

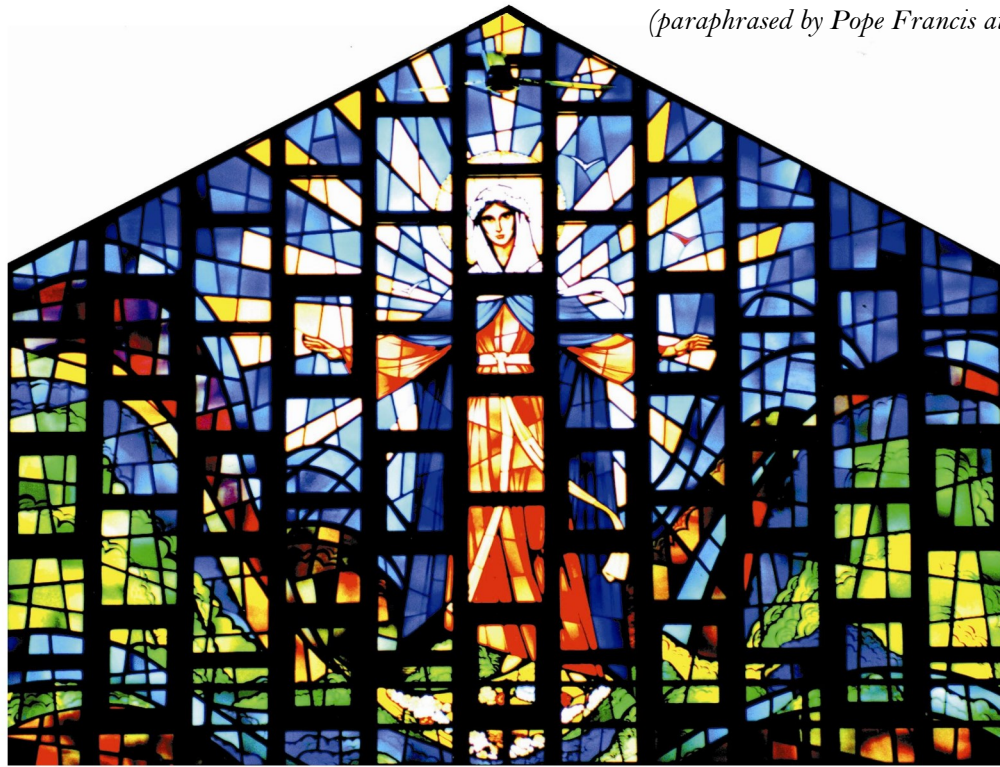
Our Lady of the Valley Church

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
(paraphrased by Pope Francis at General Audience)*



November 19, 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: November 12, 2017

Attendance:	828
Weekend Collection:	\$7,727.00
Candles/Poor:	\$290.00
WeShare:	\$2,564.78
Total:	\$10,581.78



Thank you for your continued generosity!

Presider Schedule

Weekend of November 25-26:

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, November 19 8:00am Bill Capuccio, Sr.
Gaetano & Angelina Ferraro
Joseph Frank

10:00am Gennaro Carpenito
Thomas Curcio
Gerard Farese

12:00pm Paul Lisky
Vincent Mazzoccoli
Angelo Mazzoccoli
Kevin Tinney

Monday, November 20 7:30am Jadwiga Lozowska

Tuesday, November 21 7:30am Ron Carlucci Jr.
Special Intention
Hannah Dougan

Miraculous Medal Novena to follow Mass on Tuesday

Wednesday, November 22 7:30am Marie Rzasa

Thursday, November 23 9:00am In Thanksgiving For All
God's Gifts

Friday, November 24 7:30am For the People

Saturday, November 25 7:30am For the People
5:00pm Matash & Kuhta Families
Mary Komarowski
Raymond Solowski
Doris Woodmancey

Sunday, November 26 8:00am Frank Barone
Caroline Connell
Nancy De Luca

10:00am Michael Loffredo Sr.
Rosina Curcio
Marie Maio

12:00pm Kevin Tinney
Margaret Plunkett
Albert Solimine
Florence Ferrito



Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time—November 19, 2017

Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 23, the Eucharist will be celebrated at 9:00am at Our Lady of the Valley as we gather to give thanks to God for the many blessings we have received. On this national holiday, we give thanks to God for his countless gifts of love and his infinite goodness, and we pray that our hearts may be open to have concern for every man, woman, and child. With the gifts God has given comes a responsibility and a commitment to advance the dignity of others, and to “share with them the good things of time and eternity.” (Prayer after Communion).

Thanksgiving Food Box Drive

Diane Mollo Memorial Thanksgiving Food Box Drive

Food boxes should be delivered to Father Rugel Hall on Monday, November 20, between 5:30-6:30pm.

St. Joseph's Missals

As we approach our new liturgical year, the new St. Joseph's Missal will be available after all Masses the weekend of November 25- 26 at a cost of \$3 each.

Missals will also be available at the Parish Center during the week.

2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal

In Giving, We Receive

This time of year, as our nation plans to celebrate Thanksgiving, let us reflect on how we use all of the gifts given to us by a loving God. Consider showing your thanks for all your blessings by making a gift to the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal. As we are reminded in this year's Appeal theme – *In Giving, We Receive* – your participation not only impacts the lives of tens of thousand of people in need, but it benefits you as well. Please make a pledge today! For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at www.2017appeal.org.

Welcome to the WeShare family!

Following is an update from our parish giving website for those that may have questions as they take your security and security of the website very seriously.

“We take the security of your website seriously. Your donors' recurring donations will continue as scheduled. But donors must authenticate their account and email to receive WeShare emails to make any changes to their account or receive WeShare emails.

