

## First Sunday of Lent, March 10, 2019



Church of

# ST. VALENTINE

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**MASSES**

**Saturday at 5:30 PM.,**

**Sunday at 8:00 AM., 10:00 AM. & 12:00 PM.**

**Weekdays: Monday through Saturday**

**8:00 AM. in Rectory Chapel.**

Holy Days as announced in the Bulletin.

**NOVENA TO THE VIRGIN MARY**

Novena Prayer: 8:30 AM. on Saturdays.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession)**

Saturday at 4:00 PM. (also by appointment).

**PARISH OFFICE**

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**ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK**

Archdiocesan Website: [www.rcan.org](http://www.rcan.org)

### Mission Statement

We, the Parish Family of Saint Valentine, are a Roman Catholic Community within the local Church of the Archdiocese of Newark. The celebrations of the mass and the other sacraments are central to our identity as a parochial community which worships God in communion with family, neighbors and friends. Celebrating the Eucharist unites us to be a sign of the Kingdom of God present among us, yet ever growing as a reality, as we follow Christ, proclaiming and witnessing to his Gospel in our lives. Through liturgical worship and the ministries of the Church, we love and serve each other in our service of God. THEREFORE, we the Parish Community of Saint Valentine, are dedicated to serving others within and outside ourselves, as we strive to deepen our own response to the Lord and to announce the Good News of salvation in Christ.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Please contact the Religious Education Office to enroll children for Catechism. For further information, please contact the Religious Education Office: (973) 743-6122.

### CATECHETICAL FORMATION

The Catechetical programs are open only to registered parishioners. Regular worship at Sunday Mass is an obligation and duty. The Christian formation of children require regular attendance and discipline in Catechism classes for the growing knowledge of our faith and doctrine, in order to prepare children to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist & Confirmation.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrated at the 10 AM. Sunday Mass. After the Introduction, the priest sends the children to celebrate their own Liturgy of the Word on the Sunday Scriptures. Then, the children join the assembly for the Eucharist. We invite and encourage all children to participate. Check Bulletin Calendar for Schedule.

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION

An Adult faith formation with various stages of the Catechumenate. Call the parish office for information.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism is celebrated once a month at the Sunday 12 Noon Mass, as noted in the Bulletin. Parents should contact the Parish Office: at least two months prior to scheduled dates in order to make required preparation.

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Christian Marriage is God's call to a baptized man and woman to love each other in a indissoluble relationship for the whole of life and open to the Catholic formation of their children. Contact Fr. Basil one year in advance.

### SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

The Sacrament of the Sick (Holy Anointing) is for both spiritual and physical healing. For anointing before an operation, or for the infirmed or homebound, please call Fr. Basil's cellphone anytime (201) 364-9808.

### SOCIAL CONCERNS

The St. Valentine's Social Concerns Ministry is compelled by the love of Christ to show His compassion and love to persons with identified needs in our parish.

### MARIAN DEVOTIONS

Join us for the Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal after the 8:00 AM. Mass on Saturdays.

### ROSARY

Join us for the Rosary before the 8:00 AM. Daily Mass in the Rectory Chapel.

### PARISH REGISTRATION

For your ongoing Christian faith formation and participation in the life of the Church, please register as a member of our Parish at the Rectory Office. By virtue of your Baptism, you have a responsibility and duty to your soul to celebrate the Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation, and to regularly receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**SATURDAY**     **March 9** (*St Frances of Rome, Religious*)  
**5:30 pm**         **Rocco Contursi** (Grutty Family)

**SUNDAY**         **March 10 (First Sunday of Lent)**  
**8:00 am**         **Tania Krawiec** (Krawiec Family)  
**10:00 am**         **Romilda Raso** (Mike & Kim Grabowski)  
**12:00 pm**         **The People of the Parish**

**MONDAY**         **March 11**  
**8:00 am**         **Jeannie Malindretos** (John & Cathy DelRosso)

**TUESDAY**         **March 12**  
**8:00 am**         **Margaret Gangi** (Cecelia Polizzi)

**WEDNESDAY**     **March 13**  
**8:00 am**         **Marie Mazur** (Mazur Family)

**THURSDAY**       **March 14**  
**8:00 am**         **Angela Ciccarelli** (Joan Luisi)

**FRIDAY**         **March 15**  
**8:00 am**         **Roderick Chen** (Birthday)

**SATURDAY**       **March 16**  
**8:00 am**         **Dennis Petrucci** (Victor & Donna Bulkowski)  
**5:30 pm**         **The People of the Parish**

**SUNDAY**         **March 17 (Second Sunday of Lent)**  
**8:00 am**         **Santo & Beatrice Perri** (Cristina Gabriele)  
**10:00 am**         **Aceto Family** (John & Dolores Yannuzzi)  
**12:00 pm**         **Nicholas Mazzeo** (Mike & Nicole Mazzeo)

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

**Second Sunday of Lent**

**Gn 15: 5-12, 17-18; Ps 27: 1, 7-9, 13-14;  
 Phil 3: 17-4: 1; Lk 9: 28b-36**

**CHURCH COLLECTION**

**Sunday Collection 3/3/2019                     \$4,229.05**  
**Archbishop's Annual Appeal                     \$832.00**

Thank you for your financial help in the upkeep and maintenance of the parish. I encourage you to please increase your contributions; a weekly collection of at least \$6,000 is needed.

