

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

University of Notre Dame

(paraphrased by Pope Francis at General Audience)



March 4, 2018

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 February 25, 2018

Weekend Collection:	\$1,779.00
Ash Wednesday:	\$60.00
Parish Pay:	\$268.00
Total Collection:	\$2,107.00
Mass Attendance:	130

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Faith Formation News

Grades 1-8:

Sunday, March 4, 18, 25
8:30-9:45 and
10:30-11:45

Confirmation I

Sunday - March 11
9:30am—11:30am

Grades 1-8:

Monday, March 5, 19, 26
7:00-8:15pm

Confirmation II

Sunday - March 11
1:15pm—2:45pm



Pastoral Visit

On **Saturday, March 17**, Bishop Serratelli will join us here at Holy Cross and celebrate the **5:00pm Mass** for the Fifth Sunday in Lent. His visit to our parish is a reminder to us that our parish is not alone. We belong to the larger Church of the Diocese of Paterson, which in turn belongs to the larger Universal Church. When we pray we join our prayers to those of all our brothers and sisters throughout the three counties of our diocese. Please join Bishop Serratelli for the 5:00pm Mass and welcome him to our parish.

Weekly Mass Intentions

March 3 - 5:00pm

For the People

March 4 - 10:00am

Agnes Bertoline

March 10 - 5:00pm

Debbie Petkovich

March 11 - 10:00am

William Bertoline

Presider is Father Wells

Our Lady of the Valley

5:00pm

Father Peter

8:00am

Father Wells

10:00am

Father Peter

12:00 Noon

Father Peter

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:

*Wilfredo Balbuena, Joseph Brucato Jr.,
Father Michael Burke, Chris Camp, Louis Caprio,
Ralph Cicetti, Kathy Corrao, Robert Darpino,
Jason Dellavalle, Flo Felano, Josephine Ganz,
Marie Liffers, Mary Maksuta, Rosa Malfa,
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*

Partners In Faith Campaign

Our Holy Cross Parish has received from our Diocese of Paterson a check in the amount of **\$300.00**, a rebate check from the Partners in Faith Campaign. Parishes received disbursement amounts to 25% of all unrestricted cash gifts received up to a parish goal and 60% of unrestricted cash gifts received over-goal. This is the fifth rebate check the parish has received. The total amount returned to the parish over the past five years is **\$1,512.00**. We gratefully acknowledge and thank the generosity of our parishioners to the Partners in Faith Campaign.

Expectant Parents

The blessing of expectant parents will take place after all Masses next weekend, March 10-11. Please meet the priest or deacon at the baptismal font following Mass for this special blessing which occurs monthly.

Third Sunday of Lent - March 4, 2018

Flu Season and the Reception of Holy Communion

Nothing can absolutely prevent the spread of the flu virus, but a few **common sense recommendations** can help to lessen the possibility:

1. If you do not feel well and suspect that you may have the flu or a cold: stay **at home and do not come to Mass.**
2. Wash your hands frequently with soap and water or an alcohol based hand cleanser.
3. All Eucharistic Ministers should wash their hands thoroughly before and after Mass: Hand cleanser is available in the sacristy.
4. **Sign of Peace:** if you feel uncomfortable with the exchange of the sign of peace through a handshake you are under no obligation to do so. You may extend the sign of peace to your neighbors by a nod of the head.
5. Receiving Holy Communion in the hand is the most practical means to distribute the Blessed Eucharist in a sanitary way.
6. Receiving the Eucharist by also drinking the Precious Blood from the common Communion Cup is discontinued until the level of flu cases has dramatically decreased.

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.

Women's Association

The Our Lady of the Valley Women's Association will gather on Wednesday, March 14, at 1:30pm in the Parish Center. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

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 5, March 12, and March 19.**

Faith Formation Registration

Registration for **all** Faith Formation classes, including Confirmation, will be held in March. Our registrations are held in person; we offer three meetings on various days at varied times in hopes of accommodating your schedules. **Please note:** This is a mandatory meeting in Father Rugel Hall. One parent/guardian must be present to register their child. This is for all students who will be in grades 1-10 beginning in September 2018. The dates and times are as follows:

Thursday, March 8 at 7:00pm

Saturday, March 10 at 10:00am

Wednesday, March 14 at 4:00pm

We respectfully request that you be on time for these meetings and stay for the entire meeting. All meetings take place in Father Rugel Hall.

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl

In Burkina Faso, we encounter Safiata, a mother, grandmother and farmer who relies on the money she makes from her crops to put her children through school. How can our purchases this Lent support farmers and artisans? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities. Visit crsricebowl.org.

A Special Lenten Fast

Fast from using harsh words...	USE POSITIVE ONES MEN AND WOMEN NEED TO HEAR.
Fast from unhappiness...	TAKE UP GRATITUDE.
Fast from anger...	TAKE UP GENTLENESS AND PATIENCE.
Fast from pessimism...	TAKE UP HOPE AND OPTIMISM.
Fast from worrying...	TAKE UP TRUST IN GOD.
Fast from jealousy...	VALUE WHAT YOU HAVE.
Fast from lying...	TAKE UP HONESTY.
Fast from judging others...	SEE JESUES IN THEM.
Fast from bitterness...	FILL YOUR HEART WITH JOY.
Fast from selfishness...	TAKE UP COMPASSION FOR OTHERS.
Fast from being unforgiving...	LEARN RECONCILIATION.
Give up words...	FILL YOURSELF WITH SILENCE.
	AND LISTEN TO OTHERS.