

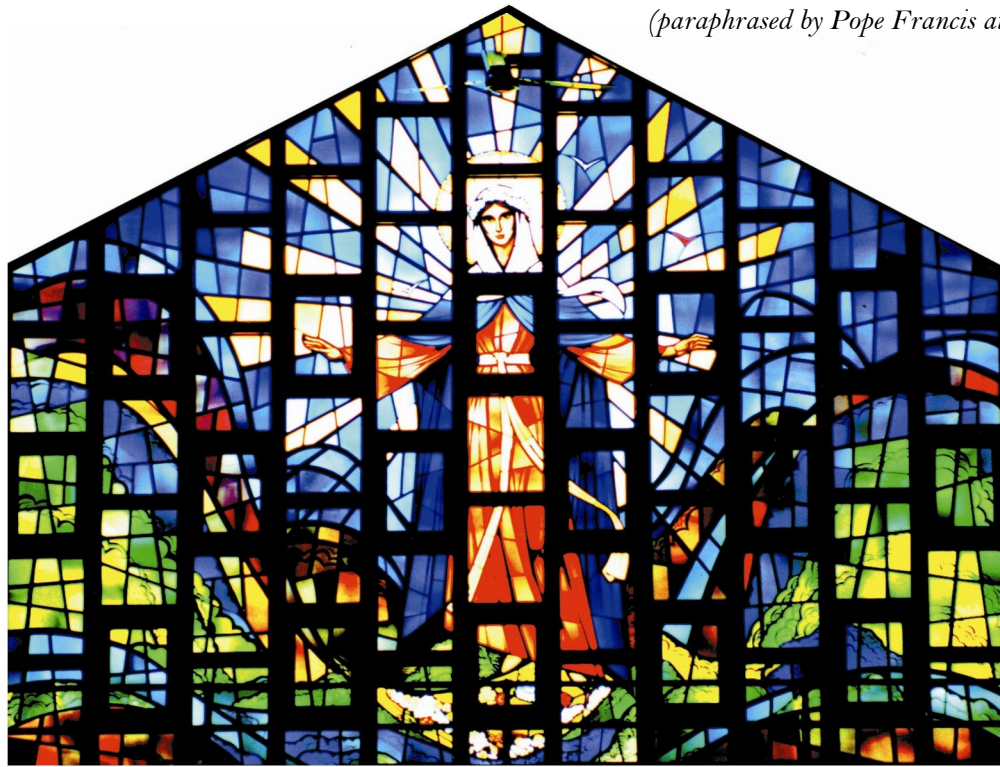
# Our Lady of the Valley Church

630 Valley Road - Wayne - New Jersey - 07470 - [www.olvwayne.org](http://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)*



January 8, 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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**John Peragallo III, Director of Music Ministry**  
John@peragallo.com

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### TRUSTEES OF THE PARISH

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**Mark Peischl**  
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**Michael Renaldo (Trustee Emeritus)**

## Weekend Collection

**Weekend Collection:**  
**January 1, 2017**

Totals unavailable at time of printing.

## Presider Schedule

**Weekend of January 14—15:**

### Our Lady of the Valley

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

### Holy Cross

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

## Weekly Mass Intentions

Monday, January 9	7:30am	For the People
Tuesday, January 10	7:30am	Ron Carlucci Special Intention Dominick Gagliostro Special Intention Anna Maria De Laurentis

*Miraculous Medal Novena to follow Mass on Tuesday*

Wednesday, January 11	7:30am	For the People
Thursday, January 12	7:30am	Michael Turco Special Intention
Friday, January 13	7:30am	For the People
Saturday, January 14	7:30am	For the People
	5:00pm	Joseph Ackaway Raymond & Joy Catanzaro Joe Camerlingo Evelyn Verderame Linda Solop
Sunday, January 15	8:00am	Raymond Catanzaro Charles Marino Eileen Horn Pascrell
	10:00am	Robert Belli Theresa Hucke Jozef Moskal Marek Jakub Pluta
	12:00pm	John Lukacsko Delores Maccharelli Robert Remedias

## Weekly Remembrance

The Sanctuary Lamp, which burns near the tabernacle, in church and is the reminder of our Lord's presence in the Most Holy Eucharist, will burn in loving memory of:

*Gerard Farese*

Also, the altar bread and wine, which will become the Holy Body and Precious Blood of our Lord, was given in memory of Gerard Farese by his loving family .