As we begin the Season of Lent, I invite you to take this opportunity to give of your money as a sacrifice of love for Christ and his Church.

- Fr Basil Lek.

**CALENDAR OF EVENT**

**SUNDAY**         **March 10 (First Sunday of Lent)**  
**11:00 am**         **Catechism, Grades 1-8** (School)

**TUESDAY**         **March 12**  
**8:00 pm**         **Liturgy of the Word** (Rectory)

**WEDNESDAY**     **March 13**  
**7:30 pm**         **Adult Choir Practice** (Church)

**FRIDAY**         **March 15**  
**5:15 pm**         **Fish Fry** (Church Hall)  
**7:00 pm**         **Stations of the Cross** (Church)  
**8:00 pm**         **Prayer Group** (Chapel)

**SATURDAY**       **March 16**  
**2:00 pm**         **Women's A.A.** (Rectory Basement)  
**4:00 pm**         **Sacrament of Reconciliation** (Church)  
**7:30 pm**         **Catechumenal Eucharist** (Rectory)

**SUNDAY**         **March 17 (Second Sunday of Lent)**  
**10:00 am**         **Children's Liturgy** (Church Hall)  
**11:00 am**         **Catechism, Grades 1-8** (School)

**ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK!!!**

Thank you to our Advertisers who sponsor this Bulletin. We would like to highlight one of our Sponsors each week who have advertised their businesses in our Church Bulletin. Advertiser of the week is:



**Italian American Cuisine**  
**24 Washington Ave. Nutley, NJ**  
**973-235-0505**  
**www.AmericanBistro.net**

**St Thomas the Apostle Seniors' Club 2019 Trips**  
**National September 11 Memorial**

**March 27<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday) - 10:30 & 11:00am Guided Tours** of the Museum, Time to pause at the Reflecting Pool and walk the Grounds, Lunch on your own at Eataly across the street from the Memorial or other nearby places. \$74 Per Person includes Admission to 911 Museum & Guided Tour, Bus Transportation & Driver Tip. Bus will depart at 9:00am. Join us for a day of Remembrance. \$20 due upon Sign-Up & \$54 Balance by March 11<sup>th</sup>. (Minimum 30 persons to run & Maximum of 40).

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners

In this Sunday's Gospel (Lk 4: 1-13), Jesus returns from his baptism at the Jordan where he is filled with the Holy Spirit when it descended on him. The love between the Father and the Son is the Holy Spirit, and with it, Jesus is equipped to overcome the devil.

Jesus is led by the Holy Spirit into the desert where he ate nothing for forty days, and he was hungry. Then he faces three temptations from the devil. These three temptations are what the devil tempts us with, but Jesus shows us how the One who does the will of the Father resists the devil and his deceptions.

The devil begins with the temptation of the bread. When Jesus is hungry, the devil tempts Jesus to change the stones to loaves. This is the temptation we have in our flesh; our desire to satisfy the flesh with comfort and wealth. Jesus tells the devil that **life comes from God** and not from the security of bread, not from satisfying the love for money!

In the second temptation, the devil shows Jesus all the kingdoms of the world. In our selfish desires to build our empire, our kingdom here on earth, we look for earthly power and glory; to dominate and conquer. Jesus tells the devil, "**You shall worship the Lord, your God, and Him shall you serve.**" Instead of trying to play God and to be the boss, Jesus shows us his attitude of humility as a servant of God.

In the third temptation, the devil tells Jesus to throw himself from the parapet of the Jerusalem Temple and when the angels come to prevent Jesus from getting hurt, all the people will know that he is supernatural; that he is God and Jesus will become famous. We all have this temptation to be famous; to be worshipped, to be immortalized. When we can't stand our reality, we chase after our dreams; we would like to be that superhero in the movie, or that football star. But Jesus Christ responds to the devil saying, "**You shall not put the Lord, your God to the test.**" Do not force the hand of God to do a miracle for you because you don't accept your life or the cross that you have. God has a plan of happiness for each one of us, but if we are so busy chasing after our dreams, we will never listen to what God has planned for us.

- Fr. Basil Lek.

## Prayer Request for the Sick

If you would like the parish to pray for a parishioner, relative or friend, please call the Parish Office at (973) 743-0220.

Please pray for the following infirmed:

Loretta Eustachewich, Mary Jane Sexton  
Colbie Durborow, Michael Wegrzeynek,  
Rosemarie Michelle, Matthias Birmingham  
Dennis Hayes, Janice Mannello, Carmella Baccarri  
Nicole Maiore, Angela Loungo, Tena Mihalics &  
Emily Bajek.

If there is any parishioner who is sick or dying and would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, please call Fr Basil Lek at (201) 364-9808 (cell), or call the Parish Office at (973) 743-0220.

