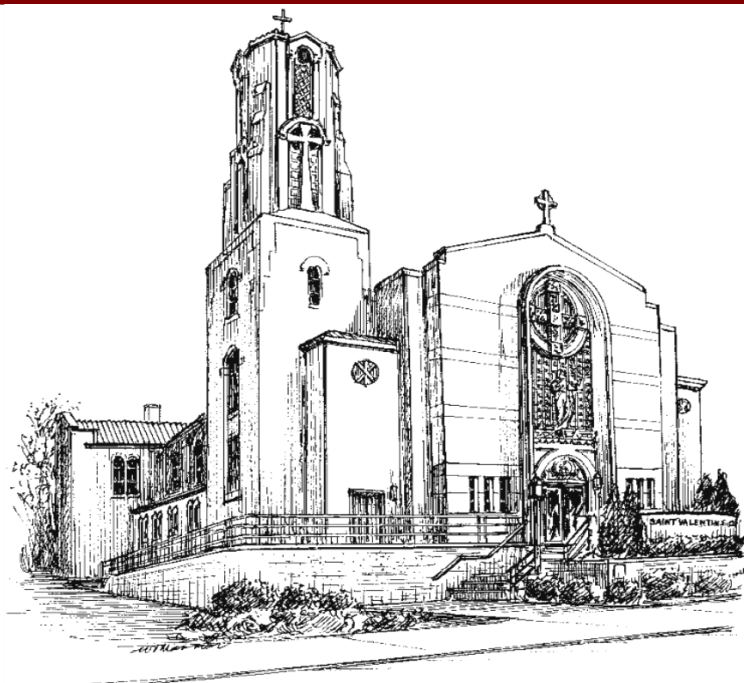


# CHURCH OF SAINT VALENTINE

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 10, 2023



## 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 Days ----- Please see the bulletin

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

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

Rectory Fax ----- 973-743-2041

Parish Website: ----- [www.stvalentinechurch.com](http://www.stvalentinechurch.com)

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## Served By

Fr. Andrew N. Onyemaobi ----- Pastor

Fr. Dennis E. Reiff ----- In Residence

(Pastor Emeritus of Mt. Carmel Church, Nutley)

Judy Giuliano ----- Parish Secretary

Robert Bulkowski ----- Maintenance

Kevin Amahit ----- 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) we have Confession. during the week, you may call the office to make appointments 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 first 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](mailto:faithformationstval@gmail.com).

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday, December 9**

**2nd Collection — Retirement Collection  
For The Religious**

12:00pm Miguel Cabrera (Deceased)  
From: Son Michael  
5:30pm Athletic Club (Deceased Members)

**Sunday, December 10—Second Sunday of ADVENT**

**2nd Collection — Retirement Collection For The Religious**

8:00am John Balicki  
From: Stanley Balicki  
10:00am Carmaletta Chelliah (Birthday)  
From: Chelliah Family  
12:00pm Jamie Virtucio  
From: Genia Virtucio

**Monday, December 11**

12:00 pm Jose & Priscilla Garcia (Deceased)  
From: Bill & Nannette

**Tuesday, December 12**

12:00 pm Bill & Nannette (Thanksgiving)

**Wednesday, December 13**

12:00 pm Visitacion Esmilla  
From: Genia Virtucio

**Thursday, December 14**

12:00pm Andrew & Justina Onyemaobi  
From: The Family

**Friday, December 15**

12:00 pm Francisco & Isabel Balangue  
From: Balangue Family

**Saturday, December 16**

**2nd Collection — Archdiocesan Assessment**

12:00pm Vangrofski Family (Deceased members)  
From: The Family  
5:30pm Eric Balk  
From: Carol Goldsworthy

**Sunday, December 17—Third Sunday of ADVENT**

**2nd Collection— Archdiocesan Assessment**

8:00am Edward Leppard (Deceased)  
From: Carol Goldsworthy  
10:00am Sofronio Cojo  
From: Anita Laurente  
12:00pm Robert Mills Sr.  
From: Mills Family  
5:00pm Simbang Gabi

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11**

Isaiah emphasizes that from the desert to the mountains, all people must prepare for “the glory of the Lord to be revealed.” Rather than looking only at God’s power, Isaiah focuses on God’s kindness, comparing it to a shepherd who feeds and cares for his flock.

**Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14**

For those who are impatient for the Second Coming, Peter explains that time is different to God than to people. He reminds them that they should be grateful for the extra time to prepare, and concentrate on striving to become all that God would want them to be.

**Gospel: Mark 1:1-8**

In this passage, John the Baptist stressed the importance of the coming of the Messiah. He acknowledged that he was only the messenger, and unfit to “stoop and untie his sandal straps.” John urged them to prepare for one far holier than he, who would walk among them.

