

CHURCH OF SAINT VALENTINE

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 14, 2025



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 ----- To be announced

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Served By

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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). During the week, you can call the office to make an appointment 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 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 13

2nd Collection —None

12:00pm Rosalinda Bausa (Deceased)
 From: The Robles Family
 5:30pm Roni Dziewiatek (Deceased)
 From: John & Michele

Sunday, December 14

2nd Collection —None

8:00am Eric Balk (Deceased)
 From: Carol
 10:00am Maureen Pelc (Deceased)
 From: Marty & Minnie Gregorowicz
 12:00pm Jose & Priscilla Garcia (Deceased)
 From: Bill & Nannette

Monday, December 15

12:00pm Andrea & John (*Blessing in their Marriage*)
 From: Lucille

Tuesday, December 16

12:00 pm Rafael delos Santos (Deceased)
 From: Bill & Nannette

Wednesday, December 17

12:00 pm Gerry Chanco (Deceased)
 From: The Raimo Family

Thursday, December 18

12:00pm Elisa Rueda (Deceased)
 From: Myrla

Friday, December 19

12:00 pm Raffaele Galante
 From: Nephews

Saturday, December 20

2nd Collection — Archdiocesan Assessment

12:00pm Eric Vaz (Heavenly Birthday)
 From: The Vaz Family
 5:30pm Edward & Stefania Gabara (Deceased)
 From: Your Daughter

Sunday, December 21 — Fourth Sunday of Advent

2nd Collection — Archdiocesan Assessment

8:00am Robert Mills, Sr.
 From: Jeff Mills
 10:00am Ziggy Gabara (Deceased)
 From: Lucy Gambino
 12:00pm Amado Lopez (Deceased)
 From: The Lopez Family

3rd SUNDAY Of ADVENT

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

Isaiah tells us that when Christ comes, the weak will be made strong, the deaf will hear, the blind will see, and, above all, "sorrow and mourning will flee."

Second Reading: James 5:7-10

As the farmer waits patiently through winter and spring for the "yield of the soil" so, too, must we wait patiently for the coming of the Messiah.

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

While in prison, John sends a messenger to Jesus to ask, "Are you He who is to come or do we look for another?" Jesus replies by citing the miracles he has performed for the blind, the deaf, and the crippled. He concludes by identifying John as the messenger He has sent to prepare the way.

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Parish Giving

SUNDAY COLLECTION (12/7/25)...	\$3,073.00
Archdiocesan Assessment.....	\$ 20.00
Christmas	\$ 75.00
Candles.....	\$ 126.00
Retirement Fund.....	\$ 904.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 5.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 71.00
TOTAL.....	\$ 4,274.00
 Electronic Giving.....	 \$1,023.74

*Thank you for your generosity to your Parish
 & 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

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Gospel Today
Third Sunday of Advent / Matthew 11:2-11

Jesus told the people John the Baptist had been sent ahead of Him to prepare for His coming. Jesus continued preaching the Good News and helping the poor, sick and dying. By His lessons we are taught to help others by our good words and actions.

