

# 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

*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:**

*Jared Alan Petruska*

*Owen Reilly Romalin*

*"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:**

*Kathy Corrao  
Barry Koerber  
Jenny Moskal  
Debbie Sleeman  
Gary VanSteyn  
Pat VanSteyn  
Paul Wilczewski  
Michael Waldinger  
Roger Rigolli  
Edward LaBarre  
Gloria Dykstra  
Donald Boman*

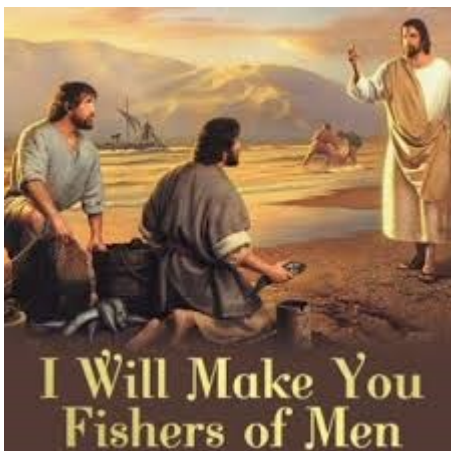
*Gloria Keenan  
Joe DeFalco  
Linda Greco  
Maria Guarneri  
Rita Rugel  
Gerard Gagliano  
Luke Logan Crawford  
Leonie Houckes  
Anthony Spinella  
Debby Ciafaglione  
Kimberly Mathisen  
Gavin William Pagano*

**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:**

*Agata Battaglia*



## 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 24**

Sunday, January 31, February 7, 14, 21, 28

## CONFIRMATION CLASSES

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

Find us on



## IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY SCHOOL

Immaculate Heart of Mary School welcomes Our Lady of the Valley families and their children to come and join the IHM School community. We are so grateful for the OLV children that are part of our school. It is such a wonderful blending of the two faith communities.

Immaculate Heart of Mary School will host a virtual Open House for grades Pre-Kindergarten through 8 available on our website beginning January 25. Visit [www.ihmschoolonline.org](http://www.ihmschoolonline.org). We are sure you will be impressed with all we have to offer.

We are offering our dynamic pre-school program of Little Blessings and our K to 8 program at the same tuition rate as the current year for the upcoming year. We want all to be able to share in this wonderful opportunity.

The faith-filled family atmosphere enables each child to reach their own potential and strive to exceed it in an environment conducive to learning. Immaculate Heart of Mary School is a National Blue Ribbon School and Star School of the Diocese of Paterson. We are proud of our staff of New Jersey certified educators. Each classroom is equipped with a SMART board and each child has access to a chrome book or ipad.

We invite you to visit us virtually any time that is convenient to learn more about our faith-filled, caring, educationally innovative school. You can contact the school office for more information at (973) 694-1225. We are offering to connect all interested parents with a current parent who will be able to give you first-hand information. We are sure that once you see our tour, you will agree that a Catholic Education at IHM is the total package allowing for development for your child in a high standard environment. IHM School asks you to bring your "little ones" to us so we can partner with you in furthering of the kingdom of God. Together we can do great things!!!

## ST. PAUL INSIDE THE WALLS

***Foundations of Catholic Thought*** Join us on Saturday, February 6, from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., for a virtual event, *Foundations of Catholic Thought: Hermeneutics (The Art of Biblical Interpretation)*. All are welcome to attend this event hosted by Fr. Paul Manning and Brian Honsberger. The cost is \$10 per person. To register visit: [insidethewalls.org/cat...](https://insidethewalls.org/cat...)

***One Way*** Time is running out to register for February's *One Way on Prayer: Your Relationship with the Trinity*, which will be held online. All are welcome to participate, even if you have not taken part in previous sessions. *One Way* will be held on Wednesday, February 10, 17, and 24, at 7:30 p.m. Register in advance to receive the secure Zoom link by visiting: [insidethewalls.org/one...](https://insidethewalls.org/one...)

We also offer an in-person track for young adults, ages 21-39, on Sunday mornings. Young adults can register by visiting: [insidethewalls.org/one...](https://insidethewalls.org/one...)

***Men's Evening of Lenten Recollection 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 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. Sign up visit: [insidethewalls.org/len...](https://insidethewalls.org/len...)

***Catholicism from Scratch*** *Catholicism from Scratch* consists 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. Our next session will be on Saturday, February 27, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Register in advance to receive the secure Zoom link at: [insidethewalls.org/cat...](https://insidethewalls.org/cat...)

***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, February 27, from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. For updates on meetings, please visit: [insidethewalls.org/bei...](https://insidethewalls.org/bei...)

***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 part of 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.*

To learn about our speaker and for more information on the conference, please visit: [insidethewalls.org/202...](https://insidethewalls.org/202...)

# HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL



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[www.Holy SpiritSchoolPequannock.org](http://www.HolySpiritSchoolPequannock.org)

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## SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

### Listening

In our readings this Sunday, certain people get a direct invitation to do God's will.

Wouldn't it be wonderful for you and me if we had such a straight invitation? Instead of going about in a fog and trying our best to remember how to live, maybe how to pray once in a while, and to get to Mass on Sunday when possible, wouldn't it be great to be caught up by a command that focused everything in our lives, drew us on like a far-shining star?

Maybe.

But in the First Reading Jonah was quite repelled by the call God gave him. And in the Gospel the disciples surely had no idea what they were getting themselves into when they dropped everything and followed Jesus. Would they have been so trusting if they had known about the crucifixion?

God says to Jonah, "Set out for the great city of Nineveh, and preach against it; their wickedness has come up before me" (First Reading). Jonah, like a house cat, does exactly the opposite of what he is asked. He drops everything and runs in the opposite direction. He goes to the town of Joppa, finds a ship to Tarshish and gets on board, trying get as far from the task as possible.

Maybe you know the famous story. A terrible storm arises. Fleeing the command of God, Jonah tells the sailors to throw him overboard in order to save themselves—since by sea-superstition he is the cause of their trouble. So they toss him over the side and the sea quiets down.

Jonah is swallowed by a "large fish," usually referred to in tradition as a whale. Residence in a whale's interior gives Jonah ample time for thought. God does save him and tells him a second time to go to the great and sinful city of Nineveh to announce the Lord's message. Jonah submits at last and the whole city is converted.

Why in the world didn't Jonah just follow God's command instead of running the other way? Because he already had his own prejudice in place. Jonah did not want the pagan city, Nineveh, to convert and be saved because this city was an enemy of the Hebrews. Better for it to perish in flames than to repent in ashes and sackcloth?

As for the apostles, they decided to follow Jesus for their own understandable but perhaps skewed reasons (Gospel). Issues of livelihood and the excessive tax system surely helped prompt them to follow this charismatic man whose reputation had preceded him. Were they following their noses to some kind of political action?

In any case, these are direct invitations from God. Are we kidding ourselves that our life and following our call will be placid, satisfying, and without ambiguity?

We all already have prejudices in place about what we want and how things ought to go. In fact, any of us who pray occasionally actually might find ourselves asking God to do our will, rather than the opposite.

Let's grow, just like Jonah and the apostles did. Let's listen in quiet, and then, by following, come to learn what we have heard.

John Foley, SJ