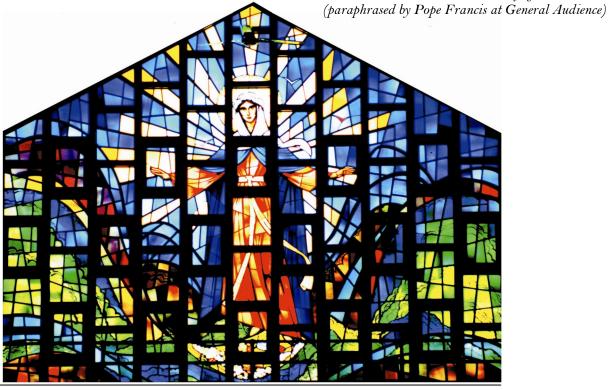
Our Lady of the Valley Church

630 Valley Road - Wayne - New Jersey - 07470 - 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



April 23, 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 VonBreton@aol.com

Rev. Peter Filipkowski, Parochial Vicar 973-694-4585, Ext 7204

> **Deacon Vincent Cocilovo** vcocilovo@olvwayne.org

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TRUSTEES OF THE PARISH

Marie Armenio

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Weekend Collection

Weekend Collection: April 16, 2017

Attendance: 2,702 Easter Collection: (To Date) \$35,072.58 Good Friday: \$2,173.00 Holy Thursday: \$1,444.00 Candles/Poor \$514.27 Parish Pay: \$2,995.25 Total: \$42,199.10

Thank you for your continued Generosity!

Presider Schedule

Weekend of April 29-30

Our Lady of the Valley

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

Holy Cross

5:00pm Father Peter Father Peter 10:00am

Weekly Mass Intentions

Frank Santoro Kristine Yarmula Gerard Farese 10:00am Angelo Martorano Bernadette Massola Marek Jacub Pluta

8:00am

Sunday, April 23

12:00pm Frank Armenio Marisel Bullaro Bill Marrinan

Monday, April 24 Pius & Agnes Park 7:30am

Father Rugel

Joseph Caputo

Richard & Maria Soltys

(Special Intention)

Tuesday, April 25 7:30am Ann Cesa

Mary-Ann Cesa (Special Intention)

Miraculous Medal Novena to follow Mass on Tuesday

Wednesday, April 26 7:30am Detra Harper (Special Intention) Daniel Fierro Jr. Thursday, April 27 7:30am

> Michael Turco (Special Intention)

Friday, April 28 For the People 7:30am Saturday, April 29 7:30am For the People

> 5:00pm Andrew & Ella Crane

(Special Intention) Bill Marrinan

Pasqualina Matarazzo Catherine M. Wheeler

Sunday, April 30 8:00am Anthony Fernicola

> Donna Mallahy 10:00am

> > Angelo Martorano Marek Jakub Pluta Geneva Witalis Bill Marrinan

12:00pm Angela Distesto

Margarita Rogas Patrick Taylor

Rice Bowl—Thank You

Our community changed lives this Lent, and CRS Rice Bowl wants to say thank you! Don't forget to turn in your CRS rice Bowl donation as soon as possible. (Checks must be made payable to OLV)

Second Sunday of Easter — April 23, 2017

Faith Formation

Grades 1-8:

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

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



Confirmation I:

Sunday, May 21 9:30am—11:30am

Confirmation II:

Sunday, May 21 12 Noon Mass followed by class. Dismissal from Father Rugel Hall at 2:00pm.

Adult Confirmation Classes

If you are 19 years or older and would like information regarding the reception of 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 26, May 3, 10, 24, and 31 from 7:30pm to 8:45pm.

The Sacrament will be conferred on Sunday, June 4.

Pilgrimage with Bishop Serratelli

Bishop Serratelli will be the Spiritual Director of a trip this summer to *Fatima and Southern Spain*.

The Pilgrimage will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Apparitions in Fatima and then continue on to Spain.

The Pilgrimage will be from July 16 to 24.

