

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)*



February 11, 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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Weekend Collection

Weekend Collection: February 4, 2018

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| Attendance: | 935 |  |
| Weekend Collection: | \$7,940.87 | |
| Candles/Poor: | \$425.61 | |
| Retired Religious: | \$35.00 | |
| WeShare: | \$2,564.78 | |
| Total: | \$10,966.26 | |

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Presider Schedule

Weekend of February 17 – 18:

Our Lady of the Valley

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

Holy Cross

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

Weekly Mass Intentions

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| 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 |
| Monday, February 12 | 7:30am | For the People |
| Tuesday, February 13 | 7:30am | Robert Davis <i>Miraculous Medal Novena to follow Mass on Tuesday</i> |
| Wednesday, February 14 - Ash Wednesday | | |
| | 7:30am | For the People |
| | 12:00pm | Prayer Service |
| | 4:00pm | Prayer Service |
| | 7:00pm | For the People |
| Thursday, February 15 | 7:30am | Michael Kievit Father Gene Walter |
| Friday, February 16 | 7:30am | For the People |
| Saturday, February 17 | 7:30am | For the People |
| | 5:00pm | Maria & Stanley Dewero Marilyn Geravdi John Hodor |
| Sunday, February 18 | 8:00am | Frank Pascrell Jr. |
| | 10:00am | Antoni Bielewicz Sophie Bielewicz Thomas Curcio Adel & Georgette Kouefati |
| | 12:00pm | Linda Cooke Agnes Getz Jake Meyer Mae Ochner |

Welcome to the Family

After months of prayer and searching and discerning, on Monday, February 5, we welcomed a new staff member here at Our Lady of the Valley and Holy Cross. **Alyson Suchar** came on board as our new parish secretary. A life-long parishioner of Holy Cross Church, she comes to us from the corporate world. For several years she has coordinated the care of Holy Cross church, as well as being the editor of the weekly bulletins for both churches.

Stop by our Parish Offices and say "Hi" and welcome her to our pastoral and administrative staff!

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 11, 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:

Alice Morissette

From Her Loving Family.

Faith Formation Program

Grades 1-8:

Sunday - February 25
March 4, 18, 25
8:30-9:45 and 10:30-11:45

Monday, February 26
March 5, 19, 26
7:00-8:15pm



Confirmation I:

TODAY - SUNDAY, February 11
9:30am—11:30am

Confirmation II:

TODAY - SUNDAY, February 11
1:15pm—2:45pm

Pastoral Visit

On **Saturday, February 24**, Bishop Serratelli will join us here at Our Lady of the Valley and celebrate the **5:00pm Mass** for the Second Sunday in Lent. His visit to our parish is a reminder to us that our parish is not alone. We belong to the larger Church of the Diocese of Paterson, which in turn belongs to the larger Universal Church. When we pray we join our prayers to those of all our brothers and sisters throughout the three counties of our diocese. Please join Bishop Serratelli for the 5:00pm Mass and welcome him to our parish.

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,
Donna Ottomanelli, Monica Phalon,
Andrew Potter, Michael Renaldo,
Kristen Sedlacik, Patricia Smith, Paul Tafuri,
Michael Waldinger, George Wilson*

*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.
(Roman Missal, Preface I for the Dead)*

Pray for the Dead:

*Antoinette Rottino
Kathleen Sattelberger*

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl

The theme of this year's program of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, is **ENCOUNTER LENT: COMPANIONS ON THE JOURNEY**. With the example of the Good Samaritan in the Scriptures, we set out to encounter and love our neighbor. Join together with nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States in this life changing Lenten journey.

Catholic Relief Services "Rice Bowls" are available at the doors of the church.

Parish Center

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

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. Receiving the Eucharist by also drinking the Precious Blood from the common Communion Cup is discontinued until the level of flu cases has dramatically decreased.

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.

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. When requesting your statement, please include your full name, address, and, if known, your envelope identification number.

Welcome Home to Healing

Once again this year, the parishes of our Diocese of Paterson will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on the Mondays of Lent, taking part in the 'Welcome Home to Healing' initiative. The scriptures proclaimed during Lent echo the call to conversion, especially through the Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Special emphasis is given to Reconciliation and Penance so that all may celebrate the Paschal Triduum and Easter renewed in soul and spirit.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated from 7:00pm to 8:30pm at Our Lady of the Valley on the following Mondays:



February 19
February 26
March 5
March 12
March 19

Ash Wednesday

This **Wednesday, February 14**, we begin the penitential season of Lent. At **Our Lady of the Valley**, ashes will be blessed and distributed during the 7:30am and 7:00pm Masses. Ashes will also be distributed during a Prayer Service at 12:00 Noon and 4:00pm. At **Holy Cross**, ashes will be blessed and distributed during the 7:00pm Mass.

