

CHURCH OF SAINT VALENTINE

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 8, 2026



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 DaysSee Bulletin

Rectory Office Hours ----- 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

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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, March 7

2nd Collection — None

12:00pm Linda Forfa & Family
 From: Bill & Nannette Jacunski
 5:30pm Michael Fusaro (Deceased)
 From: Rosemary Fusaro

Sunday, March 8

2nd Collection — None

8:00am Paul DiNardo (Deceased)
 From: Mary DiNardo
 10:00am Nelson Fernandez (Deceased)
 From: Natal
 12:00pm Jeovanni Resus (Deceased)
 From: Desiree

Monday, March 9

12:00pm Stan Novak (Deceased)
 From: Krys & Jack Salvetta

Tuesday, March 10

12:00pm George Kuiper (Deceased)
 From: Bill & Nannette Jacunski

Wednesday, March 11

12:00pm Maria Jose Coelho Araujo (Deceased)
 From: Lurdes Sol

Thursday, March 12

12:00pm Antoinette Duger (Deceased)
 From: Family

Friday, March 13

12:00 pm George Kuiper (Deceased)
 From: Bill & Nannette Jacunski

Saturday, March 14

2nd Collection — Black & Indian Missions/Catholic Relief Services

12:00pm Bill & Nannette Jacunski (Thanksgiving)
 5:30pm Marti Carlos (Deceased)
 From: Bob Bulkowski & Family

Sunday, March 15 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

2nd Collection — Black & Indian Missions/Catholic Relief Services

8:00am Aceto Family
 From: Dolores Yannuzzi
 10:00am John O'Connor
 From: Santa Cruz Family
 12:00pm Nicandro Creer (Birthday)
 From: Creer Family

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

This story from Exodus reveals that the Israelites, after their escape from Egypt, cast all blame for their sufferings on Moses. In this instance, they were dying of thirst. When Moses appealed to the Lord, the Lord directed Moses to strike a rock and water would gush forth.

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Paul reminds the Romans that because Christ died for all people, they are acceptable in God's sight.

Gospel: John 4:5-42

Jesus converses with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's Well. When Jesus indicates that whoever drinks from the water He gives will never be thirsty again, the woman immediately answers, "Give me this water, sir...". Jesus then reveals that she has had five husbands and tells her that He is the Messiah. The woman believes Jesus and proclaims this news to all the townspeople, who believe her and come to see Jesus.

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SUNDAY COLLECTION (3/1/26)..... \$3,920.00

Maintenance..... \$ 130.00

Archdiocesan Assessment..... \$ 13.00

Black & Indian Catholic Relief.....\$ 25.00

Eastern Europe..... \$ 55.00

Snow Removal \$ 20.00

TOTAL..... \$4,163.00

Electronic Giving..... \$ 750.00

Thank your 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]

Name _____ Address _____

Phone Number _____ E-Mail _____

New Registration Change of Address Moving Out of Parish

< KID'S KORNER >

Gospel Today
Third Sunday of Lent | John 4:5-42

The Samaritan woman shared her drinking water with Jesus, a stranger, and Jesus shared "living water" of the Holy Spirit with the woman. The woman and her neighbors believed in Jesus.

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Believe... Share with others

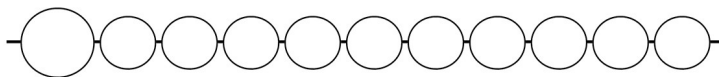
This week I can share my time, talents and treasure. What will I do?

Write down how you plan to share with others for each day of the week.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY

The Third Sorrowful Mystery -
The Crowning of Thorns

Think about this mystery before praying.
The Holy Spirit stayed with Jesus through
His final days.



Through our baptismal water the Holy Spirit came to stay with you and guide you.
This third week of Lent, what can you do for others with help from the Holy Spirit?

This week: Say an Our Father and color the large bead - say 10 Hail Mary's and color each small bead. End with Glory Be to the Father.

FREE Virtual SAT Mock Exam
Offered to St. Valentine Parish Youth

Prepare for the SAT with a free, full-length, live proctored practice test

Who Should Attend:

- ✓ 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students
- ✓ Students taking the May and June SAT
- ✓ First-time SAT test takers

What Students Receive:

- ✓ Full-length, SAT-style mock exam
- ✓ Detailed diagnostic score report & study tips

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Advance Registration Required:
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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.

