

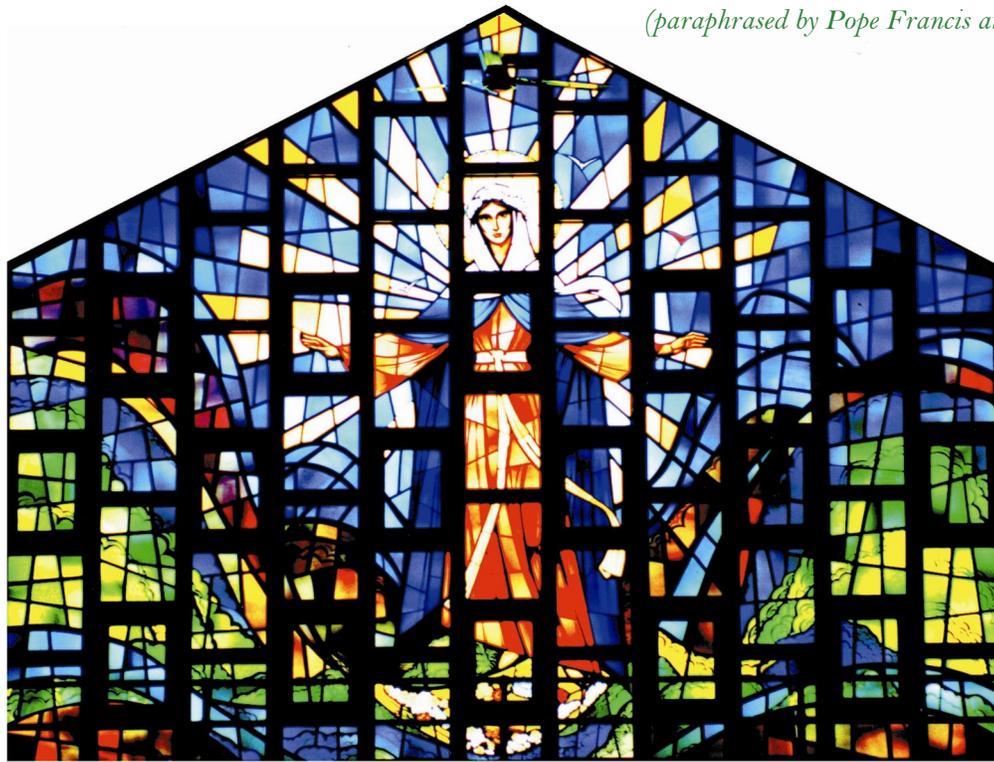
Our Lady of the Valley Church

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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)*



June 3, 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

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WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekend Collection: May 27, 2018

Attendance: 654

Collection amount not available
due to early printing.



Thank you for your continued generosity!

PRESIDER SCHEDULE

Weekend of June 9-10:

Our Lady of the Valley

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

Holy Cross

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

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, June 3	8:00am	Marguerite Cox Ann Weisse
	10:00am	Tom (Alfred) Acquaviva Virginia Kostic
	12:00pm	Camille Miller Connie Orlando Victorio Perrotta Bettina & Peter Perrupato
Monday, June 4	7:30am	For the People
Tuesday, June 5	7:30am	John Fiero <i>Miraculous Medal Novena to follow Mass on Tuesday</i>
Wednesday, June 6	7:30am	For the People
Thursday, June 7	7:30pm	For the People
Friday, June 8	7:30am	For the People
Saturday, June 9	7:30am	For the People
	5:00pm	Vincent Covello
Sunday, June 10	8:00am	Joseph Caputo Gaetano & Angelina Ferraro
	10:00am	William & Frances Curcio Bart DiPaola Michael Loffredo, Sr.
	12:00pm	Helen Minetti Anna Scialpi

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON

The Our Lady of the Valley Women's Association is having their annual luncheon on Wednesday, June 13, at the Touch of Tuscany on Valley Road, Wayne. For information / reservations call Joyce Laauwe at 973-942-9322. All are welcome.

