

Our Lady of the Valley Church

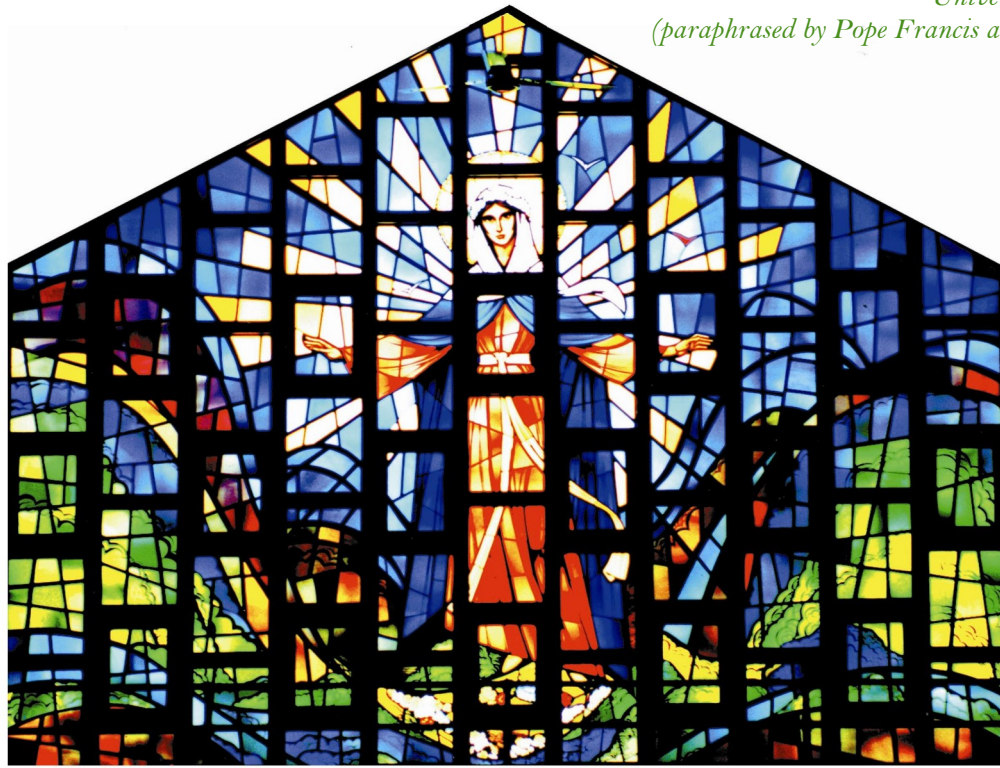
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**“The Church is Holy, not just because all are welcome.
The Church is Holy, because all belong.”**

*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

PARISH SACRAMENTAL & PRAYER LIFE

*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:**

Sophia Gene Gargiulo

Madelyn Geri Gargiulo

Caroline Lucy O'Connor

Sophia Teresa Wolf

*"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:

Gregory Bertoline

Kathy Corrao

Barry Koerber

Jenny Moskal

Debbie Sleeman

Gary VanSteyn

Pat VanSteyn

Paul Wilczewski

Michael Waldinger

Roger Rigolli

Edward LaBarre

Gloria Dykstra

Marilyn Beneventine

Tom Beneventine

Donald Boman

Gloria Keenan

Eleanor Kucinski

Joe DeFalco

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.

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:

Sharon Hoffman

From her Loving Family

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

As a reminder, **Confirmation Year I** students have class TODAY - NOVEMBER 8, from 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Please meet directly in Our Lady of the Valley church.

Confirmation Year II students have an extended class TODAY - NOVEMBER 8, from 1:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. at **Holy Cross Church**. Please meet directly at Holy Cross located at Holy Cross Way and VanDuyne Avenue.

2020 DIOCESAN MINISTRIES APPEAL

"Love Thy Neighbor"



The ability to reach out to people in need through our Diocesan Ministries Appeal is completely dependent on the number of faithful parishioners who participate by making a gift. That is why every gift counts. Your support helps bring hope to thousands of people who come to our Catholic Charities agencies each year. It also supports seminarian education, our diocesan priests' residence, extraordinary healthcare needs of our priests and our urban elementary schools. In addition, parishes receive half of all funds received over their parish goals, with over \$713,000 returned last year to parishes - and over \$3.25 million in five years! Please help your neighbors in need and our own parish by making a gift today! *For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at www.2020appeal.org.*

2020 THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Diane Mollo Memorial Thanksgiving Food Drive

We could really use your donations this year!

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 to confirm your ability to donate. 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.

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Faith Formation Classes Grades 1- 8 begin this Sunday, November 1. Information for Google Classroom has been sent to the parents email.

