

Our Lady of the Valley Church

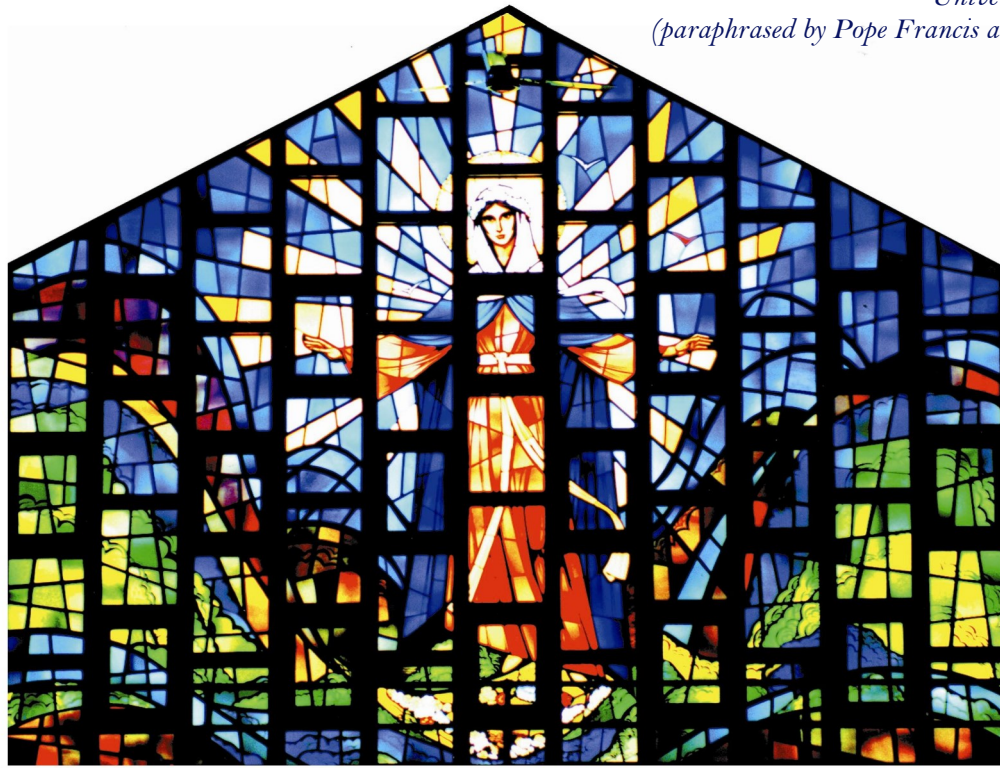
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**“The Church is Holy, not just because all are welcome.
The Church is Holy, because all belong.”**

*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, December 14	9:00am	Barry & Marcia Collins Elvia Gerardino
Tuesday, December 15	9:00am	Daniel Chagnon (<i>Special Intention</i>) Paul Liskay
Wednesday, December 16	9:00am	Mary Jo White (<i>Special Intention</i>)
Thursday, December 17	9:00am	Theresa Suchar
Friday, December 18	9:00am	Michael Addice
Saturday, December 19	5:00pm	Peter Scibetta Emerich Szep Irene Ziemba
Sunday, December 20	8:00am	Mary Continere Anne Kelly Cathy & Frank Pavlica, Sr. Kay Steiner
	12:00pm	Gerard Carpenito Camille Glasser Rose Masino Brian Rickard Alfred & Theresa Toscani

PRESIDER SCHEDULE

Weekend of December 19 - 20:

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 December 6: 208

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)



CHRISTMAS 50/50 RAFFLE

Time is running out to enter the Christmas 50/50 Raffle! One lucky winner will take home half of all monies collected as there will only be **one lucky winner** at this drawing on Sunday, December 20! To make it more interesting, the lucky winner will be a reverse draw which will be the **LAST** ticket remaining.

If you have not received your request form in the mail, please visit our website.

Stay tuned to Father's weekly message for updated information on the amount collected thus far.



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - DECEMBER 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>Kathy Corrao</i> | <i>Edward LaBarre</i> |
| <i>Barry Koerber</i> | <i>Gloria Dykstra</i> |
| <i>Jenny Moskal</i> | <i>Donald Boman</i> |
| <i>Debbie Sleeman</i> | <i>Gloria Keenan</i> |
| <i>Gary VanSteyn</i> | <i>Joe DeFalco</i> |
| <i>Pat VanSteyn</i> | <i>Linda Greco</i> |
| <i>Paul Wilczewski</i> | <i>Maria Guarneri</i> |
| <i>Michael Waldinger</i> | <i>Al Soltis</i> |
| <i>Roger Rigolli</i> | <i>Rita Rugel</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 March.

*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:

- Giovanni Nicola Gallo*
Maureen Kessanis
Evelyn Mennella
Mary Jane Vogt



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:

Paul Liskay

From his Loving Family

Find us on



FAITH FORMATION CLASSES 1-8

Faith Formation Classes Grades 1-8, don't forget to check into your class on time and complete the work in the time allocated.

Upcoming class dates:

- December 13, 20
- January 3, 10

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

The next Confirmation I and Confirmation II classes are scheduled for Sunday, January 10.

"YEAR OF JOSEPH"

Pope Francis proclaimed the "Year of Joseph", December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021, on the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church.

Our Holy Father gives us this prayer:

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in You Mary placed her trust: in you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us to show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage and defend us from every evil.

