated at the 10 AM. Sunday Mass. After the Introduction, the priest sends the children to celebrate their own Liturgy of the Word on the Sunday Scriptures. Then, the children join the assembly for the Eucharist. We invite and encourage all children to participate. Check Bulletin Calendar for Schedule.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

An Adult faith formation with various stages of the Catechumenate. Call the parish office for information.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism is celebrated once a month at the Sunday 12 Noon Mass, as noted in the Bulletin. Parents should contact the Parish Office: at least two months prior to scheduled dates in order to make required preparation.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Christian Marriage is God's call to a baptized man and woman to love each other in a indissoluble relationship for the whole of life and open to the Catholic formation of their children. Contact Fr. Basil one year in advance.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

The Sacrament of the Sick (Holy Anointing) is for both spiritual and physical healing. For anointing before an operation, or for the infirmed or homebound, please call Fr. Basil's cellphone anytime (201) 364-9808.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

The St. Valentine's Social Concerns Ministry is compelled by the love of Christ to show His compassion and love to persons with identified needs in our parish.

MARIAN DEVOTIONS

Join us for the Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal after the 8:00 AM. Mass on Saturdays.

ROSARY

Join us for the Rosary before the 8:00 AM. Daily Mass in the Rectory Chapel.

PARISH REGISTRATION

For your ongoing Christian faith formation and participation in the life of the Church, please register as a member of our Parish at the Rectory Office. By virtue of your Baptism, you have a responsibility and duty to your soul to celebrate the Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation, and to regularly receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY 5:30 pm	January 5 (Vigil, The Epiphany of the Lord) Raymond Glowczynski (Hansen Family)
SUNDAY 8:00 am	January 6 (The Epiphany of the Lord) Stanley Blicki (Stanley Balicki, Jr)
10:00 am	The People of the Parish
12:00 pm	Maria Lewis (Josephine Baldi)
MONDAY 8:00 am	January 7 (St Raymond of Peñafort, Priest) Natacha Stegmann (Fr Basil Lek)
TUESDAY 8:00 am	January 8 (Tuesday after Epiphany) Herminia Tecson (Santos Family)
WEDNESDAY 8:00 am	January 9 (Wednesday after Epiphany) Joyce Miasek (Dziewiatek Family)
THURSDAY 8:00 am	January 10 (Thursday after Epiphany) Sr Mary Marcella (Dziewiatek Family)
FRIDAY 8:00 am	January 11 (Friday after Epiphany) Sandra Stegmann (Fr Basil Lek)
SATURDAY 8:00 am	January 12 (Saturday after Epiphany) Altar & Rosary Sodality
5:30 pm	The People of the Parish
SUNDAY 8:00 am	January 13 (The Baptism of the Lord) Constancia Alviar (Gerry & Leila Chanco)
10:00 am	Karen Ann Caputo (Funaro Family)
12:00 pm	Joyce Miasek (Dziewiatek Family)

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

The Baptism of the Lord
Is 42: 1-4, 6-7; Ps 29: 1-4, 9-10;
Acts 10: 34-38; Lk 3: 15-16, 21-22

CHURCH COLLECTION

Sunday Collection 12/23/2018	\$3,931.16
Simbang Gabi Collection	\$491.00
Christmas Concert	\$1,057.00

The Sunday collection on December 30th, 2018 will be published in the next week's bulletin because this bulletin was sent out early to accommodate the printing company's holidays.

Thank you for your help and participation in the up-keep and maintenance of the parish.

- Fr Basil Lek.

CALENDAR OF EVENT

SUNDAY 10:00 am	January 6 (The Epiphany of the Lord) Children's Liturgy (Church Hall)
11:00 am	Epiphany Play for Children (Church)
	Catechism, Grades 1-8 (School)
MONDAY 7:00 pm	January 7 (St Raymond of Peñafort, Priest) Confirmation Meeting (School Cafeteria)
TUESDAY 8:00 pm	January 8 (Tuesday after Epiphany) Liturgy of the Word
THURSDAY 7:30 pm	January 10 (Thursday after Epiphany) Adult Choir Practice (Church)
FRIDAY 8:00 pm	January 11 (Friday after Epiphany) Prayer Group (Chapel)
SATURDAY 2:00 pm	January 12 (Saturday after Epiphany) Women's A.A. (Rectory Basement)
4:00 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Church)
5:30 pm	Archdiocesan Assesment Collection
7:00 pm	Santo Niño Novena (Chapel/Rectory)
7:30 pm	Catechumenal Eucharist (Rectory)
SUNDAY 11:00 am	January 13 (The Baptism of the Lord) Archdiocesan Assesment Collection
7:00 pm	Catechism, Grades 1-8 Santo Niño Novena (Chapel)

SANTO NIÑO NOVENA

The Santo Niño of Cebú statue of the Child Jesus is one of the oldest Christian relics in the Philippines. One of 3 gifts from Ferdinand Magellan (serving King Charles V of Spain) to King Humabon & Queen Humamay of Cebú. Join the Filipinos in praying their Novena to the Santo Niño of Cebú.

NOVENA SCHEDULE

From Jan 12-20, we meet in the Chapel at 7pm.

