

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 7, 2018



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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Parish Website: www.stvalentinechurch.com

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK
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 **October 6** (*St Bruno, Priest*)
5:30 pm **William Smith** (Kislowski Family)

SUNDAY **October 7 (27th Sunday in Ordinary Time)**
8:00 am **Santo Beatrice Perri** (Cristina Gabriele)
10:00 am **The People of the Parish**
12:00 pm **Stanley Thomas** (Eleanor Thomas)

MONDAY **October 8** (Columbus Day)
8:00 am **Donald Duda** (Duda Family)

TUESDAY **October 9** (*St Dennis, St John Leonardi*)
8:00 am **Ildefonso Austria** (Bulkowski Family)

WEDNESDAY **October 10**
8:00 am **Ruth Cerami** (Susan Armeno)

THURSDAY **October 11** (*St John XXIII, Pope*)
8:00 am **Ralph Gaccione** (for Health, Gaccione Family)

FRIDAY **October 12**
8:00 am **Peter & Zofia Bajek** (Emily Bajek)

SATURDAY **October 13**
8:00 am **Justina Lek** (Birthday, Fr Basil Lek)
5:30 pm **Louis Monaco** (Elena Monaco)

SUNDAY **October 14 (28th Sunday in Ordinary Time)**
8:00 am **Altar & Rosary Sodality**
10:00 am **Deacon Joseph Malanga** (Gregorowicz Family)
12:00 pm **The People of the Parish**

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Wis 7: 7-11; Ps 90: 12-17; Heb 4: 12-13;
Mk 10: 17-30**

CHURCH COLLECTION

Sunday Collection September 30, 2018: \$4,524.00

Thank you for your donations. Again, I invite you to increase your offerings for St Valentine Church. We need to collect at least \$6,000 each week to cover the expenses of our compulsory contribution to the Archdiocese, insurances on our buildings, payroll, utilities, maintenance & repairs. Please give generously.

- Fr Basil Lek.

CALENDAR OF EVENT

SATURDAY **October 6** (*St Bruno, Priest*)
7:30 pm **Catechumenate Eucharist** (Rectory)

TUESDAY **October 2** (*The Holy Guardian Angels*)
8:00 pm **Liturgy of the Word** (Rectory)

FRIDAY **October 12**
8:00 pm **Prayer Group** (Chapel)

SATURDAY **October 13**
2:00 pm **Women's A.A.** (Rectory Basement)
4:00 pm **Sacrament of Reconciliation** (Church)
5:30 pm Archdiocesan Assessment Collection
7:30 pm **Catechumenal Eucharist** (Rectory)

Seton Hall Preparatory School



Seton Hall Preparatory School—New Jersey's oldest Catholic prep school—will be hosting its annual **Open House for 7th and 8th grade boys and their families on Sunday, October 28th between noon and 3 pm.** Visitors will tour the campus and our brand new 44-acre Kelly Athletic Complex, learn about the application process, enjoy a bar-b-que, and have the opportunity to meet with teachers, coaches, parents, and current students. For more information, please contact Michael T. Zinsmeister, Director of Admission, at (973) 325-6640 or visits shp.org. Hazard Zet Forward!

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners

In this Sunday's gospel (Mk 10: 2-16), the Pharisees confronts Jesus asking, "***Is it lawful for a husband to divorce his wife?***" They were testing him, but Jesus took the opportunity to correct them. You see, Moses had allowed a husband to get rid of the wife by getting a bill of divorce. St Bede explains that this bill of divorce was written by the Scribes who, instead of upholding the bond of marriage, help to destroy it. Jesus tells them that Moses allowed divorce "***Because of the hardness of your hearts.***"

But Jesus, quoting the Book of Genesis says that "***from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall be one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, no human being must separate.***" In this, God qualifies the characteristics of a marriage.

St Bede says that God did not say "male and females" as if a man can do away with the wife and take on other women. The husband and wife are exclusively mutual and compliment each other, for they are one flesh. They make each other complete and whole. The husband must leave his father and mother and cling to his wife because his parent do not rule him any longer; he must grow up and be an adult man for his wife. And, Jesus reminds us that we do not have the authority to separate ***what God has joined together*** because the marriage is for the whole of life on earth, and ends with the death of one of the spouses.

Jesus clarifies further with his disciples that for a man or woman to divorce the spouse and marry another is to commit adultery. By saying this, Jesus establishes the indissolubility of marriage. St John Chrysostom says that even more is the indissoluble nature of Christ and his Church. God has call us into his Church to be married to Christ; the Spirit of Christ and our spirit. When we break our relationship with Christ, we put our marriage in jeopardy because what unifies the Church is what unifies the marriage. God is LOVE, when we cut from God, we cut away from our ability to love. That's why we have the seven sacraments; they supply the supernatural and make visible in us the invisible divine life of God.

