

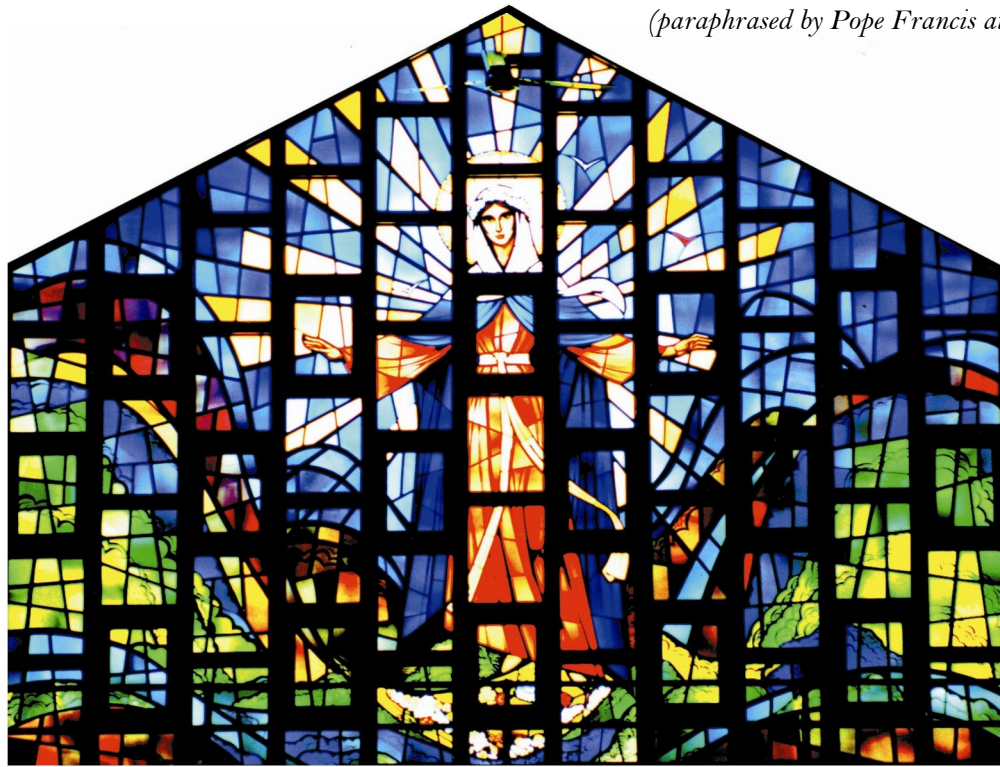
Our Lady of the Valley Church

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 24, 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

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Weekend Collection

Weekend Collection:
December 17, 2017

Figures not available
Due to early holiday printing

Thank you for your continued generosity!



Holiday Hours - Parish Center

The Parish Center will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, December 25-26. Normal hours will resume on Wednesday, December 27.

Presider Schedule

Weekend of December 30-31:

Our Lady of the Valley

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

Holy Cross

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

Weekly Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 24	8:00am	Anna Santee Carmen La Vorgna
	10:00am	William Francis Bogan Joseph Dul Dr. Robert Winter
	12:00pm	NO MASS

December 24

4:00pm (Hall)	In Memory of and in Honor of all our Relatives and Friends
4:00pm (Church)	
6:00pm	
11:00pm	

Christmas Eve

Monday, December 25

8:00am	In Memory of and in Honor of all our Relatives and Friends
10:00am	
12:00pm	

Christmas Day

Tuesday, December 26	7:30am	Sam Giannini Lucy Grossi Frank & Helen Schumm
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Miraculous Medal Novena to follow Mass on Tuesday

Wednesday, December 27	7:30am	For the People
Thursday, December 28	7:30am	For the People
Friday, December 29	7:30am	For the People
Saturday, December 30	7:30am	For the People
	5:00pm	For the People
Sunday, December 31	8:00am	Gaetano & Angelina Ferraro Alfred Toscani
	10:00am	William Bogan Dr. Anthony Novembre
	12:00pm	Diana Breen Charles Werkley

Christmas Mass Schedule

Our Lady of the Valley

Sunday, December 24 - Christmas Eve
4:00pm & 6:00pm & 11:00pm

Monday, December 25 - Christmas Day
8:00am & 10:00am, 12:00 Noon

Holy Cross

Sunday, December 24-Christmas Eve
5:00pm

Monday, December 25-Christmas Day

Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 24, 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:

