

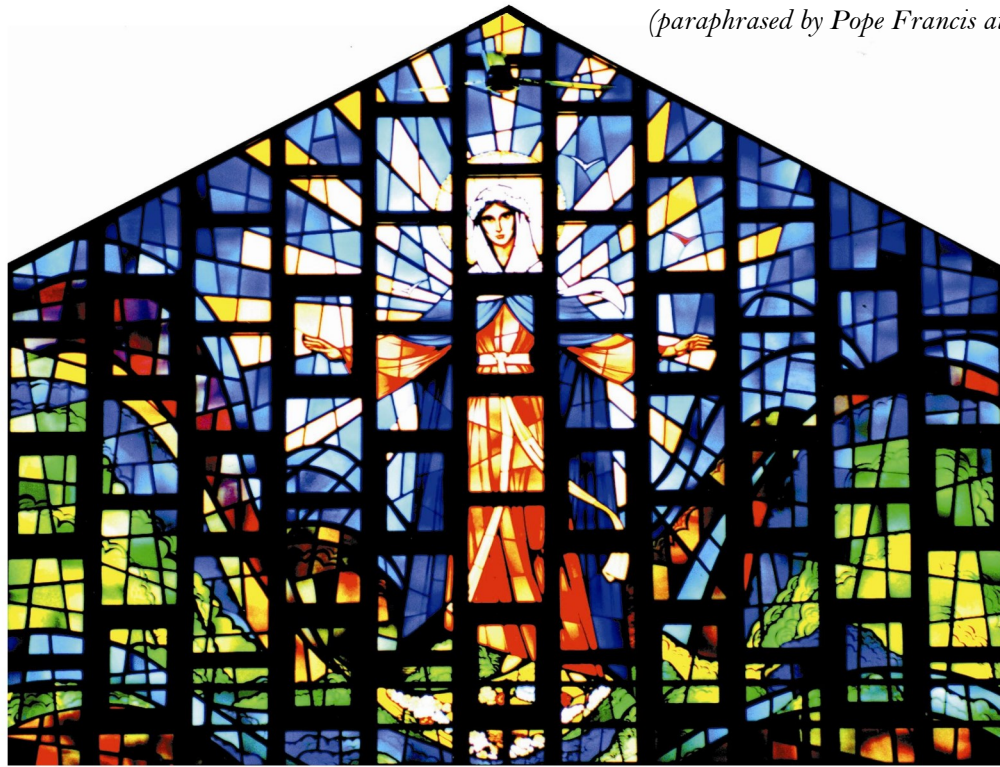
Our Lady of the Valley Church

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)*



October 1, 2017

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

Rev. Peter VB. Wells, Pastor
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TRUSTEES OF THE PARISH


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Weekend Collection

Weekend Collection: September 24, 2017

Attendance:	904	
Weekend Collection:	\$7,111.76	
Candles/Poor:	\$424.80	
Parish Pay:	\$2,461.20	
Total:	\$9,997.76	

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Presider Schedule

Weekend of October 7-8:

Our Lady of the Valley

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

Holy Cross

5:00pm	Father Peter
10:00am	Father Peter

Weekly Mass Intentions

Sunday, October 1	8:00am	Joseph Frank Ed Parks Linford Yarnall
	10:00am	Joseph Frank Joseph Malanga
	12:00pm	Florence Ferrito Lillian Figlar Colleen Monahan Bettina & Peter Perrupato Houda Sabe James Murray
Monday, October 2	7:30am	Joseph Frank
Tuesday, October 3	7:30am	Nora Kopadze Glen Zomack <i>Special Intention</i>
<i>Miraculous Medal Novena to follow Mass on Tuesday</i>		
Wednesday, October 4	7:30am	Emilia Nocella
Thursday, October 5	7:30am	John Fierro
Friday, October 6	7:30am	Helena Dec
Saturday, October 7	7:30am	Rose Kelly
	5:00pm	Jane Mullaney Ed Parks Eleanor Zaros
Sunday, October 8	8:00am	Joseph Caputo Stephen & Lillian Figlar Alfred & Theresa Toscani
	10:00am	Vincent R. Rinaldo Anne & Carmen Russo
	12:00pm	Elena Battista Jimmy Battista Klaus Becker Carla Harris Clare Lampariello

Social Ministry Corner

Do you have a family member or friend who is gay or lesbian? Would you like to have a better understanding on the church's teachings on this? Would you like resources to learn more about this topic? If you've answered "yes" to any of these questions, or have additional questions about the LGBT community and the Catholic Church, you are invited to call Deacon Vince at 862-264-2134, or feel free to speak with him directly after Mass. All calls/inquiries will be strictly confidential.

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time—October 1, 2017

Weekly Remembrance

This week the Sanctuary Lamp, burns as a reminder of the Lord's presence in the Blessed Sacrament and the bread and wine offered at the Altar, which become the Body and Blood of Christ, are given in memory of:

Ignatius & Glória Seminara

From the Seminara Family.

