

# Our Lady of the Valley Church

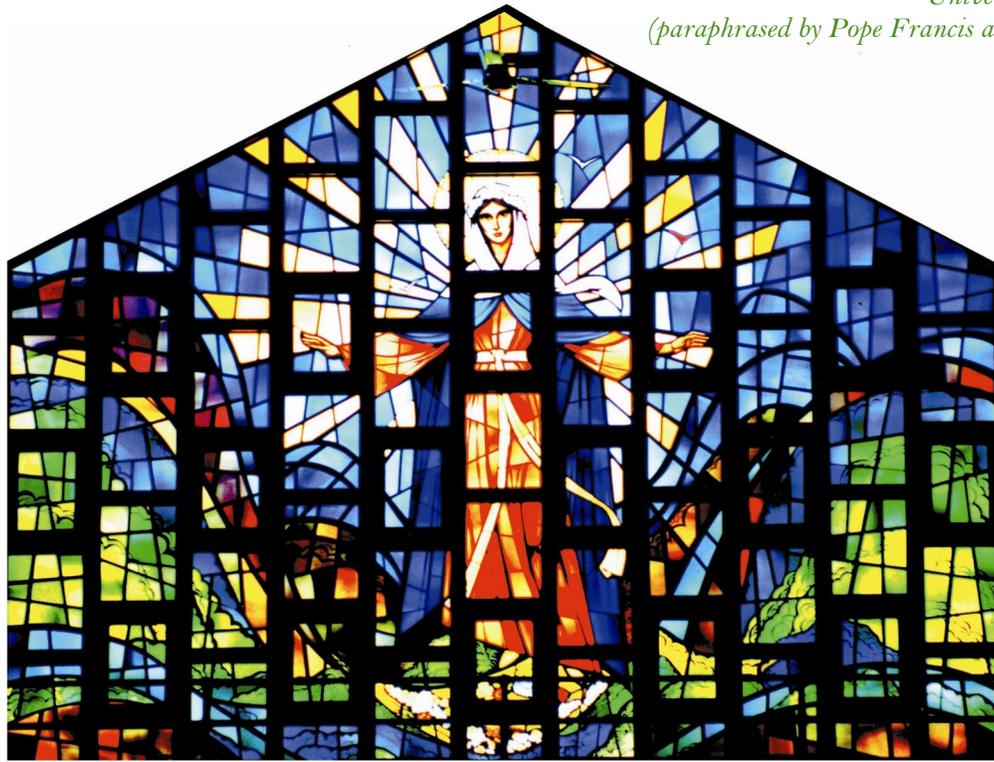
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**“The Church is Holy, not just because all are welcome.  
The Church is Holy, because all belong.”**

*Timothy M. Matovina  
University of Notre Dame*

*(paraphrased by Pope Francis at General Audience)*



## **Schedule of Masses**

### **Weekdays**

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m.

### **Weekends**

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 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**

Saturday - 12:00 p.m. in Church

or by appointment

## **Sacraments of Baptism, Marriage & Personal Appointments**

Please call the Parish Office

***Remember Our Lady of the Valley Church in Your Will***

## OUR PARISH IS SERVED BY

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## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 14	9:00am	Daniel Fierro, Jr. Elvia Gerardino James Murray
Tuesday, September 15	9:00am	Daniel Chagnon (Special Intention)
Wednesday, September 16	9:00am	Sadie Scavone
Thursday, September 17	9:00am	Ann Betar Theresa Suchar
Friday, September 18	9:00am	For the People
Saturday, September 19	5:00pm	Michael Jamaoas Borja Caroline Groth George Hundt Michael Sarracino
Sunday, September 20	8:00am	Helen & Lee Cooke Daniel Nevins Jared Petruska Elsie & Charles Scelba Charles Starita
	12:00pm	George Buchmann Bernice Hilbrandt Ida & Nicholas Prumatico Louise M. Traficante

## PRESIDER SCHEDULE

### Weekend of September 19 - 20:

#### Our Lady of the Valley

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

#### Holy Cross

10:00am Father Wells

## PRAYER OF POPE FRANCIS FOR PROTECTION AND HELP

O Mary,  
you always shine on our path  
as a sign of salvation and of hope.  
We entrust ourselves to you,  
Health of the Sick,  
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain,  
keeping your faith firm.  
You know what we need,  
and we are sure you will provide so that,  
as in Cana of Galilee,  
we may return to joy  
and to feasting  
after this time of trial.  
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform to the will of the Father  
and to do as we are told by Jesus,  
who has taken upon himself our sufferings  
and carried our sorrows to lead us,  
through the cross,  
to the joy of the resurrection.  
Amen.