- Fr. Basil Lek.

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please pray for the following infirmed:

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



Nicole Maiore, Emily Bajek, Walter Boyle,
Loretta Eustachewich & Rosemarie Michelle

Michael Januska
Colbie Derborow,
Arthur Drone,
Edward Bzdek,
Ted Kozakiewicz,

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.

CATECHIST'S AIDE!

If you can spare an hour on the Sundays when Catechism Classes are in session (11:00am to 12:15pm) won't you consider helping out in the classroom by **assisting our hard-working Catechists?**



Sessions for the upcoming year began on Sept. 23rd, 2018 – please think about it. If interested, kindly call Josephine Sarno at 973-743-6122. (High school students welcome).

Grief Support Mettings

Van Tassel Bereavement Ministry invites you to their Grief Support meetings being held at the Conference Room, Van Tassel Funeral Home: 337 Belleville Ave, Bloomfield, NJ 07003. Phone: 973-743-1234.

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM, 8 weeks small group sequence for the bereaved will be held on Tuesday: Oct. 2, Oct. 16, Nov. 6, Nov. 20, Dec. 4, Dec. 18, Jan. 8 and Jan. 22.

No one should grief alone.

Sessions are free, all are welcome!

**The Altar Bread & Wine Offering &
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Sunday October 7, 2018
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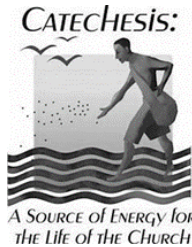
If you want to be truly happy, and if your faith does not give you an answer to the sufferings and difficulties that you face everyday, come and see!

You are invited to a serious encounter with the Lord. It begins with a set of talks on the Good News of the Catholic Church.

CATECHESIS FOR ADULTS
(youth 12 years and older welcome)

Beginning on Monday, October 22nd, 2018, come and listen!

MONDAYS and THURSDAYS
8:00 PM - 9:00 PM, IN THE CHURCH HALL
Baby Sitting Provided.



OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

The Holy Rosary is Christocentric and very powerful because they contain the Word of God from the Bible. In the spiritual journey of the Holy Rosary, we are being conformed to Christ and we entrust ourselves in a special way to the maternal care of the Blessed Virgin (St. John Paul II: *Rosarium Virginis Mariae*).

The Rosary is a treasure to be rediscovered as we enter into this new millennium (*Novo Millennio Ineunte*). The Blessed Rosary of Mary is the sweet chain which unites us to God, and the bond of love which unites us to the angels (Blessed Bartolo Longo).



Immaculate Heart Academy

IHA will be hosting its Fall Open House on Sunday, Oct. 14 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Discover how IHA empowers girls through excellence in academics, including a robust STEM curriculum, athletics, the arts, service, and much more. Members of our administration, faculty/staff, and coaching staff will be on hand to answer questions.

A second Fall Open House will be held Thursday, Oct. 25 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Do you belong @theheart? Online preregistration is requested at www.ihanj.com. Call 201.445.6800 for more information. IHA is located at 500 Van Emburgh Ave. Township of Washington, NJ 07676.

PARAMUS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Paramus Catholic High School, an academic community which combines both faith and education, cordially invites 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students and their parents to visit us during one of our Open Houses on

Wednesday, October 17th from 7:00-9:00 PM.
The School is located at:
425 Paramus Road, Paramus, NJ 07652.
Tel: (201) 445-4466 ext 104.



WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA

Saturday, October 13th
"You at Least Try to Console Me."

World Apostolate of Fatima,
Our Lady's Blue Army Shrine,
674 Mt. View Rd East, Asbury, NJ 08802

Celebrate the Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima, and her request to not offend the Lord our God, and to continue to pray the rosary every day for peace. Place your petitions before Our Lady. Visit the Holy House USA with crushed stone from the Holy House of Loreto; the actual baldacchino and altar over which the last great apparition of Fatima took place; and the largest extant piece of the tree upon which Our Lady stood at Fatima

10:30 am: Confessions start; **12:00 pm:** Rosary Procession; **12:30 pm:** Guest Speaker, **Rev Luke Fletcher C.F.R.;** **1:15 pm:** Holy Mass with Celebrant **Most Rev. Nicholas A. DiMarzio,** followed by Eucharistic Procession, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Fatima Farewell Procession, Brown Scapular Enrollment. **Note:** Talks at the Holy House USA concerning relics and Fatima at **10:30 a.m.,** following Divine Mercy Chaplet **till 5 p.m.** For more info: www.bluearmy.com 908-689-1700 Ext 210

Mount St. Dominic Academy

3 Ryerson Avenue, Caldwell, NJ 07006
www.msdacademy.org

Open House for 7th and 8th grade girls and families
October 28th at 12:00pm.
Call 973-226-0660, ext 1122 for questions.