

# 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)*



February 4, 2018

## 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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### TRUSTEES OF THE PARISH

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## Weekend Collection

**Weekend Collection: January 28, 2018**

Attendance:	954
Weekend Collection:	\$7,301.00
Retired Religious:	\$260.00
Candles/Poor:	\$281.38
WeShare:	\$2,564.78
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$10,407.66</b>



*Thank you for your continued generosity!*

## Presider Schedule

**Weekend of February 10 – 11:**

### 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, February 4	8:00am	Caroline Connell Christopher Krassowski Frank Pascrell Sr. Nancy Tregaskis
	10:00am	Philip Gemore Anthony Giannini Aniela & Jozef Jurgowski Irene King Christopher Krassowski
	12:00pm	Fred Akel Christopher Krassowski The Lee Family Philip MacClaren Anna Ruffolo
Monday, February 5	7:30am	John Fierro Carrie Graham
Tuesday, February 6	7:30am	For the People <i>Miraculous Medal Novena to follow Mass on Tuesday</i>
Wednesday, February 7	7:30am	For the People
Thursday, February 8	7:30am	For the People
Friday, February 9	7:30am	For the People
Saturday, February 10	7:30am	Estelle Antiosik
	5:00pm	Honorata Bielewicz Nicholas Chandra
Sunday, February 11	8:00am	Joseph Caputo Gaetano & Angelina Ferraro Stephen & Lillian Figlar James Rapp
	10:00am	Anthony Giannini David Hesson Anna & Julian Soltys
	12:00pm	Paul Liskay Danny Hempstead

## Parish Center

The Parish Center will be closed on Monday, February 19, for President's Day. Normal hours will resume on Tuesday, February 20.

## Expectant Parents

The blessing of expectant parents will take place after all Masses next weekend, February 10-11. Please meet the priest or deacon at the baptismal font following Mass for this special blessing which occurs monthly.

## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 4, 2018

## 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:

*John Charlan*

From His Loving Family.

## Faith Formation Program

**Grades 1-8:**

**THIS SUNDAY** - February 4

February 25

March 4, 18, 25

8:30-9:45 and 10:30-11:45

Monday, February 5

February 26

March 5, 19, 26

7:00-8:15pm



**Confirmation I:**

Sunday, February 11

9:30am—11:30am

**Confirmation II:**

Sunday, February 11

1:15pm—2:45pm

## Tax Donation Statements

If you would like a copy of your 2017 tax donation statement, please contact Barbara in the parish office at 973-694-4585 ext. 7203 or via email at [reception@olvwayne.org](mailto:reception@olvwayne.org). When requesting your statement, please include your full name, address, and, if known, your envelope identification number.

## 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:

*Wilfredo Balbuena, Joseph Brucato Jr.,  
Father Michael Burke, Chris Camp,  
Louis Caprio, Ralph Cicetti, Kathy Corrao,  
Robert Darpino, Jason Dellavalle, Flo Felano,  
Josephine Ganz, Marie Liffers, Mary Maksuta,  
Rosa Malfa, Gloria Minnocci, Jenny Moskal,  
Monica Phalon, Andrew Potter,  
Michael Renaldo,  
Kristen Sedlacik, Patricia Smith, Paul Tafuri,  
Michael Waldinger, George Wilson*

## 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.

## Help Wanted: Ushers

The Ministry of Usher (also known as hospitality) is an important ministry of the parish. It is more than just taking up the collection (which in itself is important). Ushers act as welcomers and direction givers and assist with "traffic flow" at the time of the reception of Holy Communion. They assist our parishioners with whatever is needed at Mass. They also help keep the church "tidy" after Mass.

Ushers are needed at all of our Masses. Any man or woman or teen is welcome to become an usher. If interested please contact Joseph Campbell at 973-997-6208.