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**Parish Giving**

<b>Sunday Collection (12/3/23)</b>	<b>\$ 3,522.00</b>
<b>Christmas.....</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>
<b>Immacualte Conception.....</b>	<b>\$ 50.00</b>
<b>Religious Retirement.....</b>	<b>\$ 5.00</b>
<b>Assessment.....</b>	<b>\$ 30.00</b>
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$ 3,707.00</b>
<b>Electronic Giving</b>	<b>\$ 451.21</b>

***Thank you 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  
☐ Send me Weekly Emails ☐ Send me Monthly Emails ☐ Want Envelopes ☐ Do Not Want Envelopes




**KID'S KORNER**

**Gospel Today**  
 Second Sunday of Advent | Mark 1:1-8

**BE AWARE, PREPARE!**  
 John the Baptist, Jesus' cousin, was sent to Baptize many people and prepare them for the coming of Jesus, the True Messiah.

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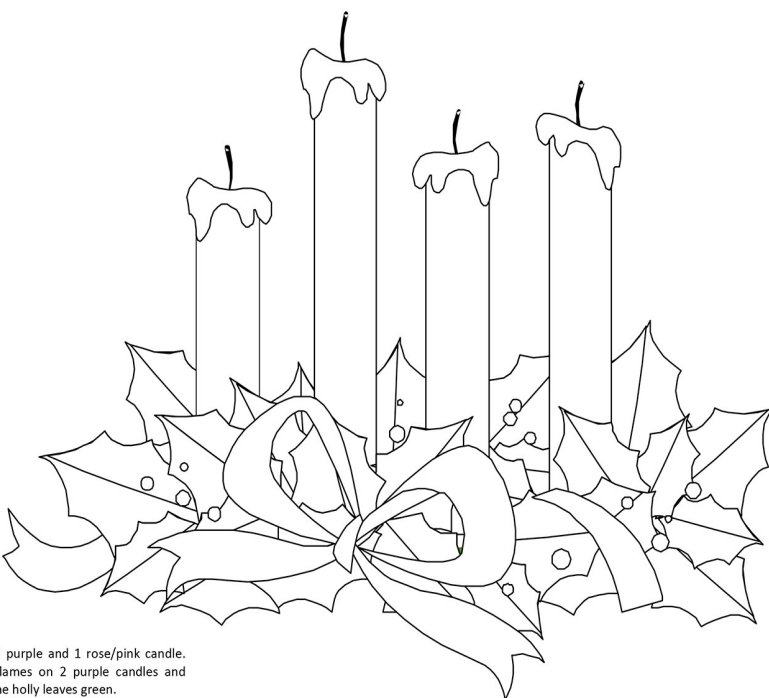
**SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT**  
 ARRIVAL OR COMING OF CHRIST

We begin the second week of Advent preparing ourselves for the Messiah. Our Advent wreath has 4 candles (3 purple, 1 rose/pink) for the four Sundays, or weeks before Christmas. The more candles we light, the brighter it gets, and the closer we are to the birth of Christ.

**WEEK 2, evening lighting prayer**  
*Prayer said by Father or head of household*

"O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure minds. Through Christ our Lord, Amen".

Oldest child lights 2 purple candles.




Color 3 purple and 1 rose/pink candle.  
 Draw flames on 2 purple candles and color the holly leaves green.



**We are happy to announce collaborative Toy Drive by St. Valentine's Church and the Bloomfield Police Department for the Bloomfield Youth Aide Foundation. We are accepting Un-Wrapped toys for young children and gift cards for teenagers. You can drop off in Church Vestibule or at the Rectory Office until Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you~~~**

- Please PRAY For The Healing of those listed below:**
- ♦ Nicole Ostering
  - ♦ Mary Rende
  - ♦ Jacob (Maria DaCunha's Grandson)
  - ♦ Viola-Cleo Bradshaw
  - ♦ Cordelia Vogel
  - ♦ Andrea Emilia Bernabey
  - ♦ Gustavo & Caceres Family
  - ♦ Rios Family
  - ♦ Alonso Family
  - ♦ Santa Cruz Family





**"Pope Francis' Monthly Intentions**  
**For persons with disabilities**

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Saturday, December 9**

7:00pm Neo Catechumenal Eucharist (Chapel)

**Sunday, December 10**

No events Scheduled

**Monday, December 11**

7:00pm Reconciliation in Church

**Tuesday, December 12**

No events Scheduled

**Wednesday, December 13**

7:00pm Journal Meeting—Rectory

**Thursday, December 14**

7:00pm Neo Catechumenal Liturgy of  
the Word (Chapel)

**Friday, December 15**

No events Scheduled

**Saturday, December 16**

7:00pm Neo Catechumenal Eucharist (Chapel)

**Sunday, December 17— Third Sunday of ADVENT**

5:00pm Simbang Gabi

**FEAST OF  
OUR LADY  
OF GUADALUPE**

12TH DECEMBER

On 9th December 1531 Juan Diego saw The Virgin Mary on the Hill of Tepeyac, near Mexico City, who asked him to build a church there. He told the Spanish Archbishop of Mexico, who advised him to return to the hill to ask the "lady" for a sign to prove her identity. First Mary healed Juan's sick Uncle, and then, on 12th December 1531, she told him to gather flowers from the top of the hill - where he found roses growing on the barren ground. She gathered up the roses in his cloak (tilma) for him to take back to the Archbishop. When he opened his tilma to show the roses, they fell to the floor and this image of Our Lady was imprinted upon it.

