

Fourth Sunday of Lent/Lætare, March 11, 2018



Church of

ST. VALENTINE

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MASSES

Saturday at 5:30PM.,

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

Weekdays: Monday thru Saturday

8:00AM. 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 1:00PM (also by appointment).

PARISH OFFICE

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Parish Website: www.stvalentinechurch.com

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK

Archdiocesan Website: 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 faith formation and growth as a Christian, and participate 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. Also, please let us know if you need collection envelopes.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY March 10
 5:30 pm People of the Parish

SUNDAY March 11 (Lætare Sunday/4th Sunday of Lent)
 8:00 am Santo & Beatrice Perri (Christina Gabriele)
 10:00 am Helen Cole (Michael Gwozdz)
 12:00 pm Edward Tomosieski (Kathleen Tomosieski)

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

TUESDAY March 13
 8:00 am Michela McManus (Thomas Conlon)

WEDNESDAY March 14
 8:00 am Roland Cook (Krys Saluetta)

THURSDAY March 15
 8:00 am Nicandro Creer (Birthday, Creer Family)

FRIDAY March 16
 8:00 am Dennis Petrucci (Victor & Donna Bulkowski)

SATURDAY March 17 (St. Patrick, Bishop)
 8:00 am Ren Jacunski (Bill Jacunski)
 5:30 pm Robert & Anna Gallo (Rosemary Oates)

SUNDAY March 18 (Fifth Sunday of Lent)
 8:00 am The People of the Parish
 10:00 am Filipo & Maria Gangemi (Carolyn Vadala)
 12:00 pm Nicholas Mazzeo (Michael & Nicole Mazzeo)

CALENDAR OF EVENT

SUNDAY March 11 (Lætare Sunday/4th Sunday of Lent)
 Peter's Pence Collection (Vatican)
 10:00 am Children's Liturgy (Church Hall)
 11:00 am Catechism, Grades 1-8 (School)

TUESDAY March 13
 7:00 pm Hospitality Ministers' (Ushers) Meeting
 8:00 pm Liturgy of the Word (Rectory)

WEDNESDAY March 14
 7:00 pm Altar & Rosary Sodality (Rectory)

THURSDAY March 15
 7:30 pm Festival Committee Meeting
 7:30 pm Adult Choir

FRIDAY March 16
 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross (Church)
 8:00 pm Prayer Group

SATURDAY March 17 (St. Patrick, Bishop)
 1:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (Church)
 2:00 pm Women's A.A. (Rectory)
 3:30 pm Treble Choir Practice (Church)
 7:30 pm Catechumenal Eucharist (Rectory)

SUNDAY March 18 (Fifth Sunday of Lent)
 9:00 am Missionary Cooperation Appeal
 11:00 am Athletic Club Communion Breakfast
 Catechism, Grades 1-8 (School)

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Fifth Sunday of Lent
Jer 31: 31-34; Ps 51: 3-4, 12-15;
Heb 5: 7-9; Jn 12: 20-33



CHURCH COLLECTION

Sunday Collection on 3/4/2018: \$5,616.19
Maintenance Fund: \$710.00

Thank you for your financial support. May the generosity of God grow in you. The last storm brought down the old oak tree behind the Rectory and it destroyed 5 windows. There are leakages in the School, Rectory and Church Sacristy. Again, I appeal to you for more money for the necessary repairs and upgrading. Please increase your 10% tithing to St. Valentine Church.

-Fr Basil Lek.

CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY

 **ARCHDIOCESE of NEWARK** The Family Life Office of the Archdiocese of Newark is once again preparing the annual tradition of honoring those couples in our Archdiocese who will be celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of Christian Marriage in the year 2018. 

These anniversary liturgies will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark on:

April 29, 2018 3:00PM 5 years & 25 years
Registrations due April 10 (All Counties)

May 6, 2018 3:00PM 50 Years
Registrations due April 17 (All Counties)

Please call our Parish Office: 973-743-0220.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners

In this Sunday's Gospel (Jn 3: 14-21), we hear part of the conversation between Jesus and Nicodemus. Nicodemus is a Pharisee, and he comes to Jesus at night because he doesn't want the other Pharisee to know that he is a disciple of Jesus. But to his lack of courage, Jesus tells him that *the Son of Man must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.* Jesus is talking about the Cross where he will be lifted up and crucified.

Lots of people remember the phrase, "*God so loved the world that He gave his Only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.*" But taken out of its context, they do not understand what it means. Jesus tells Nicodemus and is telling us to decide whether to follow Jesus completely or not. Don't be wishy-washy in your Christian life. If Jesus is the medicine for our sinfulness which is poisoning our soul everyday with eternal death, then those who do not believe in the salvation that comes from Jesus will die in their sins, they have condemned themselves by not accepting the remedy for the death that clings to the soul. But taking this medicine for the soul means that we need to obey Jesus, the Doctor of souls. If we are full of ourselves, we would not have the humility to listen to anyone, even God himself.

