

Our Lady of the Valley Church

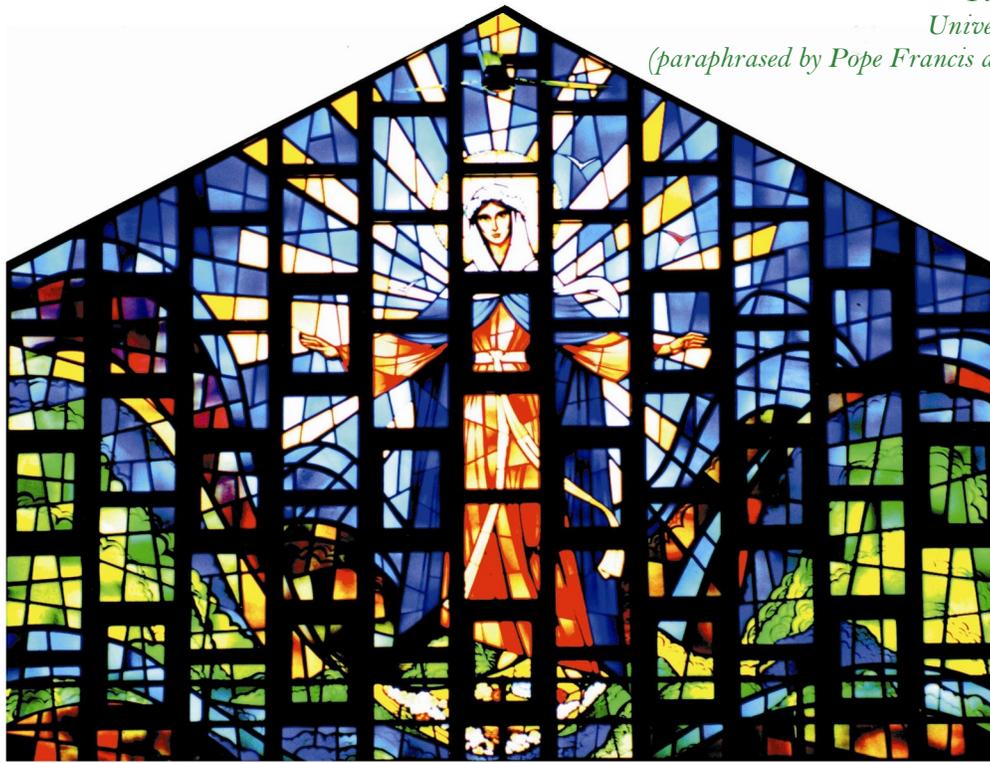
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**“The Church is Holy, not just because all are welcome.
The Church is Holy, because all belong.”**

*Timothy M. Matovina
University of Notre Dame*

(paraphrased by Pope Francis at General Audience)



Remember Our Lady of the Valley Church in Your Will

March 3, 2019

Schedule of Masses

Weekdays

Monday - Saturday 7:30 a.m.

Weekends

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.
and 12:00 Noon

Parish Office Hours

Monday through Friday

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

1:00 pm. - 5:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Sacraments of Baptism, Marriage & Personal Appointments

Please call the Parish Office

OUR PARISH IS SERVED BY

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PRESIDER SCHEDULE

Weekend of March 9 - 10:

Our Lady of the Valley

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

Holy Cross

5:00pm Father Duberney
10:00am Father Duberney

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 4 7:30am For the People
Tuesday, March 5 7:30am John Fierro
William Kievit Jr.
Sean O'Flaherty
Nicholas Pompeii
Jay Zarillo
(Special Intention)
Miraculous Medal Novena to follow Mass on Tuesday
Wednesday, March 6 7:30am For the People
12:00pm Prayer Service
4:00pm Prayer Service
7:00pm For the People
Thursday, March 7 7:30am For the People
Friday, March 8 7:30am For the People
Saturday, March 9 7:30am For the People
5:00pm Alice & Edward Rizzo
Theresa Toscani
Sunday, March 10 8:00am Ralph (Bob) Andreano
Roberto Rubino
10:00am Frank Fazzinga
Michael Renaldo
Carmelo Scibetta
12:00pm Mary Aubin
Hugoeslavo Carvalho
Margaret Lozito
Nina Palombo

*"It is a holy and wholesome thought
to pray for the dead."* (2 Maccabees 12:46)

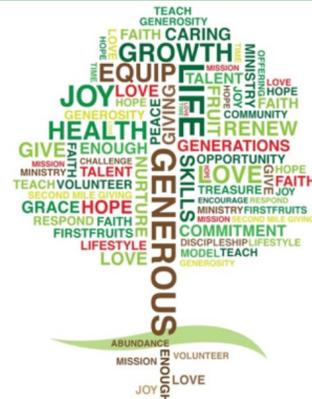
One of the Spiritual Works of Mercy is "to pray for the living and the dead."

