

Our Lady of the Valley Church

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973-694-4585

“No words of scorn, no words of condemnation,
only words of love, of mercy, of invitation.”

*Pope Francis
Jubilee Year of Mercy*



August 7, 2016

Schedule of Masses

Weekdays

Monday - Saturday 7:30am

Weekends

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am
and 12:00 Noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 4:00-4:30pm

Sacraments of Baptism, Marriage & Personal Appointments

Please call the Parish Office

Our Parish is Served By

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Weekend Collection

Weekend Collection: July 31, 2016



Attendance:	875
Weekend Collection:	\$6976.00
Special Collection:	\$352.58
Parish Pay:	\$3,087.42

Total: \$10,416.00

Presider Schedule

Weekend of August 13-14:

Our Lady of the Valley

5:00pm	Father Peter
8:00am	Father Peter
10:00am	Father Peter
12:00noon	Father Wells

Holy Cross

5:00pm	Father Wells
10:00am	Father Wells

Weekly Mass Intentions

Monday, August 8 7:30am Sadie Scavone

Tuesday, August 9 7:30am Joseph Cavallo
Sharon Tappen

Miraculous Medal Novena to follow Mass on Tuesday

Wednesday, August 10 7:30am Mae Cocilovo

Thursday, August 11 7:30am Adolph C. Puntasecca Sr.

Friday, August 12 7:30am Theodore & Rose Cabat
Gallene & Ryan Families

Saturday, August 13 5:00pm Kristen Maloney
Angelo Maratta
Lynn Marie Lozito Runz

Sunday, August 14 8:00am Sienna Maloney
Peter Scudellari

10:00am William Kearns Jr.
Antionette Mabley

12:00pm Jean Bielema
Anthony J. Corsetto
Jude D'Alorsio
Ann Diodato

Weekly Remembrance

The Sanctuary Lamp, which burns near the tabernacle in church, is the reminder of our Lord's presence in the Most Holy Eucharist, will burn in loving memory of:

Kristin Maloney

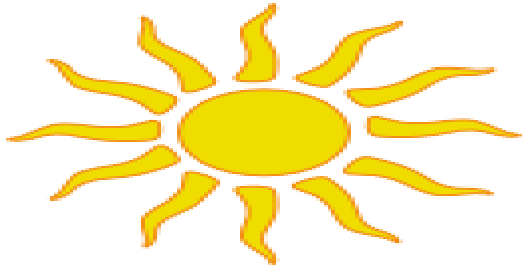
Also, the altar bread and wine, which will become the Holy Body and Precious Blood of our Lord, was given in memory of Kristin Maloney.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time—August 7, 2016

Summer Notices

Weekday Summer Mass Schedule

As a reminder, from now through Labor Day (September 5) the Eucharist is celebrated Monday through Friday at 7:30am here at Our Lady of the Valley Church. **There is no Saturday morning Mass during these weeks.**



Summer Parish Center Office Hours

As a reminder, through Labor Day (September 5) the Parish Center Offices will be closed on Fridays. The summer hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:00am to 5:00pm. The offices are closed for lunch from 12:00Noon to 1:00pm.

New Members

We are always happy to welcome new members to Our Lady of the Valley. If you would like to register to be part of our community please connect with us at our website: www.olvwayne.org, and enter your details under "Parish Census." Please ensure you register each person in your household that wishes to be a member of our church.

If you would like more information about our Community please feel free to contact the Parish Center at any time on 973-694-4585.

For those of you who prefer to complete a form in person please drop by the Parish Center any time between 9:00am and 5:00pm, weekdays.

We look forward to welcoming you as part of our Parish Faith Community.



Parish's Sacramental and 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:

Ryan Thomas Bedoe

Jesus said: "from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother And be joined to his wife. And the two shall become one flesh. So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate."

