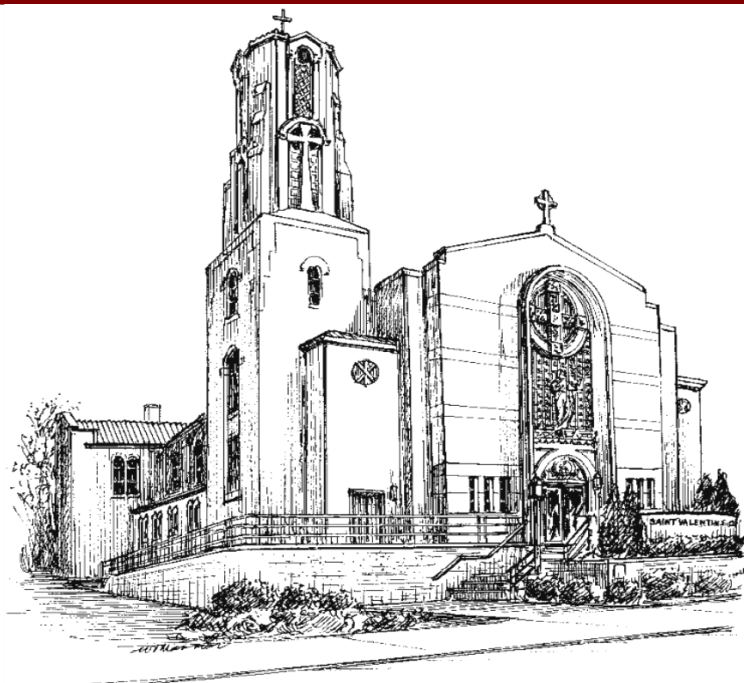


CHURCH OF SAINT VALENTINE

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 3, 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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Parish Email: ----- stvalentinechurch@yahoo.com

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 2

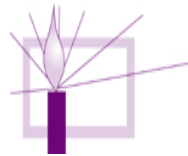
2nd Collection — None

12:00pm Margie Ocariza (Death Anniversary)
From: Creer Family
5:30pm Nettie & John Mulvihill
From: Maryanne

Sunday, December 3—First Sunday of ADVENT

2nd Collection — None

8:00am Mary Lou Zubel
From: Mary Dinardo
10:00am Justin Resus
From: Desiree Resus
12:00pm Teresa Siomko (Deceased)
From: Children



Monday, December 4

12:00 pm Flomena Gonnella (Deceased)
From: Family

Tuesday, December 5

12:00 pm Lucena Santos (Deceased)
From: Elito & Divina Santos

Wednesday, December 6

12:00 pm Alfred & Agnes Jacunski (Deceased)
From: Bill & Nannette

Thursday, December 7

9:00am Rena
From: Jacunski Family

Friday, December 8—The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12:00 pm Mass in Church
7:00pm Mass in Church

Saturday, December 9

2nd Collection — Retirement Collection for the 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 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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7

In this straightforward psalm, the people acknowledge their sinful ways, yet plead that their Creator might reveal himself to them. They ask God to remember, not their sins, but that "We are all the work of your hands."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Paul explains to the Corinthians that they are specially favored by God who has sent his only Son to them. He reminds us all that it was through God's grace that we have been called to kinship with Christ.

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

Just as a servant watching over the master's house does not know when he will return, we do not know the hour of the Second Coming. Mark reminds us of the warning from Jesus to always be on guard, for we know not the day nor the hour.

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Parish Giving

Sunday Collection (11/19/23)	\$ 4,658.26
Candles	\$ 193.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 25.00
Assumption	\$ 25.00
Assessment.....	\$ 928.00
TOTAL.....	\$ 5,829.26
Electronic Giving	\$ 243.40
Sunday Collection (11/26/23)	\$ 2,837.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 719.04

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
First Sunday of Advent | Mark 13:33-37

BE AWARE & KEEP WATCH!
Always be ready for the day and hour when God comes again. No one knows when, not even Jesus or the Angels in Heaven.