ACT OF STEWARDSHIP

Weekend: February 24, 2019

	2019	2018
Attendance:	893	945
Donations:	\$7,808.50	\$8,079.50
Candles/Poor	\$411.00	\$282.05
WeShare:	\$2,679.00	\$2,564.78
Total:	\$10,898.50	\$10,926.33

As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace. (1 Peter 4:8-10)



THE EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – MARCH 3, 2019

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:

Jeanette Beneat, Gregory Bertoline, Joseph Brucato Jr., Chris Camp, Louis Caprio, Ralph Cicetti, Maggie Corley, Kathy Corrao, Robert Darpino, Flo Felano, Stephen Hazuda, Marie Kelly, Barry Koerber, Edward LaBarre, Marysa Krause, Lynn Krause-Lambermont, Margaret Luniewski, Bob Martens, Jeff Miller, Gloria Minnocci, Marie Moore, Jenny Moskal, Patricia Nagy, Donna Ottomanelli, Wendy Perez, Carl Potter, Michael Perruzzi, Roger Rigolli, Norma Rivera, Kristen Sedlacik, Jenna Sisto, Debbie Sleeman, Patricia Smith, Paul Tafuri, Pat VanSteyn, Michael Waldinger, Selma Will, 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 1 for the Dead)

Pray for the Dead:

*Gloria Acosta
Cecelia Cobianchi
Louis Conte
Nicolina DiBianca
Maureen Spencer*



FAITH FORMATION

Grades 1-8:

Sunday, March 3, 17, 24,
and 31

8:30am - 9:45am

10:30am - 11:45am

Grades 5-8:

Monday, March 4, 18,
and 25, April 1

7:00pm - 8:15pm



Confirmation I:

Sunday, March 10

9:30am - 11:30am

Confirmation II:

Sunday, March 10

1:15pm - 2:45pm

We appreciate all students arriving on time for class.

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:

Eleanor Russo

From the Frangipane Family

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, March 6, we begin the penitential season of Lent. **Ashes will be blessed and distributed at Our Lady of the Valley during the 7:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Masses.** Ashes will also be blessed and distributed during a Prayer Service at **12:00 Noon and 4:00 p.m.** At Holy Cross, ashes will be blessed and distributed during a **7:00 p.m. 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 on Ash Wednesday. They would wear penitential garments, 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 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 for 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 to this rich rite, reminding us of where we are headed – to the glory of Easter.

EXPECTANT PARENTS

The blessing of expectant parents will take place after all Masses the weekend of March 9 - 10. Please meet the priest or deacon at the baptismal font following Mass for this special blessing.



FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Registration for ALL Faith Formation Classes
(including Confirmation)

Registration for all Faith Formation classes will be held in March. Our registrations are held in person; we offer three meetings on various days at varied times in hopes of accommodating your schedules. **Please note:** This is a mandatory meeting in Father Rugel Hall. One parent/guardian must be present to register their child. This is for all students who will be in Grades 1-10 beginning in September 2019. The dates and times are as follows:

Thursday, March 14 at 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 16 at 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, March 20 at 4:00 p.m.

We respectfully request that you be on time for these meetings and stay for the entire meeting. All meetings take place in Father Rugel Hall.

TEEN HELP WANTED

The Our Lady of the Valley Youth will once again be presenting the Living Stations of the Cross for our parish on Good Friday, April 19.

We are in need on one teenage girl as an actor and one or two teens to help with lighting. This will count as service hours for Confirmation students. Rehearsals will be Sunday evenings. Also, 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 Cocilovo at 973-694-4585 ext. 7208.

WELCOME HOME TO HEALING AND THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Once again during the Lenten season our Diocese of Paterson will take part in the Welcome Home to Healing Initiative.

On the Mondays of Lent, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated in the churches throughout our diocese from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

At Our Lady of the Valley, Reconciliation will be celebrated on March 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8.

LENTEN PRACTICE OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are the obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Roman Catholics of the Latin Rite.

The norms on **fasting** are obligatory from **age 18 until age 59**. When fasting a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

The norms concerning **abstinence** from meat are binding upon members from **age 14 onwards**.

All the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent, the Stations of the Cross will be prayed at Our Lady of the Valley on Friday evenings at 7:00 p.m. (March 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12).

The Stations of the Cross began as the practice of pious pilgrims to Jerusalem who would retrace the final journey of Jesus to Calvary.

Later, for the many who wanted to pass along the same route, but could not make the trip to Jerusalem, a practice developed that eventually took the form of the fourteen stations currently found in almost every church.

PARTNERS IN FAITH CAMPAIGN

Our Lady of the Valley Parish last week received from our Diocese of Paterson a check in the amount of \$7,829.75, which represents the sixth and final rebate check from the Partners in Faith Campaign. Since the capital campaign was conducted in 2012, our parish has received rebate checks totaling \$126,252.25. Thank you to all who so generously supported the Partners in Faith Campaign of our diocese. Your pledges also helped your parish community!

