

# Our Lady of the Valley Church

630 Valley Road - Wayne - New Jersey - 07470 - [www.olvwayne.org](http://www.olvwayne.org)

973-694-4585

**“The Church is Holy, not just because all are welcome.  
The Church is Holy, because all belong.”**

*Timothy M. Matovina  
University of Notre Dame  
(paraphrased by Pope Francis at General Audience)*



January 22, 2017

## **Schedule of Masses**

### **Weekdays**

Monday - Saturday 7:30am

### **Weekends**

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am  
and 12:00 Noon

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturdays 4:00-4:30pm

## **Sacraments of Baptism, Marriage & Personal Appointments**

Please call the Parish Office

## Our Parish is Served By

**Rev. Peter VB. Wells, Pastor**  
973-694-4585, Ext 7246  
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973-694-4585, Ext 7204

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### TRUSTEES OF THE PARISH

**Marie Armenio**

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**Mark Peischl**

mark.peischl@gmail.com

**Michael Renaldo (Trustee Emeritus)**

## Weekend Collection

**Weekend Collection: January 15, 2017**

|                     |                    |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| Attendance:         | unavailable        |
| Weekend Collection: | \$7,235.33         |
| Retired Religious   | \$3,909.25         |
| Parish Pay:         | \$2,995.25         |
| <b>Total:</b>       | <b>\$14,139.83</b> |



**Thank you for your continued Generosity!**

## Presider Schedule

Weekend of January 28—29:

### Our Lady of the Valley

|           |              |
|-----------|--------------|
| 5:00pm    | Father Peter |
| 8:00am    | Father Wells |
| 10:00am   | Father Peter |
| 12:00noon | Father Peter |

### Holy Cross

|         |              |
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| 5:00pm  | Father Wells |
| 10:00am | Father Wells |

## Weekly Mass Intentions

|                       |         |   |
|-----------------------|---------|---|
| Monday, January 23    | 7:30am  | Joseph Falcone  |
| Tuesday, January 24   | 7:30am  | Ron Carlucci<br>Special Intention<br>Dominick Gagliostro<br>Special Intention<br><i>Miraculous Medal Novena to follow Mass on Tuesday</i> |
| Wednesday, January 25 | 7:30am  | Lena Marino   |
| Thursday, January 26  | 7:30am  | Michael Turco<br>Special Intention  |
| Friday, January 27    | 7:30am  | For the People  |
| Saturday, January 28  | 7:30am  | For the People  |
|                       | 5:00pm  | Joe Camerlingo<br>Raymond & Joy Catanzaro<br>Stephen Rinaldo<br>Edward Ross<br>Catherine M Wheeler  |
| Sunday, January 29    | 8:00am  | Joseph Lanni<br>Patrick Cerillo<br>Benjamin Monello   |
|                       | 10:00am | Mary & Lucy Felice<br>Marek Jakub Pluta<br>Alessandro Pucino<br>Albert Sadowski Sr.   |
|                       | 12:00pm | Anthony M. Bruno<br>Paul Malecki<br>Rita Minardi  |

## Mass Book

If you are interested in booking a Mass Intention for your loved one, please contact Elaine in the parish office at 973-694-4585 ext.7200 or via email: [secretary@olvwayne.org](mailto:secretary@olvwayne.org). Suggested donation \$10.



## Weekly Remembrance

The Sanctuary Lamp, which burns near the tabernacle, in church and is the reminder of our Lord's presence in the Most Holy Eucharist, will burn in loving memory of:

*Gerard Farese*

Also, the altar bread and wine, which will become the Holy Body and Precious Blood of our Lord, was given in memory of Gerard Farese from his loving family.

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time — January 22, 2017

## Tax Donation Statement



It's that time.... if you would like a copy of your 2016 tax donation statement, please contact Barbara in the parish office at 973 694 4585 ext. 7203 or via email at [reception@olvwayne.org](mailto:reception@olvwayne.org) When requesting your statement please include your full name, address and, if known, your envelope identification number.

