

Our Lady of the Valley Church

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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)*



April 2, 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

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Weekend Collection

Weekend Collection: March 26, 2017

Attendance:	1,063
Weekend Collection:	\$8,488.80
Candles/Poor	\$311.79
Parish Pay:	\$2,995.25
Total:	\$11,795.84



Thank you for your continued Generosity!

Presider Schedule

Weekend of April 8—9:

Our Lady of the Valley

5:00pm	Father Peter
8:00am	Father Wells
10:00am	Father Peter
12:00 Noon	Father Peter

Holy Cross

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

Weekly Mass Intentions

Sunday, April 2	8:00am	Mary Karstens Geraldine Ricciardelli
	10:00am	Henrietta Sweeney DeBlasio Frank Fasani Tadeusz Luniewski Bill Marrinan Marek Jacob Pluta
	12:00pm	Engracio Basilio Marion Dellorto Elisabeth Maria Hoehner Bill Marrinan
Monday, April 3	7:30am	Joseph DiLeo
Tuesday, April 4	7:30am	Dominick Gagliostro (Special Intention) Courtney J. Blessing Matthew Polifonte

Miraculous Medal Novena to follow Mass on Tuesday

Wednesday, April 5	7:30am	John Fierro
Thursday, April 6	7:30am	Mae Cocilovo
Friday, April 7	7:30am	For the People
Saturday, April 8	7:30am	For the People
	5:00pm	Raymond & Joy Catanzaro Pius & Agnes Park Bill Marrinan Cesar Diaden Lexis Diaden (Special Intention)
Sunday, April 9	8:00am	Gaetano & Angelina Ferraro Stephen Figlar Mary Karstens
	10:00am	Gennaro Carpenito Americo Costagliola Bill Marrinan Marek Jacob Pluta
	12:00pm	Frank Armenio Mary & Carmelo Criscione Paul Liskay Bill Marrinan

Expectant Parents

The blessing of expectant parents will take place after all Masses next weekend, April 8—9.

Please meet the priest or deacon at the baptismal font following Mass for this special blessing which occurs monthly.

Fifth Sunday of Lent — April 2, 2017

Faith Formation

Grades 1-8:

Sunday, April 2, 23, 30
8:30-9:45 and 10:30-11:45

Monday, April 3, 24, May 1
7:00-8:15pm



Confirmation I:
Sunday, April 9
9:30am—11:30am

Confirmation II:
Sunday, April 9
1:15pm—2:45pm

Adult Confirmation Classes

If you are 19 years or older and would like information regarding the reception the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact Sister Dorothy at 973-694-4585x7245 or via email at Srdorothy@olvwayne.org.

Preparation Classes will be held on Wednesday, April 19, April 26, May 3, May 10, May 24, and May 31 from 7:30pm to 8:45pm.

The Sacrament will be conferred on Sunday, June 4.

Welcome Home to Healing

The parishes of our Diocese of Paterson continue to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on the Mondays of Lent, taking part in the 'Welcome Home to Healing' initiative. The scriptures proclaimed during Lent echo the call to conversion, especially through the Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Special emphasis is given to Reconciliation and Penance so that all may celebrate the Paschal Triduum and Easter renewed in soul and spirit.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated from 7:00pm to 8:30pm at Our Lady of the Valley on the last Monday of Lent, **April 3**.

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, Kathy Corrao, Robert Darpino,
Carole DeSimone, Flo Felano, Josephine Ganz,
Lawrence Jerome Hanlon, Marie Liffers,
Mary Maksuta, Gloria Minnocci,
James Murray, Vincent Petrocelli,
Michael Renaldo, 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:

Anne Ennis



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:

Arthur West

Also, the altar bread and wine, which will become the Holy Body and Precious Blood of our Lord, was given in memory of Arthur West from Frances West.

Stations of the Cross

The 'Stations of the Cross' will be prayed each Friday evening during Lent at 7:00pm at Our Lady of the Valley Church. For many, the Stations of the Cross are synonymous with Lent. This devotion is also known as the "Way of the Cross," the "Via Crucis," and the "Via Dolorosa." It commemorates fourteen key events on the day of Jesus' crucifixion, the majority concerning his final walk through the streets of Jerusalem, carrying his cross. The Stations originated in medieval Europe when wars prevented Christian pilgrims from visiting the Holy Land and walking along the actual route.

