

Our Lady of the Valley Church

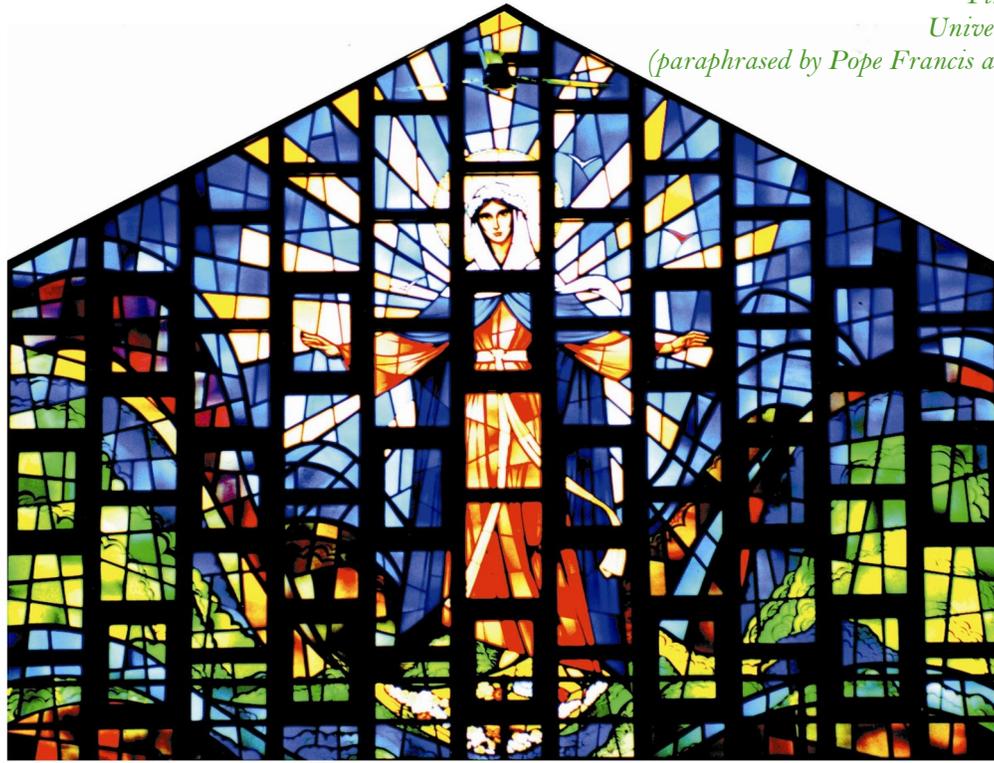
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**“The Church is Holy, not just because all are welcome.
The Church is Holy, because all belong.”**

*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

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>Kathy Corrao</i>	<i>Gloria Keenan</i>
<i>Barry Koerber</i>	<i>Joe DeFalco</i>
<i>Jenny Moskal</i>	<i>Linda Greco</i>
<i>Debbie Sleeman</i>	<i>Maria Guarneri</i>
<i>Gary VanSteyn</i>	<i>Rita Rugel</i>
<i>Pat VanSteyn</i>	<i>Gerard Gagliano</i>
<i>Paul Wilczewski</i>	<i>Luke Logan Crawford</i>
<i>Michael Waldinger</i>	<i>Leonie Houckes</i>
<i>Roger Rigolli</i>	<i>Anthony Spinella</i>
<i>Edward LaBarre</i>	<i>Debby Ciafaglione</i>
<i>Gloria Dykstra</i>	<i>Kimberly Mathisen</i>
<i>Donald Boman</i>	<i>Gavin William Pagano</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:

Ruth Joanne Clark
Jim Kerr



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:

Angelo Adamo

From his Loving Family

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 for celebrating Marriage and Baptism here, as well as for the issuing of Sponsor Certificates.**

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 17

Sunday, January 24, 31

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

The next Confirmation I and Confirmation II classes are scheduled for **Sunday**, January 31.

SEVERAL SOURCES SHELTERS

Next week, the Knights of Columbus will be at the doors collecting for the RESPECT FOR LIFE Campaign with all proceeds going to the Several Sources Shelters Foundation, located in Ramsey, New Jersey. This annual collection helps the shelter house pregnant women and allows them to make use of the sonogram machine to help them decide to keep their child alive. Your support is greatly appreciated by all. Thank you for your continued generosity.

