

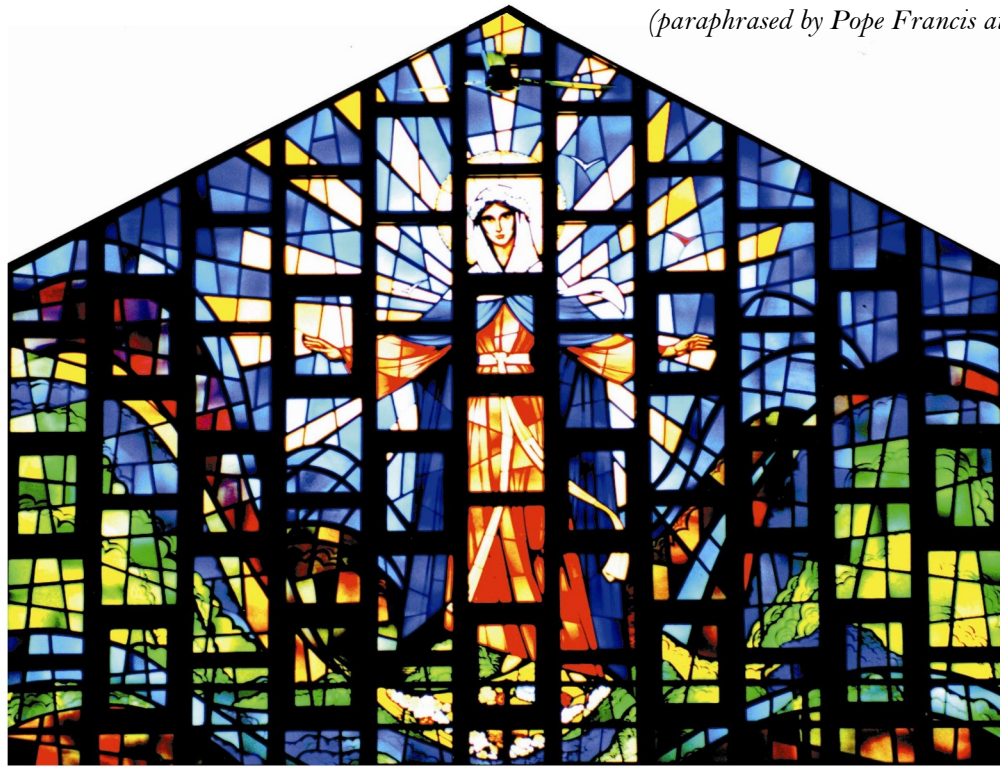
Our Lady of the Valley Church

630 Valley Road - Wayne - New Jersey - 07470 - www.olvwayne.org

973-694-4585

**“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)*



December 18, 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: December 11, 2016

Attendance:	931
Weekend Collection:	\$7,892.50
Candles / Poor Box	\$453.85
Parish Pay:	\$3,128.67
Immaculate Conception	\$1665.00
Total:	\$13,140.02



Thank you for your continued Generosity!



Weekly Mass Intentions

Monday, December 19	7:30am	For the People
Tuesday, December 20	7:30am	Brian Rickard <i>Miraculous Medal Novena to follow Mass on Tuesday</i>
Wednesday, December 21	7:30am	Joseph D'Silva
Thursday, December 22	7:30am	Joseph Korin
Friday, December 23	7:30am	Anna Santee Frank & Helen Schumm Nancy Sanders
Saturday, December 24	7:30am	For the People
Family Liturgy (Church)	4:00pm	
Rugel Hall	4:00pm	In honor of, and in memory of, all our
Church	6:00pm	Parishioners and Benefactors, both
The Solemn Mass of Christmas	11:00pm	living and deceased.
Sunday, December 25	8:00am	
	10:00am	
	12:00pm	

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:

Peter & Bettina Perrupato

Also, the altar bread and wine, which will become the Holy Body and Precious Blood of our Lord, was given in memory of Peter & Bettina from their loving family.

