

Our Lady of the Valley Church

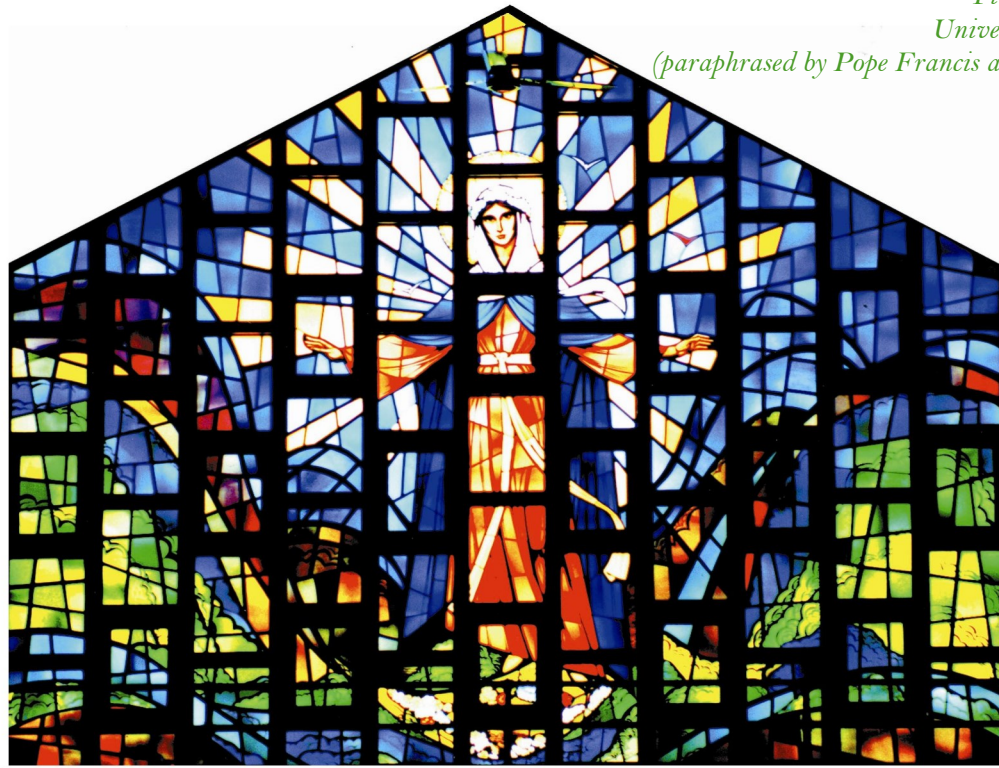
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**“The Church is Holy, not just because all are welcome.
The Church is Holy, because all belong.”**

*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.

And Online Mass available

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 February 13 - 14:

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 30/31: 209

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, February 8	9:00am	Carla Kipiani (Special Intention) Stella Segovia
Tuesday, February 9	9:00am	For the People
Wednesday, February 10	9:00am	Estelle Antonsik
Thursday, February 11	9:00am	Joseph Burghoffer
Friday, February 12	9:00am	Al Soltis
Saturday, February 13	5:00pm	Diana Vega
Sunday, February 14	8:00am	Lillian & Stephen Figlar Gaetano & Angelina Ferraro Frances Ivankovic Francine King
	12:00pm	Elvia Gerardino Antonio Manente Marion Mullen Elisabetta Perrotta Barbara Zborowska

OFFERTORY STATEMENT

Offertory statements for 2020 are now available. If you are interested in obtaining a copy of your donations for last year, please call the Parish Office at (973) 694-4585 Ext. 7200. At that time, we will confirm our records on file to ensure we have noted any changes for this coming year.



Thank you for your support to our parish.

