

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 25, 2019

CHURCH OF SAINT VALENTINE

Corner of East Passaic Ave. & Hoover Ave., Bloomfield, NJ
125 North Spring Street, Bloomfield, New Jersey



FAMILY FESTIVAL

SEPTEMBER 6 - FRIDAY 6 P.M. - 10:30 P.M.
SEPTEMBER 7 - SATURDAY 4 P.M. - 10:30 P.M.
SEPTEMBER 8 - SUNDAY 1 P.M. - 9 P.M.



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MASSES

Saturday at 5:30 P.M.,

Sunday at 8:00 A.M., 10:00 A.M. & 12:00 P.M.

Weekdays: Monday through Saturday
8:00 A.M. in the Rectory Chapel.

Holy Days as announced in the Bulletin.

Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

Novena Prayer: 8:30 A.M. on Saturdays.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)

Saturday at 4:00 P.M. (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.

CATECHETICAL PROGRAM

Please contact the Catechetical 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 A.M. Mass on Saturdays.

ROSARY

Join us for the Rosary before the 8:00 A.M. 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 August 24 (St Bartholomew, Apostle)
 5:30 pm **Agnes Jacunski** (Bill Jacunski)

SUNDAY August 25 (21st Sunday in Ordinary Time)
 8:00 am **Mary Balicki** (Stanley Balicki)
 10:00 am **The People of the Parish**
 12:00 pm **John F Tomosieski, Sr** (Kathleen Tomosieski)

MONDAY August 26 (Our Lady of Czestochowa)
 8:00 am **Jack Poventud** (Fr Basil Lek)

TUESDAY August 27 (St Monica)
 8:00 am **Eldridge & Antoinette Reiff**

WEDNESDAY August 28 (St Augustine, Bishop)
 8:00 am **Marlene Gardner**, Birthday

THURSDAY August 29 (Passion of St John the Baptist)
 8:00 am **Rena Jacunski** (Bill Jacunski)

FRIDAY August 30
 8:00 am **Filomena Gonella** (Farella Family)

SATURDAY August 31
 8:00 am **Zygmunt Gabara** (Gabara Family)
 5:30 pm **Agnes Jacunski** (Bill Jacunski)

SUNDAY September 1 (22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)
 8:00 am **Susan Romero** (Chanco Family)
 10:00 am **Divina Santos** (Birthday, Santos Family)
 12:00 pm **The People of the Parish**

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Sir 3: 17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68: 4-7, 10-11;
 Heb 12: 18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14: 1, 7-14**

CHURCH COLLECTION

Assumption Mass 8/15/2019	\$944.00
Sunday Collection 8/18/2019	\$3,981.00
Church in Africa Collection	\$366.00

As you enjoy the summer vacation, please remember to go to Sunday Mass at a Catholic Church at your vacation place. Also, please remember to help our parish with its bills and expenses during the summer months since during this time increased maintenance and repairs take place.

If you are away for certain Sundays during the summer months, we ask you to please make up your Sunday offerings when you return to St. Valentine's. Thank you for your kind consideration of all the needs of your parish and for your continuous support of this parish.

CALENDAR OF EVENT

SUNDAY August 25 (21st Sunday in Ordinary Time)
 Archdiocesan Assessment Collection
 Missionary Cooperation Plan Appeal: Fr Francis Onwuchulum

MONDAY August 26 (Our Lady of Czestochowa)
 7:00 pm **Family Festival Meeting** (Rectory)

FRIDAY August 30
 8:00 pm **Prayer Group** (Chapel)

SATURDAY August 31
 2:00 pm **Women's A.A.** (Rectory Basement)
 4:00 pm **Sacrament of Reconciliation** (Church)

MONDAY September 2 (Labor Day)
 Office is Closed, Staff is Off

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK!!!

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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:

Janice Mannello,		Rosemarie Michelle,
Colbie Durborow,		Matthias Birmingham,
Carmella Baccarri,		Michael Wegrzeynek,
Angela Loungo,		Tena Mihalics,
Tony Keller, Nicole Maiore,		
Gina Maiore & 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) at anytime day or night, or call the Parish Office at (973) 743-0220.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners

Jesus tells us *“Strive to enter through the narrow gate”* in this Sunday’s Gospel from Luke 13: 22-30. He says that *“many will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough.”* In the Beatitudes, Jesus tells us that *“the gate is wide and the road broad that leads to destruction, and those who enter through it are many. How narrow the gate and constricted the road that leads to life. And those who find it are few”* (Mt 7: 13-14). Jesus is talking about finding everlasting life. Not the life of darkness and sin obeying one’s selfish desires, and unable to get out.

So we would ask, *“Then who can be saved?”* We are all sinners. This is what they asked Jesus when he told them that it is *“easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.”* It seems that we are doomed. It is something humanly unreachable; an impossible dream. But Jesus gives us a piece of good news; he tells us, *“What is impossible for human beings is possible for God”* (Lk 18: 25-27).

So the ability to enter the narrow gate is not in us, but it is possible in Christ. Jesus tells us, *“I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture”* (Jn 10: 9). With the NJ Turnpike, you can pay using the Easy Pass, but with our human efforts alone we cannot reach eternal life. We cannot save ourselves; we need to cooperate with the Holy Spirit.

