

Our Lady of the Valley Church

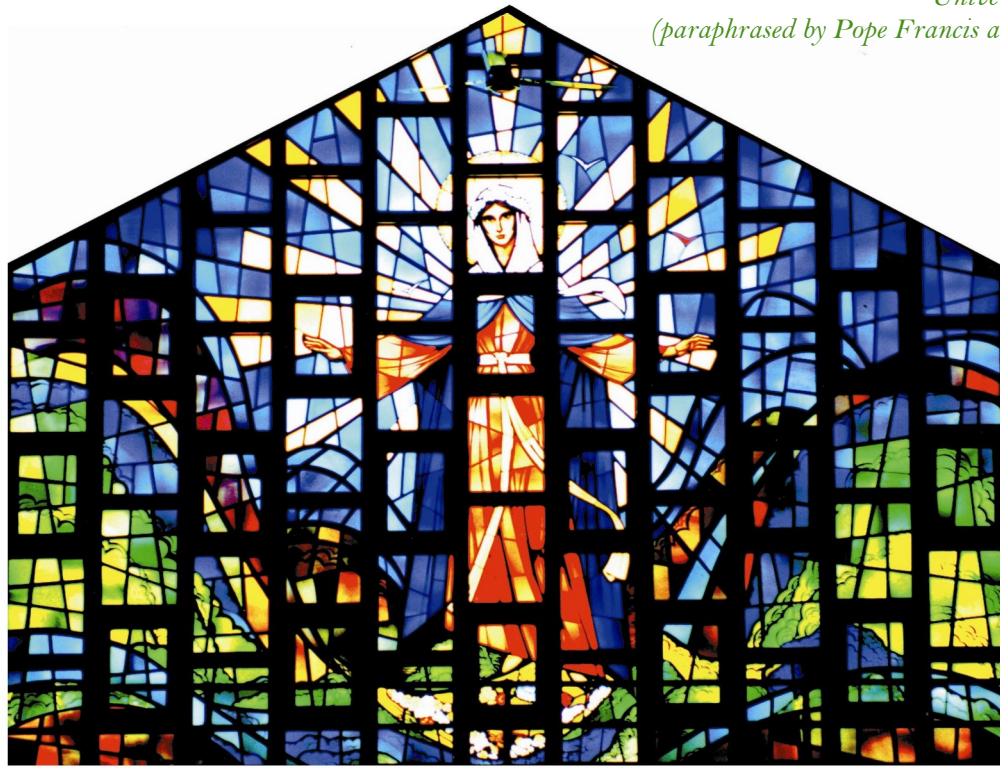
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“The Church is Holy, not just because all are welcome.
The Church is Holy, because all belong.”

*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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PRESIDER SCHEDULE

Weekend of October 24 - 25:

Our Lady of the Valley

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

Holy Cross

10:00am Father Duberney

ACT OF STEWARDSHIP

Attendance October 10/11: 231

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. m(1 Peter 4:8-10)



WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 19	9:00am	Carla Kipiano (Special Intention) Lorraine Gioia
Tuesday, October 20	9:00am	Helen Stober Jean Wells
Wednesday, October 21	9:00am	Craig R. Turner
Thursday, October 22	9:00am	For the People
Friday, October 23	9:00am	Mary & Joseph Fecsik
Saturday, October 24	5:00pm	John Carroll Tim Collins Kenneth Predmore, Sr. Agnes & Adam Swetz
Sunday, October 25	8:00am	Joseph Caputo Anne Kelly Joseph Stefanelli
	12:00pm	John Iapochino Kenneth Kean Stephen Rinaldo Carolann Traverso Emma Zisa

A LENDING HAND...

If you are in need or know someone in need of assistance with Thanksgiving dinner this year, we can provide you with a Thanksgiving Basket for you and your family. Please reach out directly to Deacon Vince at (862) 264-2134. All requests are confidential.