Day/Date	Leader/Sponsor
Sat Jan 12	Oscar & Celia Balagtas & Family
Sun Jan 13	Fatima Prayer Group
Mon Jan 14	De Los Reyes Family
Tues Jan 15	Delgra Family
Wed Jan 16	Elito & Divina Santos & Family
Thur Jan 17	Elito & Divina Santos & Family
Fri Jan 18	St. Valentine's Prayer Group
Sat Jan 19	Oscar & Celia Balagtas & Family
Sun Jan 20	1:30pm in Church, Santo Niño Devotees
	2pm in Church: Procession & Mass followed by fiesta in the Church Hall (downstairs from the Church).

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. The ancient tradition of Epiphany marks the 12th Day of Christmas when the Magi visit the Child Jesus and bring gifts to him. Thus, began the tradition of bringing gifts to our loved ones, just as the Magi gave gifts to the Lord.

Epiphany is the manifestation of the good news to the pagan world represented by the Magi. It is news of great joy for these wise men who were astrologers and magicians familiar with Jewish Old Testament prophecies of the coming Messiah. They were wise enough to ascertain when Jesus Christ would reveal himself as God incarnate who comes for the salvation of the souls in the world.

Matthew's Gospel tells us that the Magi were from the East (Mt 2: 1). The word magi comes from the Greek word *magos*, the Persian word for astrologer. They were pagans and possibly from the Middle East or even further East, perhaps some Asian country. They understood that Jesus Christ was born a king, but his kingdom is not of this world; it is the kingdom of heaven. When the Magi went to Herod to enquire about the new born king, Herod thought that another king was coming to replace him that he *ordered the massacre of all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity two years old and under* (Mt 2:16). What happened to the Holy Innocents is happening today in the United States through abortions. The murder in the womb was being funded by the government and executed by doctors and nurses who are supposed to defend life.

Yet, the three Magi who were not Jews nor Christian had the wisdom to recognize the true origin of life, liberty and happiness in Jesus Christ; a little child who will grow up and bring salvation by offering life that does not need to kill other in order to survive.

Christianity is the pursuit of real life that does not end nor does it contain any death; in Greek, *αθάνατος* - *athánatos* which literally means "deathless." True liberty is to be liberated from our slavery to sins, and true happiness to be united to the family of God, no longer alone or orphaned, but with brothers and sister who love and forgive you and will not hurt you.

- Fr. Basil Lek.

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please pray for the following infirmed:

Abigail Mehring,
Carmela Storm,
Michele Sewask,
Lorraine Noack,



Mary Jane Sexton,
Colbie Derborow,
Nicole Maiore,
Edward Bzdek,

Dennis Hayes, Paul Gagliano, Walter Boyle,
Loretta Eustachewich, Rosemarie Michelle,
Emily Bajek, Jack Stella & Michael Wegrzynek.

A REMINDER:

If you would like the Church to pray for a parishioner, relative or friend, or if you no longer need us to pray for a person on the Parish Sick List, please call the Parish Office at (973) 743-0220.

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK!!!

Thank you to our Advertisers who sponsor this Bulletin. We would like to highlight one of our Sponsors each week who have advertised their businesses in our Church Bulletin. Advertiser of the week is:



Italian American Cuisine
24 Washington Ave. Nutley, NJ
973-235-0505
www.AmericanBistro.net

REPORTING OF SEXUAL ABUSE HOW TO REPORT ABUSE

The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the Clergy, Religious and Lay Staff of the Archdiocese.

We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support for victims of sexual abuse.

Individuals who wish to report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Archdiocese Office of Child and Youth Protection at 201-407-3256.

Christmas Concert Acknowledgement

Thank you again for your donations of creative talent, refreshments and financial love offering at this concert. It was truly a beautiful event and well participated by you.

BOOKING OF MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2019



Booking of Mass Intentions is now available at the Rectory during office hours (9am - 4pm, Monday to Friday). The mass intention can be for a person or persons, living or dead, but not for things or animals. We shall need to record the proper name of the person(s), and the person(s) who offered the intention.

The mass stipend is \$10, and it is a gift to the priest. The mass itself is free-of-charge, although it is priceless, because we can never put a price to Jesus' sacrifice at the mass.

DONATION ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT FOR INCOME TAX

Our parish pays Cathedral Corporation, a company that prints and sends out envelopes to you, and keeps track of your donations to the parish throughout the year.

For all who contributed last year and used this system, that company will prepare the acknowledgement of donation letter for your Income Tax at the end of January 2019. If you did not use the envelope system, you will not receive a statement. Also, if you have not used the weekly envelopes at all, we will stop spending the money to print them for you. Your giving in cash is always welcome.

CHURCH ENVELOPES

If you are using checks for your donations, please do not combine amounts on your checks. Accounting of all collections are separately recorded; such as regular Sunday collection, 2nd collection, or Christmas envelopes. This is to ensure proper accounting. Thank you for your understanding, your help and support.

The Altar Bread & Wine Offering & The Sanctuary Candle Offering for Sunday January 6, 2019 is offered in loving memory of: Constanca Alviar

Donated by:
Gerry & Leila Chanco



Advent Giving Tree Acknowledgement



Thank you again for your donations of gifts for our St Valentine Advent Giving Tree. Your donations of love have made this endeavor of the Special Events and Social Concerns Committee a success. Through the Valerie Fund, St. Valentine parishioners help children suffering the ravages of cancer and their families to have the joy of Christmas.

PASTA NIGHT

Save the Date: January 26, 2019



We will be having our Pasta Night on the last Saturday night of this month, January 26, 2019 at 6:30pm in the Church Hall.

It will be a Social Event to look forward to during these cold and wintry days. Let us warm up to the fellowship and fun. So, save the date!