

Fourth Sunday of Easter, May 12, 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

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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	May 11
5:30 pm	Chanco & Fernandez Family (Chanco Family)
SUNDAY	May 12 (Fourth Sunday of Easter)
8:00 am	Santo & Beatrice Perri (Cristina Gabriele)
10:00 am	Maria Lewis (Josephine Baldi)
12:00 pm	The People of the Parish
MONDAY	May 13 (<i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>)
8:00 am	Joseph Leacy (Jim & Christena McManus)
TUESDAY	May 14 (St Matthew, Apostle)
8:00 am	Cathy King
WEDNESDAY	May 15 (<i>St Isidore</i>)
8:00 am	Deceased Members of Altar & Rosary Sodality
THURSDAY	May 16
8:00 am	Deceased Members of the Athletic Club
FRIDAY	May 17
8:00 am	Wanda Repelyea
SATURDAY	May 18 (<i>St John I, Pope & Martyr</i>)
8:00 am	Victor Bulkowski
5:30 pm	The People of the Parish
SUNDAY	May 19 (Fifth Sunday of Easter)
8:00 am	Mary Wanetick (Madden Family)
10:00 am	Mosakowski Family (John & Dolores Yannuzzi)
12:00 pm	Giuseppa DiDonato (Nicole Mazeo)

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 14: 21-27; Ps 145: 8-13;

Rv 21: 1-5a; Jn 13: 31-33a, 34-35

CHURCH COLLECTION

Sunday Collection 5/5/2019 \$4,042.00

Thank you for your financial support. Please give to our maintenance fund as repairs need to be done this summer. The sliding windows in the rectory have been repaired. The staircase at the entrance of the Church will be repaired. They lack proper concrete foundations. You can dedicate your donations to the maintenance of the parish by writing "Maintenance Fund" at the bottom left corner of your checks.

- Fr Basil Lek.

CALENDAR OF EVENT

SUNDAY	May 12 (Fourth Sunday of Easter)
	No Catechism Classes
TUESDAY	May 14 (St Matthew, Apostle)
8:00 pm	Liturgy of the Word (Rectory)
WEDNESDAY	May 15 (<i>St Isidore</i>)
7:30 pm	Choir Practice (Church)
FRIDAY	May 17
8:00 pm	Prayer Group (Chapel)
SATURDAY	May 18 (<i>St John I, Pope & Martyr</i>)
2:00 pm	Women's A.A. (Rectory Basement)
4:00 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Church)
5:30 pm	Archdiocesan Assessment Collection
8:00 pm	Catechumenal Eucharist (Rectory)

St Valentine Family Festival 2019

September 6th, 7th & 8th



We are gearing up to present St Valentine's fun filled Family Festival. **Do you have leadership or organizational qualities? This is the Parish's largest fundraiser. If it is going to continue we need people to step up to help coordinate this event. DO IT FOR THE PARISH, DO IT FOR THE FAMILIES! New members are welcome!**

Please come to our next meeting on:

Monday May 20 at 7pm in the Rectory.

Booking of Mass Intentions 2019

The offering mass intentions is for the salvation of souls. This is the mission that Jesus Christ entrusted to the Church. We offer mass intentions for our loved ones, not just for the faithful departed but also for the living; for wedding anniversaries, birthdays, graduations, or when someone is sick. The prayer of the faithful in the mass is always for us to do the will of God which gives life and salvation to the soul.

The mass stipend is only \$10, and it is a gift for the priest. If you cannot afford the \$10, just let us know. Don't let it be an obstacle to having a mass intention. You can arrange with the Secretary during office hours (Mon-Fri, 9am-4pm) to send your check and see what days are available.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners

In this Sunday's Gospel from John 10: 27-30, we are reminded that Jesus is the Good Shepherd who comes to lead us to a new way of life; cooperating with the eternal life of God working and changing us.

Jesus Christ said, "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me." The sheep that listens to the voice of the shepherd is for the sake of survival, so that the sheep does not go the wrong direction and end up in trouble or gets attacked by the wolf. So, paying attention to Jesus, and obeying him is for our own good. Then, Jesus says that he knows his sheep. Does Jesus know you or have you been hiding from him? Those who do not trust in God do not want God to bud into their lives; they want to keep their lives hidden from God because their works are sinful and they do not want their lives to change; they don't want to give up their sinful behavior. They will use everything, even their own family to feed their sinful habit. Jesus wants know us as friends get to know each other. But if a person is not interested in having a relationship with God, then God will not bud into that person's life. That person might convince himself that he is very good, and can even do all kinds of religious stuff, but in actual fact, he does not want to listen to any shepherd in his life. Obviously, he will not listen to anyone around him telling him to change his ways. He will only listen to people who flatter him or tell him how "good" he is. Perhaps he will listen to his financial advisor because it helps his love of money, and all the other selfish things he likes.

