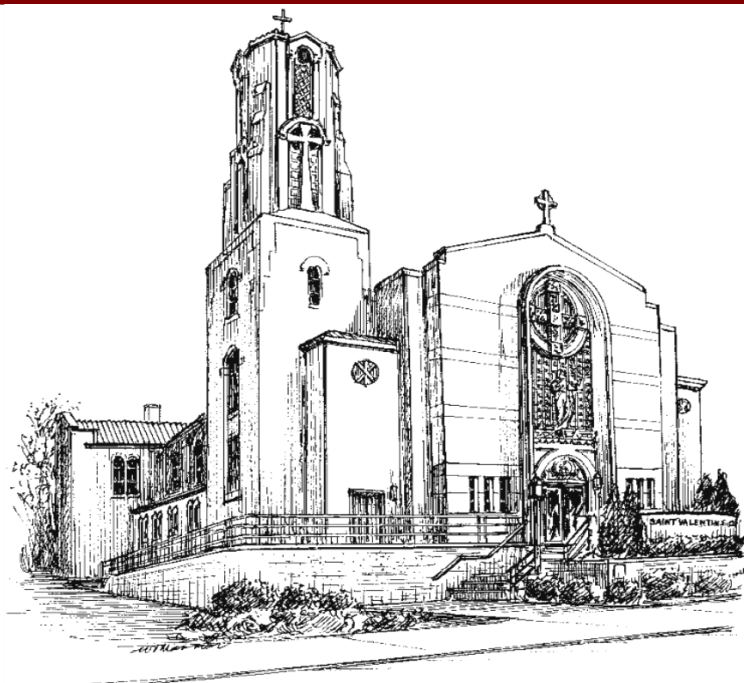


CHURCH OF SAINT VALENTINE

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 17, 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

Parish Instagram ----- [@SaintValentineBloomfieldNJ](https://www.instagram.com/SaintValentineBloomfieldNJ)

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Pastoral Council: StValsPastoralCouncil@gmail.com

Faith Formation: faithformationstval@gmail.com

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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**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

Monday, December 18

12:00 pm Rocco Clementi (Deceased)

From: Thomas Conlon

Tuesday, December 19

12:00 pm Lauren Marek

From: Lipoma Family

Wednesday, December 20

12:00 pm Josefina Conde (Deceased)

From: Myrta Rueda

Thursday, December 21

12:00pm Stefania & Edward Gabara

From: Daughter Lucy

Friday, December 22

12:00 pm Jose Malbarosa

From: Myrta Rueda

Saturday, December 23**2nd Collection — None**

12:00pm Aida Bacorn

From: Val & Tessies

5:30pm Francis Dee

From: The Jesolosky Family

Sunday, December 24—Fourth Sunday of ADVENT**2nd Collection— None**

8:00am Thomas Edward Ganley

From: Linda Ganley

10:00am Edward & Stefania Gabana(Deceased)

From: Lucy Gambino (Daughter)

12:00pm Aida Bacorn

From: Val & Tessie

5:30 & 8:00pm Christmas Eve Vigil Mass**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT****First First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11**

Isaiah describes the joy and salvation which will accompany the coming of Christ. He compares the plants which spring from a garden to the justice that will spring from all nations.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Paul reminds the Thessalonians to constantly ready themselves for Christ's arrival. He tells them to "avoid any semblance of evil" so that they may be found irreproachable when Jesus does arrive.

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

John explains that he is only a messenger to the people for one more powerful than himself. John stresses to them that they must make a path for the one so powerful that he is not fit to unfasten the strap of his sandal.

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Parish Giving

<u>Sunday Collection (12/10/23)</u>	\$ 4,563.50
Christmas.....	\$ 250.00
Candles	\$ 235.00
Immaculate Conception.....	\$ 201.00
Religious Retirement.....	\$ 1,042.91
Assessment.....	\$ 25.00
World Mission.....	\$ 25.00
All Saints	\$ 30.00
TOTAL.....	\$ 6,372.41
<u>Electronic Giving</u>	\$ 1,116.64

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

Third Sunday of Advent | John 1:6-8, 19-28

BE AWARE, PREPARE, REJOICE!

John the Baptist denies being the Christ. He is sent to testify to the light, the coming of Christ, light of the world.

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GAUDETE SUNDAY

The Rose Candle

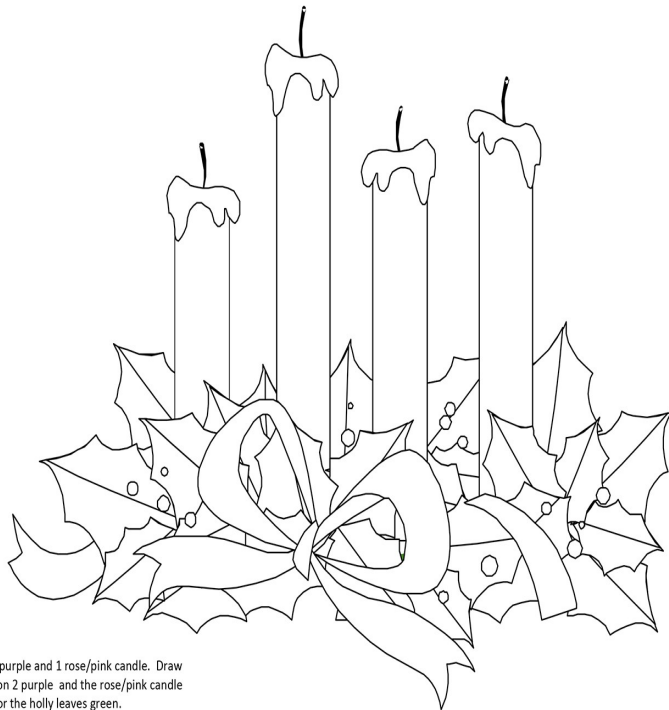
The rose/pink candle represents hope and joy. Rejoice! We are halfway through Advent and Christmas is near. Christ, light of the world, is coming soon.