## Pro Life Roses

This weekend, Our Lady of the Valley's Knights of Columbus Council #6354 will be accepting your generous donations at the Church's entrances.

This year your donations will help support  
Several Sources Shelters  
300 Airmount Avenue  
Ramsey, New Jersey

Several Sources Shelters Mission: Through God's grace, we save babies lives and shelter their young mothers while providing education and ongoing compassionate support services including our Pregnancy Sonogram Center. We further educate young people to make healthy life choices, shelter women who are homeless, sick and elderly as we help them restore their Dignity,

Several Sources is a registered 501(3)C charity

## Faith Formation

### Grades 1-8:

Sunday, January 22, 29  
February 5, 26  
8:30-9:45 and 10:30-11:45

Monday, January 23, 30  
February 6, 27  
7:00-8:15pm



### Confirmation I:

Sunday, February 12  
9:30am—11:30am

### Confirmation II:

Sunday, February 12  
1:15pm—2:45pm

## Parish's Sacramental and Prayer Life

*"Is anyone among you suffering? They should pray...Is anyone among you sick? They should summon the presbyters of the church, and they should pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord."*

(James 5:13,14)

### Pray for the Sick:

*Joseph Brucato Jr., Carol Brugaletta, Father Michael Burke, Louis Caprio, Ralph Cicetti, Robert Darpino, Carole DeSimone, Flo Felano, Josephine Ganz, Marie Liffers, Mary Maksuta, Gloria Minnocci, James Murray, Michael Renaldo, Ann Russo, Kristen Sedlacik, Michael Waldinger*

*Indeed for your faithful, Lord,  
Life is changed not ended,  
And when this earthly dwelling turns to dust,  
An eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven.*

### Pray for the Dead:

*Daniel Martone*

*Barbara Martone*

## Holy Spirit School Fundraiser

### COMEDY NIGHT

Saturday, January 28

Holy Spirit School Parish Center  
330 Newark Pompton Turnpike, Pequannock

Enjoy a night of laughter featuring professional comedians Eric McMahon and Richie Byrne.

Doors open at 7:00pm; show begins at 8:30pm

Tickets are \$25 each (coffee and dessert included). Feel free to bring your own food, beer, wine, soda or any other beverage of your choice to have at your table.

For tickets call Holy Spirit School at [973-835-5680](tel:973-835-5680) (during school hours) or [862-228-3430](tel:862-228-3430) (evenings and weekends).

Only adults 21 and older will be permitted.

All proceeds will benefit the children of Holy Spirit School.

## St. Mary's Singles' Dance

Saturday, January 28  
8:00pm—12:00pm

At the Carnevale Center of St. Mary's Parish, Downey Hall, 10 Lenox Avenue, Pompton Lakes  
Contact: St. Mary's 973-835-0374

St. Mary's Singles' Social Committee is pleased to present their Social event for single adults ages 40 plus. DJ, beer, wine, non-alcoholic beverages, door prizes and munchies available.  
\$15 admission fee.

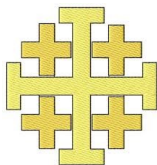
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Follow us on Facebook and Meetup: St. Mary's Singles Dance

## Women's Cornerstone

The ladies from the OLV Cornerstone, cordially invite all women of the Parish to this year's retreat being held on February 10 and 11, 2017. All ladies are welcome and encouraged to join with us on this fulfilling and edifying retreat.

For more information please call:  
Ruth Gerardino @ 973-978-7904 or  
Judi Meo @ 201-247-8175



## Winter Clothing Drive



This weekend, January 21-22, we will host our annual Deacon Ray Kucinski Winter Clothing Drive. Please drop off your gently used winter clothing in **Father Rugel Hall** following all

Masses on these dates.