Faith Formation Program

Grades 1-8:

TODAY—OCTOBER 1

Sunday, October 15, 22, 29

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

Monday, October 2, 16, 23, 30

7:00-8:15pm

Confirmation I:

Sunday, October 8, 2017

9:30am—11:30am

Confirmation II:

Sunday, October 8, 2017

1:15pm—3:30pm

*Note: Confirmation II

Special Time for this session only



Parish's Sacramental & 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:

Wilfredo Balbuena, Joseph Brucato Jr., Father Michael Burke, Louis Caprio, Nicholas Chanda, Ralph Cicetti, Kathy Corrao, Robert Darpino, Jason Dellavalle, Flo Felano, Josephine Ganz, Marie Liffers, Margaret Link, Mary Maksuta, Gloria Minnocci, Jenny Moskal, Andrew Potter, Michael Renaldo, Kristen Sedlacik, Patricia Smith, Paul Tafuri, 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:

Jane Mullaney

Florence Ann Ricciardi

Bereavement Support Group

*"You can't get around grief, you can only go through it.
It has something to say to us, something to give us."*



Facilitator: Paula Pedersen, RN
When: Monday Evenings
October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
Time: 6:00pm - 7:30pm
Where: Our Lady of the Valley Parish Center
(Youth Room is located at the front door)
630 Valley Road Wayne NJ
Contact: Sister Dorothy 973-694-4585 Ext. 7245
SrDorothy@olvwayne.org
To register or for further information

Rite of Christian Initiation

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 to listen to and 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.

Expectant Parents

The blessing of expectant parents will take place after all Masses next weekend, October 7-8.

Please meet the priest or deacon at the baptismal font following Mass for this special blessing which occurs monthly.



Wedding Anniversary Celebration

THIS FORM SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO YOUR PARISH SECRETARY NO LATER THEN OCTOBER 16, 2017. Thank you!

Personalized commemorative certificates will be presented to each couple. This form should be filled out by the couple and returned to the parish secretary.

TYPE or PRINT

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY (circle one)
SILVER ANNIVERSARY

First Names (Husband) (Wife) Last Name

Street Address _____

City/Town _____ New Jersey _____ (Zip Code)

Email _____
(His) (Hers)

Phone _____
(His) (Hers)

Date of Marriage _____

Current Parish _____

Parish Town _____

Approximately how many guest will be attending _____

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I am a lector/reader in my parish and would like to be considered as a possible reader for this Mass.

Name _____

We need special seating arrangements (i.e., wheelchair, disability, etc.). Please give specifics.

One Body, Many Parts...

Where do you fit?

The “work” of this Parish is richly enhanced by the amazing and dedicated teams of volunteers who serve in various capacities, in various ministries. We have listed some areas in need of assistance.

Cleaning Ministry

Baptism Bib Ministry

Eucharistic Ministers

Weekly Collection Counters

Altar Servers



Funeral Ministry

Sacred Linen Ministry

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Ushers

If you are interested in giving of your time and talents in any of these essential ministries, please contact the Parish Center at 973-694-4585, ext. 7200 for more details.

Blessing of Animals

Next Sunday, **October 8, at 2:00pm.** we will have the annual **Blessing of Animals** in honor of Saint Francis of Assisi.

As the son of a wealthy Assisi merchant, Francis (1182-1226) was destined for grand homes, exquisite clothing and fine food. After a conversion experience he relinquished the trappings of this world to minister to lepers and preach to the spiritually hungry. His home was the earth; his clothing, humility; and his identity, that of an impoverished beggar seeking God. Many young men joined Francis in this way of life, leading to the foundation of the frati minori (“lesser brothers”), which eventually became known as the Friars Minor. He is probably one of the most popular saints in Church history, due to his love of creation as exemplified in his famous “Canticle of the Sun.”

All creatures “great and small” are invited to take part in the Blessing, which will be conducted outside by the Marian Shrine on the side of the church.

In Honor of St. Francis

During the month of October, in honor of the feast of Saint Francis, our parish Youth Group will be collecting donations of any kind for local animal shelters.

Items can be brought by the teens to the Youth Group meetings which are held on Wednesday’s from 7:00pm-8:30pm or parishioners can drop off donations on the back porch of the parish center.

Please join the youth of our parish in this special event to help our furry friends.

Bishop's Annual Appeal

In Giving, We Receive

The services provided by our Catholic Charities agencies are too long to list in our bulletin—but here are just a few: emergency housing for people in extreme poverty, out-patient and residential substance abuse treatment, group homes for disabled adults, outreach to veterans who are homeless, family counseling, etc. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal helps bring this important work to life. In fact, Catholic Charities receives the largest percentage of Appeal funding. Your help is needed to continue providing this urgent care. Please be as generous as you are able to the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal. For your convenience, you can make online gift or pledge at www.2017appeal.org. Thank you!

Scripture Studies

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 Tuesday's from 1:00pm-2:30pm in the Parish Center. The first meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 3. **There's room for you at the table!**

Pre-registration is not necessary. For questions, please contact Maureen Kolis via phone at 973-942-3762 or via email at counslermk@optonline.net.

