

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 28, 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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Weekly Mass Intentions

Monday, August 29	7:30am	Mario/Jesus/Margoth Recinos
Tuesday, August 30	7:30am	Ken Tilton Angelo Giordano Ron Carlucci Jr. (Special Intentions) <i>Miraculous Medal Novena to follow Mass on Tuesday</i>
Wednesday, August 31	7:30am	Ann Farese
Thursday, September 1	7:30am	Helen Barbarito
Friday, September 2	7:30am	Theodore & Rose Cabat Gallene & Ryan Families
Saturday, September 3	5:00pm	Antonio Amabile Terri Colligan Paul Tone
Sunday, September 4	8:00am	Gaetano & Angelina Ferraro Charles Starita
	10:00am	Ann Farese Jaxen Mark Kettler Ronald Romeo
	12:00pm	Sylva Bernier Lawrence Cascio Betty Krause

Weekend Collection

Weekend Collection: August 21, 2016

Attendance:	820
Weekend Collection:	\$7,478.45
Candles / Poor Box	\$252.85
Mission / Special Collection:	\$2,704.00
Parish Pay:	\$3,087.42
Total:	\$13,522.72



Presider Schedule

Weekend of September 3-4:

Our Lady of the Valley

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

Holy Cross

5:00pm	Father Michael Lee
10:00am	Father Michael Lee

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:

María & Antonio Gaita

Also, the altar bread and wine, which will become the Holy Body and Precious Blood of our Lord, was given in memory of Maria & Antonio Gaita by their loving family.

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time—August 28, 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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

BE THE BEST PARENTS YOU CAN BE!

A **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** can teach you how! 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, or go to 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

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:

Mark Oliver Badillo

Sofia Nicole Forese

Nolan Brian Smith

"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 Ackarway, 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, Patricia Magda, 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:

Richard Englehardt

(Father of Theresa Ballard)

Ann Perna

Mrs. Maria Rodriguez

Mother of the Reverend Antono Rodriguez

Paul Tone

(Father of Amanda Seminara)

Scripture Study

Our Lady of the Valley weekly Scripture Study is an opportunity to be strengthened and nourished in faith through reading God's Word, hearing God speak to you, and discerning how you can be empowered to make what you hear a part of your daily life.

Please join us on Tuesdays from 1:00pm-2:30pm in the Parish Center. Our first meeting will be Tuesday, September 13th. There's room for you at the table! Pre-registration is not necessary.

For questions, please contact Maureen Kolis ([973-942-3762](tel:973-942-3762) or counslermk@optonline.net).

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

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who contributed so generously in our free-will collection to help support **Packanack Lake Community Church** in their repair and rebuilding efforts due to the damage caused by the recent July storms.

We will be forwarding to Rev. Dr. Karyn Ratchliffe two checks: **\$2641.00** from Our Lady of the Valley and **\$513.00** from Holy Cross.

Please continue to keep our brothers and sisters at Packanack Lake Community Church in your prayers as they repair their offices and nursery school.

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!



Blood Drive

New Jersey's chronic, critical summer blood shortage is here and we are "IT". In summer, NJ often has 1-2 days of blood on hand and ultimately forced to import 34,000 pints of blood per year. Every 2.5 seconds someone needs blood - your one pint can save three (3) lives.

Since August 2012 the following churches have collected 455 pints of blood saving 1,365 lives. Donating blood is safe, simple and your blood actually strengthens as it rebuilds. Simply choose your date and come join us:

Immaculate Heart of Mary, 580 Ratzer Rd. – Sunday, Aug. 28th, from 9am - 2pm

Packanack Community Church, 120 Lake Drive East – Sunday, Aug. 28th, from 11am - 4pm

Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 218 Ratzer Rd. - Wednesday, Aug. 31st, from 4pm - 8pm.

Eat well and drink plenty of water before donating.

Donors must be in good health, weigh over 110 pounds.

Those 16 years old may donate with written parental consent.

Those 75 years+ need their doctor's written permission.

