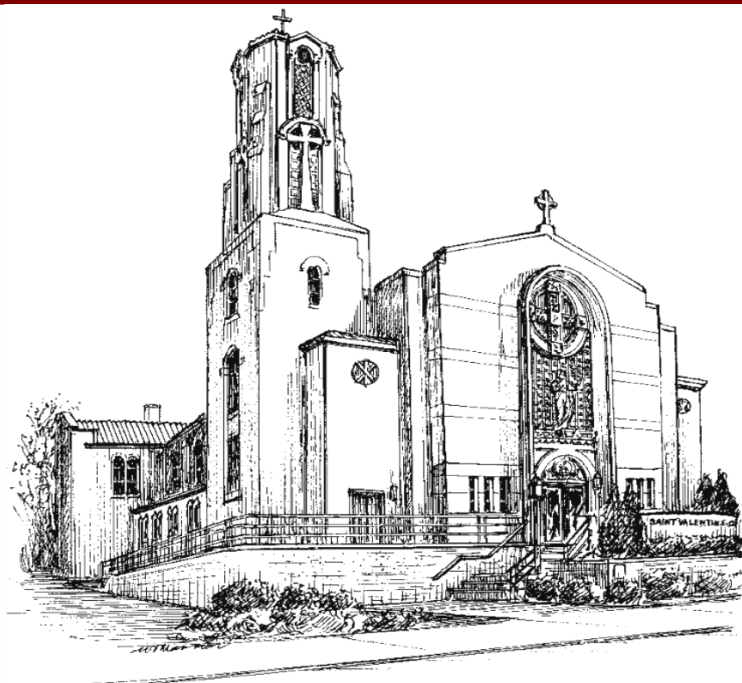


CHURCH OF SAINT VALENTINE

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 3, 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)

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

Parish Email: ----- stvalentinechurch@yahoo.com

Pastoral Council: StValsPastoralCouncil@gmail.com

Faith Formation: faithformationstval@gmail.com

Served By

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

Fr. Andrew Njoku ----- *In Residence*

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, March 2**2nd Collection — None**

12:00pm Rogelio D. Maraan (Deceased)
 From: Corrie & Willie Landicho
 5:30pm Athletic Club (Deceased Members)

Sunday, March 3**2nd Collection — None**

8:00am John Pierz (Deceased)
 From: Stanley
 10:00am Simon & Ann Finnegan (Deceased)
 From: Jim & Christena McManus
12:00pm SPECIAL 125th ANNIVERSARY MASS
 12:00pm Frank Glowacki (Deceased)
 From: Family

Monday, March 4

12:00 pm Val Cariaga
 From: Family

Tuesday, March 5

12:00 pm R. Galo (Birthday)
 From: Desiree

Wednesday, March 6

12:00 pm Angela DeCroke (Decased)
 From: Thomas Conlon

Thursday, March 7

12:00pm People of the Parish

Friday, March 8

12:00 pm People of the Parish

Saturday, March 9**2nd Collection — Black & Indian Missions/Catholic Relief**

12:00pm People of the Parish

5:30pm Pasquale Salerno (Deceased)
 From: Bulkowski Family

Sunday, March 10 — Fourth Sunday of Lent**2nd Collection — Black & Indian Missions/Catholic Relief**

8:00am Clara Araujo (Deceased)
 From: Lurdes Sol
 10:00am Tom & Rose Carroll (Deceased)
 From: Jim & Christena McManus
 12:00pm Joan & Edward Sayre
 From: Marshall

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17**

Through Moses, God passed on the commandments he wished all people to follow. He tells us not to worship idols or take the name of the Lord in vain. All the laws God gave to us, if followed, would ensure that we could live in peace and harmony with one another as he had planned.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Paul tells the Corinthians that Christ is the power and the wisdom of God. Although they claimed to possess wisdom, "God's folly is wiser than men, and his weakness is more powerful than men."

Gospel: John 2:13-25

Jesus went to the temple of Jerusalem to find merchants there selling sheep and doves. He knocked over their tables and drove the animals away. The merchants asked him for a sign that he was authorized to do this. He told them to "destroy this temple (referring to his body) and in three days I will raise it up." The merchants misunderstood, and did not believe he could rebuild in three days what had taken nearly 50 years to build. Still many believed in him, after seeing the miracles he had performed.

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Parish Giving

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| Sunday Collection (2/25/24) | \$ 3,374.00 |
| Archdiocesan Assessment..... | \$ 35.00 |
| Communicating God's Word..... | \$ 250.00 |
| Maintenance..... | \$ 2,783.00 |
| Candles..... | \$ 258.00 |
| The Light Shines in the Darkness.. | \$ 262.00 |
| TOTAL..... | \$ 6,962.00 |

Electronic Giving **\$ 93.40**

***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]

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| Name _____ | Address _____ |
| Phone Number _____ | E-Mail _____ |

KID'S KORNER

Gospel Today
Third Sunday of Lent | John 2:13-25

Jesus was upset people were conducting the "wrong business" in the temple. They were selling goods, not praying.

Year B

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

We say our bodies are our temples - the Spirit of God is in us - eat & act healthy. Jesus also called His body a temple when He said "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days". John 2: 19

Give us New Life, O Lord.

My plan for Lent, one week at a time...

This week I will pray for _____

This week I will give up/do without _____

This week I will do this act of love/good deed _____

(Sundays optional)

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words... left, right, up, down or diagonally.

Jesus Believed
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BEYOND BAPTISM



Beyond Baptism

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



Our Parish will be engaging in a pilot program with Beyond Baptism which will help parishioners better understand the profound gift of the Real Presence in the Eucharist.

Join the **Beyond Baptism Movement** Today! Are you seeking an opportunity to make a meaningful impact in your parish community? Look no further!

Beyond Baptism is actively searching for ministers like you. Our only requirement is that you are friendly, approachable, eager to explore more about your faith and offer 90 minutes a week. Consider joining our team and help parishioners better understand the profound gift of the Real Presence in the Eucharist.

Why Become a Beyond Baptism Minister?

Make a Difference: As a minister, you will be part of a team that will play a vital role in empowering parishioners on their journey to encounter Christ through the Eucharist. You will have the opportunity to make a lasting impact on individuals' faith lives.

Personal Growth: By joining Beyond Baptism, you will have access to training sessions and resources that will deepen your knowledge and understanding of the miracles, saints, and history of the Eucharist. Expand your faith and gain valuable insights.

Flexibility: We understand your time is valuable, so we ask for only 90 minutes of your time a week. Beyond Baptism will take care of the majority of the work, ensuring a manageable commitment for all team members.

Community and Support: Join a vibrant community of Christ-like-minded individuals who are passionate about sharing the beauty of the Eucharist. Collaborate, learn from one another, and build lasting connections.

Join the movement today! Currently, we are looking for a team member from each Mass. Let's deepen our understanding of the Real Presence in the Eucharist and ignite a faith-filled journey for all parishioners.

For more information and to express your interest, email us at info@beyondbaptism.com

UPCOMING IMPORTANT FAITH FORMATION

DATES:

To All students: Classes on March 3rd are rescheduled so that the children and their Families can attend our Special Anniversary Mass at Noon celebrated by Cardinal Tobin. Teachers will be in the back of the church to take attendance prior to Mass.

First Reconciliation. 2/28 6:00pm in our Church
Communion practice 5/2 and 5/3 from 5:00-6:00pm, details will be given closer to practice dates.

Communion MAY 5 at Noon Mass

Confirmation Candidates MUST ATTEND: Confirmation Retreat at St. Thomas Church in Bloomfield, NJ. Retreat Date is MARCH 8th, from 6:00-9:00pm. We will only be providing snacks so please remind the kids to eat dinner before they arrive. Thank you.

FOOD PANTRY

You can donate:

Cereal, Macaroni & Cheese, Soups,
Canned Vegetables, Tuna, Peanut Butter,
Jelly, and Spaghetti Sauce.

You may bring your donations to the
Vestibule of the Church before Mass or at
the Rectory during office hours.

Thank you for your kind generosity!



Please PRAY For The Healing of those listed :

- ◆ **Damianus Aditya Christie & Joseph**
- ◆ **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 the new martyrs
We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

WEBSITE (www.stvalentinchurch.com)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS**Saturday, March 2**

7:00pm Neo Catechumenal Eucharist (Chapel)

Sunday, March 3

No CCD Classes

Luncheon with Cardinal Joseph Tobin after Mass

Monday, March 4

7:00pm Tricky Tray Meeting

Tuesday, March 5

No events scheduled

Wednesday, March 6

No events scheduled

Thursday, March 7

7:00pm Rosary in Church

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

Friday, March 8

7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 9

7:00pm Neo Catechumenal Eucharist (Chapel)

Sunday, March 10

No events scheduled

SAVE THE DATE

March 4th—Tricky Tray Meeting 7pm

March 11—Parish Council Meeting 7pm

March 19—Next Spiritual Book Club 7pm

April 7th—Meet & Greet after 10AM Mass

April 19—TRICKY TRAY *****

“Building a Culture of Life” SEMINAR

Come to “Building a Culture of Life in NJ” Seminar on Saturday, March 23rd from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM at Holy Family Church (St. Joseph Center). Hear NJ pro-life leaders cover topics including: New Jersey after Roe; Post abortion healing/Mercy House; How to graciously answer pro-abortion rhetoric, legislative updates and more! Refreshments & Networking. Space is limited; pre-registration is required: Event is free. Love offering taken. Visit: lifeneteducation.org/life or for more info call: 973-497-4520.



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2024 LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the “paschal fast” to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.

On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

2. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence “substantially”, or as a whole, is a serious obligation.
3. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.
4. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, February 18** to **The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, May 26, 2024**.

*Canon 920, §1. All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.

January 23, 2024

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DAILY READING

Sunday

Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17;
1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

Monday

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday

Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday

Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday

Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23

Friday

Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday

Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14



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 March meeting will be held in St Valentine's Rectory on March 19th at 7:00pm. We will be focusing our discussion on Chapters 1 through 5 of Father Martin's book. Please consider joining us as we delve more deeply into his much acclaimed memoir.

Looking forward to seeing you then.
Any questions, feel free to contact Janis at
Ph. 973-634-6393

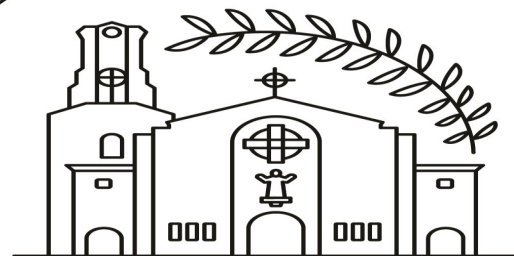


125th CORNER

FEBRUARY 16, 2024—2025

COMMEMORATIVE ANNIVERSARY
MERCHANDISE SALE ONGOING

Noon Mass Today
with Cardinal
Joseph Tobin &
Luncheon



125 YEARS

ST. VALENTINE
BLOOMFIELD, NJ