

# 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 21, 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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### TRUSTEES OF THE PARISH

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## Weekend Collection

Weekend Collection: August 14, 2016



Attendance:	806
Weekend Collection:	\$7,397.81
Candles / Poor Box	\$287.08
Mission / Special Collection:	\$327.00
Parish Pay:	\$3,087.42
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$11,099.31</b>

## Presider Schedule

Weekend of August 27-28:

### 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 22 7:30am Marilyn Carr

Tuesday, August 23 7:30am Ron Carlucci Jr.  
(Special Intention)  
Benjamin De Sopo  
*Miraculous Medal Novena to follow Mass on Tuesday*

Wednesday, August 24 7:30am For the People

Thursday, August 25 7:30am For the People

Friday, August 26 7:30am For the People

Saturday, August 27 5:00pm Julia Duderich  
Rosina Laterza  
Charles Rymarzow

Sunday, August 28 8:00am Joseph Caputo  
William Karstens

10:00am Joan Blumish  
The Cooke Family  
Ann Farese

12:00pm Timothy Fisher  
D. Martin Sr.  
Tenfista & Guadercio

## 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:

*Lena Galletta*

Also, the altar bread and wine, which will become the Holy Body and Precious Blood of our Lord, was given in memory of Lena Galletta by Bill and Marie Vivino.

## Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time—August 21, 2016

## Rite of Christian Initiation of

*The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a journey to a deeper experience of God's love manifested through the teachings and treasures of the Catholic Faith.*

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic? Are you a Catholic adult who has not received the sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation? Then you are invited! Come and join us on our journey of faith each Wednesday to listen and to reflect on God's Word and gain a deeper appreciation and understanding of Catholic beliefs and practices.

If you know someone who might be interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, please share this invitation with them.

For further information call Sister Dorothy at 973-694-4585 Ext. 7245 or email at [SrDorothy@olvwayne.org](mailto:SrDorothy@olvwayne.org).

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

**STRESS-PROOF YOUR FAMILY!  
Go on a Worldwide Marriage  
Encounter Weekend!**

On a **Marriage Encounter Weekend**, married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones for 44 hours – and focus only on each other. If you'd like greater depth, growth, and enrichment in your relationship, you'll like the difference a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can make! For more information, contact Janet and Mike Turco at (973) 427-7016 or (609) 335-6880, email [njwwme@peoplepc.com](mailto:njwwme@peoplepc.com), or go to [www.njwwme.org](http://www.njwwme.org).

**Military families**, are you getting ready to deploy? Is your family trying to reconnect after deployment? Marriage Encounter offers tools of communication that have kept many military marriages strong and happy throughout the ups and downs of military service. Contact your local chaplain or call (973) 427-7016 or (609) 335-6880 for more information.

## Parish's Sacramental and 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:

*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:

*Nicholas Lepore*

*Jeanette McBride*

*Diane A. Toomey*

## Returning to Mass

### Saturday Morning Mass

As a reminder, beginning on Saturday, September 10, Mass returns at 7:30am. We've enjoyed the summer break and are retuning to the regularly scheduled morning Mass.

### Parish Center Office Hours

Effective, Tuesday, September 6, the Parish Center Office resumes its regular scheduled hours of Monday through Friday, 9:00am to 5:00pm. The office is closed for lunch from 12:00 Noon to 1:00pm.

## Packanack Lake Community Church

As a reminder, this weekend, August 20-21, we will take up a free-will second collection to assist Packanack Lake Community Church and Nursery School in their repair and rebuilding effort caused by flooding of the recent heavy rains.

Any amount you can give will be greatly appreciated by Rev. Karyn Ratcliffe and her parishioners. If you are writing a check, please make it payable to Our Lady of the Valley so that we can send one donation check to them from our parish. Thank You!



## Faith Formation

The Faith Formation Office is looking for a catechist/assistant for Monday evenings. 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**.

## Volunteers Needed!

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 fulfil Confirmation service hours. If you would like to volunteer for this service, please call the Parish Center.