For more information or to make reservations, please contact Great Experiences at 201-825-3725 or email them at greatexinc@verizon.net

Parish's Sacramental and Prayer Life

After his resurrection he told his disciples: "Go out and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" We congratulate those who have been baptized recently:

Ariana Marie Leyton Keith Robert Betty Domenico Matteo Pica

"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,
Margaret Link, Mary Maksuta,
Gloria Minnocci, James Murray,
Vincent Petrocelli, Michael Renaldo,
Kristen Sedlacik, Paul Tafuri,
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:

Josephine Cutrofello

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:

Flora & Fred Natale

Also, the altar bread and wine, which will become the Holy Body and Precious Blood of our Lord, was given in memory of Flora & Fred Natale from their Loving Family.

Easter Thank You's

The days of the Sacred Triduum are the most important and significant days of our entire liturgical year! It was so rewarding to see our church full for the services on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday, as well as the Living Stations of the Cross presented by our Youth Ministry.

It takes many people working "behind the scenes," as well as in front, to enable the services to be celebrated with dignity and beauty.

Thank you to all those who worked so hard and long to enable our community to celebrate the Sacred Triduum: our Ushers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Music Ministry, our faithful Saturday morning church cleaners, those who assisted in decorating the church, our Knights of Columbus and Confirmation candidates who set up Father Rugel Hall.

May we continue to celebrate the Easter Festival filled with the new life of the Resurrection and have the Easter Alleluia always on our lips.













! LOCK YOUR CAR!



During the 12:00 Noon Mass on Palm Sunday, one of our parishioners had their car broken into. Our security cameras recorded the thief as he walked among the cars throughout our parking lot and those photos were turned over to the Wayne Police.



Please always remember to **lock your car** while it is in the parking lot and you are in church. Do not leave any items of value visible in the car either.

St. Paul Inside the Walls

Catholicism from Scratch - Making Sense: Questions about the Eucharist

A course in basic Catholicism for those who need a brush-up, those who missed it the first time around, or those who never heard it before. Fr. Paul Manning, presenter.

Madison, Saturday, April 29 from 10:00 a.m.-noon

Being Single, Being Faithful (35+)

Whether single by choice or by circumstance, we must live every "single" day to the fullest. We can find fulfillment in Christ and his Church by embracing the opportunities in the Church for spiritual growth, meaningful service and a sense of community.

Madison, Saturday, May 13 from 10:00 a.m.-12noon

For all of our upcoming events, go to www.insidethewalls.org for information or to register.

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 <u>www.depaulcatholic.org.</u> For further information, please email or contact Darlene Saporito <u>973-694-3702 ext. 442</u>.

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.

3 Ryerson Avenue Caldwell, NJ 07006 www.msdacademy.org

Don Bosco Prep Open House

Don Bosco Prep will host a spring open house for prospective freshmen and transfer students on Tuesday, April 25, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

Members of the school community will host formal and informal sessions throughout campus highlighting the school including: Academic Excellence, Admissions, Spiritual Vitality, Leadership Training and Athletic Distinction.

Families may register online at www.donboscoprep.org.

For information, please contact the Don Bosco Prep Admissions Department at admissions@donboscoprep.org and 201-327-8003.

492 N. Franklin Turnpike Ramsey, NJ 07446

Holy Spirit Fundraiser

Holy Spirit School is hosting their Annual Tricky Tray on Friday, April 28, in the gym. Doors open at 5:00pm and drawings will begin at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$15.00 and includes one sheet of Small Prize tickets, dessert and an evening of fun. Please feel free to bring any other food and beverages for your table. Tickets are available at the school office. For more information or questions, please call the school at 973-835-5680.

Knights of Columbus

OUR THIRD YEAR!

Come play or sponsor a hole!