Junior Choir is BACK!

We will commence Junior Choir again this year. Last year choir was a great success with a dozen members providing music at the 12:00 noon mass once a month. The choir will also sing for Christmas Eve and for the Living Stations of the Cross.

Choir is open to all members of Faith Formation and meets on the 2nd Sunday of the month (there is no Faith Formation that day for grades 1-8).

This allows us to rehearse at 11:15am and sing at the 12:00 noon mass. This has proven much more successful than attempting to schedule a rehearsal during your son or daughter's busy, hectic weekday schedule.

Forms are available on the organ after mass today and our first rehearsal/performance will be October 8th at 11:15am. A schedule for the year is also available on the organ.

Please encourage your sons and daughters to join us in making great music for the Our Lady of the Valley Parish community.

ParishPay to Become WeShare

If you currently use the online giving service ParishPay for your weekly offerings to Our Lady of the Valley or Holy Cross church, in a few weeks ParishPay will be transferred to WeShare, our new online giving provider. This transfer will ensure that your scheduled transactions will continue to be received by the parish.

The security of your personal information is important to us and to WeShare. If you wish to make any changes to your account or to adjust your giving amount, you might want to do that before the transfer takes effect.

Blood Drive



The Knights of Columbus's 3rd Annual Red Cross blood drive will be held on Sunday, October 15, from 9:00am—2:00pm Father Rugel Hall.

With the devastating floods in Texas the need for blood is overwhelming! Helping our neighbors is a cornerstone of our Faith.

Members of the Knights will be in the school lobby after all Masses answering any questions and signing up those who wish to donate.

If you have any questions or wish to sign up, please contact Vincent A. Disteso Grand Knight at distesov@optonline.net.



First Saturday Club

On Saturday, October 7, the Knights of Columbus will transport residents of local nursing homes to Father Rugel Hall for a service at 11:00am followed by a luncheon, music, and entertainment.

We need parishioners to prepare (in their homes) various main dishes, casseroles, salads, desserts, etc. for this luncheon. We serve around 80 guests.

Please call Terry Naklicki at 973-956-1355 if you can help prepare a dish for this special occasion. Many thanks.

ATTENTION CONFIRMATION STUDENTS:
You can earn service hours either by helping the Knights serve between 9:00am-12:00noon or you can sign up to bake a dessert. Call or email Grand Knight Vince Disteso at 973-641-3613 or email him at distesov@optonline.net to register to help serve or to sign up to bake a dessert. The number of students needed is limited so act quickly!!

Spiritual Reflection

Motivation

God at times appeals to our self-interest in order to get us to do what is right. In other words he uses our self-interest to reach beyond our self-interest, so to speak.

We are shown this in the First Reading, where we find a straight-out argument between the people and God. The people claim that “The Lord’s way is not fair!” Earlier they had quoted the famous saying, “The parents eat sour grapes, but the children’s teeth are set on edge” (Ez 18:2). Apparently they are arguing that sin should be attributed to their fathers or mothers, but not to them. Therefore God is punishing them unjustly.

God replies:

Hear now, house of Israel:
Is it my way that is unfair,
or rather,
are not your ways unfair?

He shows them that punishment comes to those who actually commit an iniquity, not to those who just happen to be born of the parents of the iniquity. “It is your own actions that matter. If you sin, it is fair that I punish you. If you do virtue, it is fair that I give you life.”

Jesus takes it one step further in the Gospel. We hear a parable about a man being asked by his father to go work in the vineyard. The man says, rudely, “I will not.” Surely he would be counted as one of the sinful people described above. Or maybe he just had a headache, or was not a morning person, or whatever. But when his father leaves the house, this one changes his mind and goes out to work hard on the grape vines.

He has a brother. The brother says in effect, “Yes, of course I will go out and do your will!” Isn't this exactly what God had been telling the people in the First Reading? I am sure the father in this parable was pleased, especially after the rude reply he had gotten from his other son. Of course, as we know, this brother too changed his mind. He did not bother to go at all.

This second brother’s selfish interests were served by saying “yes, yes” to his father. It made him look good. But he did not trouble himself to actually do what he promised. Self-interest did not get him to do good, but only to seem to do good.

St. Paul says to look at what Christ did (Second Reading) if we want true motivation, as well as encouragement, solace, participation in the Spirit, compassion, and mercy. Then we will not act out of selfishness, but will serve others humbly, as he did. This is the ultimate motivation in Christianity.

Have in you the same attitude
that is also in Christ Jesus,
Who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God something to be grasped.

Rather, he emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
coming in human likeness;
and found human in appearance,
he humbled himself,
becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.
Because of this God greatly exalted him.*

Self-interested motives are not the only ones. Let us just look at Christ—when we are at prayer and at Mass—and let him form us in humility.

Let God make us good.

John Foley, SJ

* Some scholars think these lines are from an early Christian hymn which Paul quotes and adapts. If your parish chooses the “short version” of the Second Reading, unfortunately this part is omitted. Be sure to spend time with it on the present page if that is the case in your parish.