WEEK 3, evening lighting prayer

Prayer said by Father or head of household

"O Lord, we beg Thee, incline Thy ear to our prayers and enlighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of Thy visitation. Through Christ our Lord, Amen".

Mother lights the first & second purple and the rose/pink candle.



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



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.



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.

WEBSITE (www.stvalentinchurch.com)

ST. VALENTINE'S CHURCH
Statement of Revenues and Expenses

	Actual Fiscal Year Ended 6/30/2023	Budget Fiscal Year Ended 6/30/2024
REVENUES		
SUNDAY AND HOLYDAY COLLECTIONS	\$236,299	\$220,000
CHRISTMAS	8,228	9,000
EASTER	9,676	9,000
ASSESSMENT COLLECTION	11,595	10,000
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INCOME	3,252	3,250
RENTAL INCOME	316,670	298,000
INTEREST INCOME	3,960	3,000
GIFTS, DONATIONS & BEQUESTS	0	0
RESTRICTED INCOME	4,776	15,000
FUNDRAISING AND RAFFLES	72,851	68,000
PERQUISITES	1,650	3,000
CANDLE REVENUE	2,431	3,000
SOCIETY INCOME	19,750	10,000
OTHER INCOME	<u>68,354</u>	<u>12,000</u>
	759,492	663,250
EXPENSES		
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	203,829	234,915
CONTRACTED AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	38,286	48,550
REPAIRS, MAINTENANCE, INSURANCE, GROUNDS	101,606	123,360
UTILITIES	82,879	101,100
SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT	31,407	30,000
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MATERIALS AND PROGRAMS	2,985	6,000
SOCIETY EXPENSES	10,554	10,000
RECTORY EXPENSES	12,442	12,500
FUNDRAISING AND RAFFLE EXPENSE	48,743	48,000
ARCHDIOCESAN ASSESSMENTS	25,848	37,825
EMERGENCY LOAN INTEREST EXPENSE	1,076	0
PARISH PROGRAMS AND OTHER EXPENSES	<u>7,994</u>	<u>4,500</u>
	567,649	656,750
OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	<u>191,843</u>	<u>6,500</u>
CAPITAL PROJECT REVENUES	\$59,245	\$0
CAPITAL PROJECT EXPENSES (FY 2023 SCHOOL BOILER AND CARPET; STATIONS OF CROSS)	<u>(196,817)</u>	<u>0</u>
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	<u>\$54,271</u>	<u>\$6,500</u>

*Includes non-recurring insurance payment of \$55,570.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, December 16

7:00pm Neo Catechumenal Eucharist (Chapel)

Sunday, December 17

5:00pm Simbang Gabi

Monday, December 18

No events Scheduled

Tuesday, December 19

No events Scheduled

Wednesday, December 20

No events Scheduled

Thursday, December 21

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

Friday, December 22

No events Scheduled

Saturday, December 23

7:00pm Neo Catechumenal Eucharist (Chapel)

Sunday, December 24

Regular Sunday Morning Masses

Christmas Eve Vigil Masses at 5:30 & 8:00pm

5:00 & 7:30pm Christmas Concert with Iris Prcic

DAILY READING

Third Sunday of ADVENT

Sunday

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday

Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday

Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

Thursday

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45

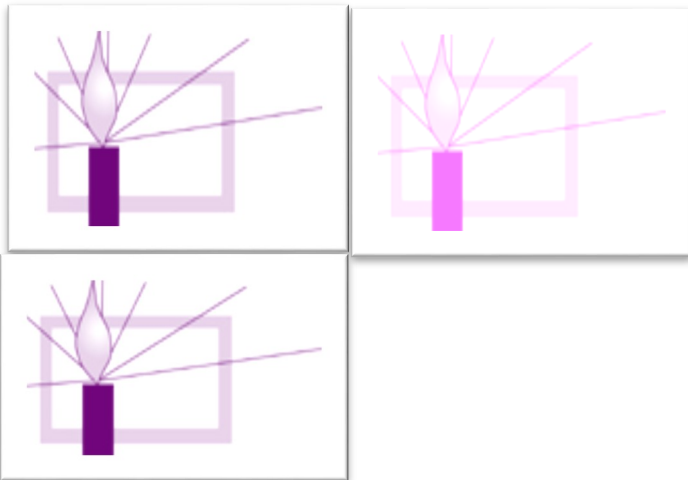
Friday

1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56

Saturday

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66





Reminder: Pick up Cheesecakes After Masses



CHRISTMAS



Arrive early to enjoy the Christmas Vigil Concert Pre-Mass Sessions with Iris Prcic 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)

Feast of the Holy Family

December 30 at 5:30 PM

December 31 at 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12:00PM

Solemnity of Mary—New Year's Day

December 31 at 5:30 PM

January 1 at 12:00 PM and 7:00 PM

Epiphany of the Lord

January 6 at 5:30 PM

January 7 at 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM