

# CHURCH OF SAINT VALENTINE

**PALM (PASSION) SUNDAY**

**MARCH 24 , 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  
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## Served By

Fr. Andrew N. Onyemaobi ----- *Pastor*  
Fr. Andrew Njoku ----- *In Residence*  
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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, March 23**

**2nd Collection — Snow Removal**

12:00pm People of the Parish  
5:30pm Gavin Tobia (Deceased)  
From: Family



**Sunday, March 24 — PALM SUNDAY**

**2nd Collection — Snow Removal**

8:00am Gelsomina Ismaelito (Deceased)  
From: Anthony & Alison Ismaelito  
10:00am Aceto Family (Deceased Members)  
From: Dolores Yannuzzi  
12:00pm Angelo Vaccaro (Deceased)  
From: JoAnn Chalet-Furnari

**Monday, March 25**

12:00 pm Brian Porter (Deceased)  
From: Irene Gmitro

**Tuesday, March 26**

12:00 pm People of the Parish  
From:

**Wednesday, March 27**

12:00 pm Flora Boffoli (Deceased)  
From: Family

**Thursday, March 28 HOLY THURSDAY**

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Friday, March 29 GOOD FRIDAY**

9:00am Morning Prayer

**Saturday, March 30 HOLY SATURDAY**

**2nd Collection — Sr. Victoria Divine Luncheon**

9:00am Morning Prayer  
8:15pm EASTER VIGIL

**Sunday, March 31 HAPPY EASTER SUNDAY**

**2nd Collection — Sr. Victoria Divine Luncheon**

8:00am Mary & Jim McManus (Deceased)  
From: Christena McManus  
10:00am Stefania & Edward Gabara  
From: Daughter Lucy Gambino  
12:00pm Jozefa Pasioka  
From: Maria Szefer

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

**First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7**

Isaiah describes the pain and insults of the Servant of God. Yet he sounds hopeful when describing God as his help, knowing he will not be disgraced.

**Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11**

Paul exults Christ's great sacrifice of humbling himself to become human and die on the cross. He explains that this is why we should now realize the importance of honoring both his name and memory.

**Gospel: Mark 14:1—15:47**

Mark describes the events leading up to Christ's crucifixion. The Last Supper is described, explaining where the Eucharist began. Judas betrays Jesus and his suffering at the hands of the Sanhedrin (Council) is detailed

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**Parish Giving**

<b>Sunday Collection (3/17/2024)</b>	<b>\$ 3,839.00</b>
<b>Candles.....</b>	<b>\$ 41.00</b>
<b>Maintenance.....</b>	<b>\$ 20.00</b>
<b>Black &amp; Indian Catholic Relief.....</b>	<b>\$ 20.00</b>
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$ 3,920.00</b>

**Electronic Giving** \$ 1,104.47

*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 >** Cycle B  
**Gospel Today**  
 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord | Mark 14:1-15:47  
 In Jesus' last days, He was scented with perfume, blessed the bread of the First Eucharist, was arrested and denied, suffered and died.

**EASTER BREAD**  
 (6 single servings)



**INGREDIENTS**

<p>1 cup milk (scalded) 1/3 cup butter (melted in milk)</p> <p>small bowl</p>	<p>1/4 cup warm water 1 package yeast 1 tsp. sugar</p> <p>small bowl</p>	<p>2 eggs beaten 1/2 cup sugar pinch salt</p> <p>small bowl</p>	<p>Let all ingredients sit about 15 minutes, add to flour - mix well</p> <p>3 3/4 cups flour</p> <p>large bowl</p>
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**DIRECTIONS**

Knead on floured surface, 10 minutes (*add more flour if needed*). Rub dough ball with vegetable oil & place in oiled bowl. Cover and put in warm place to rise, 1 hour or double in size. Punch dough and cut into 6 equal parts (do not flour surface). Roll each piece into a strip about 15-18" long, place raw, colored egg\* in center, bring ends together and twist. Place on flat baking tray. Brush with egg white and dust with colored sprinkles or sugar. Cover and let rise, bake at 350° 20-25 minutes until golden brown.

\*Colored eggs - use food coloring dye to color 6 raw in-the-shell eggs. 1 cup warm water, 1 tbs. white vinegar, 5-6 drops food color. Egg will cook while bread bakes.



**GETTING READY FOR EASTER...**

It is a tradition to wear something **NEW** next week for Easter. New shoelaces, hairclips, socks, tie, a new "Easter bonnet" or new clothes reminds us of our new lives in Christ, through the resurrection.

The egg in our Easter bread is also a symbol of our new life!