DePaul Open House

DePaul Catholic High School will host an Open House on Wednesday, April 26. The program begins at 7:00pm and concludes at 8:30pm. Prospective students Grades 7—11 and their families are encouraged to attend.

To register please visit www.depaulcatholic.org. For further information, please email or contact Darlene Saporito [973-694-3702](tel:973-694-3702) ext. 442.

Mount Saint Dominic Academy

Mount Saint Dominic Academy is hosting an Open House for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade girls and their families on Wednesday, April 26, at 6:30pm in the Performing Arts Center.

For questions or additional information, call 973-226-0660 x1221.

Mount Saint Dominic Academy
3 Ryerson Avenue
Caldwell, NJ 07006
www.msdacademy.org

Sanctuary Lamp



Intentions are available for the Sanctuary Lamp, Holy Body and Precious Blood of our Lord. If you would like to schedule in remembrance of your loved one, please contact Elaine in the parish office at 973-694-4585 ext.7200 or via email: secretary@olvwayne.org. Suggested donation \$40.

Encounter Resilience

We encounter Dita in Ethiopia, and see how her newfound entrepreneurial skills are providing three meals a day for her children—even during a devastating drought. What skills have you discovered this Lent that can be put to good use in building God's kingdom. Visit crsricebowl.org for more.



Getting Ready for Palm Sunday

Before the renewal of many of our liturgical rites and practices that occurred after the Second Vatican Council, in the Sundays leading up to Holy Week we had two separate celebrations: Passion Sunday and Palm Sunday. The renewal merged the two into one, now formally called:

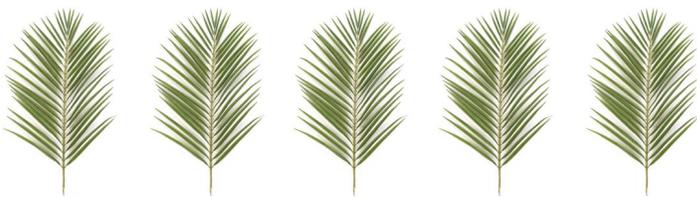
Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion.

Branches of palm, olive, or sometimes even budding willow, are ancient symbols of victory and hope, as well as of new life. The procession celebrating Jesus' entry into Jerusalem overflowed with praise and excitement, as onlookers waved these triumphant branches and proclaimed their blessings. Yet, in a few days, they will cry "Crucify him! The crowds change of heart illustrates the problem of holding God to our expectations.

The crowd expected a liberating leader, the Messiah, to free them from Roman oppression. Jesus instead takes up his Cross and invites us to do the same. Through His Death and Resurrection He is indeed a liberator, but from death and sin, not from Rome. But unable to see past their need, the crowd's disappointment turns to anger and a death order.

As we ready to enter Holy Week next weekend, Palm Sunday teaches us to let God be God, and to trust in God's wisdom not only to meet but shatter and exceed our expectations.

Father Wells



Women's Association

The Women's Association will be meeting in the Parish Center on Wednesday, April 5, at 1:30pm.

Please join us for a time of fellowship.

All are welcome!

Knights of Columbus—Thank You!

The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization, founded in the United States in 1882. There are more than 1.7 million members in 14,000 councils, with nearly 200 councils on college campuses. Membership is limited to "practical Catholic" men aged 18 or older.

"We are answering Pope Francis' call to go to the peripheries," Supreme Knight Carl Anderson said. "We can reach half way around the globe to help those in need and we can reach to our neighbor next door. And we do that every day. That makes us witnesses to the faith."

Below you will see listed some of the activities we have been involved in over the past year:

- Collection for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities \$1,395.00
- Setup and reset Father Rugel Hall to accommodate extra Masses Christmas / Easter (Aided by Confirmation Students)
- Annual Red Cross Blood Drive.
- We fed 125 families who otherwise would not have been able to celebrate the Holidays.
- Collection and distribution of 2,400 gifts to 15 local Charities in time for Christmas Gifting.
- 'Adoption' of 5 families who had fallen on hard times during the Holiday season, outside of our faith but part of our family in Christ.
- Hosted seniors "First Saturday Club" to a Mass and lunch in October 2016 and assisted with every first Saturday through December 2017
- Weekly visits to the Atrium to celebrate Holy Communion and enjoy spending time with 15-20 residents.
- Donated and delivered 8 cases of new "Coats for Kids" in November 2016.
- Scholarship Awards; two \$3,000 awards given to College bound youth.
- Annual Golf Outing, which raised \$6,300 to be used in our efforts to do good.
- Assistance given to several Ministries within our Parish, i.e. Women's Cornerstone, Boy and Eagle Scouts merit badges
- Hosted, and assisted with Have a Heart Auction fundraiser for CUMAC Food pantry in Paterson, serving many throughout the County. Funds raised; \$18,000+
- Constructed, donated and set up Crèches at both Our Lady of the Valley and Holy Cross for the parishioners to enjoy during the celebration of Christmas.
- Financial and logistical support of a Brother Knight travelling with a group to St. Mary's Mission in Tohatchi, NM. Their mission was to deliver food to the poor, assist in a soup kitchen, and help with general maintenance.
- Our Lady of Valley Family Festival: Volunteering, manning booths, assisting with logistics and financial sponsorship.
- Collection and distribution of many bags of donated food to various local food banks on a weekly basis.
- Distribute magnets for the "Shoulder to Shoulder with Law Enforcement Campaign" and donate the proceeds to our local's finest in appreciation for keeping us safe.
- Annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration – largest Crowd in years!
- Annual Lenten fish fry – A huge success, we ran out of Fish, for the first time ever!
- Collection for Several Sources Mission "Respect Life" \$3,800

In addition to these activities, many of our Knights serve as Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Cleaners, Catechists, they also enjoy the privilege of bringing Communion to the home bound.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank our Parish Communities on behalf of the Knights of Columbus, for the support shown to us over the past year. Without your support, prayers, and generosity the Knights would have been unable to make a difference in the lives of some of the neediest in our Communities.

If you would like to be a part of this international organization of nearly 2 million Catholic men whose principal work involves helping others in need, we'd like to meet with you and invite you to join us. Please reach out to any of our Knights, or email me at jddd9251@optonline.net or call me at 201-981-9918.

Jim DeLuccia, Grand Knight

Spiritual Reflection

Love and Death

The Gospel (John 11: 1-45) for Sunday declares that “Jesus loved Martha and Mary her sister and their brother Lazarus.”

This is a golden statement. It tells us so much about Jesus and his personal friendships. But it also emphasizes how very odd it was that, while Lazarus was sick unto death, Jesus camped out a fairly short distance away and did not go to heal his friend. Messages arrived calling for him. An easy journey. But no. His reason? “This illness is not going to end in death,” he says.

What? He is wrong! The illness of Lazarus led directly to death!

When Lazarus did die, and had been in the tomb for four days, Jesus finally decided to go down to Bethany. Martha ran to him there and she quietly went back for Mary, who was so grieved that she would not leave home! Each in her turn cried out, “If you had been here, my brother would not have died!”

When Jesus saw Mary’s tears and those of the friends who had gathered, we behold a touching revelation. The famous words that came next are unlike any others in the Gospels:

And Jesus wept.

His tears make Mary and Martha’s question even more poignant. (I paraphrase): “You love us and you loved him; why did you not come and cure him before he died?” I think many of us ask God that very question when a loved one dies. “God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

Pretend that you are asking this question directly to Jesus right now, about a sorrow of yours. Listen to whatever answer comes. Take your time. If what you hear is fruitful, please stay with it.

For my part, I hear Jesus saying this:

Friend, I know that life, love, and death are hard for you to comprehend. I have revealed them in my flesh, but of course any example can be ambiguous.

Not only life but even death and even sorrow *are given within God’s gentle love*. They are like flowers pushing up from the earth. The ground from which they push is God’s kind and deep care. Even life gets its being from God’s love. Even death gets its life from God’s love.

At this point you and I, startled, interrupt and say, Wait! How can death receive life? Death is the end of life. What are you talking about?

Jesus seems to reply that there are many beautiful plants and trees that come forth from God’s earth. Life is surely one of them, he says. But death is too, and suffering as well.

Let me show you, he says.

He calls out in a loud voice, calls into the soil of God-love where Lazarus’ soul is held tight. From this womb of love, death gestates into life. Out of the tomb he walks.

It is as if Jesus says to us,

you always think of love as what you have because you have life. But the opposite is true. *Life is something you can have only because you are rooted in love*. Death does not erase love, it brings you more deeply back into it, to the place you came from—the rich loam of love.

Pray about it, Jesus says, because that is the reason I delayed going to Bethany.