Friday, June 23, 2017 Preakness Valley Golf Club, Wayne, NJ

Scramble Format, 12:00 noon Modified Shotgun Start

JUNE 1 REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR HOLE SPONSORS \$125 for golf, \$100 hole sponsors

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Our Lady of the Valley Council 6354, Wayne NJ



Mary Help of Christians Academy

You're invited on Sunday, April 30, at 1:00pm to learn more about our innovative curriculum that includes our recently launched Experiential Learning Program, career internships in a variety of fields, a 1:1 iPad initiative, and our many offerings in the arts and athletics. Explore the possibilities of a 21st-Century education provided within a safe and nurturing single-sex environment of a Catholic Academy with a 75 year tradition.

A brief informational presentation will begin promptly at 1:00pm, followed by the opportunity to tour the campus, meet our community and explore all that Mary Help has to offer. Both prospective freshmen and transfers are welcome at this event.

You may register for this event online or by email to admissions@maryhelp.org.

Spiritual Reflection

A Broken Heart

So what is the trouble for this man in the Gospel? His doubts echo through history. We often assume that he was just a tough guy who had trouble trusting, but it would help you and me in our own doubts if we could understand more about someone who couldn't believe in the resurrection.

We call him Doubting Thomas.

First, who was he? His real name in Aramaic, Te'oma (Thomas), meant twin, and he was also called Didymus, which meant the same thing in Greek. So he likely was a twin, perhaps of Matthew.

He might have been a bit glum. For instance, he gave a practical but gloomy response when Jesus wanted to go back to Judea after Lazarus died. None of the disciples wanted to go there, because they knew the leaders had tried to stone Jesus (<u>John 10:24-30</u>). Now Jesus gave some high-minded talk about how much they would learn by going, but Thomas ignored these reasons. His sarcastic reply is a perfect picture of him: "Alright, let us also go die with him" (<u>John 11:16</u>).*

Here Thomas reminds me a bit of Joe Btfsplk, the famous Al Capp cartoon character from yesteryear who walked around with a perpetual rain cloud over his head!

Much later, just before the passion, Jesus will say, "Where I am going you know the way." This was really a spiritual statement about going to the Father, but Thomas took it literally (<u>John 14:3-6</u>). He gives a very matter-of-fact response, but rooted in emotion. To summarize, he says, "You're talking in secrets! We can't follow you if don't say where you are going! Help us."

Thomas loved Jesus doggedly, that is for sure. But he feared the dangerous situations that Jesus always walked right into. Thomas' practical nature looked frankly at them and drew the pragmatic, pessimistic conclusion. Thomas the twin had twin emotions, love and fear.

Is it any wonder, then, that in this Sunday's Gospel Thomas laid down unflinching requirements for believing in the resurrection? Take a look. His worst fears already had come true: Jesus had been killed. To deal with this sorrow Thomas resolved to accept the death stolidly. He would never slip and talk about his departed friend in the present tense, as if he were still here. Thomas the pragmatist knew that Jesus was dead and gone. Thomas had predicted it.

Then came the new news.

"Didymus, Jesus is alive! You were away, but suddenly he stood there among us even though all the doors were locked! He talked to us!"

No. NO! Thomas' heart could not accept it. He wanted it too much. He could not bear to believe it.

Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.

This is exactly in character for Thomas/Didymus. These tough words are really a protection for a heart that would break in pieces if it were fooled by another false hope. "The only way I would believe such nonsense is if you give me absolute proof."

Jesus gave it. Fingers in nail marks, hand in side.

Thomas had always belonged to Jesus. Yes he was cynical, but when he got the practical proof he needed, he sank to the ground in heart-rending surrender.

"My Lord and my God."

What a great story for us at Eastertide.

John Foley, SJ

^{*} Jesus then told them, "Our friend Lazarus is asleep, but I am going to awaken him." So the disciples said to him, "Master, if he is asleep, he will be saved." But Jesus was talking about his death, while they thought that he meant ordinary sleep. So then Jesus said to them clearly, "Lazarus has died. And I am glad for you that I was not there, that you may believe. Let us go to him" (John 11: 11-15).