

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 27 - 28:

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 February 13/14: 181

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 22	9:00am	Katie Zinnes-Cassidy <i>(Special Intention)</i>
Tuesday, February 23	9:00am	Katie Zinnes-Cassidy <i>(Special Intention)</i>
Wednesday, February 24	9:00am	Katie Zinnes-Cassidy <i>(Special Intention)</i>
Thursday, February 25	9:00am	Katie Zinnes-Cassidy <i>(Special Intention)</i>
Friday, February 26	9:00am	Muriel Ritter Katie Zinnes-Cassidy <i>(Special Intention)</i>
Saturday, February 27	5:00pm	Rev. Msgr. Mark Giordani Edward LaBarre III
Sunday, February 28	8:00am	Clark Bullock Carrie Graham Frances Ivankovic Barbara Migliaccio
	12:00pm	Al Marrero Albert Ruffini Anne & Carmen Russo Barbara Zborowska

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.

PAJAMA / BOOK DRIVE

Please help one of our students with their Pajama/Book Program Service Project. During the weekends of February 20/21 and 27/28, please drop off NEW pajamas and books for children from newborn to 18 years of age. These NEW items can be dropped off in church over the weekend or in the bin on the back porch of the Parish Center at any time. All items must be new and unused and all donations must be received by Sunday, February 28. Thank you for your help with this service project.

OFFERTORY STATEMENT

If you are interested in obtaining a copy of your 2020 donations, please call the Parish Office at (973) 694-4585 Ext. 7200. Thank you for your support to our parish.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - FEBRUARY 21, 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:**

Gianna Marie Bonagura

Michael Joseph Tesaurio

*"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

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

America Bernarda Paulino

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:

Rose Bjornsen

Modesto Inzani



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:

Dean Ricciardi

From Anna & Cindy Ricciardi

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.

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 21

Sunday, February 28; March 7, 14, 21

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

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

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.

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

What is Lent?

Ash Wednesday was a few days ago, starting the Lenten countdown toward Holy Week and Easter. But maybe some of us are not completely clear as to why these weeks of preparation are there in the first place.

One opinion is that Lent is a time to deprive yourself. You give up candy or smoking or desserts or heavy meals or ... well, choose your favorite and then give it up. These are part of Lenten practice.

Lenten deprivation gave birth to Mardi Gras (literally meaning “Fat Tuesday”). In contrast to the toughness of Lent. Mardi Gras, at least in non-covid-19 years, had you eat all the fat you could, parade around in costume, go wild. The public usually does not recall that Mardi Gras has something to do with what is to them a quaint old practice, Lent. But that sharpens the question: what have they or we forgotten about Lent and its practices?

Well, what if we described Lent as a “Retreat”?

A Retreat, in Catholic and other religions, is a space of days taken out to pray and to be with the Lord. Often one goes to a retreat house to do these. In St. Louis, for instance, there is a beautiful place called “White House”—different from the one for the president—which has a stunning view of the Mississippi River. For many decades Jesuits have preached retreats there every weekend and sometimes during the week. Sizeable groups of men or women stay for two or three days to meditate, listen to talks, and refresh their spiritual lives.

I am not saying that you should disappear to the nearest retreat house for the five weeks of Lent. But what about letting each Lenten day partake of certain retreat practices? For instance, what about setting aside a little time each day to let your insides settle down for a while, to create a space within you to welcome God. Maybe set up a special place in your home or someplace else just to pray. How about a picture or crucifix or maybe a candle? Or just 10 minutes of silence?

And why not use some time to read in advance the gospel from the upcoming Sunday Mass? Sit down, read it slowly, and let the scene described take place within the your heart and mind. This week you could ask Jesus how it felt to have the Spirit drive him into the desert, as described in this week’s Gospel.

The point?

Let the Lord’s loving deeds be your motivation for “giving up” anything during Lent. Make a gift of gratitude to God—rather than just refraining from something or other. How does any of this prepare you for Holy Week and Easter? By doing exactly what Jesus does when he makes of himself a gift consisting of suffering and death. He is returning a gift of love to the Father. Lent prepares us to witness this reality of our savior.

John Foley, SJ