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WEEK 1, evening lighting prayer

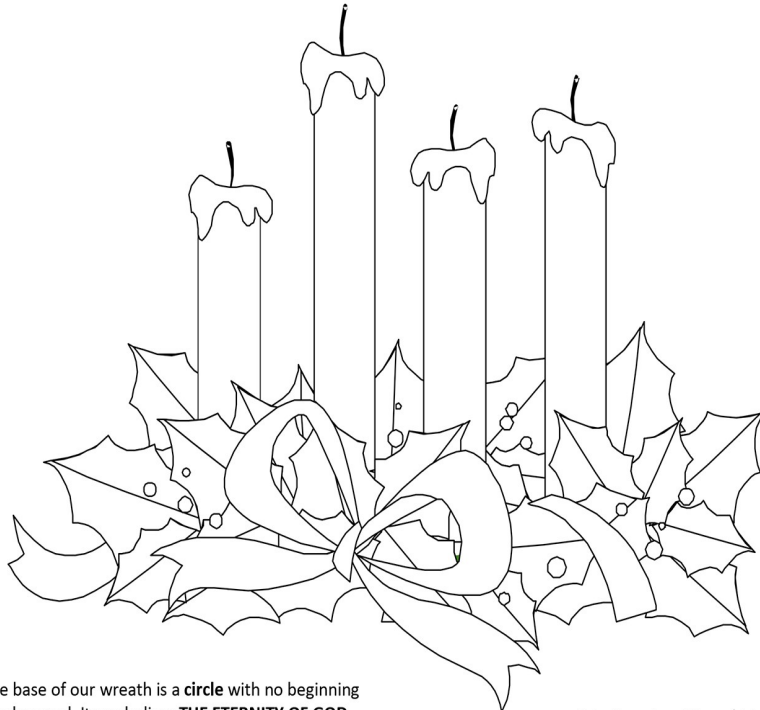
Prayer said by Father or head of household

"O Lord, stir up Thy might, we beg Thee, and come, that by Thy protection we may deserve to be rescued from the threatening dangers of our sins and saved by Thy deliverance. Through Christ our Lord, Amen". Youngest child lights 1 purple candle.

BLESS THIS WREATH

Prayer said by Father or head of household

"O God, by whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth Thy blessings upon this wreath and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from Thee abundant graces. Through Christ our Lord, Amen."



The base of our wreath is a circle with no beginning and no end. It symbolizes **THE ETERNITY OF GOD**.

We decorate the base with **EVERGREENS** which represent **CONTINUOUS LIFE**.

Color 3 purple and 1 rose/pink candle.
Draw a flame on 1 purple candle 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. 15th. 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

"Pray to the Lord that He will bless me," saying, "Your prayer gives me strength and helps me to discern and to accompany the Church, listening to the Holy Spirit."

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, December 2—First Saturday

7:00pm Neo Catechumenal Eucharist (Chapel)

Sunday, December 3

Boy Scouts Wreath Sale

Children's Confessions for Advent after 10AM Mass

Monday, December 4

7:00pm Parish Council Meeting—Rectory

Tuesday, December 5

No events Scheduled

Wednesday, December 6

No events Scheduled

Thursday, December 7

7:00pm Rosary & Adoration

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

**Friday, December 8—Immaculate Conception
Holy Day of Obligation**

12Noon & 7:00pm Mass in Church

Saturday, December 9

7:00pm Neo Catechumenal Eucharist (Chapel)

Sunday, December 10—Second Sunday of ADVENT

No events scheduled.

125th CORNER

FEBRUARY 16, 2024—2025



DAILY READING

First Sunday of ADVENT

Sunday

Is 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

Monday

Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday

Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday

Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday

Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday

Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Saturday

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

SAVE THE DATE:

Dec 1st—15th Cheesecake Sale

Dec 11th—Advent Reconciliation Service
7pm Church

Dec 11th—Next Journal Meeting 7pm Rectory

Dec 18th — Simbang Gabi at 5:00pm

Jan 8th—Next 125th Committee Mtg. 7pm



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) _____
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Immaculate Conception Friday, December 8

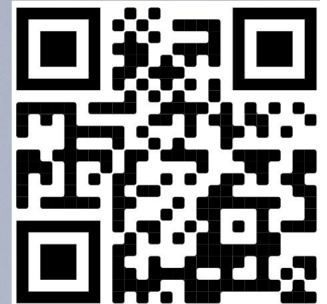
**Masses at Noon and
7:00 PM in the Church**



**Image of Mary and Saint Anne,
her Mother, from our Church.**

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