## Flu Season and the Reception of Holy Communion

Nothing can absolutely prevent the spread of the flu virus, but a few **common sense recommendations** can help to lessen the possibility:

1. If you do not feel well and suspect that you may have the flu or a cold: **stay at home and do not come to Mass.**
2. Wash your hands frequently with soap and water or an alcohol based hand cleanser.
3. All Eucharistic Ministers should wash their hands thoroughly before and after Mass: Hand cleanser is available in the sacristy.
4. **Sign of Peace:** if you feel uncomfortable with the exchange of the sign of peace through a handshake you are under no obligation to do so. You may extend the sign of peace to your neighbors by a nod of the head.
5. Receiving Holy Communion in the hand is the most practical means to distribute the Blessed Eucharist in a sanitary way.
6. If you feel that you may have a cold or the flu: **do not partake of the Precious Blood by drinking from the chalice.**

## Living Stations of The Cross

The Our Lady of the Valley Youth will once again be presenting the Living Stations on Good Friday, March 30, for our parish.

We are in need of just a few more teens to help. This will count as service hours for Confirmation students. We are in need of two teens to narrate - a good speaking voice is required, as well as 1 male - no speaking parts. Rehearsals will be Sunday evenings. We can also use help with our lighting crew and if any teens want to use their gift of song to help us, you may sing in the chorus, or a solo.

Please contact Judi at 973-694-4585 ext. 7208.



## Clothing Drive

Thank you so much to every Our Lady of the Valley parishioner who responded so generously to our annual winter clothing drive. Because of your thoughtful generosity, 100 large bags of warm, clean winter coats, sweaters, shirts, hats and gloves were collected for distribution to Saint Agnes Church, the Father English Center, and Holy Tabernacle of Praise congregation, all in Paterson.

A special thank you to all of the Scouts and 8th grade students, along with their parents, who volunteered their time to sort and bag all the donated items. They all did a great job!

When we remember the bitterly cold weather our area suffered through recently, and knowing that 7 weeks of winter still wait ahead of us, it is easy to understand how much these clothes will be appreciated by those who receive them.

Deacon Ray Kucinski started this winter clothing drive more than 25 years ago, and our parish's generous response year after year, and all the men, women and children who have been kept warmer and safer by your unselfish kindness, are a beautiful tribute to Deacon Ray. He would be proud and grateful to you. So am I.

God Bless you,  
Deacon Vince

## Little Sisters of the Poor

Next weekend, February 10-11, the Little Sisters of the Poor will visit our parish to ask our assistance with a door collection as you leave church after Mass.

Locally, the Little Sisters of the Poor sponsor and operate Saint Joseph's Home for the Elderly in Totowa.

Throughout the world the Little Sisters of the Poor operate 174 homes providing loving care to the elderly poor and have served the aged in New Jersey since 1879.

Your generous support of their ministry is greatly appreciated.

## Welcome to the WeShare family!

WeShare aspires to provide the highest level of security to safeguard the online information of you and your parishioners.

With the migration of ParishPay financial data to WeShare we are asking your parishioners to validate their account to ensure the security of that information.

Please note their current account settings and scheduled donations will continue without validation. However, they will need to validate to:

- Make any adjustment to their current account, including adding donations, changing their scheduled donations or changing credit card numbers (new payment source, expires or reissues).
- Refresh their passwords.
- Provide valid email addresses to support password resets as required.
- Receive email confirmation of successful transactions or any declined transactions.
- Conform to recognized security best practices.

Validating their account online is a simple process but it does require the parishioner to know specific information about their account.

We will also provide support to your parishioners at 800-950-9952 select *Option 1* or email **WeShare@4lpi.com**. However we cannot assist them with validation if they can't provide the requisite information.

If your parishioner does not have access to information needed to validate their account you may validate for them. Security protocols require that each parishioner be validated individually. You can do so by:

- Working with donors while they're in the User Validation Tool to help enter the appropriate information.
- You can also validate your parishioners within their account and send them a password reset (with a valid email address)
  - Go to Manage Users within your WeShare site.
  - Click on member's name to open account.
  - Click on Change Email Address if needed to add email.

