

## First Sunday of Advent, December 2, 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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### 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** December 1  
 5:30 pm **Jeannie Drone** (Madeline Bulkowski)

**SUNDAY** December 2 (First Sunday of Advent)  
 8:00 am **The People of the Parish**  
 10:00 am **Gerard Madden** (Madden Family)  
 12:00 pm **Edna Tomosieski** (Kathleen Tomosieski)

**MONDAY** December 3 (St Francis Xavier, Priest)  
 8:00 am **Joey Wilczewski** (Krawiec Family)

**TUESDAY** December 4 (St John Damascene, Priest & Doctor)  
 8:00 am **John Krawiec** (Krawiec Family)

**WEDNESDAY** December 5  
 8:00 am **José García** (Elito & Divina Santos)

**THURSDAY** December 6 (St Nicholas, Bishop)  
 8:00 am **Indra Babu** (Mohn Babu)

**FRIDAY** December 7 (St Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor)  
 8:00 am **Rena Jacunski** (Bill Jacunski)  
 7:00 pm **In Church, Gaetano Russo** (Malia Russo)

**SATURDAY** December 8 (The Immaculate Conception)  
 8:00 am **In Church, Ildefonso Austria** (Chanco Family)  
 5:30 pm **Mona Guerriero**

**SUNDAY** December 9 (Second Sunday of Advent)  
 8:00 am **John Balicki** (Stanley Balicki)  
 10:00 am **The People of the Parish**  
 12:00 pm (Baptism) **Tina Amahit** (Chanco Family)

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

**Second Sunday of Advent**  
**Bar 5: 1-9; Ps 126: 1-6;**  
**Phil 1: 4-6, 8-11; Lk 3: 1-6**

**CHURCH COLLECTION**

**Sunday Collection November 18, 2018: \$5,027.00**  
**Black & Indian Collection: \$1,306.00**  
**Sunday Collection November 25, 2018: \$3,751.80**

Please keep up your donations to St Valentine Church to help pay for the building insurances, payroll, utilities, maintenance & our compulsory contribution to the Archdiocese.

- Fr Basil Lek.

**CALENDAR OF EVENT**

**SATURDAY** December 1  
 5:30 pm Religious Retirement Collection  
 7:30 pm **Catechumenate Eucharist** (Rectory)

**SUNDAY** December 2 (First Sunday of Advent)  
 Religious Retirement Collection  
 10:00 am **Children's Liturgy** (Church Hall)  
 11:00 am **Catechism, Grades 1-8** (School)

**MONDAY** December 3 (St Francis Xavier, Priest)  
 8:00 pm **Adult Catechesis** (Church Hall)

**TUESDAY** December 4 (St John Damascene, Priest & Doctor)  
 7:00 pm **Baptismal Prep.** (Rectory)  
 8:00 pm **Liturgy of the Word** (Rectory)

**WEDNESDAY** December 5  
 7:00 pm **Altar & Rosary Sodality** (Rectory)

**THURSDAY** December 6 (St Nicholas, Bishop)  
 7:30 pm **Athletic Club** (Election & Christmas Party)  
 7:30 pm **Adult Choir** (Church)  
 8:00 pm **Adult Catechesis** (Church Hall)

**FRIDAY** December 7 (St Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor)  
 8:00 pm **Prayer Group** (Chapel)

**SATURDAY** December 8 (The Immaculate Conception)  
 2:00 pm **Women's A.A.** (Rectory Basement)  
 4:00 pm **Sacrament of Reconciliation** (Church)  
 5:30 pm Archdiocesan Assessment Collection  
 7:00 pm **Luke 18 Christmas Party** (Church Hall)  
 7:30 pm **Catechumenal Eucharist** (Rectory)

**SUNDAY** December 9 (Second Sunday of Advent)  
 Archdiocesan Assessment Collection  
 11:00 am **Catechism, Grades 1-8** (School)  
 12:00 pm **Baptism at Mass**

**MONDAY** December 10  
 7:30 pm **Advent Penance Service** (St Valentine)

**ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK!!!**

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**New Jersey**  
**CatholicMatch.com/myNJ**

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners

This Sunday we begin a new season of Advent and the new liturgical year. In the Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples what will happen at the end of time. The earth and the rest of the universe will be destroyed and the Son of Man, Jesus Christ will come with his angels to rescue those who belong to heaven, just as he rescued Noah (Lk 21: 25-28, 34-36).

In the earlier part of Luke chapter 21, Jesus explains that it would be a time when people of the world would have become very wicked and will persecute those who belong to Jesus. This Great Tribulation that is inflicted on the Church will spark off the end of the world. When will this happen? As people of the world become more and more violent and wicked, and find more and more inventive ways to hurt each other, the virtue of the Christians begin to bother them because they choose to live in darkness.

