

Our Lady of the Valley Church

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

*Pope Francis
Jubilee Year of Mercy*



October 16, 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

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Weekend Collection

Weekend Collection: October 9, 2016



Attendance:	965
Weekend Collection:	\$7,774.50
Candles / Poor Box	\$164.00
Special Collection:	\$926.00
Parish Pay:	\$3,128.67
Total:	\$11,993.17

Presider Schedule

Weekend of October 22-23:

Our Lady of the Valley

5:00pm	Father Michael Lee
8:00am	Father Peter
10:00am	Father Michael Lee
12:00noon	Father Peter

Holy Cross

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

Weekly Mass Intentions

Monday, October 17 7:30am Frank Pavlica Sr.

Tuesday, October 18 7:30am Hannah Dougan
(Special Intention)
Peter Wilk

Miraculous Medal Novena to follow Mass on Tuesday

Wednesday, October 19 7:30am Fiore Manganelli

Thursday, October 20 7:30am Santana Fernandes
Christopher Soltys
(Special Intention)

Friday, October 21 7:30am Albina Pagano

Saturday, October 22 7:30am For the People

5:00pm Mark D'Silva
Antonia Petrozza
Linda Solop

Sunday, October 23 8:00am Susan Allanson
Robert Karstens

10:00am Libero Rubbo
Catherine Sadowski
Protection of Babies in the
Womb and their Families

12:00pm Sylva Bernier
Sherin Favocci

Weekly Remembrance

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

Families of Bufardecí & Saracco

Also, the altar bread and wine, which will become the Holy Body and Precious Blood of our Lord, was given in memory of the Families of Bufardecí and Saracco by Theresa Ferrito.

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time—October 16, 2016

First Saturday Club

On Saturday, October 1, the Knights of Columbus transported residents of local nursing homes to Fr. Rugel Hall for a service and luncheon and music entertainment. It was a wonderful day and our guests were most appreciative.

A special Thank You to all who prepared homemade entrees, salads, and to our Confirmation volunteers who baked and served. Kudos to our Knights of Columbus for all their help and volunteerism. You all made us proud!

God Bless you!

Parent Meeting—First Reconciliation

Please note there will be a mandatory First Reconciliation Parent Meeting.



Thursday, October 20
7:00pm
Father Rugel Hall

Important information will be shared during this session and at least one parent of a student in the 2nd Grade **MUST** attend on this evening.

Faith Formation News

Grades 1-8:

Sunday, October 16, 23
November 6, 23, 27
8:30-9:45 and 10:30-11:45

Monday, October 17, 24
November 3, 17, 24
7:00-8:15pm



Confirmation I:

Sunday, November 13
9:30am—11:30am

Confirmation II:

Sunday, November 13
1:15pm—2:45pm

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:

Reina Rose Cruz

*"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, Robert Darpino, Flo Felano, Josephine Ganz, John Giannini. Dave Hesson, Marie Liffers, Mary Maksuta, Gloria Minnocci, James Murray, 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)*

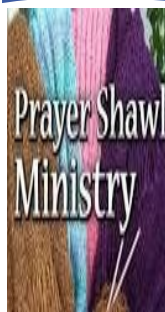
Pray for the Dead:

*Giorgio Brancato
(Brother of Frank Brancato)*

*Lorraine T. Hancock
(Mother of Patricia Yodice)*

Louis Iacovelli

Prayer Shawl Ministry



The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Thursday, October 20, at 10:00am in the Parish Center.

All Knitters and Crocheters welcome!
All who would like to learn are also welcome!

Liturgical Mystagogy

You are cordially invited to come and avail yourselves of this opportunity to deepen your faith.

Presenter: Father Michael Davitti
Place: OLV Parish Center
Dates: Tuesday
October 18 and 25
Time: 7:00-8:00pm
Further Information: Contact Sister Dorothy
973-694-4585 x7245
Srdorothy@olvwayne.org

Altar Server Meeting

Serving at the Altar and assisting the Priest and the Deacon at the Celebration of the Eucharist is an honor and the privilege. New Altar Servers are always needed.