That's the problem with people of the world; the light has come, but they prefer darkness; they prefer to lie to themselves, convinced that they do not need the cure. Nobody likes to go to the doctor or the dentist. And many people would rather live with their sickness than go to the doctor; they think that it will heal itself. The soul doesn't heal itself. It needs the medicine of the Holy Spirit and Christ the doctor.

- Fr. Basil Lek.

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please pray for the following infirmed:

Arthur Drone,
Michele Sewask,
Lorraine Noack,
Abigail Mehring,



Dennis Hayes, Rose Carroll, Rosemarie Michelle,
Nicole Maiore & Leslee Hanratty.

Carmela Storm,
Walter Boyle,
Ralph Gaccione,
Colbie Derborow,

A REMINDER:

If you would like the Church to pray for a parishioner, relative or friend, or if you no longer need us to pray for a person on the Parish Sick List, please call the Parish Office at (973) 743-0220.

The Altar Bread & Wine Offering & The Sanctuary Candle Offering for

Sunday March 11, 2018

is offered in loving memory of:

The Deceased Members of the

Altar & Rosary Sodality

Donated by:

The Altar & Rosary Sodality



FOOD PANTRY



*Food
Pantry
Needs*

We are collecting Food Donations for our Food Pantry, it is very low on items.

We are in need of:

Canned Soup, Canned Fruit, Tuna, Rice, Beans, Cereals, Sugar, Coffee, Tea, Canned Ham, Chicken, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Mac & Cheese, Cakes.
PLEASE, NO CANNED VEGETABLES.

Items can be left in the Vestibule of the Church during Sunday Masses or at the Parish Rectory Office daily
From 9am-4pm,
or call the Parish Office: (973)-743-0220.

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:

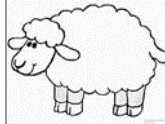
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As we prepare to celebrate the Resurrection of Christ at Easter, we pray for the resurrection of our beloved dead



and we decorate their graves with Palm Crosses. So get your Palm Crosses and Butter Lambs which remind us that Christ is the Lamb of God. Place your orders while they are available.

We will be selling Palm Crosses and Butter Lambs after every mass at the Church Vestibule.

PILGRIMAGE TO MALTA

St. Peter's Church in Belleville, NJ will be hosting a pilgrimage to Malta and Italy this summer, departing Newark Airport to Malta on July 5, returning from Venice on July 17. Fr. Ivan Sciberas, the pastor of St. Peter and native of Malta, will be the spiritual guide.



Highlights include visits to Valletta (the 2018 European Capital of Culture), Rome, Assisi, Siena, Florence, Padua and Venice.

The complete itinerary can be found on the Parish Website (www.spbnj.org). Price per person is \$3,489. For more information, call Fr. Ivan at: 973-751-2002.

SAINT VALENTINE ADULT & TREBLE CHOIRS

Come let us sing joyfully to the Lord; cry out to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with a song of praise (Ps 95: 1-2).

Come join the Choir and use your voice for praising God.



See Hannah Elarmo, our Music Director, or call the Rectory Office: (973) 743-0220.

St. Thomas the Apostle September Club (The trips will be by Comfortable Charter Buses)

Paper Mill Playhouse "The Sting" a Musical
April 14th (Saturday) -1:30pm Show of the Paper Mill's production of the Academy Award Winning Movie, The Sting, set to music. Stopping after the Show at Charlie Brown's in Millburn for dinner on your own. \$75 Per Person includes Orchestra Tickets, Bus Transportation & Driver Tip. Bus will depart at 12:30pm.

Spring Lake with Lunch at the Breakers
May 23rd (Wednesday) - A Day at the Beach starting with a little shopping in the lovely town of Spring Lake followed by lunch from Noon to 3pm at the Breaker's Hotel (Ocean Views). After Lunch, time to "walk the boards" or relax on the Breakers porch. \$59 Per Person includes Lunch & Gratuity, Bus Transportation & Driver Tip. Bus departs at 9:45am.

OVERNIGHT PARKING

St. Valentine Church offers overnight parking contracts starting in February 2018. The monthly fee for private car owners who park their cars at their own risk throughout the night is \$100 per month. A minimum of 6 months.



Overnight parking will be available at the parking lots across from the Church Building along East Passaic Avenue. Vehicles that do not have permission to park overnight will be ticketed and towed at the owner's expense. No commercial vehicles are allowed to park in our parking lots.

We are hoping to raise some money for the Church. This parking scheme does not affect people coming to Mass and Church activities.