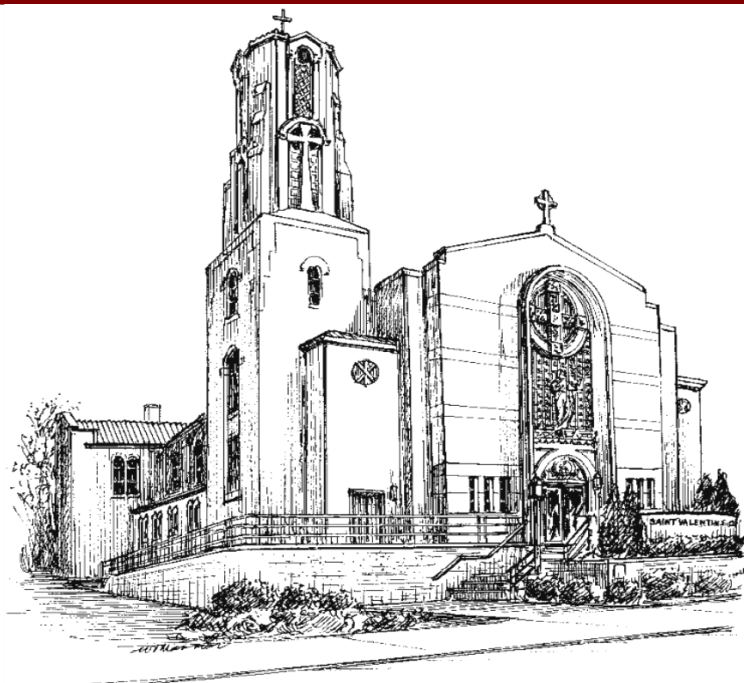


# CHURCH OF SAINT VALENTINE

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 24, 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)

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

Parish Facebook: ----- [@SaintValentineBloomfieldNJ](https://www.facebook.com/SaintValentineBloomfieldNJ)

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Pastoral Council: [StValsPastoralCouncil@gmail.com](mailto:StValsPastoralCouncil@gmail.com)

Faith Formation: [faithformationstval@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:faithformationstval@gmail.com).

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

12:00pm Aida Bacorn  
 From: Val & Tess  
 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

**Monday, December 25 CHRISTMAS DAY**

8:00am People of the Parish  
 10:00am People of the Parish  
 12:00 pm People of the Parish

**Tuesday, December 26**

12:00 pm Consuelo Bumanlag (Deceased)  
 From: Divina Santos

**Wednesday, December 27**

12:00 pm Jose Araujo  
 From: Lurdes Sol

**Thursday, December 28**

12:00pm Armin Cariaga  
 From: Val & Tessie

**Friday, December 29**

12:00 pm Debbie Walsifer  
 From: Lipoma Family

**Saturday, December 30****2nd Collection — None**

12:00pm Consuelo Bumanlag (Deceased)  
 From: Divina Santos  
 5:30pm Paul Dinardo  
 From: Mary Dinardo

**Sunday, December 31—Feast of the Holy Family****2nd Collection — None**

8:00am Edward Leppard (Deceased)  
 From: Mary Dinardo  
 10:00am Edward Szefer  
 From: Maria Szefer  
 12:00pm Armin Cariaga  
 From: Val & Tess

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16**

King David plans to build a temple to honor God. But God tells Nathan the Prophet that instead he will give David rest from his enemies, and ensure that both his house and community will be protected forever.

**Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27**

In this letter of Paul to the Romans, he explains that the gospel reveals the mystery that had been hidden for many ages. Now it has been made known to all, so that they may believe, obey, and give glory through Jesus Christ forever.

**Gospel: Luke 1:26-38**

The Virgin Mary is approached by the angel Gabriel, who tells her that she has been chosen to bear the Son of God. Mary is first afraid, yet shows her unquestioning faith when she simply says, "Let it be done to me as you say."

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## Parish Giving

<b>Sunday Collection (12/17/23)</b>	<b>\$ 3,115.00</b>
<b>Christmas.....</b>	<b>\$ 115.00</b>
<b>Immaculate Conception.....</b>	<b>\$ 847.00</b>
<b>Religious Retirement.....</b>	<b>\$ 205.00</b>
<b>Assessment.....</b>	<b>\$ 848.00</b>
<b>Solemnity of Mary .....</b>	<b>\$ 10.00</b>
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$ 5,140.00</b>
<b>Electronic Giving</b>	<b>\$ 262.97</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

Fourth Sunday of Advent | Luke 1:26-38

Year B

BE AWARE, PREPARE, REJOICE, SEE THE LIGHT!

The Angel Gabriel came to Mary with good news. She would give birth to Jesus, and her cousin Elizabeth would give birth to John the Baptist, for nothing is impossible with God.

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## FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

ARRIVAL OR COMING OF CHRIST

1<sup>ST</sup> Day of Winter even in the short daylight hours

**We See the Light!**

4 bright candles – Jesus is coming soon...