MASS INTENTION BOOK

The Mass is the central act of worship in the Church. The reason that this tradition has been passed on for centuries is because of the many spiritual fruits that result from this form of prayer. The celebration of the Eucharist is the highest form of worship in the Catholic Church because we unite ourselves with Christ's sacrifice on the cross in worship of his Father.

St. John Paul II emphasized the graces that come when a Mass is offered. "The Church believes that she will be heard, for she prays in union with Christ her Head and Spouse, who takes up this plea of His Bride and joins it to His own redemptive sacrifice."

Mass intentions are available for your deceased family and friends or special intentions for the living. Please call the Parish Office if you would like to schedule a Mass or the Sanctuary Lamp, bread and wine offered at the weekend liturgy.

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - OCTOBER 18, 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:

<i>Gregory Bertoline</i>	<i>Roger Rigolli</i>
<i>Kathy Corrao</i>	<i>Edward LaBarre</i>
<i>Barry Koerber</i>	<i>Gloria Dykstra</i>
<i>Jenny Moskal</i>	<i>Marilyn Beneventine</i>
<i>Debbie Sleeman</i>	<i>Tom Beneventine</i>
<i>Gary VanSteyn</i>	<i>Donald Boman</i>
<i>Pat VanSteyn</i>	<i>Gloria Keenan</i>
<i>Paul Wilczewski</i>	<i>Mary Gusler</i>
<i>Michael Waldinger</i>	<i>Eleanor Kucinski</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:

Spiro Economou
Peter J. Scibetta



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:

Leo Keenan

From his Loving Family

SETON HALL PREP OPEN HOUSE

Seton Hall Preparatory School - New Jersey's oldest Catholic college prep school - will be hosting its annual Open House for 7th and 8th grade boys and their families on Sunday, November 1. Registration is required at www.shp.org/openhouse. Visitors will tour the campus and our brand new 44-acre Kelly Athletic Complex, our state of the art John J. Murphy's Science Center, learn about the application process, and have the opportunity to meet with teachers, coaches, parents, and current students. For more information, please contact Michael T. Zinsmeister, Director of Admission, at (973) 325-6640 or visit shp.org.

2020 THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Diane Mollo Memorial Thanksgiving Food Drive

Diane and her husband Frank were very active parishioners in the Social Ministry with Deacon Vincent. When Diane died, this yearly memorial food drive was named in her loving memory by Deacon Vincent.

If you would like to continue Diane and Frank's tradition of feeding the hungry and helping those in most need, please contact Alyson in the Parish Center at (973) 694-4585 x7200 and let her know if you will be making a monetary donation or basket donation **no later than November 16**. Due to the pandemic, we are requesting you call this year. The food donation basket list can be found on the following page.

Food boxes/baskets should be delivered to Father Rugel Hall on Monday, **November 23**, between 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Thank you for your generosity to those in need.

PARISH REGISTRATION

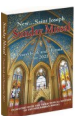
Parish Registration is necessary for all individual persons and families who worship with us on Sundays and who intend to participate in the life of our parish with their time, talent and treasures

For more information, please contact the Parish Office or log onto our website. **Registration is necessary to celebrate Marriage and Baptism here, as well as for receiving Sponsor Certificates.**

ST. JOSEPH'S MISSALS

ORDERS DUE BY NOVEMBER 6.

1. **Place order** for the new St. Joseph Missal by calling Alyson in the parish office at (973) 694-4585 x7200. **All requests for a book must be received by Friday, November 6.** No late orders will be able to be accommodated.
2. Payment of \$3/each can be brought to the parish office, left in the drop box on the back porch, put in the collection basket, or mailed to the parish office.
3. **Pick-up** will be from the parish office. You will be notified when the books are ready for pick-up.



THANKSGIVING BASKET FOOD LIST

We thank you for volunteering to donate a food box/basket to those in need. Food boxes/baskets *could* typically include any boxed or canned (non-perishable) items. We have listed some suggestions below, but feel free to include whatever your family enjoys having during the Thanksgiving holiday.

