

Our Lady of the Valley Church

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**“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)*



September 10, 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

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Weekend Collection

Weekend Collection: September 3, 2017
Attendance: 807

Collection figures were unavailable at
the time of going to Print.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Presider Schedule

Weekend of September 16—17:

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, September 10	8:00am	Joseph Caputo Hannah Dougam (Special Intention)
	10:00am	Sue Cardinale John Munsey Marek Jakub Pluta Anna Tumminello
	12:00pm	Mary & Paul Foulds Ed Parks James Mastej
Monday, September 11	7:30am	Joey Garcia Helen & Frank Schumm
Tuesday, September 12	7:30am	Marie Mansfield Linford Yarnall (Special Intention)
<i>Miraculous Medal Novena to follow Mass on Tuesday</i>		
Wednesday, September 13	7:30am	Ellen Gonzales
Thursday, September 14	7:30am	George Young
Friday, September 15	7:30am	Albert Cocilovo Marcia Collins
Saturday, September 16	7:30am	Sadie Scavone
	5:00pm	Joseph Frank Giuseppe Mastropole
Sunday, September 17	8:00am	Ann Betar John Hodor Michael Popovich Charles Starita
	10:00am	Sophie Bielewicz Gerard Farese Ed Parks Edward Plunkett
	12:00pm	Frances Annese Giovanna Battinelli Joseph Robert Frank

Expectant Parents

The blessing of expectant parents will
take place after all Masses this
weekend, September 9-10.



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

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time — September 10, 2017

Weekly Remembrance

This week the Sanctuary Lamp, burns as a reminder of the Lord's presence in the Blessed Sacrament and the bread and wine offered at the Altar, which become the Body and Blood of Christ, are given in memory of:

Rose Loffredo

From her loving family

Faith Formation News

Starting Dates for the Faith Formation Program:

Grades 1-8:

Sunday, September 17, 2017
8:30am-9:45am and 10:30am-11:45am

Monday, September 18, 2017
7:00pm-8:15pm

Confirmation I:

Sunday, September 10, 2017 - All students are required to attend the 12:00Noon mass; class will follow immediately in Father Rugel Hall. Parents may pick students up at 2:15pm.

Confirmation II:

Sunday, September 10, 2017
1:15pm—2:45pm
Same teachers and rooms as last year.

Welcome Back!!

Bishop's Annual Appeal

The 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal is currently underway. This year, the theme of the Appeal is "In Giving We Receive." By being generous with our God-given gifts, we not only help people in need, but we also help ourselves. Jesus reminds us of the blessings that come from being good stewards.

The Bishop's Annual Appeal supports four causes: our Catholic Charities agencies; seminarian education, Nazareth Village, our diocesan priest's retirement residence, and our inner-city area elementary schools. You can help make this year's Appeal an even greater success by making a generous pledge today. Every single gift is important, valued, and changes lives. Whatever you do to help is a profound blessing!

Parish's Sacramental & 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., Father Michael Burke,
Louis Caprio, Ralph Cicetti,
Kathy Corrao, Robert Darpino,
Jason Dellavalle, Flo Felano,
Josephine Ganz, Marie Liffers,
Margaret Link, Mary Maksuta,
Gloria Minnocci, Jenny Moskal,
Andrew Potter, Michael Renaldo,
Kristen Sedlacik, Paul Tafuri,
Michael Waldinger*

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."

(Rite of Baptism, Blessing of Water)

We congratulate and welcome those who were baptized last weekend:

Patrick Michal Arico

Hurricane Harvey Relief

Next weekend, September 16-17, at the request of our Diocese of Paterson, we will have a **separate free-will second collection** to help assist the people in the Texas/Louisiana region in their recovery efforts after the devastation of Hurricane Harvey.

The monies collected will be forwarded by our diocese to Catholic Charities USA. A network has been set up of all the Catholic Charities agencies in Texas, Louisiana and any other affected areas. They are already in position and getting resources directly to those in need.