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

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY SCHOOL

Immaculate Heart of Mary is proud to continue full in person education for pre-k 3 - 8th grade throughout the health crisis. It is hard to believe that we have completed the first marking period and we are now approaching Discover Catholic Schools Week and the Thanksgiving holiday.

In a season of being thankful, I'd like to express my gratitude to everyone who has made the first few months of the school year a success.

- Our staff, who have worked tirelessly to ensure that the students receive a high-quality education each and every day
- Our parents, who have been so supportive of our school and have formed a partnership with our faculty to serve the children in a faith filled nurturing environment
- Our support staff and custodian are also important stakeholders in ensuring that every day runs smoothly in and outside the school building
- And last but not least, I'd like to thank Father Matt for his unwavering support of Catholic Education and his pastoral support and presence

There was definitely nervousness and anxiety for all of us as we entered into the school year. The current events taking place in our country impact us all in our own unique way. Hence, the importance of why our task force felt that a full day program, with the proper safety measures and protocols in place, was extremely important so our children could experience some sense of normalcy.

It is sad to see that COVID cases are increasing in the state, country, and around the world. Every day it seems a new school is moving to a fully virtual schedule. While our future is unknown, I'd like to commend everyone's efforts in following the safety measures that are in place. From the students and staff wearing masks, social distancing, and washing their hands frequently, to our parents being diligent in keeping your children home if they are not feeling well. We have not had a single case, and a very small percentage of schools across the country are full time like IHM. Thank you to everyone who has made this possible. Let's continue to work together to make sure that we are careful on where and what we do outside of school, especially with the Thanksgiving weekend approaching.

The main pillars of IHM are school safety, academics, and ministry to others. We've successfully practiced safety drills throughout the first two months of school, students attend mass weekly; whether in person or live stream, and have been involved in the following service projects:

- Donated socks to the poor in Paterson
- Donated Non-perishable food items to the Father English Center in Paterson
- Collected monies towards Oasis and the Wayne Interfaith Network, both organizations helping others in need
- Collected character band-aids for children who are in St. Joseph's Hospital
- Collected toys for children around the world who may not have the opportunity to open up gifts on Christmas Day

Though our school days are far different - from no assemblies, no large gatherings, no prayer buddies, and the inability to enjoy other fun activities that are the staple of our school day - it is important to keep things simple to keep our staff and children safe. We've tried to mirror a typical school day as much as possible here at IHM. We are able to have all of our students attend mass either in class or virtually in once a week. IHM is an excellent choice for educating your child. May God Bless you and Immaculate Heart of Mary, Pray for us!

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

Are We There Yet?

How can it be that the “typical questions” of children pass down from generation to generation?

They do.

Our family car was half way to Colorado and I was about six or seven and I clearly remember asking my mother that famous, time-honored question, “Mommy, are we there yet?” It was a real question, and I wasn’t quoting someone else, so I thought.

By now I have heard child after child ask exactly the same question of a parent, in exactly the same words. Maybe it is an innate instinct, like geese flying south or robins pulling up worms.

As we become mature, we human beings do learn to wait, to live with the “not yet.” We call it “delayed gratification.” We may want to be home, for instance, but to get there from work, we might have to walk to the bus stop, wait for the #10, hand over the fee, stand until there is a seat, sit down at long last, wait some more, get off, walk 50 blocks (it seems), unlock the door, and finally, finally, finally, put our feet up and relax. Some days this can be annoying, but usually “we get used to it.”

But we shouldn’t get overly used to it. That is the point of this week’s readings. Since we are not children, we can overlook the joy or pleasure when our goal finally arrives. Do you even remember to taste food when you finally get your dinner? Did you remember to enjoy in quiet detail the friend you haven’t seen (at least virtually) in a year?

Sunday’s First Reading reminds us peacefully and beautifully to watch for God at dawn; to keep vigil because Wisdom (the Holy Spirit of God) actually is searching for those who are waiting. The Responsorial Psalm boldly names our craving for God! It says, “my soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.” And, the Gospel adds, stay awake, make preparations. Do not be foolish. Do not forget to be ready.

We are like parched ground without rain. We have huge fractures in our surface. Our souls ache for the gentle, courteous and tender outpouring God wants to do—not a thing like hurricanes or floods, but like a mother feeding her newborn.

Let’s face it. You and I desire God more than anything else. At the center of our souls is a thirst that will never be slaked unless the God of all creation comes in person to be living water for us.

“Your kindness is a greater good than life,” the Psalm says to God.

What did you say? But life is so essential, so to be preserved, so valuable that we fight like a cornered wolf when it is threatened. Even so, in spite of all our flurry, God’s delicious kindness is a far greater good than anything else we know, greater even than being alive. It is worth the wait, no matter how long.

So, be excited like a child. Let yourself say “I want,” like kids do. But also, be calm like an adult. Know that when our desires are thwarted we can wait, as wisdom waits for us.

John Foley, SJ