

CHURCH OF SAINT VALENTINE

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 22, 2026



Masses

Saturday Evening ----- 5:30 pm

Sunday ----- 8:00 am, 10:00 am & 12:00 pm

Monday to Saturday in the Chapel ... 12:00 pm

Holy DaysSee Bulletin

Rectory Office Hours ----- 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Rectory Telephone ----- 973-743-0220

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Served By

Fr. Andrew N. Onyemaobi ----- *Pastor*
Judy Giuliano ----- *Parish Secretary*
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Kevin Amahit ----- *Financial Trustee*
Lisa Campanella ----- *Financial Trustee*
Iris Prcic ----- *Director of Music*
Jean Frucci ----- *Food Pantry Coordinator*

Our Mission Statement

The Roman Catholic Community of Saint Valentine is called to be a visible sign of God's presence in the world. Through celebration of the sacraments, especially through reconciliation and the Eucharist, we are sent out to proclaim and witness to the Gospel by our lives. We are therefore dedicated to serving others within our church, local communities and throughout the world. By loving God, neighbor and self we deepen our response to the Lord and to announce the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ.

Sacraments

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

At the Church, Saturdays at 12:45pm (after the 12:00pm mass in the Rectory Chapel). During the week, you can call the office to make an appointment with the Priest.

BAPTISMS

Parishioners who want Baptism for their children need to be registered, active members of the Church. The Baptism will be celebrated at the 12:00 Noon Sunday Mass. Parents and Godparents are required to attend a meeting in the Rectory. All Godparents must have received the sacrament of Confirmation.

MATRIMONY

All Catholics should only marry in the Catholic Church. A Catholic marriage requires a time of preparation of at least one year. Therefore, parishioners should meet with the Priest before making any arrangements of date and time, or booking of the banquet.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If someone needs the sacrament of the sick, please call Fr Andrew Onyemaobi at 973-743-0220. Family members are invited to join in the liturgy of the Sacrament of the Sick.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Our program will be held at St. Valentine Church. For further information please reach out to our acting D.R.E.

Mrs. Marta Cirilli-Kuebler at faithformationstval@gmail.com.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, February 21

2nd Collection — Black & Indian Catholic Relief Services

12:00pm Ella Kupier (Deceased)
 From: Bill & Nannette Jacunski
 5:30pm Elaine D’Onofrio (Deceased)
 From: Glennon Family

Sunday, February 22

2nd Collection — Black & Indian Catholic Relief Services

8:00am Ziggy Gabara (Heavenly Birthday)
 From: Lucy
 10:00am Dorothy Iadanza (Deceased)
 From: Natalie Fernandez
 12:00pm Fr. Andrew Onyemaobi
 From: Desiree

Monday, February 23

12:00pm Jeovanni Resus (Deceased)
 From: Elito & Divina

Tuesday, February 24

12:00pm Marti Carlos (Deceased)
 From: Judy (Parish Secretary)

Wednesday, February 25

12:00pm Gerardo Chanco (Deceased)
 From: Elito & Divina

Thursday, February 26

12:00pm Cindy Cariaga (Birthday)
 From: Val & Tess

Friday, February 27

12:00 pm Eunice Creer (Birthday)
 From: Creer Family

Saturday, February 28

2nd Collection — None

12:00pm Nelia Tonaco (Birthday)
 From: Nick & Eunice Creer
 5:30pm Cynthia Balk (Deceased)
 From: Carol Goldsworthy

Sunday, March 1 **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

2nd Collection — None

8:00am Stanley Balicki (Deceased)
 From: Stanley
 10:00am Panfilo Chan (Deceased)
 From: Nick & Eunice Creer
 12:00pm Jaime Virtucio (Deceased)
 From: Genia Virtucio

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

This passage from Genesis narrates the creation of man, the temptation by the serpent, and the fall of Adam and Eve.

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19

Paul tells the Romans that Adam’s disobedience brought sin and death to the world, but Christ’s dying on the cross for us will bring us salvation and life.

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

In preparation for His ministry, Jesus goes into the desert to fast and pray for 40 days. There He is tempted by the devil to give evidence of His miraculous powers, but Jesus resists the devil saying, “Away with you Satan! You shall do homage to the Lord your God; Him alone shall you adore.”

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SUNDAY COLLECTION (2/15/26).....	\$3,459.00
Maintenance.....	\$ 870.00
Archdiocesan Assessment.....	\$ 110.00
TOTAL.....	\$4,439.00

Electronic Giving..... \$ 1,024.43

Thank your for your generosity to your Parish & your continued stewardship.