"LOVE THY NEIGHBOR"

As the year comes quickly to an end, and many are planning on how to make a final year-end charitable contribution that has the most impact, please consider the many lives that are helped because of the support given to the Diocesan Ministries Appeal. These are your neighbors, your friends, our senior priests and seminarians and urban school students. All of us can play a part in the Diocesan Ministries Appeal - as either a contributor to the cause or as a recipient of its mission - and all are blessed as a result. Please make the Diocesan Ministries Appeal a priority in your year-end philanthropy. Gifts can be made by check, credit cards, through gifts of securities or on-line at www.2020appeal.org.



MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

The loss of a loved one at any time of our lives always leaves us with an empty feeling that we call grief. There is never an easy time to lose someone we love. During this time of the year when the rest of the world is festive, joyful, and filled with the Christmas spirit, those who mourn are often left alone, lonely, and sometimes depressed.

In this time of **Covid 19**, we invite you and your family to join with others who are mourning a loved one at our **Mass of Remembrance** through the video Liturgy available on our website at **5:00 p.m. Saturday, December 19** through **Sunday, December 20**.

During Mass we will include a roll call of the names of our loved ones buried from Our Lady of the Valley and Holy Cross this past year as well as the names of those requested.

If you would like to have your loved one's name included in the roll call, please fill out the following form and drop it in the collection basket, the mail, or email Sister Dorothy directly at: Srdorothy@olvwayne.org or call (973) 694-4585 x7245. If leaving a voicemail, please leave your name and speak slowly and clearly the spelling of your loved ones names. Names must be submitted by December 16.

“Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” Matthew 11:28

Name(s) of deceased:

Please PRINT clearly



GIVING TREE



Our Lady of the Valley
Benefitting our local charities:

St. Joseph Church, Paterson

Atrium at Wayne

OLV Homebound

Straight & Narrow

Eva's Kitchen

St. Anthony of Padua Church, Passaic

Preakness Healthcare

Catholic Charities

Holy Tabernacle of Praise, Paterson

Christian Adult/Siena Village

Fr. English Homeless Center

Fr. Benedict Homeless Center

Little Sisters of the Poor

Catholic Family Services

Our Lady of Victories Church, Paterson

St. Agnes Church, Paterson

Three ways to give and share the Christmas Spirit

Online Donations:

- o Go to www.olvwayne.org
- o Click 2020 Giving Tree Donations (right side of home page)
- o Click "One Time Donation" and choose donation amount
- o Scroll down to choose your preferred charity and fill in remainder of form
- o At the end, please select "I Agree" and submit your online donation to complete the process.

Donation Drop Box:

- o Place your donation in an envelope, indicate the charity of your choice on the outside, drop in the decorated box either before or after mass or on the parish center back porch
- o Please note: gift cards or checks ONLY

Drop off at Parish Office during office hours (weekdays 9a-12n, 1p-5p)

- o Place your donation in an envelope, indicate the charity of your choice on the outside, drop at Parish Office.
- o Please note: gift cards or checks ONLY

*Last date to donate will be 12/21/20

"For it is in giving that we receive." ~St. Francis of Assisi

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

Holy Darkness

Darkness can terrify us, can consume us, as we know from our 2020 experience.

And yet, the right kind of darkness can give us peace. A night of good sleep, for instance, or a “lovely soft day”—as the Irish call those shady, rainy, drizzling days that make Ireland green.

Once I had an experience of lovely, soft darkness. It took place in Hawaii—strangely, since light abounds there. A brother Jesuit and I decided to climb all the way up the side of one of Maui’s volcanic mountains—with a guide and with friends of his, I am happy to say—and then climb down into the crater itself.

Fine, but no one had mentioned that there was a great dark cave at the other end of the crater floor. It was a “lava tube,” formed when a huge molten stream begins to cool and harden on the outside while the inside keeps flowing and emptying. This leaves a tube, into which we were ushered, following trustingly. We took a few curves, and suddenly there was not a scrap of natural light left for us, only a single electric bulb hanging from above. We settled down on various rocks.

The guide put out the light.

He had warned us ahead of time, very kindly and all, but the words “put out the light” did not sound comforting to my ears. It is what Shakespeare’s Othello said as he blew out the candle and then again as he took the life of the sleeping Desdemona. Creepy.

Off it went.

Perhaps a dozen of us had made the trip, and we simultaneously stopped our movements and our nervous talk. Deep, unrelieved darkness settled around us and around everything else. Eyes open, eyes closed, it was all the same. No light, no shadow, no least spark. Obviously we felt trapped and afraid, lost in a strange place, our eyes suddenly useless.

No.

Against all reason, we felt great rest, great peace.

“I’ll turn the light back on now,” the guide whispered after several minutes, but we revolted.

“No, no, leave it off. Give us more time.” We sat, unseeing, consoled by the warmth and depth of absolute night.

When the tiny little bulb did finally go on again, our own eyesight surprised us. Seeing was like a memory that had slipped away. The dark had formed a resting place, it seemed, where our souls could re-charge, our eyes recover their innocence. Maybe the daylight world had become too ordinary, too usual, just something to reveal tools to be used. Now it seemed miraculous, a gift given by God, even if by means of an insignificant incandescent bulb.

In Sunday’s Gospel, the people hunger for light. “Are you the light?” they shout to John the Baptist. Will you “bring glad tidings to the poor, heal the brokenhearted, proclaim liberty to the captives and release the prisoners” (First Reading)?

“I am pointing you toward the light,” the Baptist seemed to say. “He will be here soon. Hold onto my arm.”

What is your experience of darkness? Maybe it is the opposite of quiet. Maybe terror is its name. If so, know that, however unrelieved your night may be, there is still, always, the promise of light. When you have been deprived for a long, long time, even one speck of light will change everything.

As a tiny child will on Christmas night.

John Foley, SJ