

# 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 18, 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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**Michael Renaldo (Trustee Emeritus)**

## Weekend Collection

**Weekend Collection: February 11, 2018**

Attendance:	845	
Weekend Collection:	\$9,039.70	
Candles/Poor:	\$326.00	
Ash Wednesday:	\$75.00	
WeShare:	\$2,564.78	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$12,005.48</b>	

*Thank you for your continued generosity!*

## Presider Schedule

**Weekend of February 24 – 25:**

### Our Lady of the Valley

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

### Holy Cross

5:00pm	Father Michael Davitti, SX
10:00am	Father Wells

## Weekly Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 18	8:00am	Frank Pascrell Jr. Francis Hoffman
	10:00am	Antoni Bielewicz Sophie Bielewicz Thomas Curcio Adel & Georgette Kouefati
	12:00pm	Barbara Cain Linda Cooke Agnes Getz Jake Meyer Mae Ochner
	Monday, February 19	7:30am For the People
	Tuesday, February 20	7:30am For the People <i>Miraculous Medal Novena to follow Mass on Tuesday</i>
Wednesday, February 21	7:30am James Bogert	
Thursday, February 22	7:30am Rev. James Doherty	
Friday, February 23	7:30am For the People	
Saturday, February 24	7:30am For the People	
	5:00pm Donald Merritt Antoinette Rottino Lillian Terlizzi	
Sunday, February 25	8:00am Elizabeth Bogert (Special Intention) Carrie Graham Frank Pascrell Jr.	
	10:00am James Coyle Anthony Giannini Michael Loffredo, Sr. Ernest Williams	
	12:00pm Fred Akel Vincent Caropreso Libero Rubbo Thomas S. Tipple	

## 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.

## First Sunday of Lent - February 18, 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:

*Dean Ricciardi*

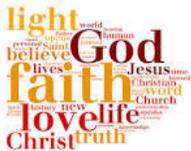
From Cindy & Anna Ricciardi

## 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:**  
Sunday, March 11  
9:30am—11:30am

**Confirmation II:**  
Sunday, March 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.

## Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl

In Iraq, we encounter Majd and his family, people forced to flee violence, searching for stability. How are we called to welcome the stranger in our midst? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org).

## Parish's Sacramental & Prayer Life

*Jesus said: "from the beginning of creation,  
God made them male and female.  
For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother  
and be joined to his wife.  
And the two shall become one flesh.  
So they are no longer two but one flesh.  
Therefore what God has joined together,  
no human being must separate."  
(Mark 10:6-9)*

## We congratulate those who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage last weekend in our Church:

*Heather Ciavarella & Jordan Pollara*

*"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,  
Norma Rivera, Kristen Sedlacik,  
Albert Smetana, Patricia Smith, Paul Tafuri,  
Michael Waldinger, George Wilson*

*Indeed for your faithful, Lord,  
life is changed, not ended,  
and when this early dwelling turns to dust,  
an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven.  
(Roman Missal, Preface I for the Dead)*

*Margaret Palumbo*

## 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 one male for a non-speaking role.** This will count as service hours for Confirmation students. 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.

## St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Annual Knights of Columbus St. Patrick's Day Dinner  
**Saturday, March 10 - 7:00pm—11:00pm**

Father Rugel Hall

Tickets \$35

Traditional Irish Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner

**\*\*Pasta & Chicken dinners will be available\*\***

Water, Soda & Coffee and entertainment provided  
BYOB

Proceeds will support Marrinan/McNiece College Scholarship program; Cash donations accepted if unable to attend the dinner.

For more information, contact John Scibetta at [jasscibetta@yahoo.com](mailto:jasscibetta@yahoo.com) or 862-221-4885.

## 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



## Stations of the Cross

The 'Stations of the Cross' will be prayed each Friday evening beginning February 16 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.

