

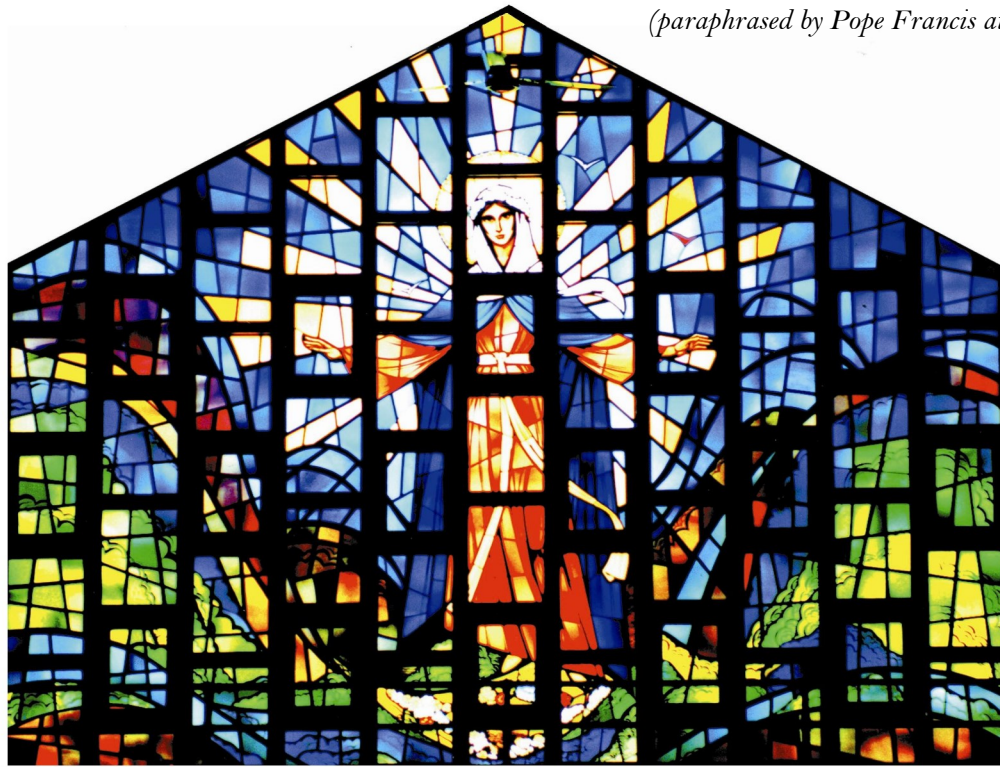
Our Lady of the Valley Church

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)*



April 1, 2018

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: March 25, 2018

Collection totals not available
due to early printing.



Thank you for your continued generosity!

Presider Schedule

Weekend of April 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, April 1	8:00am	
	10:00am	Easter Sunday
	Church	
	10:00am	
	Rugel Hall	In Memory of all our
	12:00pm	Deceased Relatives
	Church	and Friends
	12:00pm	
	Rugel Hall	
Monday, April 2	7:30am	For the People
Tuesday, April 3	7:30am	Joseph DiLeo
		<i>Miraculous Medal Novena to follow Mass on Tuesday</i>
Wednesday, April 4	7:30am	Nancy O'Flaherty
Thursday, April 5	7:30pm	John Fierro
Friday, April 6	7:30am	Mae Cocilovo
Saturday, April 7	7:30am	For the People
	5:00pm	Paul Santo Cavaliere Jr.
		Anne & Carmen Russo
Sunday, April 8	8:00am	Joseph Caputo
		Gaetano & Angelina Ferraro
	10:00am	Pasquale Ciampa
		Mabel Garofalo
		Domenico Rocco
	12:00pm	Engracio Basilio
		Frances Kondrat
		Paul Liskay

Parish Center

Please note the Parish Center will be closed
on Easter Monday, April 2.

The office will reopen on Tuesday, April 3, at
9:00am.



Prayer Shawls

The women of the prayer shawl ministry continue to create beautiful shawls for both men and women. If you or a family member or a friend are in need of comfort for any reason, please call Sr. Dorothy at 973-694-4585 x7245 or via email at srdorothy@olvwayne.org.

If you would like to join this ministry, prayer shawl meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month from 10:00am - 12:00pm in the Parish Center. Join us for coffee, prayers, knitting or crocheting.

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord - April 1, 2018

Weekly Remembrance

If you are interested in dedicating the weekly Sanctuary Lamp which 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, please contact the Parish office.

Donation \$40.

Adult Confirmation Classes

If you are 19 years or older and would like information regarding reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact Sr. Dorothy via phone at 973-694-4585, x7245 or via email at srdorothy@olvwayne.org.

Preparation classes will be held on the following Wednesday's from 7:15pm-8:30pm:

April 11
April 18
April 25
May 2
May 9
May 16



The Sacrament will be conferred on Sunday, May 20.

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.