Third Sunday of Advent — December 11, 2016

Mass of Remembrance TODAY!!

Please join us today in church at 2:30pm for our Mass of Remembrance. 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.

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

Matthew 11:28

Faith Formation News

Grades 1-8:

Sunday, December 18
8:30-9:45 and 10:30-11:45

Monday, December 19
7:00-8:15pm



Confirmation I:

TODAY—Sunday, January 8
9:30am—11:30am

Confirmation II:

TODAY—Sunday, January 8
1:15pm—2:45pm

Confirmation II Parents

All Confirmation II parents: Please be aware there will be a mandatory meeting for Parents of Confirmation II students (2nd year) on **Sunday, January 8, 2017**.

At least one parent is required to attend in order to pick up time sensitive materials for the upcoming Sacrament of Confirmation.

We ask that you please be in Father Rugel Hall at 2:15. The meeting will last approximately 30 minutes and students will be dismissed into the hall from their classes at the end of the meeting.

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.”*

We congratulate and welcome those who were baptized last weekend:

Giuliana Grace Shami

“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,
Michael Renaldo,
Ann Russo,
Kristen Sedlacik,
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.*

Pray for the Dead:

Father Charles Parr

Presider Schedule

Our Lady of the Valley

Saturday, December 24 **Christmas Eve**

4:00pm Church
 4:00pm Hall
 6:00pm Church
 11:00pm Church

Father Michael Lee
 Father Peter Wells
 Father Michael Lee
 Father Peter Wells et al.

Sunday, December 25 **Christmas Day**

8:00am Church
 10:00am Church
 12:00 Noon Church

Father Peter Filipkowski
 Father Peter Filipkowski
 Father Michael Lee

Holy Cross

5:00pm Christmas Eve
 10:00am Christmas Day

Father Peter Filipkowski
 Father Peter Wells

St. Joseph's Missals

As our new liturgical year begins, new St. Joseph's Missals are available at a cost of \$3 each from the Parish Center during the week.

Women's Cornerstone

The ladies from the OLV Cornerstone, cordially invite all women of the Parish to join us after Mass on the weekend of January 7 and 8, 2017.

We will be serving coffee and in Father Rugel Hall and sharing some of the Blessings we have each received while attending our Annual Retreat.

This year the retreat will be held on February 10 and 11, 2017. All ladies are welcome and encouraged to join with us on this fulfilling and edifying retreat.

We will be raffling two tickets for ladies from each Church to participate in this spiritual event at no cost.

Please sign-up to participate in this raffle: The winning tickets will be drawn by the celebrant at the end of the final Mass, January 8.

You need not be present to win.

Name: _____

E-Mail Address _____

Phone No. _____

Please submit the signed form to:

Our Lady of the Valley Roman Catholic Church,
 630 Valley Road,
 Wayne, NJ 07470.

For more information please call:
 Ruth Gerardino @ 973-978-7904 or

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Calling Young Musicians

We invite you to join our music ministry at the 4:00pm Christmas Eve Family Liturgy.

For further information see Mr. Peragallo after Mass or email him at john@peragallo.com



Beginning December 17 and continuing through December 23, during the Evening Prayer, the antiphons before the Cantic of Mary (the Magnificat) are the ancient “O” Antiphons, sung so beautifully in Gregorian chant. These antiphons provide the most strikingly beautiful feature of these days before Christmas. Each of the antiphons calls for the coming of Christ by a different title, and sometimes multiple titles piled up in profusion.

“O Sapientia” O Wisdom, O Holy Word of God, you govern all creation with your strong yet tender care. Come and show your people the way to salvation.

“O Adonai” Adonai is a sacred title of the ineffable name of God. It translates most commonly into “Lord” and proclaims the Incarnation. The God who redeemed Israel with an outstretched arm comes in human form.

“O Radix Jesse” The root of Jesse that is prophesied in Isaiah 11.

