

Third Sunday of Easter , April 15, 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 April 14
 5:30 pm Edmund & Bronislawa Pac (Obremski Family)

SUNDAY April 15 (Third Sunday of Easter)
 8:00 am Santo & Beatrice Perri (Cristina Gabriele)
 10:00 am The People of the Parish
 12:00 pm Fr. Don DiPasquale (Amado & Rose Lopez)

MONDAY April 16
 8:00 am Edward Tomosieski (Kathleen Tomosieski)

TUESDAY April 17
 8:00 am Frank Thomas Polizzi (Polizzi Family)

WEDNESDAY April 18
 8:00 am Ignacio Creer (Creer Family)

THURSDAY April 19
 8:00 am John Salvetta (Jack & Krys Salvetta)

FRIDAY April 20
 8:00 am Rosalie Petrucci (Victor & Donna Bulkowski)

SATURDAY April 21
 8:00 am Joseph Coleman (Elito & Divina Santos)
 5:30 pm Jane Trestka (Judy Sochon)

SUNDAY April 22 (Fourth Sunday of Easter)
 8:00 am Mary Wantick (Madden Family)
 10:00 am John Tomosieski, Sr. (Kathleen Tomosieski)
 12:00 pm The People of the Parish

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Fourth Sunday of Easter

**Acts 4: 8-12; Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26-29;
 1 Jn 3: 1-2; Jn 10: 11-18**

CHURCH COLLECTION

Sunday Collection on 4/8/2018: \$4,302.36
 Good Friday (Holy Land): \$389.00
 Palm Crosses: \$537.00
 Butter Lambs: \$340.00

Thank you for your financial support. I encourage you to give more to the parish. Our collection is not even enough to pay for the fixed costs of the parish, let alone the other expenditures that we incur in our repairs of the buildings. Remember, this is our parish.
 -Fr Basil Lek.

CALENDAR OF EVENT

SUNDAY April 15 (Third Sunday of Easter)
 10:00 am Children's Liturgy (Church Hall)
 11:00 am Catechism, Grades 1-8 (School)
 12:00 pm Baptism

TUESDAY April 17
 7:00 pm Baptismal Prep. (Rectory)
 8:00 pm Liturgy of the Word (Rectory)

THURSDAY April 19
 7:30 pm Adult Choir Practice (Church)

FRIDAY April 20
 6:45 pm Tricky Tray (Church Hall)
 8:00 pm Prayer Group (Chapel)

SATURDAY April 21
 1:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (Church)
 2:00 pm Women's A.A. (Rectory)
 7:30 pm Catechumenal Eucharist (Rectory)

SUNDAY April 22 (Fourth Sunday of Easter)
 11:00 am Catechism, Grades 1-8 (School)

PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please pray for those whose
FUNERALS/MEMORIALS
 were celebrated recently:

Mary Ruddy
 April 2, 2018

†
Joseph Coleman
 April 5, 2018

*Eternal rest grant unto them, oh Lord
 and let perpetual light shine upon them.
 May they rest in peace. Amen.*

MAY CROWNING FOR MONTH OF MARY



The Altar & Rosary Sodality will be having the May Crowning on May 2, 2018 in the Church at 7pm. Join us in honoring Mother Mary as the Mother of the Church and Queen of Heaven and Earth.

May is also the month of the Rosary. All are invited to pray the Rosary daily.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners

In this Sunday's Gospel (Lk 24: 35-48), we hear of the startling appearance of Jesus to his disciples. Jesus calmed the anxieties, fears and trouble in their hearts by showing them his hands and his feet, and he invites them to touch him. To touch the Lord is to touch the eternal. They were so full of amazing joy because Jesus is showing them the reality of the Resurrection. It was not a fairy tale, or some elaborate lie. Jesus begins to fulfill what he told them; the things that he promised were fulfilled by him.

Jesus begins to explain to them, *"These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled."* Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. Without the divine help of Jesus, the Scriptures would be regarded as religious writings about some legends as what the world thinks about the Bible, and unfortunately some Catholics also. Jesus opens the minds of his disciples to understand that the Old and New Testaments are connected to him because he comes to fulfill all that was written about him - he is the Savior, the Messiah.