## St Valentine's Choir News & Notes



Lent has begun. As part of your Lenten disciplines, you might consider joining the Choir for Lent and the Easter Triduum.

Practices are on Wednesday evening at 7:30 pm and the choir sings at the 10 am Mass on Sunday.

We are most in need of Sopranos and Bassos, but Tenors and Altos are surely welcome. Give it a try!

## Penance Service for Bloomfield Parishes

We are having our combined Penance Service for the Parishes of St Thomas, Sacred Heart and St Valentine at:

**SACRED HEART CHURCH AT 7:30PM ON MONDAY MARCH 18.**

All parishioners are invited to join us for this celebration of the outpouring of the Mercy of God. Come to experience the healing of the soul in this Sacrament of Reconciliation with the Lord.

## Tricky Tray - Save the Date

Our Tricky this year will be on **FRIDAY APRIL 26.** The Special Events & Fundraising Committee invite you to consider helping in this parish fundraising.

Gift baskets, gift certificates or monetary donations will be much appreciated. The suggested value of baskets should be value at \$30 and above.

For info. please call: Patty Krawiec: (973) 380-6626, or Patti Valentovic: (201) 704-0709.

### Saint Valentine Fish Fry

Our Saint Valentine Fish 'N Chips Dinner will be on  
**Friday March 15, from 5:15pm to 6:45pm.**

**Eat In or Take Out**



Tickets \$16 (Adults), \$8 (Children under 10 years:  
Fish or Chicken Tenders)

For tickets call and leave message for:

Joan Conroy (973) 748-6460 or

Patty Krawiec: (973) 380-6626 or place order form  
with check in an envelope (marked Fish 'N Chips) &  
drop into collection basket. **Deadline** for reservations:  
**Sunday, March 10, 2019.**

### Stations of the Cross

As we enter into these forty days in the season of  
Lent, let us celebrate the Stations of the Cross every  
**Friday in Lent at 7 pm. in the Church.**

The fourteen stations of the Way of the Cross marks  
the acts of love that Jesus has for each one of us in  
taking upon himself, in his humanity, to redeem us,  
the human race from the curse and consequence of  
our sinfulness. God never intended sin to enter into  
our human history, but he sent his Son, Jesus Christ  
as the remedy for our sinfulness so that we would  
find the way to heaven. Therefore, the Way of the  
Cross is the way to heaven. Where Jesus Christ goes  
before us, we shall also follow.

**Join us for the Stations of the Cross devotion every  
Friday this Lent!**

### St Peter's Parish Mission & Free Concert

St Peter the Apostle Catholic Church in River Edge is  
having a parish mission on March 11 – 13 at 7pm.  
Presented by Vince Ambrosetti who will also do a  
free concert on March 10 at 7pm.

There is no admission charge and of course it is a  
family friendly event.

You can find more information about the Parish Mis-  
sion at [www.FaithonFireMissions.org](http://www.FaithonFireMissions.org)

St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church is located at:  
445 Fifth Avenue in River Edge, NJ 07661 201-261-3366

### Evening of Music at Queen of Peace Church

On **Friday April 12, at 7:30 pm**, come to  
Queen of Peace Church at 10 Franklin  
Place, North Arlington, for an Evening of  
Music by Dan Schutte who has been com-  
posing music for worship for more than  
30 years. Popular songs like, "Glory and Praise to  
our God," "Here I am Lord" and "Sing a New Song."



### CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY

The Family Life Office of the Archdiocese of Newark  
is once again preparing the annual tradition of honor-  
ing those couples in our Archdiocese who will be cel-  
ebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of Christian  
Marriage in the year 2019.

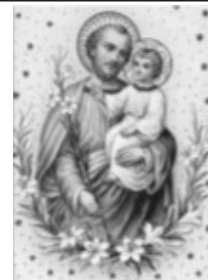
These anniversary liturgies will be celebrated by Car-  
dinal Joseph Tobin in the Cathedral Basilica of the  
Sacred Heart in Newark as follows:

<b>April 28, 2019</b>	<b>3:00 PM</b>	<b>50 years</b> <b>(All Counties)</b>
<b>June 2, 2019</b>	<b>3:00 PM</b>	<b>5 &amp; 25 years</b>

**Please call the Parish Office: 973-743-0220.**

### St. Joseph Feast Day Celebration

Come to St. Mary's Church at  
17 Monsignor Owens Place,  
Nutley, New Jersey



### The Novena

Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> to Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>,  
7:00 p.m. in Church

### Solemnity of St. Joseph, Solemn Mass

Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. in Church

### The St. Joseph Altar, Table and Dinner

Following the Solemn Mass on March 19<sup>th</sup>, all  
are invited to the St. Joseph Altar, Table and Din-  
ner to be held in Msgr. Walsh Hall. Please let us  
know how many people will be attending the din-  
ner. Email us at [info@stmarysnutley.org](mailto:info@stmarysnutley.org) or call  
973-235-1100 by March 14<sup>th</sup>.