

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 11, 2018



Church of

# ST. VALENTINE

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**MASSES**

**Saturday at 5:30PM.,**

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

**Weekdays: Monday thru Saturday**

**8:00AM. 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 1:00PM (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 faith formation and growth as a Christian, and participate 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. Also, please let us know if you need collection envelopes.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**SATURDAY February 10** (St. Scholastica, Virgin)  
**5:30 pm The People of the Parish**

**SUNDAY February 11** (6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time)  
**8:00 am Santo & Beatrice Perri** (Christina Gabriele)  
**10:00 am Joe & Pat Vadala** (Carolyn Vadala)  
**12:00 pm Helen Cole** (Michael Gwozdz)

**MONDAY February 12** (President Lincoln's Birthday)  
**8:00 am Silvestre Amahit** (Chanco Family)

**TUESDAY February 13**  
**8:00 am Rena Jacunski** (Bill Jacunski)

**WEDNESDAY February 14** (Ash Wednesday)  
**8:00 am Donors of the Altar** (In Church)  
**7:00 pm Fr. Don DiPasquale** (In Church)

**THURSDAY February 15** (Thursday after Ash Wednesday)  
**8:00 am Mary McLaughlin** (Joan Luisi)

**FRIDAY February 16** (Friday after Ash Wednesday)  
**8:00 am Frank Polizzi** (Polizzi Family)

**SATURDAY February 17** (Saturday after Ash Wednesday)  
**8:00 am Kermit Anderson** (John & Edith Anderson)  
**5:30 pm Victor Bulkowski** (Stanley & Katherine Lipinski)

**SUNDAY February 18** (First Sunday of Lent)  
**8:00 am The People of the Parish**  
**10:00 am Fr. Michael C. Santoro**  
**12:00 pm Elio Litterio** (Litterio Family)

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

**First Sunday of Lent**  
**Gn 9: 8-15; Ps 25: 4-9; 1 Pt 3: 18-22;**  
**Mk 1: 12-15**

**CHURCH COLLECTION**

**Sunday Collection 2/4/2018: \$4,510.00**

**Thank you for your support and sacrifice in your love offering of financial help to the parish.**

**To pay for the repairs, replacement of parts, the utilities and insurances for our Church buildings, and the Archdiocesan assessments, we need a minimum weekly collection of \$6,000. Please increase your tithing to St. Valentine Church. It is up to you to give, but God has already given you the money... it is in your bank account. Thank you.**

**CALENDAR OF EVENT**

**SUNDAY February 11** (6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time)  
**Archdiocesan Assessment Collection**  
**11:00 am Catechism, Grades 1-8** (School)

**TUESDAY February 13**  
**8:00 pm Liturgy of the Word** (Rectory)

**WEDNESDAY February 14** (Ash Wednesday)  
**Mass Collection is for Retired Priests**

**THURSDAY February 15** (Thursday after Ash Wednesday)  
**7:30 pm Adult Choir** (Church)

**FRIDAY February 16** (Friday after Ash Wednesday)  
**7:00 pm Stations of the Cross** (Church)  
**8:00 pm Prayer Group** (Chapel)

**SATURDAY February 17** (Saturday after Ash Wednesday)  
**1:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation** (Church)  
**2:00 pm Women's A.A.** (Rectory)  
**7:30 pm Catechumenal Eucharist** (Rectory)

**SUNDAY February 18** (First Sunday of Lent)  
**Maintenance Fund Collection**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN LENT**

**Join us for the Stations of the Cross every Friday in the Season of Lent, Starting this Friday, the 16<sup>th</sup> of February at 7 pm in the Church.**

**Unite yourself to the Passion of Christ because he passionately loves you!**

**CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY**

The Family Life Office of the Archdiocese of Newark is once again preparing the annual tradition of honoring those couples in our Archdiocese who will be celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of Christian Marriage in the year 2018.

These anniversary liturgies will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark on:

**April 29, 2018 3:00PM 5 years & 25 years**  
**Registrations due April 10 (All Counties)**

**May 6, 2018 3:00PM 50 Years**  
**Registrations due April 17 (All Counties)**

**Please call the Parish Office: 973-743-0220.**

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners

In this Sunday's Gospel (Mk 1:40-45), Jesus meets a leper who knelt down and begged him, "*If you wish you can make me clean.*" What is interesting is the attitude of this leper; he recognizes Jesus as the One who can heal him; perhaps he even acknowledges Jesus as God. We can learn how to pray from the attitude of this leper. He approaches Jesus with humility and respect, and does not demand because he knows that he has no right to demand anything from God. He considers what Jesus wishes as more important than his own will because he trusts that God is not indifferent to him, so he appeals to the compassion of God. And Jesus was *moved with pity* for this man. *He stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean."*

Jesus could have cured him without touching him, for the Jews do not touch lepers for fear of being made unclean. Because of this, lepers are excommunicated from society. They have to live in deserted places away from the general population. The touch of Jesus brings this leper back into communion with humanity and with God. God, the Holy Trinity is a Unity of Love; the power of God's love gives us communion with Him and our neighbor. St. Basil and St. Gregory Nazianzus tell us that the love between the Father and the Son is the Holy Spirit. And God is never alone because He is a Trinity of Persons. Therefore, God gives us his Holy Spirit so that we would never have to be alone anymore.