Faith Formation Program

Grades 1-8:

Sunday - April 15, 22
8:30am - 9:45am and 10:30am - 11:45am

Monday - April 16, 23
7:00pm-8:15pm



Confirmation I:

Sunday, April 8
9:30am—11:30am

Confirmation II:

Sunday, April 8
1:15pm—2:45pm

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:

Joseph Brucato Jr., Chris Camp, Louis Caprio, Ralph Cicetti, Maggie Corley, Kathy Corrao, Robert Darpino, Flo Felano, Josephine Ganz, Marie Liffers, Arminda Lume, Mary Maksuta, Rosa Malfa, Helen Minetti, Gloria Minnocci, Jenny Moskal, Donna Ottomanelli, Monica Phalon, Andrew Potter, Michael Renaldo, Norma Rivera, Kristen Sedlacik, Alfred Smetana, Patricia Smith, Paul Tafuri, Michael Waldinger, George Wilson

Festival News



Come celebrate our 30th Anniversary of the Our Lady of the Valley Parish Festival from May 15-20.

Super 50-50 tickets have been mailed and are being returned. Our current total is over \$7,000...and climbing! We are hoping to top our amount from last year and need **your** help to make it happen! Please return your tickets either through the mail, drop them off in the basket at the weekend liturgy, or bring them in person to the Parish Center. If you need more tickets, please call the parish secretary.

We are looking to expand our list of sponsors for our festival, especially for our 30th Anniversary year. If you work for a company that might be interested in sponsoring our festival, please call the parish secretary. We have three levels available, Platinum, Gold and Silver. Help this festival to be the best ever!

Festival Hours

Tuesday, May 15, through Friday, May 18
6:00pm - 10:00pm

Saturday, May 19
2:00pm - 10:00pm

Sunday, May 20
1:00pm—8:00pm

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl

Encounter the Risen Christ

We prayed, fasted and gave alms-and now we celebrate Easter joy! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl ends as we encounter our Risen Lord. We reflect on our brothers and sisters we have walked with, and we commit to bringing Easter joy to each person we meet in our daily lives. Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl as soon as possible. If you are planning to write a check, please make payable to Our Lady of the Valley as one check in the full amount of all donations will be submitted to the diocese.

Easter and a Sense of the Season

With the celebration of Easter Sunday, the Sacred Triduum is brought to its conclusion and the great fifty days begin. Days of fast yield to days of feast!

The Solemnity of Easter and its season can be incredibly sweet, literally and figuratively. Fragrant flowers and plants decorate our worship space, jelly beans and other candies have been given and received, and symbols like the egg and the bunny rabbit remind us of fertility and new birth. In many regions of the world, the land is greening and spring has either visually commenced or is around the corner.

Easter is for us both an ending and a beginning. "We are always living after Easter, and we are always going toward Easter." It is the great Saint Augustine who gave us the words that we use during the Easter season, when he said: "We are an Easter People, and Alleluia is our song!"

During the Great Easter Vigil on Saturday night we experienced an important moment for the Church in the process of Christian Initiation. Witnessing adult Baptism, Confirmation, and First Eucharist helps us see the importance of the faith journey not only for the individuals who have participated, but for the Church as a whole, as we reflect on our own journey through the years.

During Easter, while we welcome new members into the Church, we also welcome our faithful parishioners who join us each week. We welcome back those who may have been away from the Church, for whatever reason. People step away from the Church for many reasons. Some seem small, but they are significant in the life of that person. Whether you join with us each week or only come a few times a year, please know that you are always welcome here in this 'House of the Church.'

Father Wells

Expectant Parents

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

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



Volunteers Needed

Hospice of New Jersey is looking for volunteers to visit patients, do good, and help others.

"Those we serve are faced with the challenges associated with end-of-life care. Hospice of New Jersey is committed to easing those challenges. Our philosophy is to walk together with those we serve to provide the highest quality care with compassion and dignity."



If interested or for further details, contact Terry Russo Hudak at 973-893-0818.

St. Vincent's Nursing Home/Rehab

St. Vincent's Nursing Home & Rehab Center is set quietly away on E. Lindsley Road in Cedar Grove. The setting is a fitting atmosphere to care for wonderful human beings who are in need of assistance in their daily lives. The excellent rehabilitation program offers therapy to restore quality of life to those who have suffered a stroke or physical injury.



In addition to the employees of St. Vincent's, the lives of the residents are touched by the kindness of volunteers. These generous and caring people transport residents back and forth to Mass and to a myriad of activities. In some cases, a volunteer may be someone's sole visitor. Volunteers allow a resident to communicate and laugh with others, be present for special musical activities, play bingo or create a handmade poncho or an individual flower garden. In order to make these wonderful opportunities available to residents, volunteers are necessary to transport an individual and chat along the way.

If you are interested, please call Sister June at 973-754-4831. You will never dream of how important you can be to others.

Immaculate Heart of Mary School

Immaculate Heart of Mary School A Gift to the People of Wayne

Children spend most of their time in the classroom, and at IHM our class sizes allow personal attention by our caring teachers to help your child do better when they need help in a particular subject. Our classrooms are places to learn in and develop skills to help them lead and succeed. They are places where respect, teamwork and friendship grow and flourish. We wear uniforms because they show that school is a responsibility to be taken seriously. They keep the focus on learning, not on discussing fashion and comparing outfits. Students support each other through a unique buddy system where older students are paired with our younger students in a one-on-one mentoring relationship. Student love our buddy system!

