

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)*



March 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

Rev. Peter VB. Wells, Pastor
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TRUSTEES OF THE PARISH

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Weekend Collection

Weekend Collection: March 11, 2018

Attendance:	919
Weekend Collection:	\$7,726.00
Other:	\$2.00
Antioch:	\$1,005.05
Candles/Poor:	\$298.00
WeShare:	\$2,564.78
Total:	\$11,595.83



Thank you for your continued generosity!

Presider Schedule

Weekend of March 24-25:

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, March 18	8:00am	Irene Goodrich Michael Piombo
	10:00am	Nicholas Chanda Anthony Giannini Maria & Ludwig Mysliwiec Ed Parks
	12:00pm	Dolores Ferriola
Monday, March 19	7:30am	For the People
Tuesday, March 20	7:30am	Lena Marino
		<i>Miraculous Medal Novena to follow Mass on Tuesday</i>
Wednesday, March 21	7:30am	Nancy O'Flaherty
Thursday, March 22	7:30am	For the People
Friday, March 23	7:30am	Nick Vespa
Saturday, March 24	7:30am	For the People
	5:00pm	Antoni Bielewicz Sophie Bielewicz
Sunday, March 25	8:00am	Charles Scelba
	10:00am	Gennaro Carpenito Anthony Giannini
	12:00pm	Rosemarie Capobianco Frances Kondrat Diego Torres

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.

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl

We encounter Andrise, a teacher in Haiti who knows the importance of forming young people who will give back to the community-and their country. Reflect on the role teachers have played in bringing you closer to God and your community. How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

Fifth Sunday of Lent - March 18, 2018

Weekly Remembrance

If you are interested in dedicating the weekly Sanctuary Lamp which 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, please contact the Parish office.

Donation \$40.

Adult Confirmation Classes

If you are 19 years or older and would like information regarding reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact Sr. Dorothy via phone at 973-694-4585, x7245 or via email at srdorothy@olvwayne.org.

Preparation classes will be held on Wednesday: April 11, April 18, April 25, May 2, May 9, and May 16 from 7:15pm-8:30pm. The Sacrament will be conferred on Sunday, May 20.

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
March 19, 26
April 2, 9, 16, 23

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 x7245
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, Chris Camp,
Louis Caprio, Ralph Cicetti, Maggie Corley,
Kathy Corrao, Robert Darpino, Jason Dellavalle,
Flo Felano, Josephine Ganz, Marie Liffers,
Mary Maksuta, Rosa Malfa, Helen Minetti,
Gloria Minnocci, Jenny Moskal,
Donna Ottomanelli, Monica Phalon,
Andrew Potter, Michael Renaldo,
Norma Rivera, Kristen Sedlacik,
Alfred 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)*

Pray for the Dead:

Wilfredo Balbuena

Father Michael Burke

Joseph Gronkowski

Frances A. Kondrat



Volunteers Needed

Hospice of New Jersey is looking for volunteers to visit patients, do good, and help others.

"Those we serve are faced with the challenges associated with end-of-life care. Hospice of New Jersey is committed to easing those challenges. Our philosophy is to walk together with those we serve to provide the highest quality care with compassion and dignity."

If interested or for further details, contact Terry Russo Hudak at 973-893-0818.

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.

Faith Formation Program

Grades 1-8:

THIS SUNDAY - March 18

March 25, April 15, 22

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

Monday, March 19, 26

April 16, 23

7:00pm-8:15pm

Confirmation I:

Sunday, April 8

9:30am—11:30am

Confirmation II:

Sunday, April 8

1:15pm—2:45pm

Our Lenten Journey

WELCOME HOME TO HEALING

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated from 7:00pm to 8:30pm at Our Lady of the Valley on Monday, March 19. This is the last Monday night for reconciliation during the Lenten season.

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.

Festival News

It's coming... May 15-20, 2018! Come celebrate our 30th Anniversary for the Our Lady of the Valley Parish Festival.

Hopefully you have received your Super 50-50 tickets in the mail. We already have close to \$4,000 returned! We are hoping to top our amount from last year and need **your** help to make it happen! Please return your tickets either through the mail, drop them off in the basket at the weekend liturgy, or bring them in person to the Parish Center. If you need more tickets, please call the parish secretary.

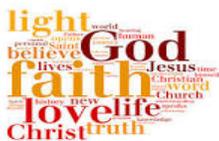


We are looking to expand our list of sponsors for our festival, especially for our 30th Anniversary year. If you work for a company that might be interested in sponsoring our festival, please call the parish secretary. We have three levels available, Platinum, Gold and Silver. Help this festival to be the best ever!