- Disposable aluminum roasting pan
- Can opener
- A *frozen* turkey (DO NOT DEFROST TURKEY)
- Boxed or bagged stuffing (such as Stove Top)
- Cans of candied yams or white potatoes or box of instant mashed potatoes
- Boxed or bagged pasta
- Boxed or bagged rice
- Cans of beans
- Cans or jars of cranberry sauce
- Cans of vegetables
- Cans or jars of applesauce
- Cans or jars of gravy
- Boxed brownie mix or cake mix or cookies
- Boxes of Jello or pudding
- Pies (already cooked, not frozen)
- Apples or oranges
- Nuts
- Bottles/Cans of soda or iced tea
- Apple juice or apple cider
- Dinner rolls

God Bless You for your generosity and kindness!



"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40

LOVE THY NEIGHBOR (MATTHEW 22:37-40)

Many members of our parish community have received or will soon receive a letter from Bishop Sweeney requesting our support for the 2020 Diocesan Ministries Appeal (formerly known as the Bishop's Annual Appeal).

As a parish, we are blessed by the number of our faithful members who practice the stewardship way of life by contributing their time, and talent to the service of the Church. Their gifts help us become a better parish as we look to communicate the Gospel message in both word and deed. Our parish also responds to the needs of those in our community who have fallen on difficult times and who need our support. It is amazing what can be done when we come together as a parish.

Now imagine the profound impact if all 109 parishes in our Diocese came together as one to address the critical, and often desperate, needs of the working poor; of seniors needing assistance, of our disabled adult community; of homeless veterans, of our neighbors struggling with addiction.

By making a pledge to the Diocesan Ministries Appeal, all the parishioners of our Diocese are invited to come together and directly change lives for the better.

How do we pay homage to God in thanksgiving for all our blessings? One very concrete and visible way is to share them with joy. This sharing can take many forms. Many of our faithful volunteer here in our parish and throughout our community. Many share their talents by helping fulfill the mission of their favorite charity. Many financially support the parish and other worthy institutions. In keeping with the theme of this year's 2020 Diocesan Ministries Appeal, **Love Thy Neighbor**, you are urged to share your financial blessings by making a pledge in support of the Appeal and those who are served each year.

The largest percentage of Appeal funds supports our **Catholic Charities Agencies**. Catholic Charities has been at the forefront of addressing emergency COVID needs. The Diocesan Ministries Appeal helps make these programs and services possible:

For those impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic:

- Hope and Healing Crisis Counseling.

For people living in poverty:

- Food pantries throughout our three counties. In a typical month, 5,000 to 7,000 people are assisted. **Due to COVID, just under 25,000 people were assisted in June.**
- Emergency housing and homelessness prevention.

For youth at risk:

- After-school mentoring and counseling programs.
- Food backpack programs.
- Family Success Center.

Early Childhood Education and Developmental Intervention:

- 5 Pre-school education programs
- Support for infants and toddlers with developmental delays
- Support for children, from birth to 21 years of age, with special health care needs

Adults with Developmental Disabilities:

- Group homes throughout Diocese
- Employment Training Programs
- Saturday recreational programs
- Support coordination - Case Management for over 200 families in Sussex County

People with HIV/AIDS:

- Supportive housing, social work, counseling, and transportation

Senior citizen support:

- Social day programs
- Meals on Wheels
- In-Home support for chores and minor home repairs

Giving back to Veterans:

- Outreach, advocacy, social work, temporary housing support, clothing, and food

Drug and Alcohol Treatment:

- In-patient drug and alcohol detoxification
- Halfway house for men
- Residential addiction treatment for pregnant women
- Intoxicated Drivers Resource Center
- Telehealth services
- Medication Assisted Therapy
- Monsignor Mark Giordani Center for Rehabilitation
- Support for mothers of young children struggling with addiction

The 2019 Appeal provided over \$319,000 directly to Straight and Narrow to assist in their rebuilding efforts after the massive fire in August 2019.