Dean Ricciardi

From Anna & Cindy Ricciardi

Faith Formation Program

Grades 1-8:

Sunday, January 7, 21, and 28
8:30-9:45 and 10:30-11:45

Monday, January 8, 22, and 29
7:00-8:15pm



Confirmation I:

Sunday, January 14
9:30am—11:30am

Confirmation II:

Sunday, January 14
1:15pm—2:45pm

Christmas Flower Memorial Donations

It is a meaningful custom to make a donation in memory of a loved one towards the flowers and plants that decorate our worship space during the Christmas season. As you know, a list is published containing the names of the donors and the names of those remembered. Please, when you fill out the envelope **PLEASE PRINT THE NAMES LEGIBLY**. Sometimes it is very difficult to decipher the names when they are written in script. Thank you.

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,
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, George Wilson*

Parents - Confirmation II

All Confirmation II parents:

Please be aware there will be a mandatory meeting for Parents of Confirmation II students (2nd year) on **Sunday, January 14, 2018**.

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 2:15pm. The meeting will last approximately 30 minutes and students will be dismissed into the hall from their classes at the end of the meeting.

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.

Morning Mass and the Weather

Now that the winter weeks are upon us and we have already had snow twice, it is time to remind our parishioners: If the Wayne School District cancels school or has a delayed opening due to inclement weather of snow and/or ice, the 7:30am Mass here at Our Lady of the Valley is canceled.



Winter Clothing Drive

The weekend of **January 20-21** we will have our annual Deacon Ray Kucinski Winter Clothing Drive.

After every Mass that weekend you can drop off your gently used winter clothing **in Father Rugel Hall**.

Now is the time to look in your closets to see what you have and no longer use and share those items with our less fortunate brothers and sisters. Thank you for your generosity and sharing with those who are in most need!

Holy Spirit Fundraiser

COMEDY NIGHT

Saturday, January 6
Holy Spirit School Parish Center

Enjoy a night of laughter featuring New Jersey's Bad Boy MIKE MARINO. Doors open at 7:00pm. Show begins promptly at 8:30pm. Tickets are \$25 each (coffee and dessert included). Feel free to bring your own food, beer, wine, soda or any other beverage of your choice to have at your table.

For tickets call Holy Spirit School at 973-835-5680 (during school hours) or 862-228-3430 (evenings and weekends). To qualify for a special drawing, purchase tickets by January 1st. Only adults 21 and older will be permitted. This is a reserved seating event. All proceeds will benefit the 2018 graduating class of Holy Spirit School.

Holy Spirit Church
330 Newark Pompton Turnpike, Pequannock, NJ 07440

Welcome to the WeShare family!

WeShare aspires to provide the highest level of security to safeguard the online information of you and your parishioners.

With the migration of ParishPay financial data to WeShare we are asking your parishioners to validate their account to ensure the security of that information.

Please note their current account settings and scheduled donations will continue without validation. However, they will need to validate to:

- Make any adjustment to their current account, including adding donations, changing their scheduled donations or changing credit card numbers (new payment source, expires or reissues).
- Refresh their passwords.
- Provide valid email addresses to support password resets as required.
- Receive email confirmation of successful transactions or any declined transactions.
- Conform to recognized security best practices.

Validating their account online is a simple process but it does require the parishioner to know specific information about their account.

We will also provide support to your parishioners at 800-950-9952 select *Option 1* or email **WeShare@4lpi.com**. However we cannot assist them with validation if they can't provide the requisite information.

If your parishioner does not have access to information needed to validate their account you may validate for them. Security protocols require that each parishioner be validated individually. You can do so by:

- Working with donors while they're in the User Validation Tool to help enter the appropriate information.
- You can also validate your parishioners within their account and send them a password reset (with a valid email address)
 - Go to Manage Users within your WeShare site.
 - Click on member's name to open account.
 - Click on Change Email Address if needed to add email.

Come let us celebrate Him!



The Pastoral and Administrative Staffs of Our Lady of the Valley and Holy Cross Parishes wish all a most Holy, Blessed and Merry Christmas.
May the New Year bring you Joy, Health and Peace!

Giving Tree Thank You

Another Giving Tree season was fruitful. It is always successful when those in need receive from those who care. We care! We continue to reach out and help our community. That is what we are all about.

