

CHURCH OF SAINT VALENTINE

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 22, 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

Rectory Telephone ----- 973-743-0220

Rectory Fax ----- 973-743-2041

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Served By

Fr. Andrew N. Onyemaobi ----- *Pastor*
Judy Giuliano ----- *Parish Secretary*
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Kevin Amahit ----- *Financial Trustee*
Lisa Campanella ----- *Financial Trustee*
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 21

2nd Collection — Snow Removal

12:00pm John Heller (Deceased)
 From: Joan Lind
 5:30pm Lucy Gambino (Birthday Blessings)

Sunday, March 22

2nd Collection — Snow Removal

8:00am Athletic Club (Deceased Members)
 10:00am John O'Connor (Deceased)
 From: Felino Nebiar
 12:00pm Joseph & Theresa Novobilski
 From: Family

Monday, March 23

12:00pm People of the Parish

Tuesday, March 24

12:00pm People of the Parish

Wednesday, March 25

12:00pm People of the Parish

Thursday, March 26

12:00pm People of the Parish

Friday, March 27

12:00 pm Flor Lictao (Healing)
 From: Mel & Bel Carlos

Saturday, March 28

2nd Collection — None

12:00pm Marti Carlos (Deceased)
 From: Parents
 5:30pm Gerry Chanco (Decased)
 From: Family

Sunday, March 29 **PALM (PASSION) SUNDAY**

2nd Collection — None

8:00am Andrew Lim (Deceased)
 From: Anthony & Alison Ismaelito
 10:00am Felisa & Roger Landicho (Deceased)
 From: Nebiar Family
 12:00pm Jeovanni Resus (Deceased)
 From: Desiree

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

This reading is a loving promise that the Lord will put His spirit into his people and will let them live.

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11

Paul reminds the Romans that they are not people of the flesh but people of the Spirit because the Spirit of God dwells in them.

Gospel: John 11:1-45

In great detail, John tells the story of the raising of Lazarus to life. Upon learning of the death of Lazarus, his dear friend, Jesus goes to comfort Martha and Mary. After proclaiming, "I am the Resurrection and the Life", Jesus goes to the tomb of Lazarus and restores him to life.

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SUNDAY COLLECTION (3/8/26)..... \$2,811.00

Christmas.....	\$ 100.00
Maintenance.....	\$ 18.00
Archdiocesan Assessment.....	\$ 45.00
Black & Indian Catholic Relief.....	\$ 18.00
Central & Eastern Europe.....	\$ 15.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	\$ 20.00
Immaculate Conception.....	\$ 20.00
Retirement.....	\$ 20.00
Communicating God's Word.....	\$ 20.00
Candles.....	\$ 380.00
Snow Removal.....	\$ 20.00
TOTAL.....	\$3,487.00

Electronic Giving..... \$ 376.74

SUNDAY COLLECTION (3/15/26)..... \$2,986.00

Black & Indian Catholic Relief.....	\$ 370.00
Eastern Europe.....	\$ 10.00
Snow Removal	\$ 35.00
TOTAL.....	\$ 3,401.00

Electronic Giving..... \$ 925.00


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
Fifth Sunday of Lent / John 11:1-45

Year A

Jesus is called by Martha & Mary with news their brother Lazarus is very ill. When Jesus arrived in Bethany, Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Jesus loved His friends deeply and was so saddened by their grief, He cried. Jesus called upon His Father, who raised Lazarus, much the same as Jesus will rise Easter morning!

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Lent
The season of being sorry for sin, asking forgiveness and helping others.

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The act of giving assistance or support to helping others.

WEEK 5

Dear God,
This week I...

Love,



Examples

- Make a special card for someone who is sad or sick.
- By yourself, or with family members, write a "Thank you Jesus, for Loving Me" prayer. Read it each day from now until Easter.
- Plant some seeds in a cup or planter, giving it water & sun daily. In a few days, you too will witness the miracle of new life. Your new sprouts should be ready by Easter to give as a loving gift.

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In the past weeks of Lent we have seen a lending of physical, emotional, spiritual and healing support. With the rising of Lazarus, Jesus' friends experiences all of these comforts, and many people became believers.

Lent is nearing the end. Using these remaining two weeks of Lent, think about how much Jesus loves us, and pass this love on to others. **Lend** your talents to an activity that will comfort someone. Write your lend/lent action on the cross. Color in the cross.



FREE Virtual SAT Mock Exam

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

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- ✓ First-time SAT test takers

What Students Receive:

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

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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!

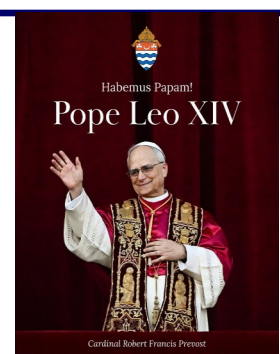


The Pope's Monthly Intentions

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 21

7:00pm Neo Catechumenal Eucharist [Chapel]

Sunday, March 22

Palm Crosses on Sale after Mass

Monday, March 23

7:00pm Festival Planning Meeting [Rectory]

Tuesday, March 24

No events scheduled

Wednesday, March 25

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

Thursday, March 26

No events

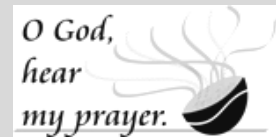
Friday, March 27

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 23rd Festival Planning Meeting
7:00pm Rectory

April 24th Tricky Tray 6pm Church Hall



DAILY READING FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday

Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Monday

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday

Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday

Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Thursday

Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday

Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday

Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56



FRIDAYS
7:00PM

**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. Thank you.



Archdiocese of Newark
OFFICE OF THE VICAR GENERAL

2026 LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. 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.

2. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially", or as a whole, is a serious obligation.
3. 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.
4. 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.

TO ALL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY COUPLES

We are excited to announce that we are once again preparing for the annual tradition of honoring couples in our Archdiocese who will be celebrating five, twenty-five, fifty, and sixty+ years of Catholic marriage! Once again, there will be ONE anniversary liturgy for all couples from all counties. This liturgy will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin on Sunday, May 3, 2026 at 3 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark. All clergy and family members are welcome! It is our desire that every couple in the archdiocese celebrating their 5th, 25th, 50th, or 60+ wedding anniversary be present at this special liturgy. The presence of these couples and their families is a beautiful witness to the strength and stability of Christian marriage in today's society. An online registration form to register the couples of your parish. A QR Code is provided below. The registration form can also be accessed on the home page of Archdiocese (RCAN) Website. If you have difficulty accessing the online registration form, please email familylife@rcan.org for the direct link. The registration deadline is April 14, 2026. Kindly submit one registration form per couple. Once we receive a registration form, the couple will be contacted by email by our office directly with important information regarding the liturgy and directions to the Cathedral Basilica.

Scan the QR Code for the registration form.

