

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)*



November 27, 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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Weekly Mass Intentions

Monday, November 28	7:30am	For the People
Tuesday, November 29	7:30am	William Broekamp Mary Girone Vitale <i>Miraculous Medal Novena to follow Mass on Tuesday</i>
Wednesday, November 30	7:30am	For the People
Thursday, December 1	7:30am	For the People
Friday, December 2	7:30am	For the People
Saturday, December 3	7:30am	For the People
	5:00pm	Mary Bisceglia Anna Kuruc Ryan Anthony Pacelli Frank Pascrell Sr. Anne Rymarzow
Sunday, December 4	8:00am	Gracian Fernandes Robert Gilbert Marek Jakub Pluta
	10:00am	Rosina Curcio Rose Loffredo Patrick & Mary Ellen Sharkey Julian Soltys
	12:00pm	Dr. Jack Paterson Bettina & Peter Perrupato John Ricciardi

Weekend Collection



Weekend Collection: November 20, 2016

Attendance: 1,073

Collection figures are unavailable due to early printing.

Presider Schedule

Weekend of December 3-4:

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 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:

Gennaro Carpenito

Also, the altar bread and wine, which will become the Holy Body and Precious Blood of our Lord, was given in memory of Gennaro Carpenito by his loving family .

First Sunday of Advent — November 27, 2016

Christmas Concert

The Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea, conducted by Father Alphonse Stephenson, will perform their Christmas Concert at Our Lady of the Valley on Sunday, December 11, at 7:30pm. Tickets now available.



Cost:

Adults: \$30

Seniors 65+ and children 12 years and younger: \$20

Mass of Remembrance

The loss a loved one at any time of our lives always leaves us with an empty feeling that we call grief. There is never an easy time to lose someone we love to sickness, old age, an accident, or a senseless act of violence. During this time of the year when the rest of the world is festive, joyful, and filled with the Christmas spirit, those who mourn are often left alone, lonely, and sometimes depressed.

We invite you and your family to join with others who are mourning a loved one at our Mass of Remembrance at Our Lady of the Valley Church on:

Sunday, December 18, at 2:30pm

Mass will include a roll call of the names of our loved ones buried from Our Lady of the Valley and Holy Cross this past year as well as the names of those requested.

If you would like to have your loved one's name included in the roll call, please fill out the following form and drop it in the collection basket, email Sister Dorothy directly at: Srdorothy@olvwayne.org, or call 973-694-4585 x7245.

“Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”

Matthew 11:28

Name(s) of deceased:

Please PRINT clearly

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 Brucato Jr., Carol Brugaletta, Father Michael Burke, Louis Caprio, Ralph Cicetti, Robert Darpino, Flo Felano, Josephine Ganz, John Giannini, Dave Hesson, Marie Liffers, Mary Maksuta, Gloria Minnocci, James Murray, Joann Ranalletti, 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:

Raymond Catanzaro

Joseph Ackaway

Stephen Rinaldo

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:

Nicholas Robert Tirado

Lucas Michael LaBella

St. Joseph's Missals

As our new liturgical year begins, new St. Joseph's Missals are available at a cost of \$3 each.

Missals are available at the Parish Center during the week.

Advent: The Beginning of Another Year of Waiting

Most people think of Advent as the time of preparation for Christmas. It is, but it is something more. Advent also prepares us for the coming of the Christ at the end of time.

Advent makes us think about the two comings of Jesus. He came first in a humble birth at Bethlehem. He will come again in glory at the end of time. While preparing for the annual celebration of the birthday of Christ, we prepare our hearts for Jesus to return.

The season lasts through four Sundays. This year's Advent goes a full four weeks, with Christmas being celebrated on a Sunday.

The liturgical year wraps us in a cloak of birth and death. We close each year reflecting on the coming of Jesus Christ our King at the end of time. Advent begins with the same theme.

During the Advent season we do a balancing act. When you call a place of business this month, you're likely to hear a voice saying, "Happy Holidays." De-Christianized businesses seeking to appeal to a large audience will avoid references to the faith-filled term "Christmas" and simply call this season "the holidays," or judging from the many catalogues we receive in the mail, "Holiday 2016." But there is also the possibility of another reason. Between mid-December and mid-January there are at least a dozen major religious celebrations of various religious traditions, not just Christmas and Hanukkah. How do you acknowledge them all in a greeting?

Just as Christianity has its holidays and moral code, so does the business world. These holidays call for a specific code of behavior: shopping.

For faith-filled Christians, Advent is a season when sacred and secular jockey for attention. We must keep our focus in the midst of a world that swallows us with sales.

The two worlds, the sacred and the secular, happily combine their goals in making this a season of charity. From Thanksgiving till Christmas people contribute well to causes that benefit the poor and needy. The Incarnation of God began with love. That love can inspire the world this season to similar acts of selflessness.

Even as Advent raises our vision to the promised return of the eternal Son, it creates a place for the human heart to wait in hope and wonder.

Throughout this season the scriptures create a vivid picture. Advent begins with a breathtaking vision of the end of time. It recalls prophecies of promise to Israel in exile. It holds up John the Baptist, the bridge between the former and the new covenant, and it draws us into the private life of a virgin who enfolds the hopes of endless ages, the hopes of every heart.