Year A

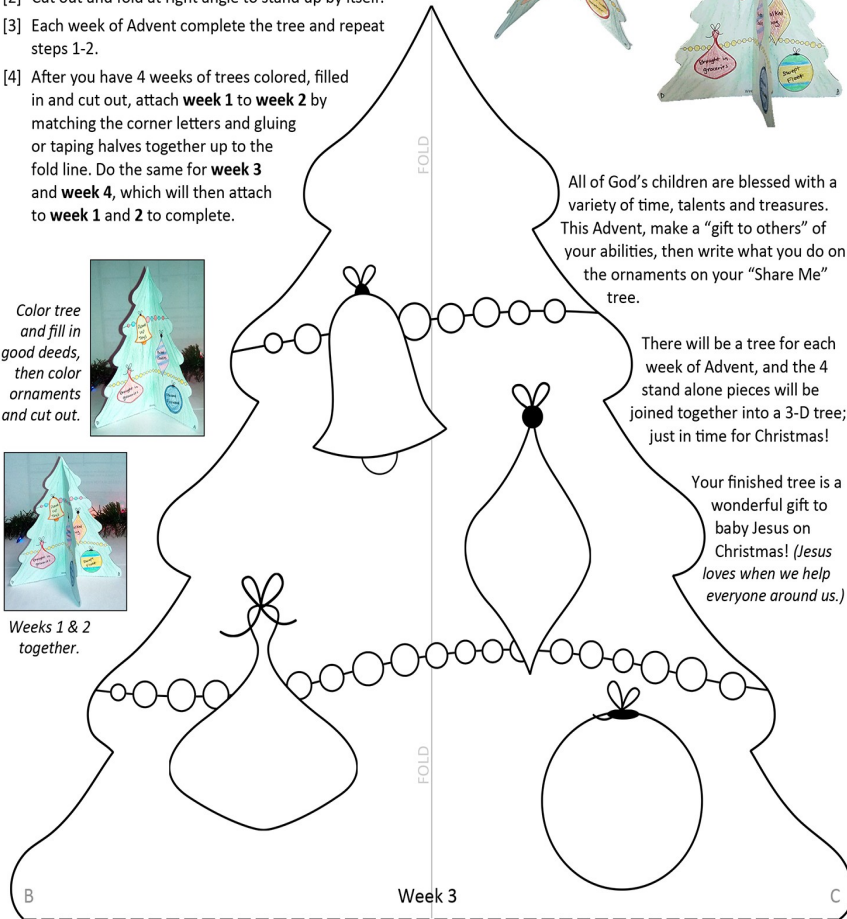
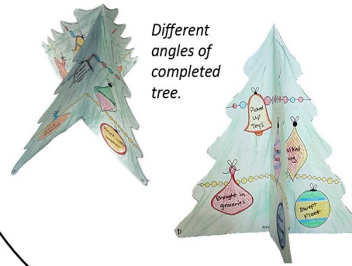
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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Directions

- [1] Color the tree green, write your good deeds on the ornaments and color them in.
- [2] Cut out and fold at right angle to stand up by itself.
- [3] Each week of Advent complete the tree and repeat steps 1-2.
- [4] After you have 4 weeks of trees colored, filled in and cut out, attach **week 1** to **week 2** by matching the corner letters and gluing or taping halves together up to the fold line. Do the same for **week 3** and **week 4**, which will then attach to **week 1** and 2 to complete.



All of God's children are blessed with a variety of time, talents and treasures. This Advent, make a "gift to others" of your abilities, then write what you do on the ornaments on your "Share Me" tree.

There will be a tree for each week of Advent, and the 4 stand alone pieces will be joined together into a 3-D tree; just in time for Christmas!

Your finished tree is a wonderful gift to baby Jesus on Christmas! (*Jesus loves when we help everyone around us.*)

St. Valentine Blanket & Coat Drive

Donations for new or gently used are truly appreciated!

Please drop off your donations in the boxes at the back of the Church or you can call Patty K 201-207-0785 with any questions.

This drive is starting now!
Last day for donations is on
December 14, 2025
125 N. Spring St. Bloomfield, NJ 07003

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!

The Pope's Monthly Intentions

December

For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, December 13

7:00pm Neo Catechumenal Eucharist (Chapel)

Sunday, December 14

11:15 CCD 5th,6th, 8th Gr. Reconciliation

Christmas Wreath Sale after all masses

3:00pm Fatima Prayer Group

Christmas Party

Monday, December 15

No events scheduled

Tuesday, December 16

7:00pm SIMBANG GABI

Wednesday, December 17

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

Thursday, December 18

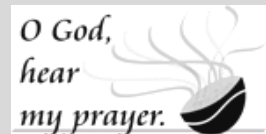
No events scheduled

Friday, December 19

7:00pm St Valentine Prayer Group

Please **PRAY** For The Healing of those listed :