Now is the time to look in your closets to see what you have and no longer use and share those items with our less fortunate brothers and sisters.



Thank you for your generosity and sharing with those who are in most need!



## Open House

Immaculate Heart of Mary School will hold an Open House for grades Pre-Kindergarten through 8 on Sunday, January 29, from 1:00pm to 2:30pm. On Monday and Tuesday, January 30 and 31 there will be an opportunity to tour the building and sit in on classes. The family atmosphere enables each child to reach their own potential and strive to exceed it. Immaculate Heart of Mary School is a National Blue Ribbon School and Star School of the Diocese of Paterson. We are proud of our staff of New Jersey certified educators. Each classroom is equipped with a SMART board. Differentiated instruction to meets the needs of all students and surpass their potential is the basis of our learning process.

At Immaculate Heart of Mary School, they strive to create a community of faith, knowledge and service in an environment most conducive to learning. They are thankful for the support of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish and most especially to Father Dan for his undying dedication and support of their ministry. The parents work tirelessly to help build the kingdom of God in the faith filled educational atmosphere.

On Sunday, January 29, they will have a Wax Museum in the gym. Children in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade will represent characters from the past and come to life with the press of a button. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to see how the children are learning in varied settings.

This is a wonderful opportunity for all to meet the staff, tour the facility and see first-hand all they have to offer. All are welcome.



Immaculate Heart of Mary School  
580 Ratzer Road  
Wayne, NJ 07470

## Christmas Flower Donations

| <i>In Honor / Memory of</i>             | <i>From</i>                             | <i>In Honor / Memory of</i>               | <i>From</i>                                |
|---|---|---|--|
| <i>Anthony W. D'Amato</i>               | <i>Gaetano Acquaviva</i>                | <i>Enrico &amp; Giaconda D'Alessandro</i> | <i>Giacomo Federico</i>                    |
| <i>Jo &amp; Tom Acquaviva</i>           | <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Alfred Acquaviva</i>  | <i>Gino &amp; Concetta D'Alessandro</i>   | <i>Giacomo Federico</i>                    |
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| <i>Adamo &amp; Charlan Families</i>     | <i>Michele Adamo</i>                    | <i>Rudolph &amp; Paul Fiduccia</i>        | <i>Fiduccia Family</i>                     |
| <i>Catherine Harritos</i>               | <i>Paula Asaro</i>                      | <i>Leontyna Markowski</i>                 | <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Carmine Gallo</i>        |
| <i>David Lewin</i>                      | <i>Paula Asaro</i>                      | <i>Sara &amp; Louis Gallo Sr.</i>         | <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Carmine Gallo</i>        |
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| <i>PatCervino</i>                       | <i>Rose Cervino</i>                     | <i>John Amabile</i>                       | <i>Joyce Laauwe</i>                        |
| <i>Louis &amp; Josephine Polce</i>      | <i>Ms. Victoria Cimiluca</i>            | <i>Mary &amp; John Stefano</i>            | <i>Joyce Laauwe</i>                        |
| <i>Carli Ann Carillo</i>                | <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Louis Cirangle</i>    | <i>Roger Laauwe MD.</i>                   | <i>Joyce Laauwe</i>                        |
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| <i>Edith D'Abruzzi</i>                  | <i>Mr. John D'Abruzzi</i>               | <i>Arthur G. McDonald</i>                 | <i>Evelyn McDonald</i>                     |
| <i>Albert Samuels</i>                   | <i>Teresa Delacruz</i>                  | <i>Elek &amp; Terez Szilagyi</i>          | <i>Evelyn McDonald</i>                     |
| <i>Michael Samuels</i>                  | <i>Teresa Delacruz</i>                  | <i>Haley McDonald</i>                     | <i>Evelyn McDonald</i>                     |
| <i>Robert Romo</i>                      | <i>Teresa Delacruz</i>                  | <i>McEnerney Family</i>                   | <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Patrick McEnerney</i>    |
| <i>Rose Kalessar</i>                    | <i>Teresa Delacruz</i>                  | <i>Strommer Family</i>                    | <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Patrick McEnerney</i>    |
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| <i>In Honor / Memory of</i>                          | <i>From</i>                              | <i>Additional Donations</i>              |
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| <i>Naporlee &amp; Milano Families</i>                | <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. George Naporlee</i>    | <i>Edward &amp; CarolAnn Barbieri</i>    |
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| <i>Rapp Family</i>                                   | <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Bruce Rapp</i>         | <i>Mr. Anthony Hoffman</i>               |
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| <i>Rigolli &amp; Vivolo Family</i>                   | <i>Johanna Vivolo</i>                    |  |
| <i>Art Vogt</i>                                      | <i>Mary Jane Vogt</i>                    |  |
| <i>Joseph &amp; Paula Vogt</i>                       | <i>Mary Jane Vogt</i>                    |  |
| <i>Joseph, Katherine, &amp; Juliet Korb</i>          | <i>Mary Jane Vogt</i>                    |  |
| <i>Rosemarie Wenzler</i>                             | <i>Mary Jane Vogt</i>                    |  |
| <i>Wendy Bailey</i>                                  | <i>Mary Jane Vogt</i>                    |  |
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| <i>Michael R. Klim</i>                               | <i>Marlene Klim</i>                      |  |