If you will be writing a check, please make it payable to either Our Lady of the Valley or Holy Cross, as we must forward one check from each parish to the diocese.

"O God, to whose commands all the elements give obedience, we humbly entreat you that the stilling of fearsome storms may turn a powerful menace into an occasion for us to praise you."

Vivere Christus Awards

This afternoon, Sunday, September 10, Bishop Serratelli will preside at the **9th Annual Vivere Christus Awards** ceremony at our Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist in Paterson.

Begun in 2009, the Vivere Christus Award recognizes people throughout our Diocese of Paterson for their service to the local parishes and institutions.

The award takes its name from Bishop Serratelli's episcopal motto, "Vivere Christus Est," "for to me, to live is Christ" (Philippians 1:21).

This year's awardee from **Our Lady of the Valley** is **Michael Sarracino**. Michael is one of the original members and founders of our Funeral Ministry that assists at all Funeral Masses, serving as Altar Servers, Readers (when necessary), Eucharistic Ministers, as well as helping to set-up for the Funeral Mass and clean-up afterwards. Michael also served as a Catechist in our parish's Faith Formation Program.

This year's awardees from **Holy Cross** are **James Abes** and **Grace Abes**. James and Grace are brother and sister, college age students who have been and continue to be faithful Altar Servers each week at the 10:00 a.m. Mass at Holy Cross. They are excellent role models for the young adults of both parishes.

Marian Pilgrimage

Join as one in our Diocese trip to our Nation's Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC on October 21.

The Spiritual Journey includes:

- Holy Mass—Bishop Serratelli
- Confessions in Crypt Church
- Catechetical Presentations
- Rosary (multi-lingual)
- Devotional Time
- Divine Mercy
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

The One-Day Pilgrimage includes:

- Transportation and Gratuity
- All Day Activities at Shrine
- Rest Stop—Going—Meal Stop—Return
- Depart Washington at 4:15pm
- \$45/person

For more information, contact the Parish Center. An overnight option is available. For details, please contact the Diocesan Pilgrimage Office at 973-728-8162.

Verifying Your New WeShare Account

If you currently give online through ParishPay, your account will soon be transferred to WeShare, our new online giving provider. This transfer ensures that your scheduled transactions will continue to be received by the parish as scheduled.

The security of your personal information is important to us. If you want to make any changes to your account or adjust your giving amount, WeShare requires a one-time security verification to provide you access, which is accessed through your Parish Pay account.

To successfully complete the verification process you will need:

- Your ParishPay User Name
- The last four digits of the bank account or credit card that is currently being used for your donations

And ONE of the following two options:

- The email you used to register with ParishPay
- A collection name and the specific amount donated in the last six months

Once verification is complete, you will receive a confirmation email with a link to our new WeShare site. Please bookmark or save this link for future access.

First Saturday Club

On Saturday, October 7, the Knights of Columbus will transport residents of local nursing homes to Father Rugel Hall for a service at 11:00am followed by a luncheon, music, and entertainment.

We need parishioners to prepare (in their homes) various main dishes, casseroles, salads, desserts, etc. for this luncheon. We serve around 80 guests.

Please call Terry Naklicki at 973-956-1355 if you can help prepare a dish for this special occasion. Many thanks.

SERVICE HOURS:

This is also a good service project for Confirmation students service hours.

Scripture Studies

Our Lady of the Valley weekly Scripture Study is an opportunity to be strengthened and nourished in faith through reading God's Word, hearing God speak to you, and discerning how you can be empowered to make what you hear a part of your daily life.

Please join us on Tuesdays from 1:00pm-2:30pm in the Parish Center. Our first meeting will be Tuesday, October 10th.

There's room for you at the table!

Pre-registration is not necessary.

For questions, please contact Maureen Kolis ([973-942-3762](tel:973-942-3762) or counslermk@optonline.net).