In the early Church, when Lent was a time for the reconciliation of public penitents, the penitents would come to the church at the beginning of Lent, that is, on Ash Wednesday. They would wear a penitential garment, suggesting sackcloth, and be sprinkled with ashes. Then they would be ritually expelled from the assembly to do their penance for forty days, returning to the church on Holy Thursday, when they would be readmitted to the sacraments.

With time, the expulsion of penitents disappeared, but the ashes remained and became a call to penance of all the faithful. In the Scriptures, sackcloth and ashes are the signs of penance. The practice of using ashes from the palms of the previous year's Palm Sunday is a relatively new element of the liturgy, first appearing in the twelfth century. It adds another layer of meaning, reminding us of where we are headed - to the glory of Easter.

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 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 labeled 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.

Stations of the Cross

The ‘Stations of the Cross’ will be prayed each Friday evening during Lent at 7:00pm at Our Lady of the Valley Church.

For many, the Stations of the Cross are synonymous with Lent. This devotion is also known as the “Way of the Cross,” the “Via Crucis,” and the “Via Dolorosa.” It commemorates fourteen key events on the day of Jesus’ crucifixion, the majority concerning his final walk through the streets of Jerusalem, carrying his cross.

The Stations originated in medieval Europe when wars prevented Christian pilgrims from visiting the Holy Land and walking along the actual route.



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.

Spiritual Reflection

Be Made Clean

Do the spiritual life and the liturgical year coincide?

Yes. But in what way?

In the following I do not mean to leave aside the most crucial elements of liturgy:

Ritual,
Symbol
Sacrament
Community
Communion
Real presence
The body of Christ

Through all these we grow to know him “more clearly, love him more dearly, follow him more nearly” (Richard of Chichester).

But the purpose of the reflections I write each week is to underline the deep spirituality of the readings we hear each Sunday. So it makes sense to look for a spiritual connection with this week’s scripture.

I will make a general remark about Sunday readings and then apply it to the ones from this Sunday.

The Sunday Gospel readings are told by Mark this year (last year by Matthew). Mark is direct and uses fewer words. He always helps us get the texture of the story, to listen with our imaginations, and to let Jesus’ life enter in. He has many concrete details. For instance, last week Jesus did not just “cure” Peter’s mother-in-law, he “grasped her hand, and helped her up.” And when Jesus stills the storm at sea, he is not just “in the boat,” but, according to Mark he is “at the stern” of it. And he is not just asleep, but sleeping “on a cushion”!

Imagination can happen especially if you or I take some time before we get to Sunday Mass (perhaps using the present website!) to understand and pray the readings!

Alright, what about Mark’s Gospel this coming Sunday? A man walks up to Jesus covered with scales and scabs. According to prescriptions (found in our First Reading) the man should “dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp.” Thus, as long as the sores are on him he should ring a bell and cry “Unclean, unclean!” In approaching Jesus in the manner he does, the man is committing a terrible social blunder and he may be breaking the law too!

In the face of all this, Jesus is not repulsed or shocked, he is “moved with pity.” Just three words, but they tell us so much.

Then a wonderful statement from the leper. “If you want to, you can make me clean.” What? Of course our savior wants to! Yet these words are a confession of faith on the part of the leper. Where did he get this trust of Jesus? Maybe his spiritual life had already begun.

Jesus’ remarkable answer: “I do want to.”

Direct, honest, so revealing of God. The whole life of Jesus consists of a desire to give to people who are in trouble and who believe, even if they have only a small faith by which to receive, as well as large wounds.

In an extraordinary move, Jesus stretches out his hand and touches the man. As noted, the ancients thought that Leprosy was communicable, and at the very least disgusting. But Jesus touched him with care and said, “Be made clean.”

Our spiritual life consists of being “made clean,” no matter how disgusting our failings may be. We must receive Jesus’ touch, especially his touch upon our souls.

So, here in the very first chapter of Mark, we find Jesus extending his mercy toward the leper and toward each of us. Spirituality and the Gospel have coincided.

Look for more of the same as we make our way through Mark’s Gospel.

John Foley, SJ