## The Epiphany of the Lord — January 8, 2017

## Confirmation II Parents Meeting TODAY

All Confirmation II parents: Please be aware there will be a mandatory meeting for Parents of Confirmation II students (2nd year) **TODAY, January 8, 2017.**

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



## Faith Formation

### Grades 1-8:

Sunday, January 22, 29  
February 5, 26  
8:30-9:45 and 10:30-11:45

Monday, January 23, 30  
February 6, 27  
7:00-8:15pm



**Confirmation I:**  
TODAY, January 8  
9:30am—11:30am

**Confirmation II:**  
TODAY, January 8  
1:15pm—2:45pm

## 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, Robert Darpino, Carole DeSimone, Flo Felano, Josephine Ganz, Marie Liffers, Mary Maksuta, Gloria Minnocci, James Murray, Michael Renaldo, Ann Russo, Kristen Sedlacik, 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:

*David Allen Hesson*

*Robert J. Rizzi*

## Holy Spirit School Fundraiser

### COMEDY NIGHT

Saturday, January 28

Holy Spirit School Parish Center

330 Newark Pompton Turnpike, Pequannock

Enjoy a night of laughter featuring professional comedians Eric McMahon and Richie Byrne.

Doors open at 7:00pm; show begins at 8:30pm

Tickets are \$25 each (coffee and dessert included). Feel free to bring you 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](tel:973-835-5680) (during school hours) or [862-228-3430](tel:862-228-3430) (evenings and weekends).

To qualify for a special drawing, **purchase tickets by January 14th.** Only adults 21 and older will be permitted. All proceeds will benefit the children of Holy Spirit School.

## St. Mary's Singles' Dance

Saturday, January 28  
8:00pm—12:00pm

At the Carnevale Center of St. Mary's Parish,  
Downey Hall, 10 Lenox Avenue, Pompton Lakes  
Contact: St. Mary's 973-835-0374

St. Mary's Singles' Social Committee is pleased to present  
their Social event for single adults ages 40 plus.

DJ, beer, wine, non-alcoholic beverages, door prizes and  
munchies available.

\$15 admission fee.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Follow us on Facebook and Meetup: St. Mary's Singles  
Dance

## Winter Clothing Drive

On the weekend of January 21-22, we will host our  
annual Deacon Ray Kucinski Winter Clothing Drive.  
After every Mass that weekend, please 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!



## Women's Cornerstone

The ladies from the OLV Cornerstone, cordially  
invite all women of the Parish to join us after Mass on  
the weekend of January 7 and 8, 2017.

We will be serving coffee and in Father Rugel Hall  
and sharing some of the Blessings we have each  
received while attending our Annual Retreat.

This year the retreat will be held on February 10 and  
11, 2017. All ladies are welcome and encouraged to  
join with us on this fulfilling and edifying retreat.

We will be raffling two tickets for ladies from each  
Church to participate in this spiritual event at no cost.

Please sign-up to participate in this raffle: The  
winning tickets will be drawn by the celebrant at the  
end of the final Mass, January 8.

You need not be present to win.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

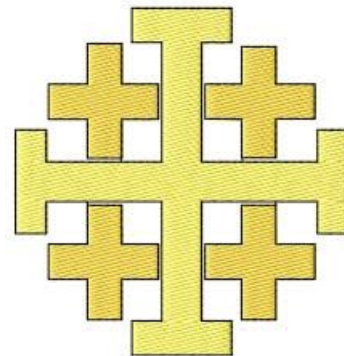
E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit the signed form to:

Our Lady of the Valley Roman Catholic Church,  
630 Valley Road,  
Wayne, NJ 07470.