DIOCESEAN PILGRIMAGE

Bishop Serratelli will be the spiritual director for a tour of the Alpine countries of Switzerland, Austria, and Germany from July 8 - 17, 2018.

Reservations are limited. For a brochure and information, contact Great Experiences at 201-825-3725 or by email at Anne@greatexperiencesnj.com.

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST - JUNE 3, 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:

Gladys McGuire

From a Friend

30TH ANNUAL FAMILY FESTIVAL

We thank the following businesses for their 'in-kind' donations

LaRosa Chicken & Grill

Lowe's

Munchy's

Park Wayne Diner

Preakness Gourmet Deli

Taste of Tuscany

Along with several other businesses that made anonymous donations

Thank You!

Thank You!

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:

Gregory Graziano & Natalie DelGuidice

"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., Chris Camp, Louis Caprio, Ralph Cicetti, Maggie Corley, Kathy Corrao, Robert Darpino, Flo Felano, Ann Giannini, Josephine Ganz, Edward LaBarre, Marie Liffers, rminda Lume, Mary Maksuta, Rosa Malfa, Gloria Minnocci, Frank Moskal, Jenny Moskal, Donna Ottomanelli, Monica Phalon, Andrew Potter, Michael Renaldo, Norma Rivera, Kristen Sedlacik, Patricia Smith, Richard Swetz, Paul Tafuri, Michael Waldinger, Selma Will, George Wilson

MASTER PLAN PHASE ONE: RECTORY

Parishioners are invited to a meeting on Thursday, June 7, at 7:30pm in Father Rugel Hall to view the sketches of the new rectory and meet our architect.

Once construction is underway we will begin firming up plans for Phase Two, which includes a redesign of the front steps and plaza of our Church to make it more handicap accessible, as well as upgrading the bathrooms in the lobby of the school.

30TH ANNUAL FAMILY FESTIVAL SPONSORS

We are most grateful to the following for their sponsorship of our Annual Festival:

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Special **Thank You** to

John Giresi – Make Wine With Us
Jan Fence

TAKE AND EAT: RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION IN THE HAND

During May we celebrated with those young members of our parish who received their **First Holy Communion**. The joy on their faces, as well as their parents and family, is always a joy to see as they receive the Host and partake of the Cup. This weekend we celebrate the **Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus**. These two events make it timely to review how to receive Communion when we gather each weekend.

When Pope John Paul II granted permission to restore the option of receiving Holy Communion in the hand for the whole Church throughout the world, he expressed concern that there be adequate instruction of the faithful so that the practice will “strengthen their faith” and “increase the sense of their dignity.”

Receiving Holy Communion in the hand is a return to traditional practice. The Last Supper was a ritual meal, following the customs of the Passover meal. The first Christians continued to celebrate the Eucharist as a sacred, sacrificial meal. Communion in the hand was the universal practice then. Not until the ninth century does it become, in scattered places, the “privilege” of clerics. Nor did the gradual changeover to communion on the tongue arise from a greater reverence for the Eucharist. The change in the shape of bread seems to have been a greater factor, along with a false sense of unworthiness on the part of the communicants.

Communion in the hand can deepen our faith in the dignity of every Christian as a member of the body of Christ, including our own personal dignity. Irreverence of any kind must be avoided. One of the abuses of our time is the automatic and routine reception of Holy Communion at every Mass without prayerful involvement with the Lord or the community. An exaggerated sense of unworthiness must also give way to humble gratitude. Communion in the hand can help remove disrespect for the human person and more particularly, the human body, and does not imply that some parts of the human body are less worthy than others. As a prayerful gesture, it can do much to restore to adult Christians a sense of dignity, maturity and holiness.

How to take Communion in the hand

This is how St. Cyril of Jerusalem instructed the newly-baptized during his Easter homily in the year 348: “When you approach Holy Communion, make the left hand into a throne for the right hand, which will receive the King. With your hand hollowed, receive the Body of Christ and answer ‘AMEN’. Then consume it, taking care not to lose any of it.”

