

Our Lady of the Valley Church

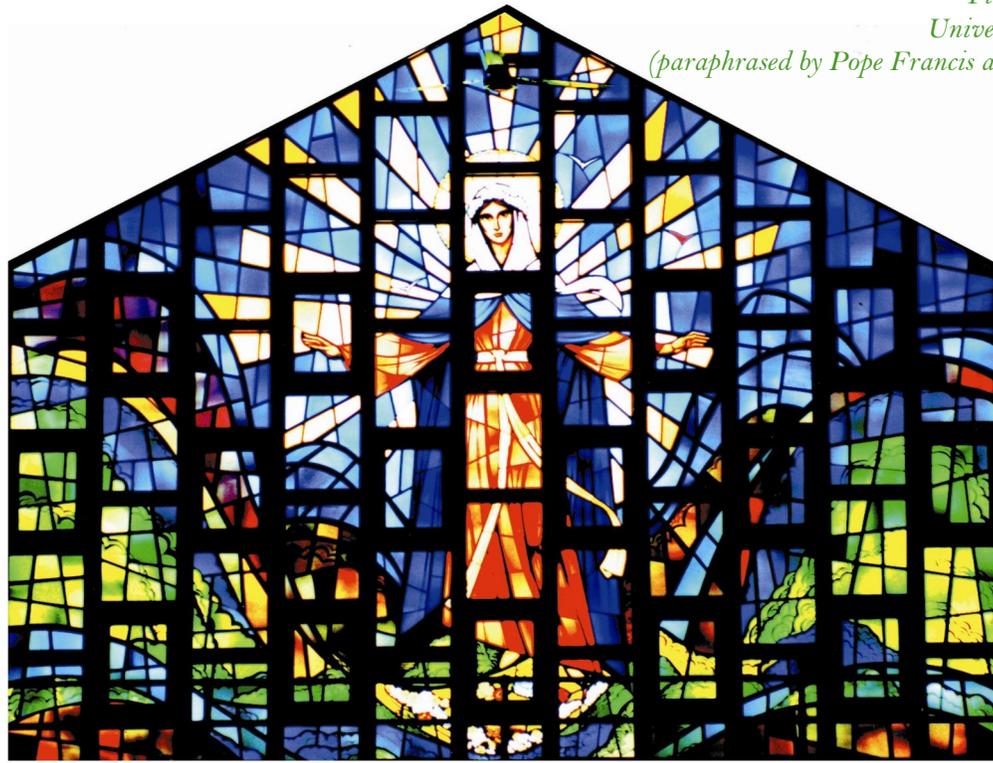
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**“The Church is Holy, not just because all are welcome.
The Church is Holy, because all belong.”**

*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 20 - 21:

Our Lady of the Valley

5:00pm Father Wells
8:00am Father Duberney
12:00 Noon Father Duberney

Holy Cross

10:00am Father Wells

ACT OF STEWARDSHIP

Attendance February 6/7: 146

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 15	9:00am	Wm. Michael Kievit Fr. Gene Walter
Tuesday, February 16	9:00am	For the People
Wednesday, February 17		Ash Wednesday
	9:00am	Theresa Suchar
	12:00pm	Prayer Service
	4:00pm	Prayer Service
	7:00pm	For the People
Thursday, February 18	9:00am	For the People
Friday, February 19	9:00am	For the People
Saturday, February 20	5:00pm	Michael Loffredo, Sr.
Sunday, February 21	8:00am	Robert Gut Frances Ivankovic Angie Kimble <i>(Special Intention)</i> Michael Lazazzera
	12:00pm	Mary Currie Mary Ann Dowling Maureen Kessanis Charles A. Willever

PARISH CENTER CLOSED

The Parish Center will be closed on Presidents' Day, February 15. Normal office hours will resume on Tuesday, February 16.

WE ARE CALLED

Join our faith community—and more than 12,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl this weekend. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on how hunger and malnutrition affect our human family, and on the need to take action to end this global injustice. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

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.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - FEBRUARY 14, 2021

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>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>Gloria Dykstra</i>	<i>Kimberly Mathisen</i>
<i>Donald Boman</i>	<i>Gavin William Pagano</i>
<i>Gloria Keenan</i>	<i>America Bernarda Paulino</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:

Louis Barresi
Edward LaBarre
Theresa Sabeh



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:

Alice Morissette
From her 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: February 14

Sunday, February 21, 28; March 7, 14, 21

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

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

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, February 17, we begin the penitential season of Lent. "Rend your hearts, not your garments," proclaims the Lord to the assembly gathered before him. As intensely personal as Lent is - with its core disciplines of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving - it is a time of preparing people worthy of the Lord's special care. As much as we must work on our individual hearts, Lent is also a time when we must work on the heart of the community, calling it to a change of life.

On Ash Wednesday the Eucharist will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. There will also be a prayer service at 12:00 Noon and 4:00 p.m.

Because of the Coronavirus pandemic, in accordance with directives we have received through the diocese from the Congregation for Divine Worship in Rome, ashes will be blessed and imposed in the following way only: after the ashes have been blessed and sprinkled with holy water, the priest will say to the whole congregation one of the phrases, "Repent, and believe in the Gospel," or "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." He and the ministers assisting him, with face masks on, will sanitize their hands. Those in the congregation will then come forward, and with no words being exchanged, the priest or minister will sprinkle ashes on each person's head. No ashes will be placed on the forehead.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On the Fridays of Lent (February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26), the Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Valley Church.