For those who want to be their own gods, Jesus will say to them, *“I do not know where you are from.”* Do we not come from God? Are we not supposed to be his holy people?; to follow Him, to obey his will and not our own will? But some people want to play god; they want to control their own lives and the lives of the people around them. Well, Jesus tells them, *“Depart from me, all you evildoers!”* Why are they evildoers? Because of the sin of self-idolatry; they trust in themselves instead of trusting in God. The ones who were invited first but were too busy with their own will became last, but the ones who are last in the world will become first in the kingdom of God when they follow Jesus, the Gate to eternal life, the only Lord, God and Savior of our souls.

- Fr. Basil Lek.

St Valentine Family Festival 2019
September 6th, 7th & 8th (Fri, Sat & Sun)



Once again we are gearing up to present St Val’s fun filled Family Festival. **Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday August 26th at 7pm in the Rectory.** Any questions please call Patti Valentovic: (201) 704-0709 or email AandJMom@verizon.net



FESTIVAL SIGN-UP – Everyone will have the opportunity to volunteer to work at St Valentine’s Family Festival. **Without your support it can’t happen.** Our next Sign-Up Sunday is August 24th & 25th.



MONETARY DONATIONS – Help cover the ever-increasing Festival expenses. These donations help us cover such necessary items as tent rentals, security, licenses, etc. If you can help, place your donation in an envelope marked Festival and deposit in the collection basket in Church.



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To Purchase: _____

Place Envelope in Collection Basket marked Festival

Can you spare two hours? Help is needed to sell Super 50/50 Tickets at local businesses. Call Virginia Reyes: (973) 508-3351 or email: jingreyes.rn@gmail.com. Let her know when you are available.



Business owners who want Super 50/50 Tickets to sell can contact Patti Valentovic.

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St Thomas the Apostle Seniors' Club 2019 Trips

Baltimore/Annapolis/St Michaels Maryland

4 Days/3 Nights, October 1st thru 4th (Tuesday thru Friday) – A White Star Tour.



\$560 Per Person Double Occupancy, \$739 Single Occupancy includes, entrance fees to all activities, 3 Nights Lodging, 3 Breakfasts, 3 Dinners including Gratuities, Bus Transportation & Driver Tip, Bus Snacks. Bus will depart Tuesday morning. Exact time to be determined. (Minimum 35 & Maximum 50) Per Person - \$50 Deposit due upon Sign-Up, \$170 due June 30th, \$170 due July 30th, & \$170 Balance due August 22nd. For Single Occupancy divide payments similarly.

Brunch at the Charthouse in Weehawken

November 3rd (Sunday) - one of our favorite places with that spectacular view of NYC and an outstanding variety.



\$65 Per Person includes Brunch & Gratuity, Bus Transportation & Driver Tip. Bus will depart at 10:15am. Join us for a leisurely meal to end our Travel Year. \$20 due upon Sign-Up & Balance by October 21st. (Minimum 30 & Maximum 35).

Come and Listen to the Good News!

If you want to be truly happy, and if you do not have the answers to the sufferings and difficulties that you face everyday, come and see!

You are invited to a serious encounter with the Lord. It begins with a set of talks on the Good News of the Catholic Church.

**CATECHESIS FOR ADULTS
(Youth 12 years and older are welcome)**

Beginning on Monday, September 9th

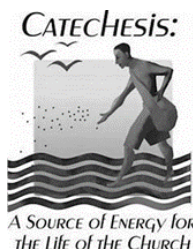
Come and Listen!

MONDAYS and THURSDAYS

8:00 PM - 9:00 PM,

IN THE RECTORY

Free Baby Sitting Provided.



CHOIR NEWS & NOTES



Our first practice for the choir season will be Thursday, September 12, 7:30 to 9:00 pm, in the church. We warmly welcome new members - or curious potential members - to be there. So, if you're high school age on up, know that you're welcome to attend. If you have any questions, please email Gary Sabak at gsabak@paramus-catholic.org; he would be delighted to know you're interested. Don't worry - you won't be put on the spot and have to audition or sing solo in front of others! If you like to sing, and especially if you've sung before in school or college, or in a community group, please think about helping your parish. Although used so many times, this quote of St. Augustine is just as true today as it was 1600 years ago, "He who sings well prays twice" *Qui bene cantat bis orat*, and "Singing is for one who loves" *Cantare amantis est* (On the Importance of Singing, General Instruction of the Roman Missal #39).

St. John Vianney Parish in Colonia is sponsoring a trip to:

Wildwood/Atlantic City/Cape May/Smithville from September 8th to 12th, 2019



\$560 per person double occupancy includes Transportation, Sightseeing, 4 Dinners, 4 Breakfasts and 4 Lunches. Bus pick up will be at St Peter's in Belleville. For an itinerary or additional information, please call Pat: (973) 485-9041 or email: patn139@aol.com

Feast of St Thérèse of the Child Jesus



Join in the celebration of the feast of St Thérèse of the Child Jesus at Holy Face Monastery, Clifton, NJ on Tuesday October 1, 2019.



There will be all day Eucharistic adoration, confessions (2-5pm), Praying the Rosary with St. Thérèse (4:30pm), Holy Mass at 7:30 pm followed by a procession and distribution of blessed roses. Fellowship, free food, and raffle will follow in Abbot Gregori Hall. All are welcome! For more information call Marty Kleber (973) 865-9075.