“O Clavis David” The one who holds the key of David opens and closes with absolute authority, as seen in Isaiah 22:22 and Revelation 3:7. We salute the Key of David, the personification of authority, and the one whose judgment we both fear and welcome.

“O Oriens” Musically, the biggest ‘O’ of all the antiphons, it applies the image of the rising sun, the East, to the coming of the Savior. On the darkest day of the year (the winter solstice) it calls for the sun to shine with redemption.

“O Rex Gentium” calls for the coming of the king of all nations and the cornerstone that binds together the “mighty arch” of humankind. Even though Jesus kept his focus on Israel throughout his ministry, his apostles took the message to the ends of the earth, to fulfill the prophecy that the messiah would unite the world’s peoples.

“O Emmanuel” Not surprisingly, the O Antiphons conclude with the great title of Jesus, Emmanuel. It sums up the theme of Matthew’s gospel: Jesus appears by this title at the beginning and promises to be with his followers to the end. This, the last of the antiphons, is better known as the first verse of the traditional Advent hymn, ‘O Come, O Come Emmanuel’ that is based on the ancient O Antiphons.

Father Wells



The Light of the World is come!

*This Advent Season let us
give and receive,
Mercy, Love, & Compassion.*

*Peace and Good Will to
ALL
people!*

*Your Knights of Columbus wish
all a safe and blessed Christmas*



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Spiritual Reflection

Dreaming

A dream changed Joseph's life—and ours (Matthew 1:18-24). A mere dream, like what you and I have every night.

How trustworthy could this be? And yet the safety of Mary and the child Jesus and that of the whole world depended on it! In this dream, an angel told Joseph that Mary's pregnancy was from the Holy Spirit of God. Mary had accepted this readily but without really understanding. And the angel said that Joseph should not be afraid of the pregnancy, even though he had not yet even married this woman.

Not be afraid? Everyone could see that Joseph's fiancé was "in a family way." USA culture might applaud this fact, as it does when movie stars have children with whomever they please as often as they please. In Biblical culture marriage was a sacred act, a participation in God's own fidelity, and it seemed that Mary had broken with that fidelity, at least as far as the townspeople could see. The Blessed Mother a public sinner! No wonder Joseph was making arrangements for a "quiet divorce."

So why in the world would he reverse himself and trust a dream? Do you trust dreams? A friend of mine had one about a kangaroo sitting on the roof in a rocking chair smoking a pipe! Should my friend check the roof for rocking chairs, just in case? No. We take a dream for what it is, a mechanism of our psyche that somehow processes our experience but does not give us literal truth. We do not usually rely on them for life-changing messages.

Why did Joseph? I think the answer has to do with something St. Ignatius of Loyola calls "discernment."

In general, discernment is an examination of one's internal reactions ("movements of spirit"), especially when they happen in prayer. There are many different movements, of course, but there is one that may describe Joseph's dream. Sometimes, rarely, grace is so gently strong that the person praying has an inner assurance that the experience did not come from imagination but from God. Somehow it is something impossible to doubt.

You and I have to be careful not to get carried away by this notion. Probably many of us could convince ourselves that God or an angel spoke to us this morning. We need to "discern" which experiences are from God and which are not. Are they quiet? Do they lead toward God or away? What is the long-term result? A spiritual director could help us sort through such questions.

But I think Joseph's might have discerned his dream as coming from God. It contained—not a kangaroo, but—a quiet certainty of the presence of God. No doubts followed it, though they would surely seem warranted. Joseph's dream was like the face of mother to an infant. It was like the voice of a close friend.

Joseph was a good man. He already had a storehouse of trust in God's love. He did not experience this storehouse as broken into and entered, shattered or pulled to pieces by the dream. Instead the message fit right into the design of Joseph's life with God and his love of Mary. And so they followed.

What is your internal sense of the Christmas story? Is the birth of God impossible, reserved for children? Or do you find the roots of trust within yourself as Joseph did?

John Foley, SJ