Sometimes referred to as the 'Way of the Cross,' it is also sometimes called the 'Way of Sorrows' or the 'Via Crucis.' The stations grew out of the imitations of the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem which is believed to be the actual path Jesus walked to Mount Calvary. People hoped that at least once during their lifetime they would be able to make a pilgrimage to Jerusalem to make a journey along this path. In the seventeenth century the stations began to be erected in churches for those who could not physically travel to Jerusalem but could now make a spiritual journey in their church. Originally a series of seven scenes, the number varied throughout the years following, but was fixed at fourteen in 1731.

WELCOME HOME TO HEALING

Once again, this year, the parishes of our Diocese of Paterson will take part in the 'Welcome Home to Healing' Reconciliation Initiative. On the Mondays of Lent (February 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22) the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated at Our Lady of the Valley from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

This is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with Christ and the Church during Lent. Maybe you have been away from the sacrament for many years. Come and experience the gracious mercy of God. Further information can be found at WelcomeHomeToHealing.org.

Please Note: due to the coronavirus diocesan guidelines, the reconciliation rooms at the rear of the church cannot be used. Chairs will be placed in the sanctuary area. Masks, covering your nose and mouth, must be worn.

Find us on



ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES

If you are, or if you know someone, 19 years or older and would like information regarding the reception the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact Sister Dorothy at (973) 694-4585x7245 or email Srdorothy@olvwayne.org.

HELPING HANDS NEEDED

The Father English Food Pantry of Catholic Charities, Catholic Family & Community Services, 435 Main Street, Paterson, is in dire need of volunteers to sort food donations and pack bags of food to be handed out to clients at the door. We have gone from providing food to 5,000+ in February to 21,000 in December. We are blessed with donations of food, but we don't have enough workers to get the food organized and packaged to be distributed to clients and two low income senior projects in Paterson.

Volunteers are needed Monday-Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. and Saturdays between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon. You can come for an hour or more on any day. We practice Covid protocols. Each volunteer has a temp taken and completes a questionnaire. We all wear masks, use hand sanitizer, and practice social distancing. The building is sanitized on a regular basis.

Volunteers unpack donations, sort them and then package bags of food to hand out at the door. Volunteers do not come in direct contact with clients.

For further information, please contact Sister Maureen Sullivan, SC, Director of Volunteers for CFCS, at msullivan@catholiccharities.org or (973) 572-5283.

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.**

ST. PAUL INSIDE THE WALLS

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.* Register at insidethewalls.org/len...

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...

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.

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.

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

Be Made Clean

The liturgical year and the spiritual life coincide.

This is a certainty. But how to explain it? Let me say what I understand, since it is the reason I write these reflections each week.

- (1) The goal of spiritual life is to let oneself be increasingly open to the God of all creation. Doesn't liturgy help in this?
- (2) You and I are constructed so that we become ourselves completely when (and only when) we do #1 explicitly or implicitly.
- (3) We love and are loved insofar as this takes place, whether we know it or not.
- (4) Jesus lived among us as a human being in time and space. Liturgy gradually exposes us to that.

All the above is the "spiritual life," at least in this way of looking at it. Maybe we can think here about number (1) and this week's Gospel.

The gospel stories this year are being told by Mark, just as they were told last year by Matthew. The most vivid of the gospels is Mark's. He is direct and uses fewer words, but he has more concrete details. Last week Jesus did not just "cure" Peter's mother-in-law, a bland way of putting it. He "grasped her hand, and helped her up." When Jesus stills the storm at sea, he is not just "in the boat," he is "at the stern" of it according to Mark, and he is not just asleep, but asleep "on a cushion."

Mark's approach helps us to get the texture of the story, to listen with our imaginations, to let the life of Jesus enter in. As we receive Jesus, the Word of God, we open to the God of all creation. We share his life spiritually, partaking of it in ritual: we recall it in the readings and we receive it as sacrament. Whether we realize it explicitly or not, our goal is to "know him more clearly, love him more dearly, follow him more nearly."

So, as hearers, we begin by quieting down, perhaps admitting how little each of us is, and we let the life of Jesus speak to us in the readings.

We might notice several things in this Sunday's Gospel: the man who walks up to Jesus covered with scales and scabs is breaking the law. As long as the sores are on him he should "dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp," according to the explicit instructions of the First Reading. He should be ringing a bell and crying out "Unclean, unclean!"

But Jesus does not mind. In Mark's words, Jesus is "moved with pity." Just three words, but they tell us so much.

There follows a wonderful statement from the leper. "If you wish, you can make me clean." He has to believe in Jesus' power in order to say such a thing. It is a confession of faith.

Jesus answers, "I do will it. Be made clean." Direct, honest, so revelatory of God. The whole life of Jesus seems to consist of this desire to help those who are in trouble, to give to those who have a seed of faith, who are sharing in "spirituality."

Finally, in an extraordinary move, Jesus stretches out his hand and touches the man. The ancient belief was that this sickness was communicable, and at the very least it was disgusting. Yet Jesus reaches out to him with care and says, "Be made clean."

Let's pray and ponder in our hearts this wonderful story from Mark. It tells us about God.

Doesn't it help us open to the God of all creation?

John Foley, SJ