Jesus warns us, "*Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap.*" The Christian is reminded that we do not belong to the world of sinfulness. Don't give your heart to the enticements of the world. St. Basil tells us that the cares of this life may seem to have nothing unlawful, but it distracts us from our focus on doing the will of God. God has chosen us to live a different life from the people of the world, and our mission is to help people come back to God.

This liturgical season of Advent comes to help us. It reminds us to detach from the world and prepare for the coming of Christ. We are reminded of the first coming of Christ at Christmas. But the time between the first coming and the final coming of Jesus Christ is a time that we should be vigilant and wary of the deceptions and distractions that the devil put in our way. This Advent, turn back to the Lord! Let us re-dedicate ourselves to the vocation that God has given us to be part of his Church participating in the work of Jesus Christ. *Be vigilant at all times*, because the devil wants to poison us with his evil teachings so that we would turn away from being faithful to God and his Church. Prepare your hearts by confessing your sins and let Jesus Christ be born in your hearts.

- 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, Paul Gagliano, Loretta Eustachewich, Emily Bajek & Walter Boyle, Michael Januska, Colbie Derborow, Nicole Maiore, Edward Bzdek, Mary Jane Sexton, Rosemarie Michelle,

### 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.

## ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Our three Catholic Churches of Bloomfield will combine to have our Advent Penance Service in St. Valentine Church at:

**7:30pm on Monday, December 10.**

All Parishioners are invited to attend.

## Grief Support Meetings

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 grieve alone.  
Sessions are free, all are welcome!

The Altar Bread & Wine Offering &  
The Sanctuary Candle Offering for  
Sunday November 25, 2018  
is offered in honor of:

**John Krawiec**

Donated by:  
**Krawiec Family**



### Come and Listen to the Good News!

Join us for the good news of the Word of God. St Paul tells us that faith comes from listening to the good news (Rm 10: 17).



You are invited to a serious encounter with the Lord. Our parish is starting a new Catechumenate which is a comprehensive faith formation charism that gives you all aspects of the Catholic Church. The best Catechetical synthesis of the Church. It is free -of-charge but it is priceless.

All you need to do is come and listen. God will do the rest. Don't miss this opportunity!

**EVERY MONDAY and THURSDAY  
8:00 PM - 9:00 PM, IN THE CHURCH HALL**  
Baby Sitting is Provided.

### Candlelight Rosary Procession

The Children of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary would like to invite you to a candlelight Rosary Procession in honor of the Immaculate Conception.

Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 4pm,  
Brookdale Park, Montclair,  
NJ. We will meet at the  
playground. All are welcome!



### BOOKING OF MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2019

Booking of Mass Intentions will be opened on Tuesday December 4<sup>th</sup> at 9am in the Rectory Office



### Paramus Catholic High School Honor Roll

We would like to acknowledge our parishioner:

**Daniel Baez**

who has achieved First Quarter honors at Paramus Catholic High School. Congratulations!

### OPLATKI, POLISH CHRISTMAS WAFERS

Oplatki will be available the first week of December. It will be in the Vestibule of the Church on weekends and the Rectory Office during weekdays. A donation will be accepted.

### Thank you to our Confirmation Candidates



A special "nod" to the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation candidates for fulfilling part of their service requirement by turning out to clean the Church over the Thanksgiving weekend:

Arian Abalos with sister Aira, Anthony Dittrich with Dad, Jocelyn Rivera with Mom, and Demetria Glennon. Their time and effort made a noticeable difference and is very much appreciated.

### St. Valentine Advent Giving Tree Gift Appeal

Christmas is a time of love and giving, and once again members of the Special Events and Social Concerns Committee are asking parishioners to donate a gift to a child suffering from cancer or the ravages of cancer. Through the Valerie Fund, the generosity of St. Valentine parishioners helps these children and their families to have a memorable Christmas.



Please take a Tag with the gift item listed, purchase the gift and return it unwrapped. We will be collecting gifts until December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Thank you for your gift of love and giving.

### ST VALENTINE FOOD PANTRY FOOD FOR CHRISTMAS

Thank you for all your donations at our Thanksgiving Mass. As we begin the season of Advent, the Food Pantry is preparing for the Christmas Food Gifts.



We invite you to donate to the Food Pantry for Christmas. Start early in helping others in need. You can drop off your dry goods at the Church when you come to mass on Sundays, or bring your frozen foods or dry goods to the Rectory Office during Office Hours (8:30am-4:00pm Mondays-Fridays) at 125 N Spring Street, Bloomfield, NJ.