Instead this leper goes around publicizing the miracle Jesus did for him, so that Jesus had to avoid the towns and remained outside in deserted places like what the leper used to do. Jesus avoids people who want medical cures but not his Word of Life that can heal the soul. He takes the place of the leper as a consequence of his kindness to him. Jesus, in his holy humility, takes our place and in exchange, gives us communion with the living. He descends into hell for our sins so that we would receive a place in heaven.

- Fr. Basil Lek.

## LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please pray for the following infirmed:

Walter Boyle,  
Arthur Drone,  
Carmela Storm,  
Abigail Mehring,



Dennis Hayes, Michele Sewasky,  
Rosemarie Michelle, Ralph Gaccione  
Colbie Derborow & Eleanor Mahasky

Rose Carroll,  
Jean Drone  
Nicole Maiore,  
Lorraine Noack

### A REMINDER:

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

## The Altar Bread & Wine Offering & The Sanctuary Candle Offering for

Sunday February 11, 2018

is donated in loving memory of:



**Victor Bulkowski**



Donated by:

Stanley & Katherine Lipinski

## St. Valentine Church Fish Fry!

Join us for a Fish 'N Chips Dinner on Friday  
February 23, 2018

5:15 pm. - 6:45 pm.

Eat In or Take Out.

Catered by The Thistle

Tickets: Adults: \$15,

Children under 10 years: \$8

(Children Menu: Fish or Chicken Tenders)

For Tickets, call and leave message for:

Joan Conroy (973) 748-6460 or

Patty Krawiec (973) 380-6626 or

Get forms from Church Vestibule.

Place order form with check in an envelope (marked Fish 'N Chips) and drop in collection basket in Church.

**Deadline for Reservations: Sunday, February 18, 2018.**



**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:

**AMERICAN BISTRO**

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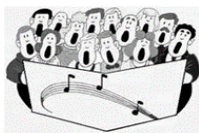
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**SAINT VALENTINE ADULT & TREBLE CHOIRS**

Come let us sing joyfully to the Lord; cry out to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with a song of praise (Ps 95: 1-2).

Come join the Choir and use your voice for praising God.



See Hannah Elarmo, our Music Director, or call the Rectory Office: (973) 743-0220.

**Morning of Healing: For Perinatal Loss**

The Offices of Family & Respect Life are offering a Morning of Healing to support families who have experienced the loss of a child due to miscarriage, stillbirth or neo-natal death. We invite all parents, siblings, grandparents and others who are affected by the loss of a baby, either recently or long ago. Agenda includes: Presentations on topics specific to perinatal loss, small group discussions, a memorial service, resources and fellowship. Lunch and refreshments provided. When: Saturday, February 17, 2018 at 8:30am to 12:30pm at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 60 Byrd Avenue, Bloomfield, NJ. Free of charge and babysitting is provided.

For more information call 973-497-4327

**Must register online at:**

<http://Events.rcan.org/PerinatalLoss/>

**St. Thomas the Apostle September Club**



Come join us. The trips will be by Comfortable Charter Buses.

**Hunterdon Hills Playhouse  
Irish Celebration & Dinner**

March 18th (Sunday) - 2:30pm Show  
(Dublin Trinity Band, Dublin City Dancers,  
Vocalists, Jokes & Stories)

**\$96 Price Per Person includes:**

Show, Dinner & Gratuity,  
Bus Transportation & Driver Tip.  
Bus will depart at 1:00pm.

**MASS INTENTIONS 2018**



Offer a Mass Intention for someone's Birthday or Anniversary so that we can all pray for the person. Or a deceased Loved One so God may bring his or her soul speedily to heaven.

Mass Intentions for 2018 are available for booking. Please come to the Rectory during office hours: 9am to 4pm, Mondays to Fridays. Or contact the secretary during those hours and send your check. Mass stipends are only \$10 per Mass.

Also, Sanctuary Candle and Altar Bread & Wine donations are \$20 each.

**OVERNIGHT PARKING**



St. Valentine Church will offer overnight parking contracts starting in February 2018. The monthly fee for private car owners who park their cars at their own risk throughout the night is \$100 per month. A minimum of 6 months.



These parking lots are located across from the Church Building along East Passaic Avenue. Vehicles that do not have permission to park overnight will be ticketed and towed at the owner's expense. No commercial vehicles are allowed to park in our parking lots. We are hoping to raise some money for the Church. This parking scheme does not affect people coming to Mass and Church activities.