### WEEK 4, evening lighting prayer

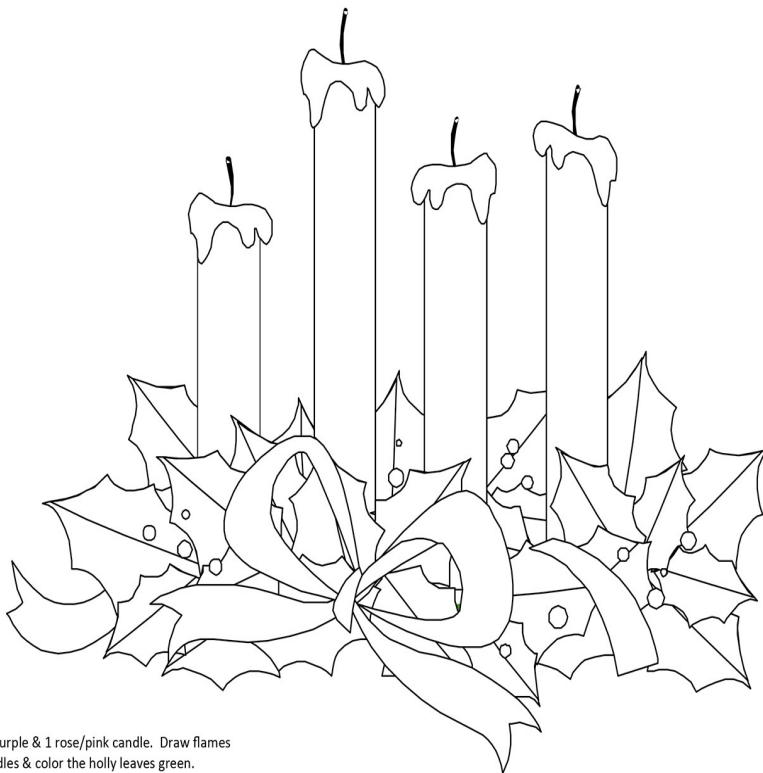
*Prayer said by Father or head of household*

"O Lord, stir up Thy power, we pray Thee, and come; and with great might help us, that with the help of Thy Grace, Thy merciful forgiveness may hasten what our sins impede. Through Christ our Lord, Amen".

Father or head of household lights all the candles.

**We are Aware, We are Prepared,  
We Rejoice, We see the Light!**

**Christ, Light of the World.**



Color 3 purple & 1 rose/pink candle. Draw flames on 4 candles & color the holly leaves green.

**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](http://www.stvalentinchurch.com))



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS****Saturday, December 23**

7:00pm Neo Catechumenal Eucharist (Chapel)

**Sunday, December 24**

Christmas Eve Vigil

Christmas Concert

Mass at 5:30 & 8PM

**Monday, December 25 CHRISTMAS DAY**

Mass at 8:00, 10:00, 12 Noon

**Tuesday, December 26**

No events Scheduled

**Wednesday, December 27**

7:00pm Journal Meeting—Rectory

**Thursday, December 28**

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

**Friday, December 29**

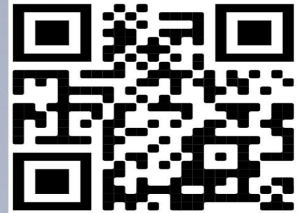
No events Scheduled

**Saturday, December 30**

7:00pm Neo Catechumenal Eucharist (Chapel)

**Sunday, December 31 — Feast of Holy Family****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 31, 2023.  
GIFTS WILL BE COLLECTED AND  
GRATEFULLY RECEIVED, EVEN  
AFTER CHRISTMAS.

**SAVE THE DATE:**

Jan 8th—Next 125th Committee Mtg. 7pm

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

**DAILY READING****Fourth Sunday of ADVENT****Sunday**

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

**Monday**

Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Night: Is 9:1-6; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

**Tuesday**

Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22

**Wednesday**

1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

**Thursday**

1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Mt 2:13-18

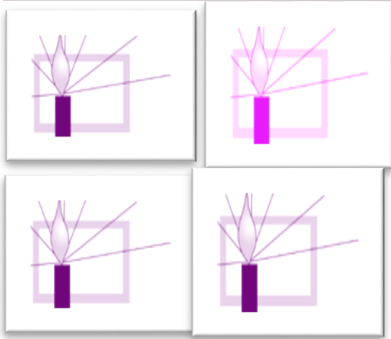
**Friday**

1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

**Saturday**

1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40





Dear Parishioners,

*Christmas is a beautiful and holy time of the year. It is when we become more aware of the many gifts God gives us all year - the gift of life, the gift of faith, and the gift of each other.*

*On Christmas, God showed how deeply he loved us by taking flesh and becoming one like us so we could become more like him.*

*All of us here at Saint Valentine Church, priests, and staff, wish you and your family a happy and holy Christmas. I pray that the Christ, whose birth we celebrate, may be present in your hearts and your homes throughout this season of Joy!*

In the Lord,

*Andrew Onyemaobi*

Rev. Father Andrew Onyemaobi

Pastor

**O COME, LET US ADORE  
HIM O COME, LET US  
ADORE HIM, O COME, LET  
US ADORE HIM, CHRIST  
THE LORD**

**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



## 25th 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)