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: February 7

Sunday, February 14, 21, 28

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

The next Confirmation I and Confirmation II classes are scheduled for Sunday, March 14.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - FEBRUARY 7, 2021

PARISH SACRAMENTAL & PRAYER

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

- Jorge Bautista*
- Robert W. Ciszewski*
- Victor Crisci*
- Louis Politano*



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 honor of:

Mary Ann Dowling
From the Parish Staff

VIRTUAL MEN'S RETREAT

Welcome to a Virtual Upcoming Men's Retreat

Over the years in the Diocese of Paterson, the Men's Cornerstone Retreat program has been a great success in leading men to a stronger faith, a deeper sense of prayer and an authentic sense of community. A number of parishes have had similar men's retreat experiences as well.

A number of men from parishes in Wayne, Randolph, and Sparta have been meeting to form a team to build upon these retreat experiences creating a new journey of faith entitled **Called to Courage**.

This retreat will be led by this team under the spiritual direction of Father Dan Murphy, a retired priest of the Diocese of Paterson.

The team has organized two sessions beginning with a virtual retreat on March 6, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. A more in depth in-person overnight retreat will be held (hopefully) November 6 - 7, 2021 at Villa Pauline Retreat house in Mendham, NJ.

We would like to invite all men to this upcoming virtual retreat focused on our recent challenges due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the role our faith has played to help us cope in this most difficult year. The theme of the virtual retreat will be how we have all relied on our blessings throughout this period of brokenness.

There will be witness talks and small group discussions designed to give the participants a glimpse of what awaits them at the full retreat if they choose to join us in the fall.

If interested, please email Rick Piovano at richard.piovano@gmail.com to receive an invite with the link.

Find us on



ST. PAUL INSIDE THE WALLS

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...

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...

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...

Catholicism from Scratch ***Catholicism from Scratch***, will be held online on Saturday, February 27, 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. Register in advance to receive the secure Zoom link at: 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...

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...

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

Eat Up

A Polish-American Jesuit friend once invited me to dinner at his mother's house. This sounded quite agreeable. The only instruction I was given beforehand was: do not refuse second helpings.

I was young and skinny and I knew I would even accept thirds.

But ...

Polish mothers take great pride in their traditional foods and in the multiple, large, large bowls in which they serve each one. Different foods, every one delicious, each and every one astonishingly filling.

So I ate and ate and ate until the terrible moment arrived. "Here, have some more, oh my goodness you don't have anything on your plate, take some of this. And this. You are going to starve. You won't be ready for dessert if you don't eat your meal!"

Luckily I did not roll my eyes. I took as little of each as I could politely do, dealt with dessert, and took my stuffed self away from the table, graced with a new friend in my new Polish mother, and a sore stomach.

Why do I tell you this?

Because Simon's mother-in-law in the Gospel must have been this sort of a woman. Whenever guests visited I'm sure she would be hustling and bustling, stirring up a welcome, dish after dish.

But, when Jesus and the apostles came over one day, she was ill and helpless.

Jesus, immersed in his new career of preaching, curing, driving out unclean spirits, and showing the great tenderness of God for people, he saw how much out of character it was for her to just lie there and watch her guests. He took her hand, healed her without ceremony, and lifted her out of her frustration. The Gospel says that, "she waited on them." Just like the Polish mother.

But there is a contrast. In the First Reading we hear the ancient words of Job, who does nothing but complain that everything has been taken away from him. "My life is like the wind," he says, "I shall not see happiness again."

I have been assigned months of misery,
and troubled nights have been allotted to me.
If in bed I say, "When shall I arise?"
then the night drags on;
I am filled with restlessness until the dawn.

Many of us will recognize these symptoms from our own lives. But Job lost more than just sleep. He had been prosperous, with a wife and servants, children, land, livestock, and a sterling reputation. Now they were taken away.

What had he done to deserve such huge deprivations?

For that matter, what did Jesus do to deserve the loss of his people (and his frequent meals with them), and of his preaching and curing and befriending? When he hung on the cross did he remember his mother's meals?

And did she?

We too have to know that loss is included in the way of the world.

God knows this also.

And he remains with us either way. "Father and fondler of heart he has wrung."* God shows that love means "being with us" in good times and in bad as well. Yes, he does join us in delightful meals.

But he does not take troubles away.

He joins us in them.

John Foley, SJ

*Gerard Manley Hopkins, *The Wreck of the Deutschland*, stanza 9.