(Mark 10:6-9)

We congratulate those who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage last weekend in our Church:

James Mandara & Kristen Sawey

"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:

Joseph Ackaway, Joseph Brucato Jr., Carol Brugaletta, Father Michael Burke, Louis Caprio, Raymond Catanzaro, Ralph Cicetti, Deacon Vince Cocilovo, Robert Darpino, Flo Felano, Dave Hesson, Marie Liffers, Mary Maksuta, Gloria Minnocci, Michael Renaldo, Ann Russo, Kristen Sedlacik and Michael Waldinger

Indeed for your faithful, Lord, life is changed not ended, and when this earthly 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:

Ann Farese

Norman Rolleri

Josephine Smith

Reverend Vincent B. Groghan, O.F.M.

Pew Etiquette

It would be appreciated if everyone attending Mass could ensure that worship aids are returned to the pew holder after use.

Recently personal effects have been left in the pews. Please take your personal effects home with you including water bottles, candy wrappers, tissues, etc.

Thank you for keeping church clean for the following Mass.



Calling all Busy Bees!

Our Volunteer Cleaning Ministry is in need of more volunteers. If you can spare an hour a week to be part of our team, please call the Parish Center. Cleaning the church will fulfill Confirmation service hours. If you would like to volunteer for this service, please call the Parish Center.



Faith Formation

The Faith Formation Office is looking for one more catechist for Sunday morning at 10:30. If you are interested or are still considering and would like more information about what this commitment entails, please contact Judi at the Faith Formation Office, 973-694-4585 ext. 7208.



Mass Intentions & Offerings

It is a good and holy thing to remember and pray for those who have died and now rest in the Lord. Remembering the deceased at Mass has been a part of our Roman Catholic tradition for centuries.

Beginning July 1, 2016 the offering for a Mass intention will be **\$10.00** and the offering for the Altar bread and wine and sanctuary Lamp will be **\$40.00**.

Travel to Majestic Italy

The Diocesan Choir has accepted an invitation to be the principal choir singing the evening Mass at the altar of the chair in Saint Peter's Basilica on February 23, 2017. We embrace the opportunity of serving in this role of musical leadership at the Vatican with a sense of honor, humility and great gladness. We are delighted that we will have the opportunity to attend a Papal Mass on the solemnity of the chair of St. Peter! We will also celebrate Mass with song at the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi.

Besides offering us unique liturgical and musical opportunities, this pilgrimage will take us to the sacred sites of our Christian faith, including the Sistine chapel and the Basilicas of Christian Rome. Visiting Florence and Assisi, will certainly round out what promises to be a spiritually rewarding and altogether unforgettable experience. Best of all, we will be celebrating our faith, forming deeper bonds of friendship, and enjoying food and customs of another culture!

This trip is open to all from the Diocese; you need not be a regular member of the choir to sing with the choir on this trip. Furthermore, you need not be a choir member at all as we are welcoming pilgrims, family members and others who wish to experience the trip which is scheduled during the President's Day long weekend to facilitate easy time away and the mostly all-inclusive package allows participants to sit back and enjoy the experience.

A brochure with a registration form is available on the music link of the Diocesan website: www.patersondiocese.org/music or by contacting Preston Dibble, Diocesan Director of Music directly. There is nothing like sharing such experiences with friends and family in faith; this will be a truly memorable journey in a special way.

Please consider joining us!



Holy Days in History

With the change a few years ago for much of the country in the celebration of the Ascension, it calls to mind how holy days have changed throughout history. Sunday is our original – and was at first our only – holy day. As time went on, some churches began keeping other days holy, too: days to remember an event in the life of Christ or Mary, or the anniversary of the death of a saint.

In medieval Europe, these feast days were important. There was no such thing as a ‘weekend.’ Every day except Sunday was a long and hard workday. A feast day meant that you only had to do the most necessary work, then you could go to town for Mass and stay for socializing, feasting, playing, resting. It didn’t take long for feast days to multiply. Every so often the church would have to reduce their number, or else people would go four or five days without working! Keeping feast days this way – with Mass and no work – was possible because almost everyone in an area was Roman Catholic.

