

# 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)*



September 17, 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

**Sister Dorothy Dee, SSJ, Pastoral Associate**  
Adult Formation/Ministry of Consolation  
Ext. 7245 - SrDorothy@olvwayne.org

**Barbara Mennella Office Assistant**  
Ext 7203-reception@olvwayne.org

**Judi Cocilovo, Director of Faith Formation / Youth**  
Ext. 7208 - jcocilovo@olvwayne.org

**John Peragallo III, Director of Music Ministry**  
John@peragallo.com

**Irene Luberto, Parish Financial Administrator**  
Ext. 7243 - finance@olvwayne.org

### TRUSTEES OF THE PARISH

**Marie Armenio**  
mrarmenio@olvwayne.org

**Mark Peischl**  
mark.peischl@gmail.com

**Michael Renaldo (Trustee Emeritus)**

## Weekend Collection

**Weekend Collection: September 10, 2017**

Attendance:	906
Weekend Collection:	\$7,940.56
Candles/Poor:	\$275.25
Parish Pay:	\$2,461.20
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$10,677.01</b>



*Thank you for your continued generosity!*

## Presider Schedule

**Weekend of September 23—24:**

### Our Lady of the Valley

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

### Holy Cross

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

## Weekly Mass Intentions

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
Monday, September 18	7:30am	For the People
Tuesday, September 19	7:30am	Dominic Gagliostro Special Intention Jay Zarillo Special Intention
<i>Miraculous Medal Novena to follow Mass on Tuesday</i>		
Wednesday, September 20	7:30am	For the People
Thursday, September 21	7:30am	Nancy O'Flaherty
Friday, September 22	7:30am	Souls of the Faithful Departed
Saturday, September 23	7:30am	For the People
	5:00pm	Frank Aiello Flora & Fred Natale Bettina & Peter Perrupato Linda Solop
Sunday, September 24	8:00am	Edith D'Abruzzi Gaetano & Angelina Ferraro Ed Parks Eleanor Zaros
	10:00am	Edith D'Abruzzi Nancy DeLuca Roberta Roe
	12:00pm	Georgio Brancato Frank DiGirolomo Alex Foulds John & Sally Toth

## Social Ministry Corner

Do you have a family member or friend who is gay or lesbian? Would you like to have a better understanding on the church's teachings on this? Would you like resources to learn more about this topic? If you've answered "yes" to any of these questions, or have additional questions about the LGBT community and the Catholic Church, you are invited to call Deacon Vince at 862-264-2134, or feel free to speak with him directly after Mass. All calls/inquiries will be strictly confidential.

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time—September 17, 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:

*Sadie Scavone*

From her loving daughter, Linda Campiglia.

## Faith Formation Program

**Grades 1-8:**

**THIS SUNDAY—SEPTEMBER 17**

Sunday, September 24; October 1, 15, 22, 29  
8:30-9:45 and 10:30-11:45

Monday, September 18, 25  
October 2, 16, 23, 30  
7:00-8:15pm

**Confirmation I:**

Sunday, October 8, 2017  
9:30am—11:30am

**Confirmation II:**

Sunday, October 8, 2017  
1:15pm—3:30pm

**\*Note: Confirmation II**

**Special Time for this session only**



## 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."



Facilitator: Paula Pedersen, RN  
When: Monday Evenings  
September 25, October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30  
Time: 6:00pm—7:30pm  
Where: Our Lady of the Valley Parish Center  
(Youth Room is located at the front door)  
630 Valley Road Wayne NJ  
Contact: Sister Dorothy 973-694-4585 Ext. 7245  
[SrDorothy@olvwayne.org](mailto:SrDorothy@olvwayne.org)  
To register or for further information

## 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*

*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:**

*Elaine D'Aurizio*

*Robert E. Kueppers*



## Rite of Christian Initiation

*The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (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 7:00pm 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](mailto:SrDorothy@olvwayne.org).

## Bishop's Annual Appeal

### *In Giving, We Receive*

The vital work of our church is supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal is only as successful as the number of faithful parishioners who participate by making a gift. Your support helps bring hope to those who come to our Catholic Charities agencies. It supports seminarian education, our diocesan priests' residence and our inner-city schools.

Every gift counts! Saint Teresa once wrote that "we feel what we are doing is a drop in the ocean, but that ocean would be less without that drop." Our Bishop's Annual Appeal is able to do that much more with whatever you are able to give. Please help make 2017 the year that our Bishop's Annual Appeal does even more for people in profound need.

## 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 Tuesday's from 1:00pm—2:30pm in the Parish Center. The first meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 3, please note updated date from last week's bulletin.

### **There's room for you at the table!**

Pre-registration is not necessary.

For questions, please contact Maureen Kolis via phone at 973-942-3762 or via email at [counslermk@optonline.net](mailto:counslermk@optonline.net).

## Father Dan Murphy

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

If you are interested in attending or would like more information, please contact Sharon or James at home at 973-382-4000 or via cell at 201-410-3891.