The first time your donors enter the system—they will have to go through a onetime validation requiring:

- Their ParishPay user name
- The last 4 digits of the bank account or credit card used with ParishPay

And ONE of the following two options:

- Their email address
- A collection name and the specific amount donated within the last 6 months

Please feel free to direct your donors to our customer service team for assistance at WeShare@41pi.com or call [800-950-9952](tel:800-950-9952) and select *Option 1*.

WeShare makes deposits to your accounts every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Your WeShare deposits and supporting reports can be found by clicking on 'Reports & History' and then clicking on the *Transfer Reports* icon in your Admin Panel.. Summary reports for your historical activity prior to the migration will be sent after October 20.

- Year to Date Church Report from January 1 through October 20, 2017
- Year to Date Parishioner report mailed to both the Donor and Church Admin from January 1 through October 20, 2017
- October fund transfer report covering October 1 through October 20, 2017

While they are experiencing high call volumes due to the recent transition, they appreciate your patience. Many questions may also be answered by consulting the Admin Manual located in the Engagement Library of your WeShare account.

Rite of Christian Initiation

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 reflect on God's Word and gain a deeper appreciation and understanding of Catholic beliefs and practices. *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.

Christmas Giving Tree

Our Annual Christmas Giving Tree has begun!



At the entrance of the church, there is a small basket filled with multi-colored tags that list the gift, which is requested by the agencies, that we assist. Please make sure the tag is securely fastened to the outside of the box or gift bag and we kindly remind you **NOT** to wrap any gift (as they will be unwrapped before each gift is given away).

Gifts may be dropped off in the school lobby at **Our Lady of the Valley** after Mass on the weekends of:

December 2-3 and December 9-10

Gifts can also be dropped off at the Parish Center's back porch during the week.

All the Christmas gifts will be delivered to the agencies on December 12-13.

Thank you for your generosity!

Part-Time Secretary

Immaculate Heart of Mary, located on 580 Ratzel Road in Wayne is now hiring a part-time secretary for the Religious Education Office. Computer skills are necessary. Hours vary from week to week. If interested, please contact the IHM Rectory at 973-649-3400 for more details.

Gift Card Fundraiser

Start making your lists! It's time for the Holy Cross Gift Card Fundraiser! Choose from hundreds of available cards. Order forms are now available by contacting Michele at cornelltex@gmail.com.



Orders are **due** no later than Sunday, **November 26**, and payment is due at time of ordering. Cards will be available for pick-up at Holy Cross following Masses on the weekend of December 9-10. Due to processing, **NO late orders can be accepted.**

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.

Diocese Communion Breakfast

This has been a busy year for the Diocese and thanks to each one of you who so patiently supported all our endeavors. Our 80th year has been one of celebration in many ways. Our diocese was established by Pope Pius XI on December 9, 1937. To celebrate this historic event, Bishop Serratelli will preside at a 9:30am Solemn Mass at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist on December 9, 2017 followed by a Communion Breakfast at The Brownstone, Paterson, beginning at 11:00am.

This is not a fundraiser; it is a chance for all of us to come together and celebrate our diocese. Tickets are \$40 per person and are available on line at: www.rcdop.org/breakfast.

This is a day of celebration for all of us in the Diocese of Paterson!

Spiritual Reflection

Fear Factor

The Gospel story is pretty simple. A wealthy man gives his fortune to each of his three servants to care for while he is gone on a trip. He doesn't give them instructions, at least that we are told of. When he returns, the owner sees that two of the three servants invested his money and got back twice the amount. He is delighted. So far, the moral of the story would be: "Make the most of what you have."

But we miss the most interesting part of all if we look just at the successful servants (as does the shortened version of the Gospel in the lectionary!!!). We miss the fascinating and puzzling story of the third servant. This poor soul did not invest the money at all. He buried it in the ground. Quite simply, he was afraid of investing and losing it.

He was right to be afraid, given the owner's attitude, which, as we see, would have the man thrown into "the darkness outside" where there would be "wailing and grinding of teeth." Quite an overreaction, it seems. This poor guy just wanted to keep the owner's money safe!

Maybe the proprietor was simply a "demanding person," as the parable says. Dark spirited.

But there is more to it. The monetary unit "talent" in Jesus' time was not a small amount. Even one talent could be worth more than a laborer would earn in a lifetime. And the owner entrusted a lot more than just money to the servants. He left them all his possessions, everything he had. He took a great risk and he wanted them to do the same, not leave the investment rotting away underground somewhere.

Now assume that the parable is about God. Maybe God entrusts an even greater amount to us. Life, talents, the gift of love, of the living breathing human persons around us—and every so often, real and open acts of unselfish love. God gives all this free of charge, gives to us our own lives with all their rewards and disappointments and catastrophes and he says to us, dive in! Have your life! Make whatever you will of it! You are beloved to me!

This is truly wonderful! But then an awful question arises. Does God curse those who are afraid and who bury what they are given? Jesus at least seems to say yes:

To everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.

Ouch. That hurts.

How are we to interpret these words? Well, in the realm of spirituality there is only one thing that completely goes away if you only have a small bit of it, but which gets greater if you have it and use it.

Love.

If we love those around us, that love peaks and grows. But if fear slams the door against love, guess what. The non-lover will be in the darkness outside, wailing and gnashing his teeth.

We are all frightened. It is not so unusual. God waits for ages to see if we will accept just a tiny bit of the forgiving love he offers. And to see if we will even find just enough courage to invest some of that love in other people. It is a big risk he takes, and I'm sure he says, "oh no, not again" when we fail.

But this is not a harsh reaction. It is just a disappointment of someone who loves us very well.

You see, love casts out fear.

So, let love in.

John Foley, SJ