- ◆ Anita Juanco
- ◆ Jean Frucci
- ◆ Cameron Provines
- ◆ Janice Mannello
- ◆ Rosa Berthachavez Saul
- ◆ Damianus Aditya Christie & Joseph
- ◆ Nicole Ostering
- ◆ Mary Rende, /Faruk, Irfan, Tahsin & Sherit R. & her Sister and for Sema & her family
- ◆ Jacob (Maria DaCunha's Grandson)
- ◆ Alan Bruce Bradshaw
- ◆ Andrea Emilia Bernabey
- ◆ Gustavo & Caceres Family
- ◆ Rios Family
- ◆ Alonso Family
- ◆ Santa Cruz Family
- ◆ Denise Swantek



SAVE THE DATE:

Dec. 14 Fatima Prayer Group Party 3:00pm

Dec. 16 SIMBANG GABI 7:00pm Church Hall



SAINT VALENTINE CHURCH


SIMBANG GABI

MASS

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

WHEN: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2025 @ 7:00PM
 WHERE: 125 NORTH SPRING STREET, BLOOMFIELD, NJ

Simbang Gabi (Filipino for "Night Mass") is a novena (9 days) of masses in anticipation of Christmas





DAILY READING

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Sunday

Is 35:1-6a, 10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

Monday

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday

Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17

Thursday

Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25

Friday

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25

Saturday

Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

Boy Scout Troop 22
 Bloomfield, NJ
Christmas Wreath Fundraiser



\$25
each

Available for purchase at Masses on Sunday 11/30/25
 Saturday 12/6/25, Sunday 12/7/25
 Saturday 12/13/25, Sunday 12/14/25

You can reserve your wreath in advance by contacting us at
troop22bloomfield@gmail.com

Payments can be made in cash or check made out to "BSA Troop 22".
 Wreaths are available while supplies last.

Update Corner



Your Voice Matters! We have conducted more than 420 Listening Sessions throughout the Archdiocese. And we are still gathering insights. We want to ensure your input is included to help shape our future! Scan the QR-code and click **"Model Feedback Form."** Please share your comments by **Dec. 31st.**

A Few Feedback Snapshots

“ We are used to our intimate community. ”

“ How do we prevent “us verses them” mentality? ”

“ We should be willing to help/share with our neighbors. ”


Feast Day 13th December

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
 12TH DECEMBER

On 9th December 1531 Juan Diego saw The Virgin Mary on the Hill of Tepeyac, near Mexico City, who asked him to build a church there. He told the Spanish Archbishop of Mexico, who advised him to return to the hill to ask the “lady” for a sign to prove her identity. First Mary healed Juan’s sick Uncle, and then, on 12th December 1531, she told him to gather flowers from the top of the hill - where he found roses growing on the barren ground. She gathered up the roses in his cloak (tilma) for him to take back to the Archbishop. When he opened his tilma to show the roses, they fell to the floor and this image of Our Lady was imprinted upon it.

The tilma, displayed in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe - the most visited Marian shrine - is an iconic Mexican religious and cultural image.

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PRAYER IN HONOR OF ST. LUCY



O God, our Creator and Redeemer, mercifully hear our prayers that as we venerate Thy servant, St. Lucy, for the light of faith Thou didst bestow upon her, Thou wouldst condescend to increase and to preserve this same light in our souls, that we may be able to avoid evil, to do good and to abhor nothing so much as the blindness and the darkness of evil and of sin.

Relying on Thy goodness, O God, we humbly ask Thee, by the intercession of Thy servant, St. Lucy, that Thou wouldst give perfect vision to our eyes, that they may serve for Thy greater honor and glory, and for the salvation of our souls in this world, that we may come to the enjoyment of the un-fading light of the Lamb of God in paradise.

St. Lucy, virgin and martyr, hear our prayers and obtain our petitions.