Any boy or girl, fourth grade or older, who would like to learn more about being an Altar Server, please come to a meeting on **Monday, October 17, at 3:30pm. in the Church.**

Silver & Gold Wedding Anniversaries

Couples who were married in 1966 or 1991 are warmly invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Paterson. Bishop Serratelli will be the main celebrant at Mass at St. Peter the Apostle Church, Parsippany on **Sunday, November 6, 2016 at 4:00pm.** Arrangements can be made by contacting the parish office.

Registrations will be accepted through Monday, October 24, 2016. Information will be sent from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed. Congratulations on this joyous occasion.

Reverend Monsignor Patrick G. Panos

DEATH NOTICE

Reverend Monsignor Patrick G. Panos

The Reverend Monsignor Patrick G. Panos, Pastor Emeritus of Saint Catherine of Bologna Church, a Retired Priest of the Diocese, died in the Lord, on Saturday, October 8, 2016. Monsignor Panos, ordained a priest in 1968, faithfully served in priestly ministry for forty-eight years.

Please keep Pat, his brother, Peter, all his family, all his former parishioners, the Priests of Paterson and his many friends in your prayers, especially at the Eucharist.

Thanksgiving Food Box Drive

Diane Mollo Memorial Thanksgiving Food Box Drive

Diane and her husband Frank were very active parishioners in the Social Ministry with Deacon Vincent. When Diane died, this yearly memorial food drive was named in her loving memory.

If you would like to continue Diane and Frank's tradition of feeding the hungry and helping those in most need, please complete the form below and return it to the Parish Center **no later than November 14.** A sheet with suggestions of what could be included in a Thanksgiving Food Box is available at the church doors (this is a suggested list only, feel free to create a basket/box with whatever you think is needed).

Food boxes should be delivered to Father Rugel Hall on Monday, **November 21, between 5:30-7:00pm.**

___ I/We will prepare a Thanksgiving Food Box.

___ I/We will make the *enclosed* monetary contribution (*Please drop off at Parish Office*)

PLEASE PRINT

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Bishop's Annual Appeal

“Be Rich in Good Works.”

(I Timothy 6:18)

Many members of our parish community have received, or will soon receive a letter from Bishop Serratelli requesting our support for the 2016 Bishop's Annual Appeal.

The Bishop's Annual Appeal is conducted to provide day-to-day operational funding for ministries throughout our Diocese of Paterson.

The Appeal funds our **Catholic Charities Agencies**. These agencies offer a wide variety of services, including: day care and extended day care for working poor families; assisted transportation for the elderly and medically fragile; individual and family counseling; emergency food bank; adult day care; housing and case management for persons with HIV/AIDS; group homes for adults with disabilities; Family Support and case management for families with developmentally and intellectually disabled adults; after-school and summer programs; clothing pantries; substance abuse counseling; housing repairs for senior citizens; Meals on Wheels for seniors and the disabled, to mention just a few of their many services.

With the help of the Bishop's Annual Appeal last year, much was done to support **Catholic education**. Over the years millions of dollars have been allocated to many of our most needy elementary schools for such purposes as technology and capital needs like new windows and school desks, roof replacement, HVAC upgrades, etc. The appeal also helps fund financial aid to assist families to afford Catholic school education.

The Annual Appeal also helps to **fund the education of our seminarians** and **Nazareth Village, our diocesan priests' retirement residence** in Chester. This is especially important since the number of seminarians has increased dramatically in recent years, along with the cost of their formation. The Appeal helps both of these groups: those who are preparing for a lifetime of service to the Church and those who have faithfully served for decades.

The parish goal for Our Lady of the Valley this year is \$50,390.00 and the goal for Holy Cross is \$13,230.00. These goals are the same as in 2015, there has been no increase.

As in the past, half of the amount received **over our parish goal** will be returned to our parish for our own needs. Not only does the Appeal support many worthwhile ministries throughout our diocese, it will also help our own parish if we reach and exceed our goal. All funds raised in our Diocese of Paterson stay in the Paterson Diocese!

