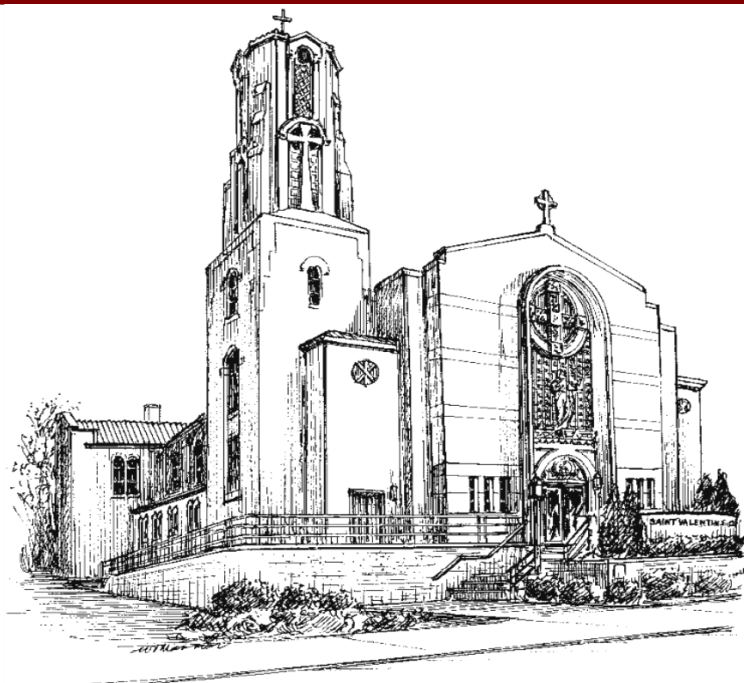


CHURCH OF SAINT VALENTINE

THE EPIPHANY

JANUARY 7, 2024



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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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, January 6**2nd Collection — None**

12:00pm Conchita Nebiar (Deceased)
 From: Corrie Landicho
 5:30pm Victor Broccoli (Deceased)
 From: Mary DiNardo

Sunday, January 7—THE EPIPHANY**2nd Collection — None**

8:00am Stanley Balicki (Deceased)
 From: Stanley Jr.
 10:00am Claudio Resus & Juliana Lamoste Resus
 From: Desiree
 12:00pm Angelo Russano (Deceased)
 From: Angela Zbikowski

Monday, January 8— The Baptism of the Lord

12:00 pm Denise
 From: Jones Family

Tuesday, January 9

12:00 pm Myles & Maya
 From: Grandma

Wednesday, January 10

12:00 pm Sister Gerald Cooney (Deceased)
 From: Thomas Conlon

Thursday, January 11

12:00pm Lourdes & Ramon Bulawin (Deceased)
 From: Emma Laurente

Friday, January 12

12:00 pm Lt. Zapata & Family (Health Recovery)
 From: Elizabeth Vega

Saturday, January 13**2nd Collection — None**

12:00pm Danilo L. Resus
 From: Desiree
 5:30pm Rita Moraski (Deceased)
 From: The Glennon Family

Sunday, January 14**2nd Collection — None**

8:00am Milagros Quisumbing (Thanksgiving)
 From: Mother Mercyjo
 10:00am Solomon Vertudazo (Deceased)
 From: Desiree Resus
 12:00pm Franco Gelli (Deceased)
 From: Mimi

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Isaiah speaks poetically of the coming of the Lord. He describes how "darkness covers the earth" but light and glory appear over God's chosen people.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Paul tells the Ephesians that the Jews and Gentiles are now co-heirs of the promises God has made. He explains that both groups are now members of one body through Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus' birth, three astrologers from the east came to Jerusalem and inquired about the newborn king of the Jews. King Herod became greatly angered, and asked the astrologers to bring him more information about the child once they had found him, so that he too could pay homage to the infant. However, Herod's true plan was to kill Jesus. The wise men were warned in a dream not to return to him and they took a different route to return home.

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Parish Giving

<u>Sunday Collection (12/24/23)</u>	\$ 4,420.18
Christmas.....	\$ 7,917.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$ 1,594.00
Immacualte Conception.....	\$ 75.00
Easter.....	\$ 20.00
Religious Retirement.....	\$ 50.00
Assessment.....	\$ 90.00
Catholic University	\$ 1.00
TOTAL.....	\$14,167.18
<u>Electronic Giving</u>	\$ 779.47
<u>Sunday Collection (12/31/23)</u>	\$ 3,482.00
Christmas.....	\$ 205.00
Immacualte Conception.....	\$ 8.00
Religious Retirement.....	\$ 2.00
Assessment.....	\$ 4.00
Communicating God's Word.....	\$ 2.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 1,751.00
TOTAL.....	\$ 5,454.00
<u>Electronic Giving</u>	\$ 471.17

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 box]

Name _____	Address _____
Phone Number _____	E-Mail _____

KID'S KORNER

Gospel Today

The Epiphany of the Lord | Matthew 2:1-12

The 3 are called **wise men, kings, or magi** - they saw and understood that the baby Jesus was truly God. They took a different route home and did not go back to Herod.

Year B

The Feast of the Epiphany celebrates God's revealing Himself to us in the baby Jesus.

CELEBRATE WITH A KING CAKE!



King Cake season goes from the Feast of the Epiphany through Shrove Tuesday (*Mardi Gras*). This round "crown" cake, represents the journey of the 3 kings, and is decorated in purple (*justice*), green (*faith*) and gold (*power*) icing or sugar. Some cakes have a hidden bean or tiny plastic baby hidden inside and the one who finds it is "crowned", or responsible for the next cake.