The need for blood takes no vacation - together we make a vital difference! Simply open your heart and roll up that sleeve...



Faith Formation News

Grades 1-8:

New Family Parent Orientation Meeting:
All parents (only 1 parent needs to attend) of families new to our program (for Grades 1-8) are required to attend our Orientation meeting on Thursday, September 8 at 7:00pm in Father Rugel Hall. Class assignments and calendars will be given out at this time.

Confirmation:

Incoming Year 1 Confirmation Families:
All parents (only 1 parent needs to attend) of incoming 9th graders (Confirmation Year 1 students) are required to attend our Confirmation Orientation meeting on Saturday, September 10 at 9:00am in Father Rugel Hall.

Starting Dates for the Faith Formation Program:

Grades 1-8:

Sunday, September 11, 2016
8:30-9:45 and 10:30-11:45

Monday, September 12, 2016
7:00-8:15pm

Confirmation I:

Sunday, September 18, 2016 - All students are required to attend the 12:00noon mass; class will follow immediately in Father Rugel Hall. Parents may pick students up at 2:15pm.

Confirmation II:

Sunday, September 18, 2016 - Classes move to the afternoon for Year II classes - 1:15-2:45. Same teachers and rooms as last year.

Welcome Back!!

Spiritual Reflection

Let Love Live

It is said that we are made in the image and likeness of God.

Sometimes this seems unlikely.

Look at the frightening “images and likenesses” that settle into our hearts instead. Marriage, that institution which cradles the future of its delicate offspring, but also of the whole society: has it become something “just for the time being,” followed by divorce?

And wouldn't you agree that sexual mores in the Western world are in the process of firmly and finally divorcing themselves from any consideration of commitment, responsibility and sometimes even care?

Are we addicting ourselves to convenience, television, internet, drink, drugs, pleasure, pornography, and so on?

Here was someone in the image and likeness of God. Jesus had within himself, in the place where it matters most, complete openness to love. Not to mention some parents, priests and bishops who have wrecked lives of children and young people, reaping pleasure from them while still professing to be dedicated to Jesus? “There is no greater love than to give up your life for your friend,” Jesus said. How is it possible that people who formally profess the image and likeness of God could possibly do the complete, evil opposite?

And exterminations of entire tribes, peoples, countries are now a regular feature. ISIS is just the most noticeable.

I know, I know, the good has to be factored in as well. But with so much powerful evil stirred into the mix, what can be left of the image of God in human beings?

The poet ee cummings wrote a particularly strong poem that includes the following line:

King Christ, this world is all a-leak,
and life preservers there are none,
and waves that only he can walk
who dares to call himself a man.*

By “man,” cummings means “human being,” and the one he refers to in this poem, who did in fact become a man, is Jesus. This man let his boat be rocked and wrecked and finally sunk. Then he got out and walked and continued to walk the waves of our rough, drowning world.

Here was someone in the image and likeness of God. Jesus had within himself, in the place where it matters most, complete openness to love. He received it and he let it go out to others. Do you and I dare to call ourselves a human being? Deep within our own selves, in imitation of Jesus, are we capable of making room for love to live in us? If we gradually allow it to, will love-incarnate come to life in us? Will we unite with the deep image and likeness of God in which we are created? Will we be able to act and know that it is God acting within us and through us?

If we addict ourselves instead, if we “exalt” ourselves, as Jesus puts it in the [Gospel](#), (Luke 14: 1, 7-14) we will wrap our souls in layer after layer of mud. We will try to become our possessions, try to become what other people think of us, what culture manipulates us to be.

But, after all is said and done, our tiny boats are in fact ship-worthy—if only we do not pretend they are ocean liners, able to carry huge loads. In a word, if we “conduct our affairs with humility” ([First Reading](#), Sirach 3: 17-18, 20, 28-29), we will allow God to love us and live within us.

And then we will make a difference in the world. We will become the image and likeness of God's tolerance shining forth.

John Foley, SJ

*ee cummings, [Complete Poems 1913-1962](#)