We can all be proud of the work going on in our Diocese: helping people in profound need, making a residence for our retired priests who have served us for decades, giving assistance to inner-city area schools that serve many economically disadvantaged students and educating seminarians who will one day serve us.

If you have received a letter from the Bishop, please prayerfully consider what you can pledge, and respond as soon as possible.

All of us are asked to support our parish. Those who are paying Partners in Faith pledges are asked to continue doing so. No one can tell you an amount to give to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. The best measure is to ask yourself the question: am I giving back an amount that adequately represents my gratitude for what God has given me? We are simply asked to do our best – it is all that can be expected and certainly what God deserves. Remember that each day is God's gift to you. What you do with it is your “thank you” to God.

Our IN-PEW COMMITMENT WEEKENDS will take place October 22-23 at Holy Cross and October 29-30 at Our Lady of the Valley.

Father Peter Wells
Pastor

Father Peter Filipkowski
Parochial Vicar

Spiritual Reflection

The Everlasting Arms

There are two themes in Sunday's readings.

One is "Do not get tired when you are praying."
The other is, "but when you do, there will be support."

Jesus himself announces the non-tiredness rule. "Pray always without becoming weary," he says in the [Gospel](#), (Luke 18: 1-8) Yet most of us have experienced at least drowsiness if we are one of those who try to pray.

Let us look.

In the [First Reading](#), (Exodus 17: 8-13) Moses' brother Aaron and a man called Hur stand boldly with Moses on the top of a hill where they can see Israel's war of resistance against the attacking Amalekites. In order to assure victory in the battle, Moses holds out his arms over the strife, grasping the "staff of God."* He has to continue holding them straight out until the combat is completely done, because whenever he lowers his arms the enemy starts to win. Well, this battle goes on for a very long time. Aaron and Hur decide to support these arms, one man on each side, and they locate a rock for Moses to sit on.

When I was an altar boy I learned a bit about of this by (thoughtlessly) holding the scripture book out *with extended arms* for Father to read from. I just wasn't thinking! "Please, please read faster," my arms began to scream.

Then in the [Gospel](#), (Luke 18: 1-8) Jesus tells a parable to illustrate why we should never grow tired of praying, but should keep on asking for things. Notice that this is the same Jesus who can be interpreted as giving up on prayer when he went to the cross!

The parable is about an unjust judge and a widow who appears before him and will not stop pleading her cause. With very little to lose, the widow shows up at court every single day and demands justice for herself from the bored judge.** After a while the judge says to himself, if I don't do something this woman will just keep bothering me. I give up. I will rule in her favor.

The point is clear: won't God—who certainly is not bored—make sure we have what we need?

Yes.

But ...

As noted above, no one supported Jesus when his arms opened on the cross! He spread them wide, became weary unto death and at one point was no longer able to sense any presence of God whatsoever! Did he still pray without ceasing? How about "Father, why have you abandoned me?" This is perhaps the most riveting prayer in history.

Maybe you and I must pray that prayer in these latter days! After all, Jesus on the cross showed Teresa how to become Saint Mother Teresa even though she went so many years without consolation!

So God's love was strong enough to bring Jesus through (and Mother), when every assurance had been taken away. Jesus stretched out his arms in the medieval position of prayer (arms lifted wide to God) and won great victory just as Moses and Joshua had.

He opens his arms to you and me today. We can fall into them when we ourselves are so very weary and discouraged, if we will. As Moses foretold,

The eternal God is your refuge. Underneath are the everlasting arms ([Dt 33:27](#)).

You can trust these words.

*This is the "Staff of God" that Moses had carried with him ever since God had appeared to him in the burning bush ([Exodus 4:1ff](#)). There, God asks what Moses has in his hand, then makes the staff become a snake when Moses throws it on the ground. The staff is a continuing symbol of God when Moses parts the Red Sea for instance ([Ex 13:17-14:29](#)), and many other places.

**For an explanation of widows' very weak status in Israeli society, see John Pilch's treatment of the culture of these times, [Historical Cultural Context](#), on this week's website.