ENCOUNTER LENT

Join our faith community - and more than 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States - in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from the church entrance next weekend. During the 40 days of Lent, we will encounter the needs of the world. And don't forget to download the CRS Rice Bowl app!



THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, March 3

8:30am Faith Formation Gr.1-8 (School)
9:00am Music Ministry (BO)
10:30am Faith Formation Gr.1-8 (School)

Monday, March 4

7:00pm Faith Formation Gr. 5-8 (School, RH)

Tuesday, March 5

1:00pm - 2:30pm Scripture Study (PC2/3)
7:00pm - 9:00pm Boy Scouts (Rugel Hall)

Wednesday, March 6

6:30pm Cub Scouts (Rugel Hall)
7:00pm Rosary (AC)

Friday, March 9

7:00pm Stations of the Cross (Church)

Saturday, March 9

7:00pm Knights, St. Patrick's Dinner (RH)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Get your tickets now for a "Timeless Lenten Tradition", a Fish Fry on Friday, March 15, from 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. in Father Rugel Hall. Catered by "Tastefully British." Eat in or takeout! Tickets are only \$12 per order.

Tickets are also available for the annual St. Patrick's Day Dance on Saturday, March 9, at 7:00 p.m. in Father Rugel Hall. Join in a traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner with entertainment including bagpipers and Irish step dancers. Prices remain at \$35/person with all proceeds benefiting the Marrinan/McNiece Scholarship Fund.

For more information, contact Alex Hodor at 201-704-9248 or email hodoralexander@yahoo.com.

PARISH FESTIVAL

Mark your calendar!!!



Our Lady of the Valley's Parish Festival
May 14-19, 2019

We are looking to expand our list of sponsors for our festival. If you work for a company that might be interested in sponsoring our festival, please call the Parish Secretary at 973-694-4585 x7200. We have three levels available, Platinum, Gold and Silver. Help this festival to be the best ever!

Additional tickets also available. If needed, please call the Parish Secretary at 973-694-4585 x7200.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

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.

PASTORAL VISITS

As you may be aware, changes made in the privacy laws in New Jersey some years ago now forbid hospitals from contacting parishes to let us know that the parishioner has been admitted. The only way we know that someone is in the hospital is if a family member calls the Parish Office and informs us and lets us know that the patient would like a visit.

If one of our parishioners is homebound and would like a pastoral visit, please call or have a member of the family contact the Parish Office.

Prayer is an important aspect of our care for the sick. Each weekend we pray for the sick of the parish at each Mass and also list the names of those who are ill in the parish bulletin. Just as with the privacy laws, it must be a family member who contacts us and asks to have someone's name added or removed to the public prayers for the sick.

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

Seeing

I once followed the Jesuit Larry Gillick, a blind person, in the literal dark. Neither of us fell into a pit. So, was Jesus wrong?

Larry lost his sight before his tenth birthday, but as an adult joined the Society of Jesus and became a marvelous spiritual director. On a retreat he and I were helping to direct, we went on a walk. It was after dark, quite so, and I was as good as blind when we got far enough from the retreat house, with no neighborhood around us? So, the blind following the blind.

As we went, he said to me, do you want to go on a trust walk?

Blindly (pun intended) I said, why, of course.

First he had me do the famous “fall backwards” that some of my readers have done. I was to release control and tumble back into the arms of another person, in this case Larry. The only problem was that he could not see, and it was also too dark for me to make anything out.

I willed to fall back, and he caught me, and we were happy. I marveled at Larry’s conquering of his malady.

All was good.

Except ...

... except that there was a “next step.” Quietly he announced that he, a person supposedly unable to find his way, would lead the way. With my hand on his shoulder and a scarf around my eyes—to make certain that I would not cheat—we went forth. Could we avoid a pit?

I avoided it and so did he. It was indeed a walk of trust. Even though I suspected that anything whatsoever could happen, it did not. I was relieved. Larry was so used to guiding people spiritually that was possibly not an act of trust on his part. For him, it did not mean walking blindly into the unknown, it meant going ahead with increasing confidence that we are accompanied by God, no matter what might come around the next dark bend in the road.

What was I myself supposed to learn? To trust recklessly with only sightless guidance? Larry Gillick has been my friend over the years and does not require any beatifying. But I do.

Well, maybe the point was that sightlessness is the only way to really see.

Jesus says in our Gospel that we have “wooden beams” in our eyes when we relate to others. Maybe we must close our eyes for a while in order to see around these. We should stop projecting on others our own blockages, and work on the much larger wooden beams in our own psyche instead. This seems to me a quite sound psychological insight.

Notice, this understanding does not imply that we should entirely give up helping with the faults of another person. Jesus is just saying that we need to clarify our own vision in order to help someone else. None of us will have perfect “vision,” but we should seek continually to clarify what we do see.

That night I did not have anything like perfect vision. But the steady, blind guidance that Larry Gillick gave me was an act of seeing unlike most others I have known. As you and I begin Lent this coming week, I guess my advice is that we all close our eyes for a while and be guided.

John Foley, SJ