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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.

ST. PAUL INSIDE THE WALLS

Being Single, Being Faithful

Whether single by choice or by circumstance—never married, widowed, divorced, or separated—we must live every “single” day to the fullest. We can find fulfillment in Christ and His Church by embracing the opportunities in the Church for spiritual growth, meaningful service, and a sense of community. The next meeting is on Saturday, January 23, from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. To register to attend or see additional dates, go to <https://insidethewalls.org/being-single-being-faithful-35>.

Catholicism from Scratch

Catholicism from Scratch will be held online on Saturday, January 23, from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. This program is made up of six, 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. Registration is free, but you must register in advance to receive the secure Zoom link, <https://insidethewalls.org/catholicism-from-scratch>.

March for Life - January 29, 2021

March for Life has rapidly grown to be the largest pro-life event in the world. This peaceful gathering of hundreds of thousands is a powerful witness to the truth concerning the greatest human rights violation of our time, legalized abortion on demand. This year we **will be marching virtually as a diocese**. Please spread the word. For additional details, <https://marchforlife.org/>.

Men's Evening of Lenten Reflection

With a Father's Heart: An Evening of Reflection on St. Joseph is an opportunity for men from around the diocese to enter deeper into Lent on Friday, February 26, from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Together, we can grow in faith, journey closer to God, and strengthen our family bonds.

Conditions at the time of the event will determine if it's to be live or virtual. If live, the night will include a Lenten meal of delicious bread and hearty soup. Register at, <https://insidethewalls.org/lentenreflection>.

Foundations of Catholic Thought; On Saturday, February 6, from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., joins us for a virtual event, Foundations of Catholic Thought: Hermeneutics (The Art of Biblical Interpretation). All are welcome to attend this virtual program hosted by Fr. Paul Manning and Brian Honsberger. The cost is \$10 per person. A secure Zoom link will be emailed to you the week of the event. Register at, <https://insidethewalls.org/catholic-thought>.

Redeeming Love: A Catholic Understanding & Approach to Questions about Identity, Sexuality, and Gender

In today's society, questions about identity abound, especially in the areas of sexuality and gender. Our young people are barraged with messages not so subtly suggesting how they should understand themselves and their feelings. What does Catholic teaching have to offer on these sensitive and critically important questions, and how can we share this with the young people we serve? Find out on Saturday, April 17. This is the Diocesan Catechetical and Parish Leadership Conference, with renowned speaker Damon Owens, but all are welcome to learn about this very relevant and important topic of today.

Conditions permitting, this will be an in-person event; if not, it will be a virtual conference and those who register will be sent a link in order to access it. Register at <https://insidethewalls.org/2021cc>.

Young Adult Group

One of our most vibrant ministries is our Young Adult group. Comprised of people in their 20s and 30s, our Young Adults meet almost every Wednesday for various events. Because of social distancing guidelines, many recent events have been virtual. For the most up-to-date details on what the Young Adults will be doing, visit the YA Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/stpaulyoungadults>.

PRAYER FOR THE NATION

- originally offered in 1791 (with update)
by Bishop John Carroll, SJ (1736-1815)
Baltimore, MD
First Bishop of the United States -

We pray, thee O Almighty and Eternal God!
Who through Jesus Christ hast revealed thy glory to the nations,
to preserve the works of thy mercy, that thy Church,
being spread through the whole world, may continue with unchanging
faith in the confession of thy name.

We pray thee, who alone are good and holy,
to endow with heavenly knowledge, sincere zeal,
and sanctity of life,
our chief bishop, Pope Francis, the Vicar of our Lord Jesus Christ,
in the government of his Church;
our own bishop, Kevin, all other bishops, prelates, and pastors of the Church;
and especially those who are appointed to exercise amongst us
the functions of holy ministry, and conduct thy people
into the ways of salvation.