The tilma, displayed in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe - the most visited Marian shrine - is an iconic Mexican religious and cultural image.

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**SAINT VALENTINE  
CHURCH**

**SIMBANG  
GABI MASS  
AND RECEPTION AFTERWARDS**

Sunday, December 17, 2023

at 5:00 PM

125 North Spring Street  
Bloomfield, New Jersey

Simbang Gabi (Filipino for "Night  
Mass") is a novena (nine days) of  
Masses in anticipation of Christmas.



**SAVE THE DATE:**

Dec 1st—15th Cheesecake Sale

Dec 11th—Advent Reconciliation Service 7pm  
Church

Dec 13th-Next Journal Meeting 7pm Rectory

Dec 17th — Simbang Gabi at 5:00pm

Jan 8th—Next 125th Committee Mtg. 7pm

Feb 20th—First Meeting of the Spiritual Commit-  
tee Book Club! Details to follow soon.

**ST. LUCY Feast Day December 13th**



**PRAYER IN HONOR OF  
ST. LUCY**

O God, our Creator and Redeemer,  
mercifully hear our prayers that as  
we venerate Thy servant, St. Lucy,  
for the light of faith Thou didst  
bestow upon her, Thou wouldst  
confer to increase and to pre-  
serve this same light in our souls,  
that we may be able to avoid evil,  
to do good and to abhor nothing so  
much as the blindness and the dark-  
ness of evil and of sin.

Relying on Thy goodness, O God,  
we humbly ask Thee, by the inter-  
cession of Thy servant, St. Lucy,  
that Thou wouldst give perfect  
vision to our eyes, that they may  
serve for Thy greater honor and  
glory, and for the salvation of our  
souls in this world, that we may  
come to the enjoyment of the un-  
fading light of the Lamb of God in  
paradise.

St. Lucy, virgin and martyr, hear  
our prayers and obtain our petitions.

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**DAILY READING**

**Second Sunday of ADVENT  
Sunday**

Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

**Monday**

Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26

**Tuesday**

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab  
Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings  
from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Wednesday**

Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

**Thursday**

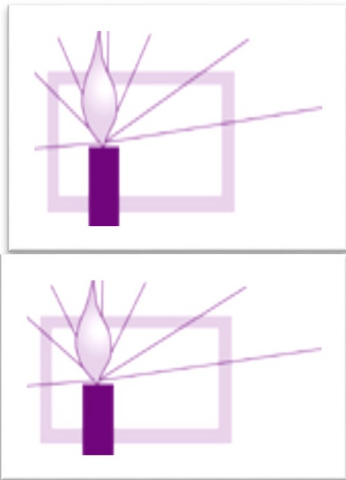
Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15

**Friday**

Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

**Saturday**

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13



## GIVING TREE

ONLINE VIA THE QR  
CODE OR VISITING  
OUR WEBSITE.  
DONATIONS GO TO  
THE CHILDREN'S  
HOSPITAL OF NJ.



GIFTS LEFT IN THE VESTIBULE  
WILL GO TO LOCAL  
ORGANIZATIONS  
PLEASE RETURN ALL GIFTS BY  
DECEMBER 15, 2023



4 Pound Cheesecakes  
Sale From  
December 1 -  
December 15  
Pickup at Masses  
December 16 & 17

## Cheesecake Sale

DROP YOUR ORDER IN  
THE COLLECTION BASKET  
OR CALL  
PATTY KRAWIEC AT  
201-207-0785

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone number \_\_\_\_\_  
# of Plain Cheesecakes (\$25) \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Arrive early to enjoy the Christmas Vigil  
Concert Pre-Mass Sessions with Iris Prsic  
at 5:00 & 7:30pm*



## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY  
DECEMBER 24TH AT  
5:30 PM AND 8:00 PM

MONDAY  
DECEMBER 25TH AT  
8:00 AM, 10:00AM, AND  
12:00 NOON



## 125th CORNER

FEBRUARY 16, 2024—2025

## SAINT VALENTINE 125TH ANNIVERSARY MERCHANDISE



SHIRTS, HATS,  
BAGS & CHRISTMAS  
ORNAMENTS ARE  
NOW AVAILABLE.

THE ORDER FORM IS  
AVAILABLE IN THE  
VESTIBULE AND ON  
OUR WEBSITE

[HTTP://WWW.STVALENTINECHURCH.COM/125TH-ANNIVERSARY.HTML](http://www.stvalentinechurch.com/125th-anniversary.html)