But for those who truly follow Jesus, they have abandoned their old sinful ways; their own will because they are convinced that doing God's will is what gives life to the soul, eternal life. By their works you will know that they belong to God; that God is working in them (ref. Mt 7: 15-20). God doesn't force us to follow him, but woe to you who walk away from God's gift, when He has chosen you to live the greatest happiness as a sign to the people of the world who live in sin and darkness, lost without a Shepherd. The True Shepherd does not lead from behind but goes before us to conquer death and show us the resurrection so that we might follow. Let us follow Him!

- Fr. Basil Lek.

Prayer Request for the Sick

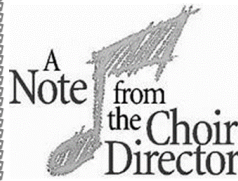
If you would like the parish to pray for a parishioner, relative or friend, please call the Parish Office at (973) 743-0220.

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, Gina Maiore,
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



Come join the Choir for practices on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm. The Choir sings at the 10 am Mass on Sundays. We are most in need of Sopranos and Bassos, but Tenors and Altos are surely welcome. Give it a try!

Congratulations First Communicants 2019

May the Lord shower His abundant love and blessings on these children, as well as their parents, families, Catechists and all who supported them on this journey of faith!

Braden Amahit
Angelo Cardenas
Taryn Closeil-Gray
Julia Vargas
Audrey Velez
Nyet Zemichael



First
Communion

Jaclyn Bissett
Maya Estrada
Ariel Rodriguez
Katherine Vaz
Sabur Zemichael

Special thanks to our 2nd Grade Catechist, Mrs Patti Valentovic and her Aide, Mrs Alma Maglasang.

OVERNIGHT PARKING

St. Valentine Church offers overnight parking at the parking lots along East Passaic Avenue, beside the Firehouse and across from the Church. The monthly fee for private car owners who park their cars at their own risk throughout the night is **\$25 per month, and a one-time security deposit of \$50**. Vehicles without permission to park overnight will be ticketed and towed at the owner's expense. No commercial vehicles are allowed to park in our parking lots. Contact us: (973) 743-0220.

CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY

The Family Life Office of the Archdiocese of Newark is once again preparing the annual tradition of honoring those couples in our Archdiocese who will be celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of Christian Marriage in the year 2019.

These anniversary liturgies will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as follows:

June 2, 2019 3:00 PM 5 & 25 years
Please call the Parish Office: 973-743-0220.

St Thomas the Apostle Seniors' Club 2019 Trips

The Windlass Restaurant in Lake Hopatcong & Cruise

July 16th (Tuesday) – An afternoon at the Lake with a Buffet Lunch at the Windlass Restaurant followed by a one hour Cruise of Lake Hopatcong. The Windlass is waterfront with a fabulous view of the Lake, and the sightseeing boat is a 57 foot boat with enclosed lower deck & open top deck. \$90 Per Person includes Lunch & Gratuity at the Windlass, Cruise & Gratuity, Bus Transportation & Driver Tip. Bus will depart at 10:30am.



Join the fun at the Lake. \$30 due upon Sign-Up & \$60 Balance by June 10th. (Minimum 30 & Max. 40).

Gaming at the Sands Casino

August 20th (Tuesday) - \$30.00 Per Person includes Bus Transportation & Driver Tip, \$20 Free Slot Play, & \$5 Food Coupon. Bus will depart at 9:30am. \$10 due upon Sign-Up & \$20 Balance by July 22nd. (Minimum 35 & Maximum 50)



Women's May Mass at St Teresa of Calcutta

The parishes of Immaculate Conception & Our Lady of Mt Carmel in Montclair invite you to their

Women's May Mass on Tuesday May 14th at 7:30pm

Cheese and Wine Reception immediately following Mass.

The Power of Faith-filled Women.
Guest Speaker: Patricia McLaughlin
Pastoral Social Worker, Church of the Presentation.
All are welcome!

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK!!!

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PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Join us for a Pancake Breakfast on **Sunday, June 2nd. Starting after the 8:00am Mass until 12pm in the Church Hall.**

Come and enjoy Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausages, Croissants, Juice, Coffee and Tea.

Organized by the Fundraising Committee.
Tickets are \$10 each. Tickets will be on sale at the Vestibule of the Church after the Masses.
Come hungry, and get happy!

HOME DELIVERY SERVICE

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MAY IS THE MONTH OF MOTHER MARY

Pray the Holy Rosary daily! The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to the children at Fatima and asked all of us to pray the Holy Rosary daily for the conversion of sinners. May is the month of Mary, the Mother of the Church, our mother and the Mother of God.



The Blessed Virgin Mary is the first Christian, if you want to know how to be a Christian, learn from her. As the Queen Mother of the Church, she is at the forefront of Christ's Mission of bringing Salvation to a world darkened by sin.