When Spanish Catholics came to North America, they tended to create Catholic towns, and fiestas remain an important tradition today. Many Native Americans, too, lived in Catholic communities. The pueblos of New Mexico still keep feast days with dancing and special foods. French Catholics, especially in Canada, kept alive some of their holy days. But Catholics from other European countries lived in mixed communities with people of different or even no religion. It was much harder for them to close their stores on holy days. Not until large Catholic neighborhoods formed in the bigger cities could Catholics close up shop on a feast day, go to morning Mass, have a street procession and then spend the day feasting and relaxing, even on a weekday.

Bishops of a given region began to designate certain holy days as “holy days of obligation.” Usually these were feast days that were already popular in a given community. The number of holy days that Catholics observed in the United States varied until 1885. Prior to 1885, how many and which holy days you kept depended on whether you lived in English, Spanish or French America. English speaking Catholics had 11 holy days of obligation from 1777 until 1885.

Now in the United States we observe 5 or 6, depending upon whether you live in the western or eastern part of the country: January 1 (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God), August 15 (Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven), November 1 (All Saints), December 8 (Immaculate Conception of Mary) and December 25 Nativity of our Lord). On the east coast we also observe the Ascension Thursday (forty days after Easter), while the west coast transfers it to the following Sunday.

Father Wells

Spiritual Reflection

Trust

Trust is a lot more difficult these days. Did you see the National Conventions? The elections are coming. What's more, terrorists could be waiting around just around the corner. Trust today can seem foolish.

Yet human bonding is entirely dependent on trust.

In the USA we develop substitutes for trust and for human bonding. We overwork, overeat, live for parties, invent formulas such as "quality time" to fit family and children into our loaded schedules, and in the Western world we simply drop a husband or wife who no longer please us, and we go get another one.

Can these be a foundation for human bonding?

There is a wonderful example of trust in the Second Reading, (Wisdom 18: 6-9). It talks about the risky deeds that God asked from Abraham: travel to a land he did not know, pass through great deserts and villages full of strangers, dwell in temporary shelters all the way, and most difficult of all, believe that Sarah would at last conceive and give birth, even though, as scripture says, their old age made them "as good as dead."

And it got worse, not better. God ordered Abraham to make a bloody sacrifice of this promised son born to their aged selves. Kill him.

Let us take a closer look at the virtue of trust.

God had already promised that Abraham and Sarah would have "descendants as numerous as the sands on the seashore." Therefore the question before Abraham was not one about obedience, as is often thought, but whether to trust in God. Could God's promise come true even if Abraham went through with the sacrifice?

Sunday's First Reading says what he decided. Abraham "thought that the one who had made the promise was trustworthy." He could take this terrible action because he believed in God's fidelity. Maybe God would raise this son from the dead!

How would you or I have responded? Wouldn't we say it was time to cancel this trust stuff and save whatever we can of our family?

Yes, but notice: trust consists of more than just a generally sunny attitude. Trust means believing in someone. It means remembering the love residing in that person, remembering the promises, the pacts made in fidelity. It means taking the risk.

Can you or I wait in some kind of trust? Abraham did. Perhaps he was being trained by God to rely on God's word. The Israelites were waiting, looking ahead to the coming of a Messiah in a future age. Jesus worried about God's abandoning him as he was being crucified. Yes, he trusted, even though he was filled with the raw human fear that God had might have rejected him ("My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" [Mt 27:46]).

But God had been with him even in the hardest patches of life, the ones when no one could see much evidence of him. Human bonding is always subject to doubt. If we are lucky, we discern and pray and forgive, and then give it another try. All of us remain "strangers and aliens on earth" (Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-19), and we long for someone to trust. We long to be able to trust.

Think about it. Can we open our hearts to God and let Jesus' own trust be ours?