## ParishPay to Become WeShare

If you currently use the online giving service ParishPay for your weekly offerings to Our Lady of the Valley or Holy Cross church, in a few weeks ParishPay will be transferred to WeShare, our new online giving provider. This transfer will ensure that your scheduled transactions will continue to be received by the parish.

The security of your personal information is important to us and to WeShare. If you wish to make any changes to your account or to adjust your giving amount, you might want to do that before the transfer takes effect.

## Youth Group

You are invited to **KLUB YOUTH**  
(Our Lady of the Valley's Youth Group)

When: Wednesday, September 27

Where: Youth Room at the Parish Center

Time: 7:00pm—8:30pm

Come join other teens as we gather to kick-off our Youth Group meetings for 2017-2018. Come and learn how you can earn service hours! Refreshments served.

**All Teens are Welcome!**

## Invitation to Young Women

### **Pizza Night with the Bishop**

For young women in high school or college

Come join Bishop Serratelli and our religious Sisters from the Diocese of Paterson for adoration, reflection, fellowship...and, of course, pizza.

Monday, September 25, from 7:00pm—9:00pm

Pope John XXIII H.S., Sparta

Please call the Delegate for Religious Office for additional information at 973-777-8818 x207

# Golden And Silver Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Information Collection Form



**THIS FORM SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO YOUR  
PARISH SECRETARY NO LATER THEN  
OCTOBER 16, 2017. Thank you!**



Personalized commemorative certificates will be presented to each couple. This form should be filled out by the couple and returned to the parish secretary.

**TYPE or PRINT.**

**GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY**

(circle one)

**SILVER ANNIVERSARY**

\_\_\_\_\_  
First Names (Husband) (Wife) Last Name

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ New Jersey \_\_\_\_\_ (Zip Code)

Email \_\_\_\_\_ (His) \_\_\_\_\_ (Hers)

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ (His) \_\_\_\_\_ (Hers)

Date of Marriage \_\_\_\_\_

Current Parish \_\_\_\_\_ Parish Town \_\_\_\_\_

Approximately how many guest will be attending? \_\_\_\_\_

\* \* \* \* \*

- I am a lector/reader in my parish and would like to be considered as a possible reader for this Mass.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

- We need special seating arrangements (i.e., wheelchair, disability, etc.). Please give specifics.

\_\_\_\_\_

# Spiritual Reflection

## Breaking the Chain

This Sunday is all about forgiveness. The Gospel illustrates in stark terms what this word means.

First, look at the initial readings, which are preliminaries. The First Reading, from the Book of Sirach, tells how awful wrath and anger are, but how the sinner “hugs them tight,” a wonderful image. Release them, it commands us, and let them go.

The Psalm speaks beautifully about God’s absolving love: God is kind and merciful, slow to anger and rich in compassion. The Second Reading says we ought to live not for ourselves but for others. We should imitate God, not one of us living for our own self, but living for the Lord. And if we die, we would die for the Lord.

Forgiveness is a major ingredient of imitating God in this way. People do not always do right, and we need to forgive them. This is the gift and the goal.

Our culture has some pretty diverse understandings of what forgiveness means. For some it is a condescending act performed only by one person who is higher than another—a King or Queen or judge, who leans down to grant pardon. Or a boss, or a media star.

For others it means “I can forgive but I can never forget.” Perhaps this means, I will remain angry forever but will never act upon it. Such a stance includes an uncomfortable attitude: “I will choke back my hurt and anger by a sheer act of the will. I may have been attacked by someone, but I will suppress my reaction.”

Maybe these are parts of the road to true forgiveness, but there is much more. On Easter Sunday of 1960, the great seer of truth and lover of God, Dag Hammarskjöld, wrote an interpretation that moved me greatly:

Forgiveness breaks the chain of causality because he who ‘forgives’ you—out of love—takes upon himself the consequences of what you have done. Forgiveness, therefore, always entails a sacrifice.

In other words, there is a price you must pay for your own liberation. Since that liberation has come through another’s sacrifice, you in turn must be willing to liberate in the same way, in spite of the consequences to yourself. You absorb these, out of love.

Let us apply these insights to the Gospel.

The story is an involved one. It involves a servant who is pardoned by the master but then goes out and refuses vigorously to forgive his fellow servants.

At about six lines from the end of our reading, the owner of the Vineyard says, “Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?”

Underneath this is the point we concluded to above. The real motivation for forgiveness is gratitude based on love. If someone has had pity on me out of love, then my authentic reaction will be deep appreciation. I will want to pass the gift on. Especially if it is God who has forgiven me, I will want to pass on to someone else the liberation I have received. Especially if that person has hurt me.

So can we halt the chain of causality and pass along love instead of hate?

As you and I receive Christ’s presence this Sunday in the Eucharist, let us sense his forgiving love signified so deeply in this sacrament. Let us allow our gratitude to flow in the same way toward others.

John Foley, SJ