

Our Lady of the Valley Church

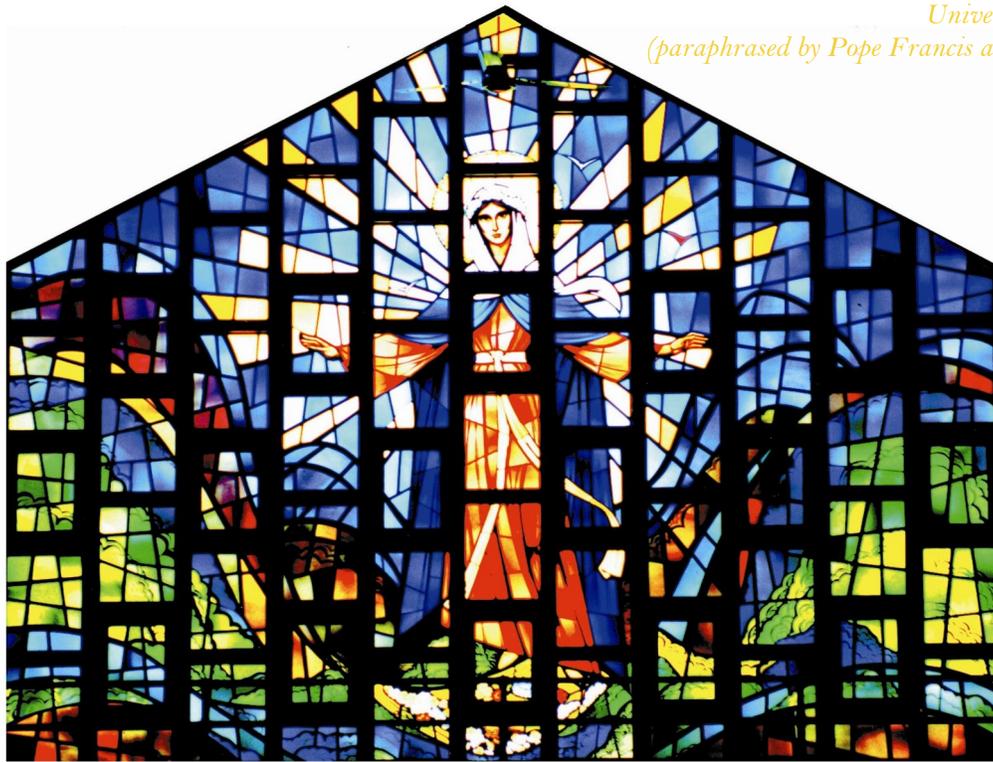
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**“The Church is Holy, not just because all are welcome.
The Church is Holy, because all belong.”**

*Timothy M. Matovina
University of Notre Dame*

(paraphrased by Pope Francis at General Audience)



Schedule of Masses

Weekdays

Monday - Saturday 9:00 a.m.

Weekends

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. on Online Mass

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 January 16 - 17:

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 January 2-3: 179

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)



WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 11	9:00am	For the People
Tuesday, January 12	9:00am	For the People
Wednesday, January 13	9:00am	Josephine Maratta Diana Vega
Thursday, January 14	9:00am	Elvia Gerardino
Friday, January 15	9:00am	Charles Marino
Saturday, January 16	5:00pm	Edwards Parks Brian Rickard Peter Scibetta
Sunday, January 17	8:00am	Steve Cleaveland Frances Ivankovic Arianna Pagano (Special Intention) Nick Sarlis
	12:00pm	Mary Ann Dowling Ralph Greco Ruth Kimble

PARISH CENTER CLOSED

The Parish Center will be closed on Martin Luther King Day, January 18. Normal office hours will resume on Tuesday, January 19.

At this time, we are not accepting visitors into the Parish Center. We ask that all requests be handled by phone (973) 694-4585 x7200 or email to secretary@olvwayne.org.

PEACE PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS FOR OUR NATION

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy Peace
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.
Where there is injury, pardon.
Where there is doubt, faith.
Where there is despair, hope.
Where there is darkness, light.
Where there is sadness, joy.

Oh, Divine Master, grant that I
may not so much seek to be consoled
as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that
we are born to eternal life.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - JANUARY 10, 2021

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:**

Arianna Quinn Abella

*"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>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:

Susan Contos
Maureen D'Angelo
Robert Gut
Jan Henderson
Thomas Naiman
Albert Soltis



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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:

Kevin Naklicki

From his Loving Family

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:

TODAY: January 10

Sunday, January 17, 24, 31

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

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

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Next weekend, January 16-17, there will be a separate second collection for the **Retirement Fund for Religious**. This annual collection assists the many vowed religious communities of men and women throughout the United States with their health care costs and retirement. Begun in 1988, this collection helps to address the profound shortage in retirement funding among religious communities. Most religious ministered for years for small stipends, leaving their congregations with insufficient retirement savings. Additionally, rising health care costs and decreased income compound the struggle to provide adequate care. (This annual collection does not assist diocesan clergy, like Father Wells or Father Duberney. Diocesan clergy do not have a vow of poverty and they receive a pension).