NEW PARISHIONERS

If you are new in the parish, we would appreciate it if you register. [Please PRINT clearly and drop in the collection]

Name _____ Address _____

Phone Number _____ E-Mail _____

New Registration Change of Address Moving Out of Parish



Gospel Today
First Sunday of Lent | Matthew 4:1-11

Year A

To begin His ministry Jesus prayed, fasted and avoided sin as He spent 40 days in the desert praying to God. He believed the Holy Spirit would be with Him.

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Believe... in the power of prayer

Pretzels shaped like praying arms remind us of the rewards of our prayers.

Eat a pretzel after your prayer this week.



Dear God,
This week I pray for these people I love.

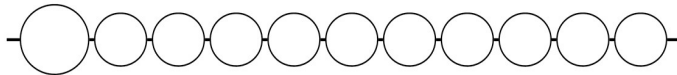
- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____

Add as many people as you want to the list.



The First Sorrowful Mystery -
The Agony in the Garden

Think about this mystery before praying.
In the Garden of Gethsemane Jesus prayed to God about what was to take place.



This week: Say an Our Father and color the large bead - say 10 Hail Mary's and color each small bead. End with the Glory Be to the Father. Think about Jesus praying to God, "Thy will be done".

FREE Virtual SAT Mock Exam

Offered to St. Valentine Parish Youth

Prepare for the SAT with a free, full-length, live proctored practice test

Who Should Attend:

- ✓ 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students
- ✓ Students taking the May and June SAT
- ✓ First-time SAT test takers

What Students Receive:

- ✓ Full-length, SAT-style mock exam
- ✓ Detailed diagnostic score report & study tips

Presented by **Sefia Tutors**

Advance Registration Required:
www.sefiatutors.com/community

FOOD PANTRY

You can donate:
Cereal, Macaroni & Cheese, Soups, Canned Vegetables, Tuna, Peanut Butter, Jelly, and Spaghetti Sauce.

You may bring your donations to the Vestibule of the Church before Mass or at the Rectory during office hours.
Thank you for your kind generosity!

The Pope's Monthly Intentions

FEBRUARY

For children with incurable diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, February 21

7:00pm Neo Catechumenal Eucharist [Chapel]

Sunday, February 22

No events scheduled

Monday, February 23

No events scheduled

Tuesday, February 24

No events scheduled

Wednesday, February 25

7:00pm Neo Catechumenal Liturgy of the Word [Chapel]

Thursday, February 26

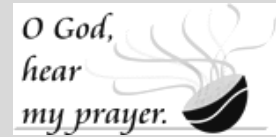
7:00pm Fish Fry/Festival Meeting

Friday, February 27

7:00pm St Valentine Prayer Group

Please **PRAY** For The Healing of those listed :

- ◆ Anita Juanco
- ◆ Jean Frucci
- ◆ Cameron Provines
- ◆ Janice Mannello
- ◆ Rosa Berthachavez Saul
- ◆ Damianus Aditya Christie & Joseph
- ◆ Nicole Ostering
- ◆ Mary Rende, /Faruk, Irfan, Tahsin & Sherit R. & her Sister and for Sema & her family
- ◆ Jacob (Maria DaCunha's Grandson)
- ◆ Alan Bruce Bradshaw
- ◆ Andrea Emilia Bernabey
- ◆ Gustavo & Caceres Family
- ◆ Rios Family
- ◆ Alonso Family
- ◆ Santa Cruz Family
- ◆ Denise Swantek



SAVE THE DATE:

Feb. 26th Fish Fry / Festival Planning Mtg.

7pm Rectory

March 1st Fish Fry Luncheon

TICKETS ON SALE AFTER ALL MASSES

Sunday
March 1st, 2026
2pm-4pm

Saint Valentine Fish Fry

Tickets Are NOW on Sale!!



ORDER NOW
201-207-0785

Where: Church Hall
125 N. Spring St. Bloomfield NJ 07003
Adults: \$25.00 / Children \$15.00



DAILY READING FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday

Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19;
Mt 4:1-11

Monday

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday

Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday

Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12

Friday

Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday

Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48



FRIDAYS
7:00PM



Archdiocese of Newark
OFFICE OF THE VICAR GENERAL

2026 LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, **and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.**

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.

On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

2. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially", or as a whole, is a serious obligation.
3. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.
4. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, February 22** to **The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, May 31, 2026.**