For more information please call:  
Ruth Gerardino @ 973-978-7904 or  
Judi Meo @ 201-247-8175



## Epiphany Thank You

The Epiphany of the Lord, often called “Three Kings Day” is the traditional day for giving gifts in many Latino cultures. It is also the day for giving thanks for the gifts received.

We give thanks to all of our parishioners who are a tremendous gift to us. So many people came to celebrate the Christmas season with us here at Our Lady of the Valley and Holy Cross. It was truly gratifying.

We thank all those who worked so hard and long to make our celebrations of the Incarnation so meaningful and wonderful: Our Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Altar Servers and our entire Music Ministry. Thank you to our “cleaning crews” who gather weekly to prepare the churches for the weekend Masses.

Thank you to all who assisted in decorating our churches and preparing our worship spaces for the Christmas Masses. Thank you to all who made donations to the flower fund in memory of or in honor of loved ones.

Thank you also to all those who kindly shared their culinary delights with us with your gifts of cakes, candies and other assorted goodies.

May 2017 be a year of blessings for all of us.

Father Wells  
Father Peter

## Pro Life Roses

*The Knights of Columbus*

*Will be at the Church entrances after all Masses, January 21 and 22  
accepting your donations in support of:*

*Several Sources Shelters*

*300 Airmount Avenue, Ramsey, New Jersey*

*Their Mission:*

*Through God's grace, we save babies lives and shelter their young mothers while providing education and ongoing compassionate support services including our Pregnancy Sonogram Center. We further educate young people to make healthy life choices and shelter women who are homeless, sick and elderly as we help them restore their dignity,*

*Several Sources is a registered 501(3)C charity.*



## Spiritual Reflection

### Light to the Nations

This Sunday we will hear that it is Christ alone who is light to all peoples, to all the world. Jesus' preaching, his life, his death and resurrection, these became a revelation of God to every single person, no exceptions.

But how can this be? What if God is present in other world religions? How can Jesus and Christianity be the light of the world if other religions reach God also? Is there not a contradiction here?

Whatever else the bombing of New York's "World Trade Towers" did, it alerted many people in the United States to the existence of Islam. Tragically, it was the few extremists that brought this awareness, but they have very little to do with real Islam. Muslims are not some small sect of people far away with strange and negligible beliefs. They are a great people, who worship the same God we do. Their ideal is, like ours, love. They are an integral part of this country.

But, as some Christians have done sometimes in the past, Muslims have terrible fanatics among them who would kill to achieve domination. Like the IRA in Northern Ireland, these form a very small part of a religion that pledges eternal fidelity to the one God. The Spirit of God is present in Muslims and Jews as well as in Christians. As St. Paul will put it this Sunday, "in every nation, whoever fears God and acts uprightly is acceptable to him"!

The question of which religion gets to have "the" right to God reminds me of children asking their parents which child they love most. "If you love her more than me," one will say, "then you don't love me at all." Now, now, children, we love each one of you in a special way, a way that is perfect just for you.

So, in the first place, let us not ask a definitive answer about "the only" true religion, thus making all the others false. There is not really a competition. The religions are different approaches to God, and each reveals a special aspect of who God is. Jealousy and hatred of one another is an exact equivalent to dysfunctional families where each person has to fight to be recognized at all. Think of a world in which God loved only Christians and left all the others out in the cold.

A much better way is to look at how each religion and belief helps the others.

At root, Christianity gives a special revelation to the world: Jesus' suffering shows forth love in a way that is crystal clear, revealing what the others always need to hear. God enters the underside of human life, something we might never have known. He does not hesitate to suffer as we do, even to suffer at the hands of sin, disgrace and death. He became a light to all nations—not a light instead of other lights, not the light that puts out all others, but that most rare and poignant beam of all. His glow gives fiber and strength and depth to each and every other light that shines.

So which religion is first? Catholic Christians would do well to seek last place and try to be servant of all. Especially if we would like to know why, on Epiphany, a tiny baby is light to all nations.

John Foley, SJ