A CORONAVIRUS PRAYER FOR THIS WEARY WINTER

Jesus Christ, Light of the World,
you understand what it is like to feel alone
in the midst of suffering.

In these dark months we cry,
“How long, O Lord?”

Help us to watch and pray for signs of your hope.

When we long for a world returned to normal,
inspire us to work toward a world transformed.

When we feel forgotten and lonely,
help us to find solidarity through your love.

When we cannot see your face,
help us to see you in others,
especially the essential workers,
first responders and medical professionals
who labor tirelessly.

When we feel only sorrow in our souls,
help us to know that the joy of the Gospel
remains as true now as ever.

When we feel only grief in our hearts,
help us to find consolation in knowing
that those who are sick or have died
are held in your loving embrace.

As we walk through this time of darkness,
give us faith that we are headed
toward brighter days.

Give light to our eyes.

Let us show that light to one another.

Even in winter, when the ground appears barren,
it is warmed by the light of your creation;
seeds are nourished and green shoots
are pushing up toward the sun.

Jesus Christ, be our light.

Amen.

WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

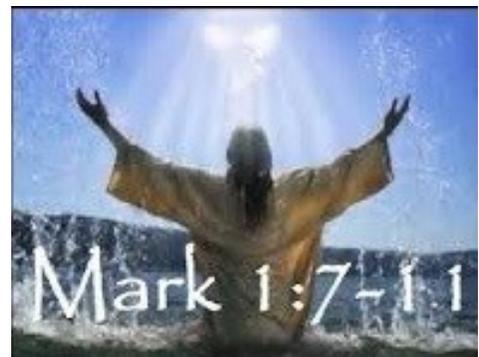


We will once again be hosting our Annual Deacon Ray Kucinski Winter Clothing Drive the weekend of January 30-31.

We ask that you check your closets to see what you have and no longer use and share those items with our less fortunate brothers and sisters.

Because of the pandemic, our collection will be done a little differently. We ask that you place your gently used clothing (please no soiled or torn items) in a bag for dropping off. We will have Confirmation Students at the door to Father Rugel Hall (the door on the same side of the side church entrance, facing the Statue of Mary). You can either pull right up to the door and students will take your donations, or on your way into, or out of Mass, you can drop your bag off. We will not have Father Rugel Hall open, rather we ask that you drop the clothes to our volunteers at that one door.

Times of collecting are as follows: Saturday, January 30, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Sunday, January 31, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Please remember, place your donation in a bag so that we may limit handling of any items.



SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

The Covenant

That water must have felt good.

Granted, the Jordan river was murky and teeming with various pungent smells of desert growths, scuttling creatures, dry dust, and of course the unbathed bodies of ordinary people. Still it felt good. John the Baptist's voice boomed out over the waiting crowd. "Repent!"

Maybe you remember your own river swims as a kid, how it felt to sink into thick muddy water, how the mixture could go up your nose and, uck, into your mouth. And you can recall how it sounded when you dove up through the water-surface again.

Here in the desert, people had come to the water for baptism. The river must have been a potent symbol for them, since their means of cleanliness were limited.

Jesus was one of the people. He entered John's baptism just like the others, entirely submerging his road-weary body when told to.

But when he came up from underwater, a great surprise waited for him. The New American Bible translates it this way: the heavens were "torn open." Out of the torn sky came the voice of the Holy Spirit, to announce to the world that God's ancient covenant of love now was before them in person, in the flesh—dirty and wet, just as they were.

Covenant.

What is a covenant? To put it simply, an agreement. God said, "I agree to be your God and you agree to be my people." This proposal was re-stated many times in ancient scripture, with varying degrees of success. But now Jesus had come into the world to actually become this covenant. He was the most profound agreement possible of God and humanity. He was both halves of the covenant, God's and humans'.

Many centuries earlier, the book of Isaiah had predicted this moment. The following words were uttered during the exile of Israel in Babylon:

Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased, upon whom I have put my spirit. He shall bring forth justice to the nations. (First Reading)

After so many centuries had passed, the Holy Spirit was descending now upon Jesus, and a voice was saying, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

The time had come, after such a long anticipation.

What would this brand new covenant life in God be like? It would be gentle ("not crying out, not shouting, not making his voice heard in the street"). It would deliver God's love to the unkempt, the dripping wet, the honest (and dishonest), the alluring (and repulsive) people of everyday life. Instead of excluding them, Jesus, who had become the covenant, would invite people down from trees where they scrambled to see him. He would say "of course I do" in answer to "Lord if you want to you can cure me." He will pity the soldiers who were ordered to kill him. He will agree to the shrewd thief's cry for pity.

We cannot doubt that he will reach into the heart and soul of each of us, even into the parts that so shame and embarrass us.

Most of us have already swum in this particular river, now known as baptismal water. It washes us clean, washes us free so that today we may surge up and out of our sin and reluctance, so that we may be surprised by the great words Jesus now says to each and every one of us:

"You are my beloved; in you I am well pleased." (Gospel)

John Foley, SJ