

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)*



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

Remember Our Lady of the Valley Church in Your Will

PARISH'S SACRAMENTAL & PRAYER

*After his resurrection he told his disciples:
"Go out and teach all nations, baptizing them
in the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit."
(Rite of Baptism, Blessing of Water)*

**We congratulate and welcome those who
were baptized last weekend:**

Mason Vincent Pignatello

*"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:

*Roberta Aiello, Jeanette Beneat, Gregory
Bertoline, Joseph Brucato Jr., Chris Camp,
Louis Caprio, Maggie Corley, Kathy Corrao,
Robert Darpino, Frank Delmo, Flo Felano,
Brandon Godbolt, Marie Kelly, Barry Koerber,
Edward LaBarre, Grace Krause, Lynn
Krause-Lambermont, George Mammola, Bob
Martens, Jeff Miller, Gloria Minnocci, Marie
Moore, Jenny Moskal, Donna Ottomanelli,
Wendy Perez, Carl Potter, Michael Perruzzi,
Roger Rigolli, Norma Rivera, Anne Romeo,
Antonino Ruggiero, Kristen Sedlacik, Jenna
Sisto, Debbie Sleeman, Paul Tafuri,
Pat VanSteyn, Michael Waldinger, Shirley
Williams, 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:

Marta LoCoco



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.

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:

Toth & DiPasqua Families

From their Loving Family

SUMMER WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Beginning Monday, July 1, and extending through Labor Day, September 2, the Eucharist will be celebrated Monday through Friday at 7:30am here at Our Lady of the Valley. There will be no Saturday morning Mass during these weeks.



SUMMER HOURS - PARISH CENTER

Beginning Monday, July 1, and extending through Labor Day, September 2, the Parish Center will be closed on Fridays. The Parish Center will be open Monday through Thursday from 9:00am - 5:00pm. The office is closed every day from 12:00pm - 1:00pm for lunch.

MOVING IN, MOVING OUT, MOVING ABOUT

The summer weeks many times are when families and individuals move to a new location and home. If that will happen to you this summer, please contact the Parish Center so that we may update the census.

If you are moving, but remaining a parishioner, please let us know your new address.

If you are moving and will no longer be a parishioner here, we are sorry to see you go and we wish you well in your new home, but please contact the Parish Center so that we can remove you from the census.



MASS ETIQUETTE

Things To Do and Not Do in Mass:

3. **Men take your hats off.** It is impolite to wear a hat into a church for a man. While this is a cultural norm, it is one that we ought to follow closely. Just as we take off hats for the Pledge of Allegiance, we do so in church too; as a sign of respect.
4. **Don't chew gum in church.** It breaks your fast, it's distracting, it is consider impolite in a formal setting, and it doesn't help us pray better. Can you imagine the Pope popping gum in during Mass?

To be continued...

PARISH REGISTRATION

Parish Registration is necessary for all individual persons and families who worship with us on Sundays and who intend to participate in the life of our parish with their time, talent and treasures. For more information, please contact the Parish Office or log onto our website. Registration is necessary for celebrating Marriage and Baptism here, as well as for the issuing of Sponsor Certificates.

PRAYER FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

God, source of all freedom,
this day is bright with the memory
of those who declared that life and liberty
are your gift to every human being.
Help us to continue a good work begun long ago.
Make our vision clear and our will strong:
that only in human solidarity will we need liberty,
and justice only in the honor that belongs
to every life on earth.
Turn our hearts toward the family of nations:
to understand the ways of others,
to offer friendship,
and to find safety only in the common good of all.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
R/. Amen.



CATECHISTS NEEDED

The Faith Formation office is in need of a catechist for the 8:30 a.m. session for Grade 7. If any parishioner is interested, please call Judi Cocilovo at 973-694-4585 extension 7208 or email at jjcocilovo@olvwayne.org for more details.

FAITH FORMATION - NEW STUDENTS

If your child will be entering first grade in September 2019, we invite you to contact the Faith Formation Office so that you may register for our upcoming classes beginning in September.