Ingredients

1 cup milk (*scalded*)
1/3 cup butter
(*melted in milk*)

small bowl

1/4 cup warm water
1 package yeast
1 tsp. sugar

small bowl

2 eggs beaten
1/2 cup sugar
pinch salt

small bowl

Let all ingredients sit
about 15 minutes, add
to flour - mix well

4 cups flour

large bowl

Directions

Knead on floured surface, 10 minutes (*add more flour if needed*). Rub dough ball with vegetable oil and place in covered oiled bowl in warm place to rise, 1 hour or double in size. Roll flat into rectangle and brush on oil or melted butter, sprinkle with sugar cinnamon. Roll into log starting on long edge. Form into ring (crown), pinch edges together and let rise on baking tray. Bake 350° for 15 - 20 minutes or until golden brown.

Colored sugar: In a jar add 1/2 cup sugar, 1-2 drops food color... green or yellow or red/blue (*purple*) and shake well. Decorate with green, purple & yellow (*gold*) cake icing and colored sugar. *This cake does not include a bean or baby, as in some traditions, due to choking hazard.*

SWEET as HONEY



Buy a king cake online, at a local store/bakery or make your own.

Please PRAY For The Healing of those listed below:

- ◆ **Nicole Ostering**
- ◆ **Mary Rende**
- ◆ **Jacob (Maria DaCunha's Grandson)**
- ◆ **Viola-Cleo Bradshaw**
- ◆ **Alan Bruce Bradshaw**
- ◆ **Cordelia Vogel**
- ◆ **Andrea Emilia Bernabey**
- ◆ **Gustavo & Caceres Family**
- ◆ **Rios Family**
- ◆ **Alonso Family**
- ◆ **Santa Cruz Family**



"Pope Francis' Monthly Intentions

For educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

WEBSITE (www.stvalentinchurch.com)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS**Saturday, January 6—First Saturday**

7:00pm Neo Catechumenal Eucharist (Chapel)

Sunday, January 7—The Epiphany

No events Scheduled

Monday, January 8—The Baptism of the Lord

7pm 125th Committee Meeting—Rectory

Tuesday, January 9

No events Scheduled

Wednesday, January 10

No events Scheduled

Thursday, January 11

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

Friday, January 12

No events Scheduled

Saturday, January 13

7:00pm Neo Catechumenal Eucharist (Chapel)

Sunday, January 14

No events Scheduled

INTRODUCING BEYOND BAPTISM**Beyond
Baptism**

Engaging Laity
Empowering Hearts
Sharing the Real Presence
Encounter Christ through the Eucharist

***Eucharistic Miracles***
The Miracle of Bolsena-Ovieto

In 1263, German priest Peter of Prague, struggling with doubts about the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, found himself at Bolsena. During Mass at St. Christina's Church, blood miraculously seeped from the consecrated Host, compelling Peter to seek guidance from Pope Urban IV in neighboring Orvieto. The Pope, convinced of the miracle, ordered a grand procession, enshrining the blood-stained linen corporal in the Cathedral of Orvieto.

The profound impact of the miracle extended beyond the event itself. Touched by the occurrence, Pope Urban IV commissioned St. Thomas Aquinas to compose the Proper for a Mass and an Office honoring the Holy Eucharist, leading to the institution of the feast of Corpus Christi in August 1264.

Today, pilgrims visit St. Christina's Church in Bolsena, where the Chapel of the Miracle preserves bloodstains on the floor. The Cathedral of Orvieto, adorned with frescoes, houses the revered corporal, marking the site where Pope Paul VI celebrated Mass in 1964 during the 700th anniversary of Corpus Christi. Twelve years later, the same pontiff, via helicopter, addressed the International Eucharistic Congress in Philadelphia, emphasizing the profound mystery of the Eucharist.

The Eucharistic Miracle of Bolsena remains a powerful testament to the transformative nature of faith. Initiated by the doubts of one priest, it led to a miraculous event that shaped the Church's liturgy, giving rise to a celebrated feast and hymns that echo through the centuries. As Pope Paul VI noted, the Eucharist is a "mystery, great and inexhaustible," inviting believers to delve into the profound depths of this sacrament.

SAVE THE DATE:

Feb 20th—First Meeting of the Spiritual Committee Book Club! At 7pm

March 3rd—NOON Mass with Cardinal Tobin

Happy New Year!

**A New Year Blessing from the United States
Conference of Catholic Bishops:**

Our lives are made of days and nights, of
seasons and years, for we are part of a
universe of suns and moons and planets.
We mark ends and we make beginnings
and, in all, we praise God for the grace and
mercy that fill our days.

May the Lord guide and protect you and your
loved ones in this New Year.

DAILY READING**The Epiphany of the Lord****Sunday**

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Monday

Is 55:1-11 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday

1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday

1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45

Friday

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1a; Mk 2:13-17



To commemorate the 125th Anniversary of St. Valentine's Church, the Spiritual Committee has initiated a Book Club. Our first selection, *My Life with the Saints* by James Martin SJ is a "Publishers Weekly Best Book of the Year", "Winner of the Catholic Press Association Book Award" and winner of the "Christopher Award". The 1st meeting will be held February 20th at 7pm in the Rectory. Won't you consider joining us as we read through this "outstanding and often hilarious memoir".

Please RSVP to Janice

Ph. 973-634-6393



25th CORNER

FEBRUARY 16, 2024—2025

COMMEMORATIVE ANNIVERSARY MERCHANDISE SALE ONGOING

UPCOMING DATES:

March 3rd Noon Mass with

Cardinal Joseph Tobin

Luncheon to Follow

ST VALENTINE PIGGY BANK

In the back of the Church we now have a "Piggy Bank" for your spare change which will be used to defer costs of upcoming events. Your generosity will enable us to host free or inexpensive events during the New Year.