## Souper Bowl of Caring

Many thanks to our Faith Formation Families for the wonderful response to our request for cans of soup for our Souper Bowl of Caring two weeks ago! Over 250 cans of soup were donated to needy food pantries in Wayne and Paterson. The Souper Bowl of Caring is an organization that encourages groups to collect soup on Super Bowl Sunday and donate the items right in their own neighborhood. During these especially cold winter days and nights, it is truly heartwarming to have such a wonderful response from our Faith Formation families.

God Bless you!

## First Reconciliation

Please congratulate our young youth who received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on January 26:

*Victoria Arthur  
Cristiano Battaglia  
Aaron Bielen  
Thomas Cannici  
Jaylee Cruz  
Carmine Damiano  
Ralph Danna IV  
Luke DeCarlo  
Gia DeStefano  
Hunter DiFulco  
Katherine English  
Brianna Farrell  
Ryley Fedor  
Jack Ferraro  
Noah Gilmore  
Maiya Gomes  
Liliana Howell  
Shane Jacobs  
Tommy Jurkin  
Milana Kazoun  
Katherine Kowalski  
Alexander Kruszewski  
Alexander Loewrigkeit  
Gabrielle Lombardo  
Daniel Miazga  
Shefin Michael  
Paul Militello  
Caitlin Morley  
Nicola Pisapia  
Kalina Rivera  
Aiden Rogust  
David Rojas  
Jack Romalin  
Brenda Roman  
David Rosario  
Rafael Rua  
Alexa Saft  
Isabella Sinko  
Nicholas Sinko  
Kuromi Llanes Thelen  
Brynn Till  
Christy Vidaurre  
Michael Wallace  
Chloe Zalfino*

*I am  
the Light  
of the World  
John 8:12*



## 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

## What Is Lent

What is Lent? Ash Wednesday was a few days ago, starting the Lenten countdown toward Holy Week and Easter, but maybe some of us are not completely clear as to why these weeks of preparation are there in the first place.

One opinion is that Lent is a time to deprive yourself. You give up candy or smoking or desserts or heavy meals or ... choose your favorite. These are good and definitely part of Lenten practice (even if they are like New Year's resolutions, since we usually break those).

Lenten deprivation.

It gave birth to Mardi Gras, meaning Fat Tuesday, literally. In contrast to tough Lent, eat all the fat you can, parade around in costume, go wild. The public usually does not recall that Mardi Gras has something to do with the quaint old practice of Lent. But that sharpens the question: what have they or we forgotten about Lent and its practice of penance?

What if we described Lent as a "Retreat"?

A Retreat, in Catholic and other religions, is a space of days taken to pray and to be with God. Often one goes to a retreat house to have one. In St. Louis, for instance, there is a beautiful place called "White House"—the president has never been there, it is a different one—which has a stunning view of the Mississippi River. For many decades Jesuits have preached retreats there every weekend and sometimes during the week. Sizeable groups of men or of women stay for two or three days to meditate, listen to talks, and to refresh their spiritual lives.

No, no, I do not mean that you should disappear for the five weeks of Lent to the nearest retreat house. But what about letting each Lenten day partake of certain retreat practices? For instance, what about setting aside a little time daily to let your insides settle down for a while, to create space within you to welcome God. Maybe set up a special place in your house or someplace else just to pray. How about a picture or crucifix or maybe just a candle? Or just 10 minutes of silence?

And why not take some time to read in advance the Gospel from the upcoming Sunday Mass? Sit down, read it slowly, and let the scene described take place within the your mind and heart. This week you could ask Jesus how it felt to have the Spirit drive him into the desert, as described in the Gospel.

The point? Let the Lord's loving deeds be your motivation for "giving up" anything during Lent. You might begin to see that you are making a gift of gratitude to God, rather than just "giving up" something you like. How does this prepare us for Holy Week and for Easter? By doing exactly what Jesus does when he makes himself a gift of suffering and death. He is returning a gift of love to the Father. Lent prepares us to witness this reality of our savior.

It is the same gift we receive at every Mass when we go to Communion.

Maybe we could let ourselves be driven into the desert ourselves, and let the Holy Spirit guide us. That is the meaning of Lent.

John Foley, SJ