## ACT OF STEWARDSHIP

Attendance September 5/6: 202

Stewardship totals are not available. We prayerfully request considering WeShare during this time or mailing envelopes into the office.

*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)*



## TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

## PARISH 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:

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| <i>Gregory Bertoline</i> | <i>Paul Wilczewski</i>     |
| <i>Kathy Corrao</i>      | <i>Michael Waldinger</i>   |
| <i>Barry Koerber</i>     | <i>Roger Rigolli</i>       |
| <i>Jenny Moskal</i>      | <i>Edward LaBarre</i>      |
| <i>Debbie Sleeman</i>    | <i>Gloria Dykstra</i>      |
| <i>Gary VanSteyn</i>     | <i>Marilyn Beneventine</i> |
| <i>Pat VanSteyn</i>      | <i>Tom Beneventine</i>     |

**UPDATED NOTE:** In order to be added to our prayer list, a member of the immediate family should request a person's name be added. The current names will remain on the list until end of November.

*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:

*John Teixeira*

## WEEKLY REMEMBRANCE

This week the 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, are given in memory of:

*Sadie Scavone*

From her Loving Daughter, Linda Campiglia

## AN INVITATION FROM THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry, although unable to gather for their monthly meetings during this time of "staying in place", continue to knit and crochet, all the while praying for those who will receive their handiwork. If there is someone you know during this time of Covid19 who you believe would benefit from an outward sign of our prayers for healing of mind or body, please contact Sister Dorothy by phone at (973) 694-4584 ext. 7245 or email at [srdorothy@olwayne.org](mailto:srdorothy@olwayne.org).

## BLESSING OF ANIMALS

Please join us Sunday, **October 4, at 2:00 p.m.** to celebrate the annual Blessing of Animals in front of the Church.

## PARISH OFFICE APPOINTMENTS

We encourage you to call the parish office for Mass cards so we can have your request ready prior to your arrival to limit the time you spend indoors. We also encourage you to pick up Mass cards from the back porch which is open even when the office is closed.

Requests for sponsor forms or other meetings will require an appointment.

For everyone's safety, when entering the parish office, face masks and signing in are required.

## SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS



Couples, were you married in 1995? The Diocese of Paterson invites you to celebrate your 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary during a special Mass to be offered at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson, NJ. Bishop Sweeny will serve as main celebrant on this joyful occasion to be held:

**Sunday, November 8, 2020 at 3:30 p.m.**

Arrangements can be made by calling the parish office. **Registration deadline is Thursday, October 1, 2020.** You will receive additional information directly from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed.

Congratulations on this joyous occasion!

## 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. All calls/inquiries will be strictly confidential.

## THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



The one symbol most often identified with Jesus and his Church is the cross.

On Monday, we celebrate The Exaltation of the Holy Cross. This feast traces its beginning to Jerusalem and the dedication of the church built on the site of Mount Calvary in 335. But the meaning of the cross is deeper than any city, any celebration, any building. The cross is a sign of suffering, a sign of human cruelty at its worst. But by Christ's love shown in the Paschal Mystery, it has become the sign of triumph and victory, the sign of God, who is love itself.

Believers have always looked to the cross in times of suffering. People in concentration camps, in prisons, in hospitals, in any place of suffering and loneliness, have been known to draw, trace, or form crosses and focus their eyes and hearts on them. The cross does not explain pain and misery. It does not give us any easy answers. But it does help us to see our lives united with Christ's.

We often make the Sign of the Cross over ourselves. We make it before prayer to help fix our minds and hearts on God. We make it after prayer, hoping to stay close to God. In trials and temptations, the cross is a sign of strength and protection. The cross is the sign of the fullness of life that is ours. At Baptism, too, the Sign of the Cross is used; the priest, parents, and Godparents make the sign on the forehead of the child. A sign made on the forehead is a sign of belonging. By the Sign of the Cross in Baptism, Jesus takes us as his own in a unique way. Today, let us look to the cross often. Let us make the Sign of the Cross and realize we bring our whole selves to God—our minds, souls, bodies, wills, thoughts, hearts—everything we are and will become.

O cross, you are the glorious sign of our victory.

Through your power may we share in the triumph of Christ Jesus. (Prayer of Christians)

## ST. PAUL INSIDE THE WALLS

### **Mind and Spirit:**

**A workshop equipping ministers to serve those with mental health issues**

Monday, September 28, 2020; 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Join us for this very relevant topic for today. We aim to help you be equipped with an understanding of mental health challenges, how to lovingly care for those afflicted, and how to properly help them advance in their spiritual life. The keynote presenter, Deacon Ed Shoener, is the founder of *The Katie Foundation: Shining a Light on Mental Illness* and an expert on this subject.