Home Care 101

Do you have questions about caring for an elderly loved one? We have answers! Join us for a special presentation on caring for the elderly sponsored by HomeCare Options in Totowa, on Thursday, March 22, from 10:00am – Noon or 6:00pm – 8:00pm at the Wayne Library located at 461 Valley Road, Wayne.

Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to MaryAnn Cannarella at (973) 523-1224 x242.



A Meditation for Saint Joseph's Day

by Sister Brid Carrick, OCD
Tranquilla Carmel
Knock, Ireland

Joseph! Chosen from eternity, one with Mary in the Father's call
to mirror forth on earth his own eternal love;
that love which is mercy, tender, strong, unfathomable.

Go to Joseph!
Mary was the first to hear those words and obey.

A virgin, trembling on the threshold of womanhood,
awed by the Spirit's call to dedicate her life to God
in single hearted love,
did she not at times wonder?
Who will understand my way?
Must I remain forever an enigma?

Did the Spirit then not whisper, deep within,
"Joseph! Go to Joseph!"

And Joseph did not prove unworthy of her trust.
Within the sheltering mantle of his love she was secure.
Her hand in his,
she knew no fear and was set free
to walk her destined path in joy.

Go to Joseph!
Jesus, a boy in Nazareth, heard these words.
We see him, a child, come running, eager:
"Mother, the wild olives are ripe!
May I go to the hills with my friends to gather some?"
Mary smiles, "Of course, son, if Joseph says so.
Go to Joseph."
Then, a boy's light voice goes running through a woodshed,
calling, "Abba! Abba Joseph!"

A woman comes, bowed with care. Her husband needs a plow,
But they are poor and cannot pay just yet.
Perhaps when harvest comes...
Mary soothes her.
"Go to Joseph, Joseph will provide."

When God calls, it is forever.
Until the end of time Joseph still provides
for all the brothers and sisters
of the one who long ago in Nazareth called him,
"Abba. Abba Joseph."

Spiritual Reflection

Coming to Pieces

A tiny grain finds itself planted deep in the soil, with its small self tucked into complete darkness. And yet it is fearless. It is sheltered by the tough, safe shell that is its home. The seed belongs there, and it knows it. In quiet. In growth.

Then calamity.

The shelter turns tight and invading and painful. Our growing seed is shocked. Its protector is opposing it, holding it back. Crushing it. Suddenly, as if planned from all eternity, the husky shell cracks right open.

“Wait, wait, I need you! You know how I depend on you! Wait!”

The seed goes to pieces. What is left of it copes somehow, crazily extending a new, thin arm outward and “steady by jerks” slithers its whole self through the cracks in its shell. It has to get out. It dares its way into the rough, cold mud. How foolish and shaming. Stay where safety was, you fool!*

The transforming little self slowly takes on an unexpected new life. It dares a new home now, in, surprisingly, the slippery soil. It moves with caution and upwards it goes.

But there is much in its path, including a huge, unmovable rock. A jagged, rough, uncaring rock, heedless of tiny green shoots.

And so the story ends, doesn't it?

Except that the former seed appears to have will power. It is seeking something—urging itself toward some objective, rooting its way with intuitive ambition.

Fingering along the brutal under-edge of the rock, fearful and with rending pain, and after what seems like years, it achieves the far edge of this gnarly thing and guess what. It starts upward again.

Now there are hard clods to press through, and pebbles aplenty. The higher it goes the more dry the surrounding soil becomes. The top crust of ground, at last achieved, forbids any penetration. It is an ultimate, intractable, stupefying barrier.

And now the story does end.

Except for one voice from deep within. Push. Push, it whispers. I am with you. The young sprout feels around for just a thinnest lesion in the tough upper skin. With a certainty that now is written on its heart, this vine-to-be breaks through to where it was meant to be. In a heaven of light and warmth, bathed in the sun's astonishing rays, our plant stretches and yawns in the wafting breezes of Spring.

It is just like our own journey, isn't it? Dark corridors can sometimes seem to be our only life.

But Jesus says, do not worry, child, trust me. “Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit” (Gospel).

This is the real conclusion to our story, isn't it?

John Foley, SJ

* For an example of an opposite approach, try this:

Oh I am a chickie who lives in an egg,
But I will not hatch, I will not hatch.
The hens they all cackle, the roosters all beg,
But I will not hatch, I will not hatch.
For I hear all the talk of pollution and war
As the people all shout and the airplanes roar,
So I'm staying in here where it's safe and it's warm,
And I WILL NOT HATCH!