School Support

The Diocesan Ministries Appeal continues to support inner-city area Catholic education. This is most evident this year when our schools were forced into remote instruction by the pandemic. These were challenging and unprecedented times; however, our schools were prepared to provide the appropriate infrastructure to accommodate remote instruction complemented by the necessary devices for learning. Our schools, because of the support given by the Appeal afforded students the opportunity to continue their education with little disruption.

Seminarian Education, Priests' Healthcare Needs, and our Priests' Retirement Residence

The Diocesan Ministries Appeal helps fund seminarian education. The number of seminarians has increased along with the cost of their formation. It also supports priests' extraordinary healthcare needs as well as Nazareth Village, our diocesan priests' retirement residence in Chester. The Appeal helps those preparing for a lifetime of service to the Church and those who have faithfully served for decades.

The parish goal for Our Lady of the Valley this year is \$32,909.00 and the goal for Holy Cross is \$4,444.00. These goals are 15% lower than previous years.

As in the past, half of the amount received **over our parish goal** will be returned to our parish for our own needs. Not only does the Appeal support many worthwhile ministries throughout our diocese, it will also help our own parish if we reach and exceed our goal. All funds raised in our Diocese of Paterson stay in the Paterson Diocese!

If you have received a letter from the Bishop, please prayerfully consider what you can pledge, and respond as soon as possible. All of us are asked to support our parish. Prayerfully reflect on the generosity of God in your life and decide upon a suitable gift that reflects your gratitude. Each gift should represent a gift given in thanksgiving for what God has given us and continues to give to each of us every day. Remember that each day is God's gift to you. What you do with it is your "thank you" to God.

Our IN-PEW COMMITMENT WEEKEND will take place October 24-25.

Father Peter Wells
Pastor

Father Duberney Villamizar
Parochial Vicar

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

Which Side Are You On?

There seem to be two realms, God's and Caesar's. Jesus says so in Sunday's Gospel: "Give to God the things that are God's and to Caesar the things that are Caesar's."

Which realm do we live in?

Are we "Sunday Catholics," giving to God maybe an hour per week at Mass and then getting on with television and cars and work and food? And maybe with being afraid? Or with wishing things had turned out better? Do we leave it to professionals to pray to God while we live a lesser life? Have we given our life to Caesar?

Or do we try it the other way around?

Perhaps we are so serious about Christianity and spirituality that we try to get away from enjoyment of any worldly thing so as to live uncorrupted. Through the history of Christianity there have been marvelous examples of this. The desert hermits. The cloistered nuns and monks. The great mystics. "A penny for Caesar and all the rest for God"?

If you push this statement too far, however, everything of Caesar must go away because it is not God, or on the other hand, God has to go away because science and secularism are so powerful.

Maybe Jesus made his statement to settle the argument that was posed to him by the Pharisees. Here is a key. Can God and Caesar co-exist? What if you are created to be a channel for God's presence right in the midst of the secular world?

What if, in spite of the voices within you that say you are not worth much, in spite of the setbacks of life, the losses, the flatness, in spite of all these, what if God created you with room inside you where God, out of love for you, can be quietly present?

I can hear objections to such an idea: "God would never be at home in me, not until I do a lot better with my life." Or, "You want me to be some kind of nut, running around acting holy?" Or, "Sure, I want to let God in, but I like beer and TV too much." Or, "What does all this have to do with real life?" Or simply, "I don't want to."

But what if God were a great friend? In fact, how would it be if God were a companion who truly and actually accepts you and forgives you completely whenever you need it? Wouldn't this give you another way to look at the connection between heaven and earth?

Wouldn't it mean that God put you and me into the world to be holy in it, to be friends with the things of Caesar? To work in the world of sin in spite of our own sins?

Could it be that we ourselves are those "things that belong to God" that Jesus spoke of? "Belong," not in a possessive way, but in the way felt by people who love and are loved. We "belong." If this were so, why wouldn't we want to give ourselves to God, and then also to bring our God-filled selves to Caesar's palaces and to the dirty roads outside them and show everyone what Jesus is all about?

Which realm should we live in?

Both.

John Foley, SJ