The following steps might be helpful, always remembering that the first rule is reverence:

1. When approaching the minister of Communion place one open palm on top of the other and make a slight bow of the head before the minister says, “The Body of Christ.”
2. After you have replied “Amen” to the Body of Christ, the minister will place the Host in your open hand. Amen means, “I believe,” that is, I believe that this truly is the Body of Christ. If you do not say Amen there may be some doubt as to whether you do believe.
3. Let the minister place the host in the palm of your hand. DO NOT take it from them.
4. Do not have anything in your hands when you come forward for Communion, for example: hymnbooks, purse, gloves on, or even rosaries.
5. Step aside to make room for the next communicant.
6. With your lower hand, take the Host and place it in your mouth. Only after this return to your place.
7. If you are going to receive from the cup, approach that minister and make a slight bow of the head. After they say, “the Blood of Christ,” and you respond, “Amen,” take the cup in both hands and take a slight sip from it and then return it to the minister.
8. The appropriate posture for receiving Holy Communion in the United States, as stated by the United States Conference of Bishops, is standing. The appropriate gesture of reverence before receiving Communion is the bow of the head, not genuflecting.
9. It is forbidden for the communicant to take the Host and dip it in the Cup containing the Blood of Christ. This practice, called intinction, is something the minister of communion does, not the communicant. But when the practice of offering the cup to the assembly during Communion was restored intinction was abolished.
10. It is also very inappropriate and irreverent to receive Communion and leave church before the Mass had ended.

Fr. Wells

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

Indelicate Question

Why are you eating somebody's body and drinking his blood? An indelicate question, but still, why?

You walk up the aisle and receive what appears to be bread and wine, but which is really Christ's Body and Blood. The Roman historian Pliny the Elder (23-79 AD) described Christians as cannibals. And many of Jesus' followers simply walked away when he said, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." (Jn 6:56ff)

One answer is found in the word "sacrifice." Oh not in today's meaning of the word: some item we enjoy but give up for Lent. Or as parents might say: "I sacrificed my own interests in order to raise you kids." Many meanings, but the basis is the real one.

Once upon a time, the tribes of the world tried to please whatever gods they believed in, by offering "sacrifices" to them. They wanted a better harvest, prevention of the storm, or the drought, receipt of plenty instead of starvation, victory in battle, and so on.

Why do this? It involved taking the best lamb from the herd, for example, and making it a gift for the gods by freeing it from earth. This is why sacrifice usually meant killing an offering. Sacrifice of the lamb or dove was meant to represent the best things that belonged to earth, now directed to heaven. Send the finest of earth up to paradise in order that the best of paradise could come down to earth.

Also, people ate the flesh and drank the blood of their offering. Why? So that they too could be part of the giving to give to the gods. They became an integral portion of the sacrificial union of heaven and earth.

The desire for earth to join the gods is lodged deep in human culture and human nature. In the fullness of time, the one God gave his people at last a real connection with the One for whom they had been thirsting. He did it through sacrifice, reversing the order of the offering by *sending himself to be sacrificed*.

God sent the best of heaven to earth in order that the best of earth (Christ on the cross) could go up to heaven!

Christ was emphatically of the earth, and thus he achieved a perfect unity of heaven and earth in this "sacrifice." Animals could not choose to be offered, but Christ did so choose, freely, out of love, on our behalf.

Alright, what about sacramental signs? At what we call the Last Supper, he symbolized what would happen the next day when he handed over his body and blood. But he did it under the sacramental appearance of bread and wine. This was a re-presentation for all time of the bloody sacrifice on the cross, now in an unbloody form, and remaining today in every mass.

So what is the answer to the question we began with? You and I eat flesh and drink blood *in order to be a part of Christ's sacrifice*. In order to join in the new and eternal covenant. It is our salvation and that of the world.

Let us let it in.

John Foley, SJ