**BEYOND BAPTISM**

**Beyond Baptism**

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

**Come to the Table**

**Save the Dates**

**What does the Real Presence Mean?**

**Complimentary!**  
Join us for three nights and see how the Eucharist can change lives

**St. Valentine's Church**  
125 N. Spring St, Bloomfield

Doors open at 6:30  
The evening will consist of dinner, presentation and conversation

**APRIL 24TH, MAY 1ST & 8TH PLEASE SIGN UP FOR ALL 3 NIGHTS**

RSVP Required by April 18th use QR or email at info@Beyondbaptism.com

**UPCOMING IMPORTANT FAITH FORMATION DATES:**

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

**HOSANNA**

Bless is Jesus who comes in the name of God

**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 23**

7:00pm Neo Catechumenal Eucharist (Chapel)

**Sunday, March 24—PALM SUNDAY**

Distribution of Palms

No CCD classes

**Monday, March 25**

No events scheduled

**Tuesday, March 26**

No events scheduled

**Wednesday, March 27**

No events scheduled

**Thursday, March 28 HOLY THURSDAY**

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

10:00pm Evening Prayer

Neo Catechumenal Liturgy of the Word (Chapel)

**Friday, March 29 GOOD FRIDAY**

9:00am Morning Prayer

3:00pm Passion of the Lord

7:00pm Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, March 30**

11:00 Blessing of Easter Foods

**SAVE THE DATE:**

April 1st—Next Tricky Tray Meeting—7pm

April 7—Meet & Greet after 10:00am Mass

April 23rd—Next Spiritual Book Club—7pm

**LENT AND TRIDUUM 2024 SCHEDULE**

Lent is the forty day liturgical season that leads us to the Easter Triduum (Latin for three days). The summit of the Liturgical Year is the Easter Triduum—from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery (passion, death and resurrection). The single celebration of the Triduum marks the end of the Lenten season, and leads to the Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord at the Easter Vigil. The liturgical services that take place during the Triduum are

- (1) Mass of the Lord's Supper.
- (2) Good Friday of the Lord's Passion.
- (3) Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord.

**Holy Thursday – March 28**

7:00PM— Mass of the Lord's Supper

Followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

10:00PM— Night Prayer and Repose

**Good Friday – March 29th – DAY OF FAST & ABSTINENCE**

9:00AM Morning Prayer in the Church

3:00PM— Passion of the Lord with Holy Communion

7:00PM— Stations of the Cross

**Holy Saturday – March 30**

9:00AM Morning Prayer in the Church

11:00AM Blessing of Easter Food in the Church

No Noon Mass

No Confessions

8:15PM— Easter Vigil Mass

**Easter Sunday – March 31**

8:00AM, 10:00AM, 12:00PM Masses



**DAILY READINGS**

**Sunday**

Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

**Monday**

Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11

**Tuesday**

Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

**Wednesday**

Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25

**Thursday**

Chrim Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21  
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

**Friday**

Is 52:13—53:12; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42

**Saturday**

Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a; Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ex 14:15—15:1; Is 54:5-14; Is 55:1-11; Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28;



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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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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 April meeting will be on April 23rd at 7pm. We will be focusing our discussion on Chapters 6 through 9 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

**NEXT EVENT**  
**TRICKY TRAY**  
 APRIL 19th at 6:00pm  
*Donation drop off in Rectory office*

*Blessing of Easter Food A Saint Valentine Tradition*



*Saturday March 30, 2024 at 11:00 AM*



**HOLY WEEK**

**Saturday March 23** 5:30 PM Vigil Mass for Palm Sunday

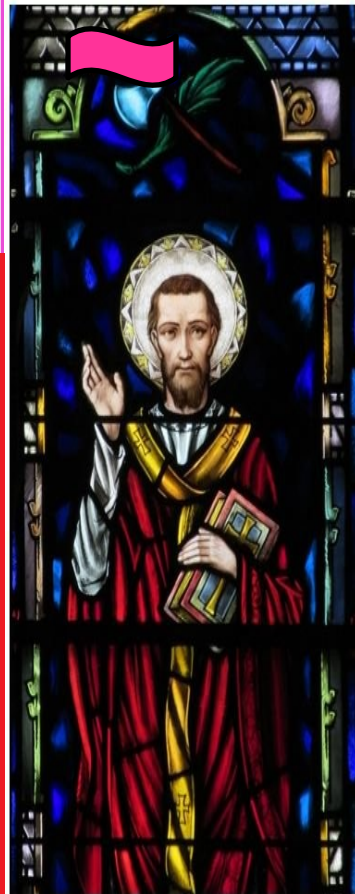
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**125 YEARS**

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