It is always fun for me to chat with and be with the Our Lady of the Valley community. I love this ministry. It gives us an opportunity to interact with the entire parish community from young to old. It is very rewarding for us who “hang out in the parking lot” to see the faces on the Little Sisters and the Friars when they receive the bundles of gifts. And of course there is Bishop Marvin Mack; what a treat to talk to him and hear about his work with the homeless in Paterson.

As always, there are some MVP's: the ministry would not happen without Sharon LaScola and her elves. Bob Maguire and Tom Kilgallen are my right and left hand. They are always there. Members of our youth group put in many service hours. Standout elves were Tyler, Zachary and Evan VanderVelden and Shane Loffredo. And of course many fellow knights who helped tag, bag and distribute gifts. We are a team.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
Gary Seminara

Help Wanted: Ushers

The Ministry of Usher (also known as hospitality) is an important ministry of the parish. It is more than just taking up the collection (which in itself is important). Ushers act as welcomers and direction givers and assist with “traffic flow” at the time of the reception of Holy Communion. They assist our parishioners with whatever is needed at Mass. They also help keep the church “tidy” after Mass.

Ushers are needed at all of our Masses. Any man or woman is welcome to become an usher. If interested please contact Joseph Campbell at 973-997-6208.

Cards and Prayers for Military

Is a member of your family currently serving in the military? (father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister, grandchildren, niece, nephew)

Our Women's Cornerstone Group would like to know. We want to keep them in our prayers, and also, we would like to send them cards and gift packages to show them our appreciation for their service to our country. We want them to know that their parish community remembers them and cares about them and that they are in our thoughts and prayers throughout the year.

Print their name and military address on a piece of paper (and also their relationship to you). You can deposit the name in the box on the back porch of the parish center or just drop it in the collection basket on the weekend when you come to Church.

Spiritual Reflection

Listen Well!

An angel appears with a startling announcement to an otherwise insignificant housewife. Mary responds, “Let it be done unto me according to your word.”

Is there a way to understand her heart as she utters these words, so dramatically significant to the human race? Let us take an “inside approach” to the story in the Gospel.

There is a contrast written into Luke’s gospel that will help us do that. In fact the Angel Gabriel makes two Annunciations in Luke’s Gospel, not just one, and Luke presents them right after each other. Each one is about a child to be born, and, strangely, each birth is completely impossible. Zechariah’s wife Elizabeth is barren, so she cannot have a child. Mary has no husband and has never had conjugal relations. In other words, Gabriel announced two seeming absurdities. Mary’s and Zechariah’s responses to the angel are the same.

Or almost the same.

Zechariah: “How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years.”

Mary: “How can this be? I have no relations with a man.”

Stop. Ponder these responses for a moment.

Did you spot the difference?

Both are responding to God’s steadfast love as announced by Gabriel. We could paraphrase Mary’s response as: “How in the world is this going to happen? Tell me more so I can understand.”

Zechariah answers with something quite different—and in fact, insulting, even though it sounds almost the same. He says, “How shall I know this?” Not Mary’s “I believe you, but how will it happen,” but “give me some reason to know the truth of your claim. Prove it.”

This kind of question is understandable, but terribly inappropriate. God’s voice had already spoken love deeply into Zechariah’s heart throughout his whole life. By this time, trust in God’s promise should have been woven into the fabric of Zechariah’s life.

His speech and his hearing were taken away when he challenged the Angel. But look, they were already gone anyway. He had not listened to what God has pledged to every human being—“I will be faithful to you no matter how impossible it may seem.” A human being has to let in the truth if he or she is to be able to speak it. Because Zechariah was deaf to God’s promise, he therefore had no voice to answer the angel in trust.

Mary on the other hand, simply asked for clarification. She already believed that “nothing is impossible to God,” so she listened with faith. As a result she was given the ability to “speak” the Word of God promised from the beginning of time. Her speaking here is a metaphor for giving birth to him.

How much do you and I listen to the voice of God’s promise, written in our hearts? Do our words and actions tumble out with reference to that unwavering love deep within? Maybe we are tempted to be like Zechariah, deaf to the beauties and needs of those around us, speechless when a word of love would make its home in our hearts.

Let us ask humbly on this last day of Advent for the grace to listen and to hear. The one who promised will not fail.

John Foley, SJ