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

*The **R**ite of **C**hristian **I**nitiation of **A**dults (**RCIA**) is a journey to a deeper experience of God's love manifested through the teachings and treasures of the Catholic Faith.*

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic? Are you a Catholic adult who has not received the sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation? Then you are invited! Come and join us on our journey of faith to listen to and to reflect on God's Word and gain a deeper appreciation and understanding of Catholic beliefs and practices.

There will be an inquiry session on Wednesday evening, **September 27** at 7PM in the OLV parish center,

If you know someone who might be interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, please share this invitation with them.

For further information call Sister Dorothy at 973-694-4585 Ext. 7245 or email at: SrDorothy@olvwayne.org.

Bereavement Support Group

"You can't get around grief, you can only go through it. It has something to say to us, something to give us."



Bereavement Support Group

Facilitator: Paula Pedersen, RN
When: Monday Evenings
September 25, October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
Time: 6:00-7:30 PM
Where: Our Lady of the Valley Parish Center
(Youth Room is located at the front door)

630 Valley Road Wayne NJ

Contact: Sister Dorothy
973-694-4585X7245 Srdorothy@olvwayne.org
To register or for further information

Cub Scout Pack 108

Cub Scout Pack 108 of Our Lady of the Valley will be having their first pack meeting on:
Friday, September 15 in Father Rugel Hall.

New scout orientation will begin at 6:30pm and the Pack meeting will start at 7:00pm. All boys in Kindergarten through fifth Grade are welcome to join.

For information please email:
cubmaster@wayne108.mypack.us

Father Dan

Sharon Crenshaw and James Crowe will be hosting a small gathering following Farther Dan's recent retirement.

If you are interested in attending and would like further information please contact James or Sharon at:

Home: 973 832 4000
Cell: 201 410 3891

Spiritual Reflection

My Own Heart

What is life about, here on earth?

The First Reading says,

Deliberations of mortals are timid, and unsure are our plans. The body weighs down the soul, the earth weighs down the mind. ... What is within our grasp we find with difficulty.

Sounds like the writer is having a bad day. But these words actually do apply to all life. We have choices, we have problems. What are we to do?

God grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change;
courage to change the things I can;
and wisdom to know the difference.

This is the Serenity Prayer, well-known, possibly trite to some people. But it shows us the essence of humility: be who you are, not more, not less. Trust in God for everything you can do and cannot do. Let go, let God.

So, we have the first answer. Life here on earth, even though timid and heavy, is about humility.

The second answer is love. Real, toiling, sweating love.

Look at the apostle Paul in the Second Reading—the fiery, tempestuous Paul, now an old man and in prison. We are reading a personal letter here, one he wrote to a man named Philemon. It turns out that Philemon's slave Onesimus has run away and come to Paul, who was in prison. Paul became like a father to him, converted him to Christianity and now sends him back to Philemon, not as a slave, but "as a man and in the Lord."

Listen to the language Paul uses. "I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you." Onesimus is not chattel. Paul is sending someone so dear to him that he refers to that man as "my own heart."

A truly personal love. It is what life here on earth is all about.

The third answer, as the Gospel tells us, is to get our values straight. Jesus says he wants you to

1. hate your father, mother, children, brothers, sisters, and your own life,
2. renounce all your possessions,
3. carry your own cross just as he carries his.

Hang on, don't panic. These sound horrible, but examine them.

1. The word "hate" is probably an oratorical way to say "love them in proportion." If you let love of God be first in your life, your beloved family will come right along with it. If you do not, you will lose them. Hate means not going overboard in their importance to you.
2. "Renounce all your possessions." If you are tempted to love material things above all else, then, renounce them. It is God you need to love above all things, and everything else in proportion.
3. Carry a cross? Why? Because it is far too easy for us to pretend that the world really is not painful, that no one actually suffers. But they do and we do, in a big way. "Taking up our cross" sends us out with Jesus to help others carry theirs.

And that is the real and final answer to the problems presented in the First Reading. What is life about here on earth? It is about being humble, about loving others truly, and about loving God above all things.

If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

John Foley, SJ