All registrations are done in person so please call our office at 973-694-4585 extension x7248 to make an appointment.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMAN

If your child will be entering a Catholic high school in the fall, please contact Judi Cocilovo at 973-694-4585 x7208 to register your teen for Confirmation preparation classes. Confirmation is received at the parish and not at school.

RESCHEDULED - GOLF OUTING

Due to the poor weather, the 5th Annual Golf Outing has been rescheduled for Wednesday, July 17, at the Preakness Valley Golf Course.

Golfers are still welcome to participate and subsidize the scholarship fund.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP

The Knights of Columbus at Our Lady of the Valley are pleased to announce the winners of the Marrinan-McNiece Scholarship. The winners for 2019 are Stephanie Giannini and Michael Ferreira. Each received plaques commemorating their selection and scholarship checks in the amount of \$3,000.

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 past weekend we celebrated the **Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**. 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

Toward Jerusalem

Jesus is fierce in Sunday's Gospel. He is on the march and will not be turned back. Sometimes the readings startle us.

He "rebukes" the disciples.

He shouts, "let the dead bury the dead" to a man who wants to bury his father and then follow Jesus.

He is moving fast, and his mood is intense. Get ready for it. But what is the reason for his intensity?

Do you remember back when Jesus began his public ministry? We heard about this before Lent and Easter. He came from the desert filled with the Holy Spirit, and headed straight to his home town, Nazareth. He wanted to preach his mission. But his own townspeople rejected him. They were more than blunt about it: they tried to throw him off a cliff (Luke 4:14ff).

Formerly we were in the "Galilean Ministry" (Luke 3:1-9:50), as scholars call it (except for the insertion of Lent and Easter). Now a new section of Luke begins. It is called the "Journey to Jerusalem" (Luke 9:51-19:28). This new phase begins with a rejection of Jesus.

He leaves his home town. The people in Samaritan towns turn him away. He had sent messengers ahead to "warm up the audience," so to speak, but the villagers would not let him enter. Jews and Samaritans were hostile to each other, and surely that is part of the reason for the rejection of him. But Luke says the real reason is that they knew he was "going up to Jerusalem."*

"Going up to Jerusalem." Think about that phrase. The "going up" part is literal, since Jerusalem is built upon a hill or rise and you have to climb to get up to it. But Luke wanted the metaphorical sense too. Jesus had set his face to go up to the height of the cross.

The Greek word Luke uses for "go up" is the same one used in the Second Book of Kings for the prophet Elijah's ascent into heaven (2 Kings 2:11).

A flaming chariot and flaming horses came ... and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind.

But Jesus' "going up" will not be in a fiery chariot. His "ascent" will end up in a plunge downwards into humiliation and death. The hill of Golgotha was high and barren and his life's ending was low and shameful.

For the next ten chapters Luke will skillfully trace Jesus' deeds in his urgent trip to Jerusalem. Maybe we can see now why Jesus was so severe with people in the reading for today. He knew what going up to Jerusalem would mean.

In all this there is a question we should think about. Do we want to go along with this man on his journey? What if we hear him say, "The Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head" [and neither will we]? Or, "No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God"?

Very harsh.

Wouldn't you or I and turn on our heels and run away?

Yes. But think about it. Jesus is saying that Christianity (and Catholicism) are *challenges*, not just warm blankets. Jesus values God more than safe sleep, than family funerals, even more than courtesy to relations and friends. None of these are evil or bad, they are good. But they receive their worth from love. God-love. The primary reason for our lives and our deeds is the mission Jesus so urgently invites us to.

Love of God above all.

Love of our neighbor as ourselves, no matter what.

John Foley, SJ

* I have set much of Luke's Gospel to music, with a libretto by Michael Dennis Browne. Included is music for "Toward Jerusalem." Michael and I poured our hearts into writing this musical drama, and maybe you would like to share it. The name is *As a River of Light*, readily available on CD from OCP.