From the general to the specific, from the heavenly to the homely, Advent sweeps us into its mystery of waiting.

Father Wells

Women's Organization

Our Lady of the Valley Women's Organization is having a Christmas Luncheon on Wednesday, December 14, at 1:00pm at the Paris Inn, 1929 Alps Road, Wayne. All the ladies of Our Lady of the Valley are invited and a special invitation is being extended to the ladies of Holy Cross Church. Please call Joyce Laauwe 973-942-9322 for reservations.

Faith Formation News

Grades 1-8:

TODAY—Sunday, November 27

December 4, 18

8:30-9:45 and 10:30-11:45

Monday, November 28

December 5, 19

7:00-8:15pm



Confirmation I:

Thursday, December 1—**Reconciliation**

7:00pm—8:00pm

Reconciliation will last approximately one hour. All students are expected to stay for the full amount of time. Reconciliation is for ALL Confirmation I students, including those attending a Catholic High School.

Sunday, December 11

9:30am—11:30am

Confirmation II:

Sunday, December 11

1:15pm—2:45pm

Annual Giving Tree



At each entrance to the church there is a small basket filled with multi-colored tags. These list the gift requested by the agencies which we assist. When returning your gift please make sure the tag is securely fastened to the outside of the box or gift bag:

PLEASE DO NOT wrap gifts as they will be unwrapped before being given away.

Gifts may be dropped off in the school lobby at Our Lady of the Valley after Mass on the weekends of: December 3/4, and December 10/11. Alternatively, they may be delivered to Parish Center's back porch during the week.

Christmas gifts will be delivered to the agencies on December 12.

Thank you, in advance, for your generosity!

A Caregivers Prayer

Heavenly Father, help me better understand and believe
I can do what you ask me to do.

Forgive me for the times, even now,
when I question your judgement,

As I go about the many daily tasks of caregiving,
give me energy.

As I answer his/her repeated question
just one more time,
give me patience.

As I look for solutions to whatever
is the most recent concern,
give me wisdom.

As I reminisce with him/her
about the "good old days,"
give me a moment of laughter.

As I get to know my loved one in a new way,
seeing both his / her strength and frailty,
give me joy.

As I sit beside my loved one's bed waiting for his/her
pain medication to take effect, give me comfort.

Lighten my burden, answer my prayer,
and give me the strength to do what
so often seems impossible.

Give me a quiet place to rest when I need it
and quieting of my anxieties when I'm there.

Change my attitude from a tired, frustrated and
angry caregiver to the loving and
compassionate one I want to be.

Remain my constant companion as I face the
challenges of caregiving and when my job is through
and it's time for me to let go,
help me remember he/she is leaving
my loving arms to enter your eternal embrace.

AMEN

Source: Friends of St. John the Caregiver (FSJC.org)



Spiritual Reflection

Wait A Bit

St. Louis has a custard stand that many people think of as the heart of the city. It's not actually near the center of the city at all, it is on the South Side. But it is THE place people gather on summer days.

Its name is Ted Drewes. In the evening, hundreds, literally hundreds, of hungry folks gather outside the many serving windows of this old timey place, waiting in line for a chance at the tasty stuff in all its variations ("concrete," "Terra Mizzou"—as in the nickname for Missouri—"Cardinal Sin," and so on). One evening I even saw a just-married couple pull up in a horse-drawn buggy, wearing their formal wedding clothes, and order frozen custard (with the obligatory pictures being snapped), and then go on to their honeymoon.

The funny thing is that no one in line is in a hurry. They talk, they enjoy the weather, they enjoy being in "the" place. If someone is needy, that person can cut into line and no one cares. These folks seem to have turned waiting into a social affair, a time of lingering patiently together.

What does this have to do with Advent? Well, look at it: in Advent, we too wait. Jesus is to be born, and in fact we have experienced him many times before at Mass. We join each other not around frozen custard but around the peace and goodness that the birth of Jesus will bring to our hearts and our relationships. We will line up together at this Sunday's Mass, and God will turn our waiting into a social, prayerful event.

Ordinarily we do not like to be delayed. Think of traffic jams, lines at the grocery store, etc. We project our minds forward to the many things we have on our list besides wasting time. But can there really be nothing to interest us as we wait in mundane situations? At the custard stand, of course, there is the pleasant St. Louis air, people to talk with, and of course the promise of a tasty reward that will do its will with our taste-buds. Our senses open up.

Is there anything we can open to when highway traffic is creeping along at six miles per hour?

Yes. If we come to our senses we will not need a hot fudge sundae to make it worth our while to wait. In the present moment, as you read these words, hundreds of real and God-filled objects are all about you. Did you ever really feel the texture of the steering wheel you grasp every day? How about letting in the colors of the trees? The people in other cars—visible to you at six mile an hour speed? If you stay in the present instead of mainly the future or the past, you will find subtle and obvious beauty all about you. Your goal will arrive when its time comes. Meanwhile, the present tense is still happening.

Advent is like this. A time to pull in our scope a bit and realize that emptiness is a healthy and normal part of our lives. We are continually refilled if we let ourselves be. Strange to say, waiting for fulfillment is also itself a fulfillment. It lets us be what we are—not God but human.

Even in these troubled times.

John Foley, SJ