*IHM School is a K - 8 Catholic school serving Wayne Township and the surrounding communities, with a separate preschool, **SMALL BLESSINGS**, for three and four year olds offering flexible days and hours. For further information call 973-694-1225.*

Designer Handbag Bingo

Sponsored by:
Rifle Camp Volunteer Fire Company #3
Serving the Borough of Woodland Park

Friday, April 27
Doors Open at 5:30 pm - Games Begin at 7:00 pm

Passaic Valley Elks Lodge No. 2111
1 Fellner Place
Totowa, NJ 07512

Admission \$30.00
Includes 8 Games of Bingo & Dauber
(Additional Bingo Cards Available For Purchase)

Desserts, Snacks, Beverages, & Wine Included*
Bring Your Own Food Too

Prizes include authentic handbags by
Coach, Kate Spade, Michael Kors, Tory Burch,
and more!!

50/50 & Accessory Tricky Tray (Wallets, Wristlets, etc.)

Please call or email for tickets:
Cecilia 973-986-5384/riflecampbingo@yahoo.com

No Children Under 18 Permitted
BYOB Not Permitted Due To Facility Regulations

Our Sisters in Concert

A Musical Afternoon with our Sisters

Join us for a very special concert on **Sunday, April 8, at 3:00pm at Saint John the Baptist Cathedral in Paterson** for *Our Sisters in Concert*.

Several religious communities will be represented as they perform hymns and songs. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the talents and gifts of our Sisters who have dedicated their lives for the mission of the Diocese of Paterson.

Free garage parking is available!

DePaul Open House

DePaul Catholic High School will be hosting an Open House on **Wednesday, April 25**, at 7:00pm. Register online at www.depaulcatholic.org.

For more information, flexible days or hours, contact the Office of Admissions at admissions@dpchs.org or 973-694-3702 ext. 442.

Holy Sprit Tricky Tray

Holy Spirit School located at 330 Newark Pompton Turnpike in Pequannock will be hosting its annual Tricky Tray on **Friday, April 13**. We are grateful for the community members that have been so supportive throughout the years and we hope you will join us again for an evening that will prove to be just as entertaining and enjoyable as in the past.

This year's tricky tray will have over 200 prizes that include an iPad, Apple Watch, 50" flat screen TV, tickets to a Broadway show, tickets to Hershey Amusement Park, bicycles, designer bags, Fitbit, kitchen electronics, gift cards to local restaurants and salons and so much more.

Admission is \$15 and includes a sheet of small prize tickets along with dessert and coffee. To purchase tickets or for more information call the school at 973-835-5680.

Don Bosco Open House

Don Bosco Prep will host its spring Open House for prospective students on **Thursday, April 26**, from 6:30-8:30pm. All seventh and eighth grade students and parents are invited to attend.

Come and get a tour of the campus and hear about our exciting programs, classes, clubs, activities, sports teams, and financial aid opportunities. To register, visit www.donboscoprep.org.

Spiritual Reflection

Soft Light

Night's dark soul awakens. Tiny chirps of life tug at its ear. Just the smallest candlefull of light peeks through its shadows. Dawn tiptoes in.

It is the balance-point of all time.

Easter.

Friday tempted us to guilt—about his wounds, thinking that our sins caused them. About his arms, still marked with shrill hurts. And maybe that is why he can hold us, enfold us so well. Maybe the wounds know somehow the shape of our small selves.

Mothering Christ.

The cantor at Easter Vigil sings these words:

*O certe necessarium Adae peccatum
quod Christi morte deletum est!
O felix culpa,
quae talem ac tantum meruit habere Redemptorem!**

Oh truly necessary sin of Adam,
blotted out by the death of Christ!
O blessed fault, which has merited such a Redeemer,
so great a Redeemer.

Isn't the cantor singing in praise of the sin of Adam and Eve? "O necessary fault"? Christ's death has taken their sin away. Is it right to rejoice about sin being "necessary"? Original sin does not really seem like a good or blessed event. Nor our selfish penchant for misdeed.

Yet it is true. Without such a sin, such a Savior would never have had reason to come. Now Christ's wounded arms can sweep us up, comfort and absolve and hold us. We are blessed beyond words.

Sins always carry in their revolt the pledge of forgiveness. Night always carries in its midst the promise of light.

*O vere beata nox,
in qua terrenis caelestia,
humanis divina iunguntur!*
O truly blessed night,
in whom earth is wedded to heaven,
and humans to God!

Several rows of the people have their candles lit. Over there, a lot more. Soon half the church awakens to Christ's gentle light. And, quickly, the rest. Morning has eased their faces into daylight, into the soft, humble glow.

Jesus became the night. Jesus is the light.

We can see him for who he has been all along. The Christ of God. The essence of love. The modest flame who softly lights the world.

John Foley, SJ

* Latin text is from the *Exultet*, an ancient chant sung during the Easter Vigil. It is traditionally performed by the deacon after the Paschal candle has been lit and the clergy have processed to the altar.