## Spiritual Reflection

### Behold the Lamb of God

Why does a single candle in a window have such great charm for us?

Picture it in your mind and then compare it to a room with forceful florescent lights giving every nook and cranny equal light, lots of it, no shades of grey, and the wrinkles and imperfections of a human face wanting to run and hide because all their mess is made very obvious. Whew.

Now think of a room lit by candles. Somehow the better parts of each face are brought out. The flaws are left kindly in the background. Such lighting pardons our imperfections and gives us a holy glow.

Well, Jesus is that kindly light. Not a powerful searchlight from which no flawed, scrabbling thing can escape. A simple person, a forgiver of souls and a quiet observer of human faces.

But wait. Isn't Jesus a brilliant light? A relief from the gloom that we all walk in?

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom  
a light has shone. (Isaiah 8:23—9:30)

The great light, the Savior, the light of lights, the Messiah.

Yes, but the Gospel, (Matthew 4:12-23) shows us a man walking simply along the Sea of Galilee like an ordinary person. Strolling. In other words, a humble man, a small beam of light, dim like the rest of us. How is he a "great light"?

Maybe he is a lively person, one that people are attracted to. Maybe he is a hero that you and I would automatically want to follow. Two sets of brothers do drop everything and follow him—the sons of Zebedee, or "sons of thunder," as Jesus will call them later. They are not fools. They would not just follow anyone. Jesus must have been a very appealing person.

Did these brothers see him as a "great light"? Did they believe that grave darkness would be dispelled by him? Common sense has to say no. He was only a quiet glow, the candle in the window. The only thing the brothers knew was that they wanted to be with him.

The good thing they could see at this point was that Jesus' light was not florescent, spotlighting every craggy cranny of people's lives. That his armies did not savage all in their path? Not a huge bolt of lightning, but, impossibly, a candle flame, a quiet flicker, one that hurricane winds tried and tried to put out, but could not. Maybe Christ's light was great, yes, but in a new way, one that looked quite ordinary and diffused.

Pope Benedict XVI put it like this:

God's sign is simplicity. God's sign is the baby. God's sign is that he makes himself small for us. This is how he reigns. He does not come with power and outward splendor. He comes as a baby—defenseless and in need of our help. He does not want to overwhelm us with his strength. He takes away our fear of his greatness. He asks for our love: so he makes himself a child.

Child? Yes. Somehow the greater that greatness becomes, the smaller it seems to our earthly eyes. The true nature of Goodness is revealed in the divine/human man named Jesus.

Come let us adore.

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