

Holy Cross Catholic 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



March 26, 2017

Schedule of Masses

Saturdays: 5:00pm

Sundays: 10:00am

*Daily Mass is celebrated at 7:30am
at Our Lady of the Valley Church*

630 Valley Road - Wayne

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 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 of March 19, 2017

Weekend Collection: \$1,140.75

Candles/Poor Box: \$22.00

Total Collection: \$1,162.75

Mass Attendance: 131

Thank you for your continued generosity!

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
March 27
April 3, 10, 17, 24

Time: 6:00pm—7:30pm

Where: Our Lady of the Valley Parish Center
(Youth Room is located at the front door)

Contact: To register or for further information:
Sister Dorothy 973-694-4585X7245



Weekly Mass Intentions

April 1 —5:00pm For the People

April 2 —10:00am For the People

Presider this weekend is Father Peter

Presider at Our Lady of the Valley are as follows:

5:00pm Father Wells

8:00am Father Peter

10:00am Father Wells

12:00Noon Father Wells

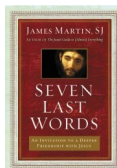
Parish's Sacramental and Prayer Life

*"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, Kathy Corrao,
Robert Darpino, Carole DeSimone,
Flo Felano, Josephine Ganz,
Lawrence Jerome Hanlon, Marie Liffers,
Mary Maksuta, Gloria Minnocci,
James Murray, Michael Renaldo,
Kristen Sedlacik, Michael Waldinger

Lenten Prayer and Book Discussion



Looking for a Lenten Enrichment. Mark your calendar for a **Prayer and Book Discussion** that will be held March 27 and April 3 at 10:00am or March 28 and April 4 at 7:00pm based on Father James Martin's *Seven Last Words*. For more information, please contact: Srdorothy@olvwayne.org or 973-694-4585 x7245.

Stations of the Cross

The 'Stations of the Cross' will be prayed each Friday evening during Lent at 7:00pm at Our Lady of the Valley Church. For many, the Stations of the Cross are synonymous with Lent. This devotion is also known as the "Way of the Cross," the "Via Crucis," and the "Via Dolorosa." It commemorates fourteen key events on the day of Jesus' crucifixion, the majority concerning his final walk through the streets of Jerusalem, carrying his cross. The Stations originated in medieval Europe when wars prevented Christian pilgrims from visiting the Holy Land and walking along the actual route.

Fourth Sunday in Lent — March 26, 2017

Faith Formation

Grades 1-8:

Sunday, March 26; April 2, 23, 30
8:30-9:45 and 10:30-11:45

Monday, March 27; April 3, 24, May 1
7:00-8:15pm

Confirmation I:

Sunday, April 9
9:30am—11:30am

Confirmation II:

Sunday, April 9
1:15pm—2:45pm



Welcome Home to Healing

Once again this year, the parishes of our Diocese of Paterson will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on the Mondays of Lent, taking part in the 'Welcome Home to Healing' initiative. The scriptures proclaimed during Lent echo the call to conversion, especially through the Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Special emphasis is given to Reconciliation and Penance so that all may celebrate the Paschal Triduum and Easter renewed in soul and spirit.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated from 7:00pm to 8:30pm at Our Lady of the Valley on the following Mondays: **March 27 and April 3**

Encounter Community

We encounter Maria in Mexico, where a community of hardworking women share joys, sorrows and fellowship while growing economic opportunity at a greenhouse. How have your communities helped you encounter Christ anew this Lent? Visit csrricebowl.org for more.



Increased Offertory Program

Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card to the church. As a reminder, all commitments need to be submitted to the church no later than April 9 in order to be accounted for in the final Summary Report. Please complete and submit your card to the church even if you are unable to make a change to your current level of giving. For those registered parishioners not currently supporting the church with regular offertory gifts, please consider a monthly gift to support the needs of our parish.

A Lenten Honeymoon?

To see Lent as a honeymoon might seem like a contradiction in terms. Yet these forty days calls us to a renewal of our romance with God. It is with that premise that Rev. Edward Hays wrote

A Lenten Hobo Honeymoon:

Daily Reflections for the Journey of Lent.

Jesus journeyed through life as a hobo, as one with "nowhere to lay his head." Lent, likewise, calls us to be hobos, to be like those Homeward Bound Civil War veterans who worked their way back to their loved ones. That contraction (HO-BO) reminds us that we too are homeward bound pilgrims in this life – ho-bos who cannot rest until we rest in God, our final destination.

A big question for Lent is "How should I pray?" and "Why should I pray?" One immediate reason is that we are hobos. Life is journey that requires a passport, and as a wandering vagabond we carry a unique passport. The writer of the Letter to the Philippians reminds us that we are not really citizens of the United States, or any other country for that matter, but rather that "our citizenship is in heaven."

Perhaps along with the ashes we received on Ash Wednesday, we should have been given a small blue passport book with the word **Paradise** stamped in gold on the cover. To carry such a passport would help to remind us that we are homeward bound in this season of Lent. Unlike Christmas, in which most every street is decorated with lights and symbols of the season, except for the occasional large wooden cross outside a church, the road of Lent has no such reminders. To be a Lenten pilgrim in our secular society is to be both a hobo and an alien.

Why should we pray during this sacred season? Prayer is perhaps the best reminder that the pilgrimage of Lent is really a journey of love. In fact, prayer is the passport that gives us entrance to the honeymoon lands of communion with the Divine. Prayer is not some form of heavenly taxation or obligation; it is an exchange between lovers. Let Lent encourage us to recapture the romantic spirit of prayer. Let Lent encourage us to be more like Jesus, who was intimate with God, throughout his journey to Jerusalem and all along his pilgrimage. Like Jesus, constantly use the passport of prayer to transport you along the honeymoon journey of Lent.

Father Wells