

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, April 14, 2019



Church of

ST. VALENTINE

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MASSES

Saturday at 5:30 PM., (8:00 PM. Eucharist, Rectory)

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

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 April 13 (*St Martin I, Pope & Martyr*)
5:30 pm **Emily Case** (Maria Nardone)

SUNDAY April 14 (Palm Sunday)
8:00 am **Stefania Gabara** (Gabara Family)
10:00 am **Mary Wanetick** (Madden Family)
12:00 pm **Edward J. Tomosieski** (Kathleen Tomosieski)

MONDAY April 15 (Monday of Holy Week)
8:00 am **Walter Zimny** (Wanda Record)

TUESDAY April 16 (Tuesday of Holy Week)
8:00 am **José Santos** (Elito & Divina Santos)

WEDNESDAY April 17 (Wednesday of Holy Week)
8:00 am **Simon & Ann Finnegan** (Jim & Christena McManus)

THURSDAY April 18 (Holy Thursday)
7:00 pm **Mass of the Lord's Supper** (Parish Priests)
8pm-10:30 pm **Adoration & Night Prayer**

FRIDAY April 19 (Good Friday)
3:00 pm **The Passion of the Lord** (Holy Land Collection)
7:00 pm **Stations of the Cross** (Church)

SATURDAY April 20 (Holy Saturday)
8:00 pm **Easter Vigil** (The People of the Parish)

SUNDAY April 21 (Easter Sunday)
8:00 am **Edward Gabara** (Gabara Family)
10:00 am **Maria Lewis** (Josephine Baldi)
12:00 pm **John F. Tomosieski, Sr.** (Kathleen Tomosieski)

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10: 34a, 37-43;

Ps 118: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23;

Col 3: 1-4 or 1Cor 5: 6b-8; Jn 20: 1-9

STATEMENT OF BALANCES (12/31/2018)

Total debt to Archdiocese of Newark **\$146,885.35**
 St Valentine's Archdiocesan Investment Management
 Account Balance (12/31/2018) **\$91,305.91**

Thank you for your financial help. The windows in the Rectory building are being repair/replaced. Hazardous trees will be removed. Now that the weather is warmer, work on concrete foundations for the stairs at the main entrance of the Church can begin.

- Fr Basil Lek.

CALENDAR OF EVENT

SUNDAY April 14 (Palm Sunday)
 Archdiocesan Assessment Collection
 Sale of Palm Crosses & Butter Lambs

WEDNESDAY April 17 (Wednesday of Holy Week)
7:30 pm **Adult Choir Practice** (Church)

THURSDAY April 18 (Holy Thursday)
8pm-10:30 pm **Adoration & Night Prayer**

FRIDAY April 19 (Good Friday)
 Office is Closed/Staff is Off
3:00 pm **The Passion of the Lord** (Holy Land Collection)
7:00 pm **Stations of the Cross** (Church)

SATURDAY April 20 (Holy Saturday)
11:00 am **Blessing of Food** (Church)
2:00 pm **Women's A.A.** (Rectory Basement)
4:00 pm **Sacrament of Reconciliation** (Church)

**St Valentine Annual Financial Disclosure
 Fiscal Year from July 2017 to June 30, 2018**

REVENUE	
Collections	\$240,118
Rental Income	\$220,400
Fundraising - Net of Expenses	\$50,211
Society Account Income	\$30,723
Restricted Donations	\$27,691
Christmas	\$21,362
Easter	\$14,537
Donations	\$12,242
Assessment Collection	\$11,863
CCD Revenue	\$6,875
Weddings, Baptisms & Funerals	\$2,770
Other Revenue	\$3,967
Candle Revenue	\$2,034
TOTAL REVENUE	\$644,793
EXPENSES	
Salaries & Benefits	\$244,790
Repairs & maintenance	\$74,494
Utilities	\$66,574
Contracted Services	\$57,773
Assessments	\$46,560
Insurance	\$34,165
Supplies & Equipment	\$25,746
Society Account Expense	\$24,343
Rectory Provisions	\$6,818
CCD Expenses	\$4,992
Other Expenses	\$2,054
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$588,309
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$56,484

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners

We celebrate the Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord because He has won the victory over sin and death for us. The Early Christians hold up the Palm of Victory as a sign of the victory of Jesus Christ over Satan and his minions, so that we no longer have to fear death. God the Father saw that all humanity was afflicted by the original sin of Adam and Eve when they were deceived by Satan the fallen angel. Sin multiplied and we became enslaved by sinfulness. So God sent his Son into the world to endure his Passion so that we may receive the remedy for sin and death.

Despite the torturous sufferings, Jesus Christ showed us that his love and mercy is everlasting, stronger than death; in fact, his eternal life is the antidote to death. It was the Father's will that Jesus Christ die on the cross as a sacrifice of love for us, the love of the Holy Trinity. He turn the cross from an instrument of torture and death to become a symbol of love and an instrument of salvation and victory over death for us.

Jesus drank the bitter cup of suffering and death because his Father chose this way to show to the world that His love does not give up or wear out with pain, suffering and death; so that from now on, we do not have to be afraid of the cross, which is the sufferings we encounter in life, but we should take up our cross!

For those in the world who have not discovered this, they are constantly running away from the cross; they are so afraid of any kind of pain, suffering and death because they are defeated by it. But if there were no sufferings and death in this earthly life, we would all be deceived into thinking that we are our own gods and that we are in paradise; this false paradise that distracts us from the true paradise which is to be in a relationship of love with God in his Kingdom.

To share in the communication of love in the Holy Trinity is to be in heaven. Throughout the history of the Church, generations of Christians have come to know and trust in the power over death that the love of Christ gives us, that's why they are not afraid of pain, suffering and death. Like the first Christians, let us be faithful to God and the teachings of Christ and his Church, and take up our cross to follow him.

- 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



Choir Practice

As we begin Holy Week, you might consider joining the Choir for 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!

ST VALENTINE'S TRICKY TRAY

FRIDAY APRIL 26th at 7 PM

Tickets: \$15. Join us for this fun event; lots of prizes and surprises!



The Special Events & Fundraising Committee invites you to help by your donations. 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**.

Mt. St. Dominic Meghan Doyle 5K Run

Saturday, May 4, 2019, 10:00 am

Mount St. Dominic Academy

3 Ryerson Avenue, Caldwell, NJ 07006

The course is a USATF-certified 5K that starts and finishes on the Mount St. Dominic Academy campus. The route features rolling hills and runs through neighborhoods in Caldwell and Essex Fells. For more info:

<http://www.msdacademy.org/events/msda-meghan-doyle-05k-run-5-4-19/>