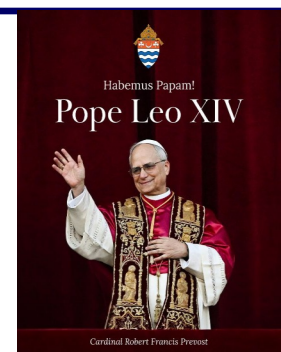
Thank you for your kind generosity!

The Pope's Monthly Intentions

March

For disarmament and peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, March 7

7:00pm Neo Catechumenal Eucharist [Chapel]

Sunday, March 8

No events scheduled

Monday, March 9

No events scheduled

Tuesday, March 10

No events scheduled

Wednesday, March 11

7:00pm Neo Catechumenal Liturgy of the Word [Chapel]

Thursday, March 12

No events

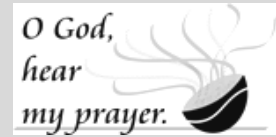
Friday, March 13

7:00pm Stations of the Cross

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:

- March 16th Parish Council Mtg. 7:00pm
- March 19th Tricky Tray Mtg. 7:00pm
- March 23rd Festival Planning Mtg. 7:00pm
- April 24th Tricky Tray 6pm Church Hall



Our Lady of Mt. Carmel's Women's Auxiliary has planned a bus trip to **Wind Creek Casino** on **Wednesday, April 15th**. The bus will leave from Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church at 9:00 a.m. and return at approximately 6:00 p.m. The cost of the trip is **\$45** including snacks with a **\$25 free slot play** from the casino. For additional information or reservations call Linda at 973-661-0090.

DAILY READING THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday

Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

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



**FRIDAYS
7:00PM**



Archdiocese of Newark
OFFICE OF THE VICAR GENERAL

2026 LENTEN REGULATIONS

- 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.
- The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially", or as a whole, is a serious obligation.
- 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.
- The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, February 22 to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, May 31, 2026.**

**EXTRAORDINARY
MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

The Worship Office is Sponsoring workshops in English and Spanish to train (or Renew) extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion on:

Saturday, March 28, from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center. Please contact the Worship Office at 973-497-4345 if you have any questions or olivia.gasper@rcan.org.

Please inform the Rectory Office if you wish to proceed and to Register. Thank you.



Looking for a Family Retreat Day during Lent?
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**2026
St. Mary's 13th Annual
St. Joseph Feast Day Celebration**
Come One, Come All to Celebrate the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Husband of Mary

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| <p>Day One - Tue, March 10
Rev. Kenneth D. Brightenti
"Good St. Joseph: A Man for All Seasons"</p> |  | <p>Day Five - Sat, March 14
(5:00 PM Mass)
Rev. Eugene Field
"St. Joseph: The Just Man"</p> |
| <p>Day Two - Wed, March 11
Rev. Joseph Pavone
"St. Joseph: Patron of the Universal Church"</p> | | <p>Day Six - Sun, March 15
Msgr. Leonard Troiano
"St. Joseph: A Quiet Man and Spiritual Father"</p> |
| <p>Day Three - Thu, March 12
Most. Rev. Bismarck Chau
Regional Bishop of Hudson County
"The Fiat of St. Joseph"</p> | | <p>Day Seven - Mon, March 16
Very Rev. Cav. Thomas D. Nicastro, V.F., K.H.S.
"St. Joseph, Silent Knight, Princely Knight, Holy Knight"</p> |
| <p>Day Four - Fri, March 13
Most Rev. Nicholas DiMarzio
Bishop Emeritus of Brooklyn
"St. Joseph: The Father"</p> | <p>Day Nine - Wed, March 18
Most Rev. Manuel A. Cruz, D.D.
Regional Bishop of Essex County
"St. Joseph, Man of Silence"</p> | <p>Day Eight - Tue, March 17
Msgr. Robert Coleman
"St. Joseph, the Dreamer"</p> |

The Solemnity of St. Joseph, Husband of Mary
Thursday, March 19, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.
Celebrant: Reverend John Paladino, K.H.S.
"St. Joseph: Consolation of the Afflicted in the Hidden Struggles of Life"

The Novena
Tuesday, March 10th to Wednesday, March 18th
7:00 P.M. in Church
The Novena on Saturday, March 14th will be held during the 5 PM Mass
The Solemnity of St. Joseph, Solemn Mass
Thursday, March 19th, 7:00 P.M. in the Church
Followed by the St. Joseph Altar, Table and Dinner