## 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](http://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!





## Prayer for Peace and Protection from Violence and Terrorism

O almighty and merciful God, Lord of the universe and of history,  
all that you have created is good and  
your compassion for the mistakes of humanity knows no limits.  
We come to you today to ask you to keep in peace the world and its people,  
to keep far away from it the devastating wave of terrorism,  
to restore friendship and instill in the hearts of your creatures  
the gift of trust and readiness to forgive.  
O giver of life, we pray to you also for all those who have died  
as victims of brutal terrorism attacks.  
Grant them their eternal reward.  
May they intercede for the world  
that is torn apart by conflicts and disagreements.  
O Jesus, Prince of Peace,  
We pray to you for the ones who have been wounded  
in these acts of inhuman violence:  
children and young people, old people  
and innocent people accidentally involved in evil.  
Heal their bodies and hearts; console them with your strength and,  
at the same time, take away any hatred and a desire for revenge.  
Holy Spirit Consoler, visit the families of the victims of terrorism,  
families that suffer through no fault of their own.  
Wrap them in the mantle of your divine mercy.  
Make them find again in you and in themselves  
the strength and courage to continue to be brothers and sisters for others,  
above all for immigrants, giving witness to your love by their lives.  
Touch the hearts of terrorists so that they may recognize the evil of their actions  
and may turn to the way of peace and goodness,  
of respect for the life and for the dignity of every human being,  
regardless of religion, origin, wealth or poverty.  
O God, Eternal Father,  
in your mercy hear our prayer which we raise up to you  
amidst the deafening noise and desperation of the world.  
We turn to you with great hope, full of trust in your infinite mercy.  
We entrust ourselves to the intercession of your most Holy Mother.  
We ask for the gift of peace and  
of the elimination from our midst of the sore of terrorism.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer by Pope Francis  
Church of Saint Francis  
Krakow, Poland  
July 30, 2016  
World Youth Day

# Spiritual Reflection

## Heaven's Gate

The parable Jesus tells us this Sunday seems a total contradiction of the one he told only four weeks ago, ([17th Sunday of the year](#)). Let us look at these two stories, because our spiritual life is profoundly affected by the difference.

In the earlier parable Jesus told about a man knocking on a friend's door at midnight to borrow some bread. Notice that this is not just anyone, but a friend. The man inside yelled back as follows:

Do not bother me; the door has already been locked and my children and I are already in bed. I cannot get up to give you anything.

Jesus continues the story:

I tell you, if he does not get up to give him the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence.

Doesn't it feel good knowing that constant prayer will get the door opened?

Well hold your feelings back awhile and look at the [Gospel](#), (Luke 12: 49-53) for the present Sunday. Here again, someone is knocking on the door late at night. But this time the master of the house says, 'I do not know where you are from.'

The answer from the outside is, 'We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets.'

In other words, if anything, we are casual acquaintances.

I do not know where you are from.  
Depart from me, all you evildoers!

Ouch. What about "ask and you shall receive"? As if to rub it in, Jesus applies this Sunday's parable as follows:

There will be wailing and grinding of teeth  
when you see the saved ones—  
Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets—  
looking down from heaven  
while you are being cast out!\*

Cast out? Wailing? What is going on here? Is Jesus in a bad mood?

No. Here is the difference.

## We must permit ourselves to be friends with God.

The parable from the 17th Sunday specified that God was our friend, and therefore we could ask for whatever we need. If for no other reason, he would open the door just to get the noise stopped. And of course, there was a reason for the late hour: the emergency that a friend had come unexpectedly.

On the other hand, the parable for this Sunday shows people who do not know the home-owner at all. Apparently they know about him only from hearing him teach in the streets! Their knocking comes at midnight only because they were too busy partying to get there earlier.

In light of these two parables, we ask ourselves a question. Are you and I friends to Jesus, or just people who have heard his preaching? God will open the door to us if we are there not just for the sake of curiosity or pure selfishness.

We must permit ourselves to be friends with God. If we do not open to such a friendship, for whatever reason(s), God will reluctantly respect our decision: that we are just curiosity seekers who only want a cheap friendship.

So, get to know God now. Start agreeing to the covenant he keeps offering. Do not delay till you get to heaven's gate and have only this to say for yourself: 'We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets.'

\*A minor notice: I re-worded this paragraph because the lectionary's translation is not good English. It says, "And there will be wailing and grinding of teeth when you see Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God and you yourselves cast out." This translation sounds like a list of those who will be cast out, including Abraham and the others. This does not make sense.