This is an online event. Please register in advance for a private Zoom link by visiting [insidethewalls.org/mind-and-spirit](https://insidethewalls.org/mind-and-spirit)

### **One Way**

An original class created "Inside the Walls" is a course in intermediate Discipleship. We have two tracks, one for young adults (age 21-39) and one for all adults 18 and older.

The first session is "Discipleship" and begins the week of September 13th, visit [insidethewalls.org/oneway](https://insidethewalls.org/oneway) for details on both tracks.

Our young adults will meet in person on Sunday mornings 9am - 10:30am. The Wednesday evening session for all other adults will be held online.

Please register in advance to receive the secure Zoom link.

### **Life Skills Training for Pre-Cana Leaders**

Saturday, September 19, 2020; 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Whether you are brand new or experienced in marriage ministry, you are invited to this new virtues-based Life Skills course. This program focuses on seven fundamental virtues to help prepare and support presenters in Pre-Cana ministry. You will also learn valuable tips and pointers on how to run Life Skills online!

This class will be held virtually using Zoom. Please register on [insidethewalls.org/trainingpastoral-resources](https://insidethewalls.org/trainingpastoral-resources) to receive the secure link.

### **Catholicism From Scratch**

One of our longest running events, Catholicism From Scratch, is back starting Saturday, September 19 from 10am-12pm. This program is made up of 6 self-contained sessions on specific topics, focusing on the basics of Catholicism for those who need a brush-up, those who missed it the first time around, or those who never heard it before. We are going virtual for our sessions in September and October! Please sign up by visiting [insidethewalls.org/catholicism-from-scratch](https://insidethewalls.org/catholicism-from-scratch).

Registration is free, just let us know if you are joining us to receive the secure Zoom link.

### **Natural Family Planning: The Creighton Method**

Throughout the year, we offer classes on two different methods of Natural Family Planning. The next class is on the Creighton Method and will be held on Saturday, September 26 from 10am - 12pm.

Register by visiting [insidethewalls.org/nfp](https://insidethewalls.org/nfp).

### **Young Adult Wednesday Nights**

Our Young Adult group, for people ages 21-39, begins soon! Anyone in that age group is encouraged to follow the Facebook page ([facebook.com/stpaulyoungadults](https://facebook.com/stpaulyoungadults)) for the most up to date information on all their events.

## SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

### Breaking the Chain of Causality

This Sunday is about forgiveness, and most of us have something to learn about this important act.

Our First Reading tells how awful wrath and anger are, and how the sinner “hugs them tight,” a wonderful image. Release them and let them go, it says.

The Psalm speaks beautifully about God’s absolving love: God is kind and merciful, slow to anger, rich in compassion. The Second Reading says we ought to live not for ourselves but for others. We should imitate God. When we live for the Lord, it says, we will also be graced to die for the Lord.

Forgiveness is a major ingredient of living for God and for others. People do not always do right, and we need to forgive them as God does. Forgiveness is the gift and the goal.

But what does it consist of?

Our culture has some pretty diverse ideas about this. For some it is a condescending act performed only by a person who is higher than another—a King or Queen or a judge or a boss or a media star—someone who leans down to grant pardon. For others it means “I can forgive but I can never forget.” Perhaps this means, I will remain angry forever but I will never act upon it. Such a stance can include an uncomfortable attitude: “I will choke back my hurt and anger by a sheer act of the will. I may have been savaged by someone, but I will not display it in my reaction.”

On Easter Sunday of 1960, that seer of truth and lover of God, Dag Hammarskjold, wrote an interpretation that moved me:

Forgiveness breaks the chain of causality because he who “forgives” you—out of love—takes upon himself the consequences of what you have done. Forgiveness, therefore, always entails a sacrifice.

There is a price you must pay for your own liberation. Since it has come through another’s sacrifice, you in turn must be willing to liberate in the same way, in spite of the consequences to yourself. You absorb them, if doing so truly flows out of love. (from Hammarskjold, *Markings*, p. 197)

Let us apply these insights to the Gospel.

There, Jesus tells a long and involved parable about a servant who is pardoned by the master but then goes out and refuses, viciously, to forgive his own fellow servants.

At about six lines from the end the owner of the vineyard calls him a “wicked servant” and says, “should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?”

What is the lesson? *That the deepest motivation for forgiveness is loving gratitude.*

If someone has forgiven me out of love, then my authentic reaction will be deep appreciation. I will want spontaneously to pass the gift on. It follows that if God has forgiven me, I will want to give to anyone else the same liberation I have received.

By doing so you or I halt the chain of causality and pass along love instead of hate.

As we dwell in Christ’s presence this Sunday, especially if we are able to receive communion, let us sense his forgiving love, signified so deeply in the sacrament. Let us allow our gratitude to flow to others.

John Foley, SJ