

Our Lady of the Valley Church

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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)*



March 26, 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: March 19, 2017

Attendance:	1,050
Weekend Collection:	\$8,377.50
Candles/Poor	\$302.82
Parish Pay:	\$2,995.25
Total:	\$11,675.57



Thank you for your continued Generosity!

Presider Schedule

Weekend of April 1—2:

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, March 26	8:00am	Irene Goodrich Paul Kuruc Sr.
	10:00am	Michael J Ambrose Bill Marrinan Marek Jacob Pluta Alfred Prospero
	12:00pm	Frank Armenio Marisel Bullaro Liberantonis DelNigro Margaret & Angelo Parisi
Monday, March 27	7:30am	For the People
Tuesday, March 28	7:30am	Steven Alex (Special Intention) Dominick Gagliostro (Special Intention)
<i>Miraculous Medal Novena to follow Mass on Tuesday</i>		
Wednesday, March 29	7:30am	For the People
Thursday, March 30	7:30am	Michael Turco (Special Intention)
Friday, March 31	7:30am	Geneva Witalis
Saturday, April 1	7:30am	For the People
	5:00pm	Bill Marrinan Pius & Agnes Park Agnes Rosciszewska Charlie Triolo
Sunday, April 2	8:00am	Mary Karstens Geraldine Ricciardelli
	10:00am	Henrietta Sweeney DeBlasio Frank Fasani Tadeusz Luniewski Bill Marrinan Marek Jacob Pluta
	12:00pm	Engracio Basilio Marion Dellorto Elisabeth Maria Hoehner Bill Marrinan

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:

John Uhlmann

Also, the altar bread and wine, which will become the Holy Body and Precious Blood of our Lord, was given in memory of John Uhlmann from the loving Uhlmann family.

Fourth Sunday of 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

Adult Confirmation Classes

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

Preparation Classes will be held on Wednesday, April 19, April 26, May 3, May 10, May 24, and May 31 from 7:30pm to 8:45pm.

The Sacrament will be conferred on Sunday, June 4.

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.

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*

*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:

Lois Ann Herman



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
Srdorothy@olvwayne.org



Welcome Home to Healing

Once again this year, the parishes of our Diocese of Paterson are celebrating 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 continue to be celebrated from 7:00pm to 8:30pm at Our Lady of the Valley on the following Mondays:



March 27
April 3

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.

Calling Young Adults

Any singers or musicians who may wish to participate in Living Stations on Good Friday are most welcomed.

Please see John Peragallo after any of the masses for a schedule of practice.

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 crsricebowl.org for more.



Adult Choir

To make it easier for YOU to join our adult choir, we have altered our format.

Rehearsals take place on Sunday morning from 9:00am—9:45am followed by singing at the 10:00am Mass. This replaces the current Thursday evening rehearsal.

Consider joining us now so you can be a part of the exciting Easter celebrations!

If interested in joining the adult choir, please call John Peragallo at 973-332-0171 or see him after

Lenten Prayer and Book Discussion

Seven Last Words

An Invitation to Deeper Friendship with Jesus

By

James Martin, SJ

With warmth, wisdom, and grace, Father Martin explains why Jesus's last words from the cross are so important for the life of the believer. For Jesus's final words show how deeply Jesus understands our human struggles and why we can turn to him completely sharing our hopes and fears with Him.



Monday Mornings
March 27 and April 3 10AM
or
Tuesday Evenings
March 28 and April 4 7PM
OLV Parish Center



To register or for further information

Contact Sister Dorothy

973.694.4585 x7245

or

Email: SrDorothy@olvwayne.org

Book will be available at time of registration.

Intellectual Disabilities Collection

This weekend at the conclusion of all Masses, the Knights of Columbus will be at the exits of the church accepting donations for their annual collection for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities.

All proceeds are donated by the Knights of Columbus, on behalf of our Parish Community to the Basile Apartments, a facility serving persons with intellectual disabilities in our Wayne community.



The Knights of Columbus
thank you in advance for your
generous support!



Sanctuary Lamp



Intentions are available for the Sanctuary Lamp, Holy Body and Precious Blood of our Lord. If you would like to schedule in remembrance of your loved one, please contact Elaine in the parish office at 973-694-4585 ext.7200 or via email: secretary@olvwayne.org. Suggested donation \$40

Holy Spirit Musical

**Holy Spirit School Performing Arts
Production of**

elf JR.
The Musical

Discover your inner elf.

Book by Thomas Meehan and Bob Martin Music by Matthew Sklar Lyrics by Chad Beguelin

Based upon the New Line Cinema film written by David Berenbaum

March 30 – April 2, 2017
THURSDAY AT 10AM
FRIDAY AT 7PM
SATURDAY AT 7PM
SUNDAY AT 3:30PM

330 Newark Pompton Turnpike
Pequannock, NJ 07440
(973)835-5680

For tickets
<https://hsspa-elfjr.eventbrite.com>

Adults \$10 Kids (14 and Under) \$5
Seniors \$8 Kids 2 and under FREE

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 a journey that requires a passport, and as wandering vagabonds 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

Spiritual Reflection

Eye Witness

Sunday's Gospel, (John 9: 1-41) is about the cure of a blind man—and about the blindness of those who think they can see.

The healing takes place on the Sabbath: Jesus makes clay with his own saliva (an earthy detail) and sends the blind man to wash in the "Pool of Siloam." When he comes back, Jesus is not there anymore but the man's sight is! Confusion reigns among the bystanders. "This can't be the blind guy that used to sit and beg." "No, it is someone else." "Ok, but it looks just like him." And so on.

They drag him to the Pharisees, and now confusion conquers all. "The law says thou shall keep the Sabbath holy," one Pharisee says. "Look at the facts. This Jesus fellow pretended to work a miracle on the Sabbath day. "Therefore he is a sinner and cannot have come from God." Another finishes the thought, " ... so he certainly could not work a miracle!" They make up a rule for themselves: "Anyone who now can see must always have been able to see!"

"Let's go get proof," they say. "His family must know he was never blind." They run and find the parents. But these reply blandly that their son certainly had been blind since he was born! Ouch!

So they go back to the man with a new strategy. They pretend that they believe in the cure and are fascinated by it. They pose a cynical question. "How did this Jesus accomplish such a wonderful miracle?" The blind man's tart reply is: "I told you already and you did not listen. Do you need to hear it again? Or is it that you want to be his disciples, too?" Sarcasm in the gospel! The Pharisees are outraged and they begin insulting the man.

Why are these Pharisees so impassioned? Because they will lose their power and their wealth and control if Jesus actually has divine power. He will take over. They have to blind themselves to the truth or else.

What is that truth?

Simple. Jesus has given not only sight but depth of sight to a man born without it. This is why the fellow was blind in the first place, Jesus tells us, so that the works of God could be made seeable. Does the man accept this? "I do believe, Lord," he says.

His heart had been healed in addition to his eyes.

Who can understand such a cure? Not the Pharisees. Not you or me if we are protecting our place in the world. They lusted for control over others, for respect and self-will. They need spittle put on their souls so they will see clearly. So do we. Surely, given the chance, we would act the same way.

And that is why this long Gospel is presented now, during Lent, the time of preparation. You and I are preparing for a still greater healing at Easter, and we need to start washing out our souls to see it. Jesus will suffer from the world's blindness and will die from it. But the world, by killing him, will be healed from death and suffering, from hate and fear, healed by events that began with hatred itself.

Jesus descended into darkness in order to open our eyes to a love stronger than dark.

John Foley, SJ