## Fish Fry

The Knights of Columbus will be selling tickets for a "timeless Lenten tradition," a Fish Fry!

### SAVE-THE-DATE

Friday, February 23

5:00pm – 7:00pm

Father Rugel Hall

This event will be catered by "Tastefully British" and will include all the favorites: fish & chips, coleslaw, and beverages. Eat in with your neighbors or takeout.

Tickets are \$12 per order and sale of tickets to take place after all weekend Masses from February 10 – 18, or contact Jim DeLuccia at 201-981-9918 or email [jddd9251@gmail.com](mailto:jddd9251@gmail.com) for tickets or more information.



## Winter Clothing Drive 2.0

Do you still have gently used winter clothing around the house? Did you miss our Annual Deacon Ray Kucinski Winter clothing drive last week? If so don't worry—you can still donate these clothes. At the back of our parking lot near the garages is a white bin labelled Catholic Charities. You may deposit your donations there. All items go to a good, Catholic cause which helps many who are less fortunate. Thank you for your continued generosity.

## Tricky Tray

Have-a-Heart Tricky Tray  
The Bethwood, Totowa, New Jersey

Saturday, March 3

12:00pm - 3:00pm

50/50 Raffle

3 Course Lunch

Tickets on sale now at, [www.cumac.org/events](http://www.cumac.org/events).

## Spiritual Reflection

### Eat Up

A Jesuit friend of mine, who happens to be Polish-American, once invited me to dinner at his mother's house. This sounded quite agreeable. The only instruction I was given beforehand was, do not refuse second helpings.

I was young and skinny and I knew I would even accept thirds. But Polish mothers take great pride in their traditional foods and in the many, many large bowls they serve up. All different foods, all delicious, all astonishingly filling. I ate and ate and ate until ...

the fearful moment arrived.

Here, have some more, oh my goodness you don't have anything on your plate, take some of this, and this. You are going to starve. You won't be ready for dessert if you don't eat your meal!

Luckily I did not roll my eyes. I took a portion of each, as little as I could politely do, then dealt with the really delicious dessert. I took my stuffed self away from the table, graced with a new Polish mother, and with a nap on the couch.

Why do I tell you this? Because Simon's mother-in-law in the Gospel must have been just like this gracious woman. I'm sure the mother-in-law would be hustling and bustling, stirring up welcome, dish after dish after dish if she were here today.

Jesus seemed to be immersed in his new career of preaching, curing, driving out unclean spirits, showing the great tenderness of God for people. But when he and the apostles stopped by one day, Simon's relative was ill and helpless. How much out of character it was for this take-charge woman to crumple and just observe her guests. He took her hand and without ceremony healed her. He lifted her up from her sickness—and then she waited on them"! (Didn't I say Simon had a Polish mother?)

By contrast, in the First Reading we hear ancient words of Job, who does nothing in this reading but complain because everything has been taken away from him. "My life is like the wind," he says; "I shall not see happiness again."

I have been assigned months of misery,  
and troubled nights have been allotted to me.  
If in bed I say, "When shall I arise?" then the night drags on;

I am filled with restlessness until the dawn.

Many of us recognize such words from our own lives. And Job lost more than sleep. He had formerly been prosperous, with a wife and servants, children, land, livestock, and a sterling reputation to boot.

I rescued the poor who cried out for help,  
the orphans, and the unassisted, ...  
the heart of the widow I made joyful, ...  
I was eyes to the blind,  
and feet to the lame was I (see Job 29:12).

Did he deserve such huge deprivations? For that matter, did Jesus deserve losing not only his frequent meals with people, his preaching and curing and befriending? When he hung on the cross could he remember his mother's meals?

This much we do know: loss is part of life. The blessings we are given can drop and shatter. Instead of overeating, so many today starve.

God knows this too. He stays with us either way. God is "Father and fonder of heart he has wrung," to quote the poet Hopkins. Instead of "erasing trouble," Christ lets his love do the job of consolation.

Be with God.

John Foley, SJ