We pray thee O God of might, wisdom, and justice!
Through whom authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted,
and judgment decreed, assist with thy Holy Spirit of counsel and fortitude
the President of these United States, Joseph Biden,
that his administration may be conducted in righteousness,
and be eminently useful to thy people over whom he presides;
by encouraging due respect for virtues and religion;
by a faithful execution of the laws in justice and mercy;
and by restraining vice and immorality.
Let the light of thy divine wisdom direct the deliberations of Congress,
and shine forth in all the proceedings and laws
framed for our rule and government,
so that they may tend to the preservation of peace,
the promotion of national happiness, the increase of industry,
sobriety, and useful knowledge;
and may perpetuate to us the blessing of equal liberty.

We pray for his excellency, the governor of this state, Philip Murphy,
for the members of the assembly, for all judges, magistrates,
and other officers who are appointed to guard our political welfare,
that they may be enabled, by thy powerful protection,
to discharge the duties of their respective stations
with honesty and ability.

We recommend likewise, to thy unbounded mercy,
all our brethren and fellow citizens throughout the United States,
that they may be blessed in the knowledge and sanctified
in the observance of thy most holy law;
that they may be preserved in union,
and in that peace which the world cannot give;
and after enjoying the blessings of this life,
be admitted to those which are eternal.

Finally, we pray to thee, O Lord of mercy,
to remember the souls of thy servants departed who are gone before us
with the sign of faith and repose in the sleep of peace;
the souls of our parents, relatives, and friends;
of those who, when living, were members of this congregation,
and particularly of such as are lately deceased;
of all benefactors who, by their donations or legacies to the Church,
witnessed their zeal for the decency of divine worship
and proved their claim to our grateful and charitable remembrance.

To these, O Lord, and to all that rest in Christ, grant, we beseech thee,
a place of refreshment, light, and everlasting peace,
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.
Amen.

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

Called by Name

We now begin what the Church calls “Ordinary Time.” Christmas season is over, and we begin to see Jesus at work.

We begin with a significant story, found in the First Reading for this Sunday.

A young man named Samuel is sleeping in the temple. He wakes up instantly when he hears his name spoken out loud. He cries out, “Here I am!” and runs to his master, Eli, who is sleeping in another place in the temple. “You called me, what do you want?”

“I didn’t call you,” Eli rasps. “Go back to sleep.”

But the same thing happened again. Samuel runs to Eli, with the same result.

On the third time, the old man at last understands. Wisely, he says “Samuel if this happens again, say these words: ‘Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.’”

Samuel goes back to sleep. He hears his name again, “Samuel, Samuel!” Following instructions, he says, “Speak, Lord, your servant is listening!” God speaks, and Samuel grows up accompanied by the Lord’s presence.

So much for the First Reading. Another naming is represented in the Gospel. John the Baptist points to Jesus. Jesus is waiting for standers-by to notice him and get interested. They follow and Jesus says bluntly, “What are you looking for?”

There are several layers to this question. The plain meaning is, “What’s up? Why are you following me?” But the depth charge is there too, the same one that finally shook Samuel loose: “Are you looking for God? Is that your hunger? Is there something about me that answers the deep desire of your heart?”

They stammer. They give some kind of reply. “Well, uh, well, um, where, where are you staying?” Jesus replied as he does to you and me:

“Come and see.”

They do go and see, spending the day with him. One of them, Andrew, runs to get his brother Simon, shouting, “we have found the Messiah!” They run back to Jesus and the most important event in Simon’s life takes place: Jesus gives him the name *Cephas* (Peter), a new deep identity for him. The word *Cephas*’ base meaning is “the rock.” Jesus must have seen innermost stability in him.

Peter could never have become fully himself if someone had not named him all the way to his depths. The same goes for Samuel. God can call any of us by a name that reaches all the way down into our souls, to a place that we do not even know about! Our job is to begin hearing and to grow.

Must it always be God or Jesus who calls our name in order for us to become ourselves? Couldn’t a psychologist do it, or a spouse, or a dear friend who believes in us? Yes, of course, each of these know us and beckon us to be ourselves.

But only God can know our very deepest desires, and only God can satisfy the one that is the most precious in each of us: the reaching out for that person we want most and for whose sake we love others.

Jesus God.

Do you sense in your insides a kind voice whispering such an invitation, calling you by your real name, calling you to be an ally of the Christ of God?

John Foley, SJ