God is offering us the Resurrection to new life in Jesus, but it requires the repentance of sins on our part. Now, the forgiveness of sins is offered by Jesus Christ for those who have faith in him, and are faithful to his teachings. Just joining as a member of the Catholic Church is useless. And it is useless to try and buy our way to heaven. Jesus is the gateway to heaven. He lets in those who repent of their sins and are willing to listen and obey him. On our own, we cannot achieve eternal life. It is a free gift from God, not a reward for our efforts.

- Fr. Basil Lek.

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please pray for the following infirmed:

Arthur Drone, Carmela Storm,
Michele Sewask, Walter Boyle,
Lorraine Noack, Ralph Gaccione,
Abigail Mehring, Colbie Derborow,
Dennis Hayes, Rose Carroll, Rosemarie Michelle,
Dolores Kozakiewicz & Nicole Maiore.

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 April 15, 2018

is offered in loving memory of:



Christopher Chalet



**Donated by:
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Bishop Robert Barron's Catholicism Series

The Parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Nutley proudly presents Bishop Robert Barron's Catholicism Series: The Pivotal Players, Volume 1. In this extraordinary Widescreen High Definition presentation, Bishop Barron journeys around the world to explore a handful of saints, artists, mystics, and scholars who not only shaped the life of the Church, but changed the course of western civilization. The first evening will feature St. Francis of Assisi, followed by St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Catherine of Siena, Blessed John Henry Newman, G.K. Chesterton and Michelangelo. One evening per saint in the order listed above.

Join us at Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Nutley for SIX consecutive Monday evenings at 7:00PM beginning on April 9. For more information contact Andres Cardona at (347) 678-6702. Event is FREE of charge.

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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Bloomfield, NJ
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Repair Facility

ST. VALENTINE ALTAR SERVERS



Calling all young people! Come join us as an Altar Server and serve the Lord at the liturgy of the Mass. Children who have received their First Holy Communion may join the Altar Servers.

Our co-ordinators are Marty & Minnie Gregorowicz. Parent, please call the Rectory Office at 974-743-0220, or let Fr. Basil know if your son or daughter is interested.

St. Valentine Family Festival 2018

Our Family Festival this year will be on September 8, 9 & 10. We need your help as a leader in the Committee, please come to our next Meeting on Wednesday May 9 at 7:30pm in the Rectory.

St. Valentine Athletic Club Memorial Golf Outing

Shawnee Inn & Golf Resort Tuesday May 8th 2018
\$130.00 Per Person. 2 Player Scramble.
Deadline May 1st
Deluxe Breakfast Buffet 7:30 am.
ShotGun Start 9:30 am. Deluxe Lunch and Prizes

Contact: Joe Sandora (973) 743-7264,
Pete Vocaturo (201) 294-7388,
Jim Flaherty (973) 652-7802
Ed McGlynn (201) 522-5324

Make check payable to St. Valentine Athletic Club

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CATECHISTS NEEDED!

If God is helping you to live your Christian life according to the teachings of Christ and his Church, perhaps God is inviting you to serve as a Catechist of our parish. Please consider sharing the faith, hope and love that God has put into your heart with the children of our parish. It is an important and rewarding ministry. The need is imminent and the rewards are heavenly. Guidance, training and materials will be provided.



CATECHIST'S AIDES ARE ALSO NEEDED!



If you can spare an hour on Sunday when classes are in session (11am to 12:15pm), won't you consider helping out in the classroom by assisting a Catechist? High school students also welcome.

Sessions for the coming scholastic year start up on September 23rd. Please prayerfully consider serving as a Catechist or a Catechist's Aide. For more information, contact Josephine Sarno at: (973) 743-6122.

OVERNIGHT PARKING

ALL PARKING SPACES BELONGING TO SAINT VALENTINE CHURCH IS PRIVATE PROPERTY. The monthly fee for private car owners who park their cars at their own risk throughout the night is \$100 per month.



Overnight parking will be available at the parking lots across from the Church Building along East Passaic Avenue. No commercial vehicles are allowed to park in our parking lots. **VEHICLES THAT DO NOT HAVE PERMISSION TO PARK OVERNIGHT WILL BE TICKETED AND TOWED AT THE OWNER'S EXPENSE.**

Please contact the Rectory during office hours: 9am - 4pm, Mondays - Fridays. Tel: 973-743-0220.