

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)*



September 24, 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: September 17, 2017

Attendance:	952	
Weekend Collection:	\$8,747.85	
Candles/Poor:	\$422.85	
Hurricane Donations:	\$8,505.00	
Parish Pay:	\$2,461.20	
Total:	\$20,136.90	

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Presider Schedule

Weekend of September 30—October 1:

Our Lady of the Valley

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

Holy Cross

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

Weekly Mass Intentions

Sunday, September 24	8:00am	Edith D'Abruzzi Gaetano & Angelina Ferraro Ed Parks Eleanor Zaros
	10:00am	Edith D'Abruzzi Nancy DeLuca Roberta Roe
	12:00pm	Georgio Brancato Frank DiGirolomo Alex Foulds John & Sally Toth

Monday, September 25	7:30am	For the People
Tuesday, September 26	7:30am	Anthony Trapaneso Special Intention Glen Zomack Special Intention

Miraculous Medal Novena to follow Mass on Tuesday

Wednesday, September 27	7:30am	Christina Campiglia
Thursday, September 28	7:30am	For the People
Friday, September 29	7:30am	For the People
Saturday, September 30	7:30am	For the People

	5:00pm	Marilyn Gerardi Michael Medvid Alanna M. Merk
Sunday, October 1	8:00am	Joseph Frank Ed Parks Linford Yarnall Special Intention
	10:00am	Joseph Frank Joseph Malanga
	12:00pm	Florence Ferrito Lillian Figlar Colleen Monahan Bettina & Peter Perrupato Houda Sabeh

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.

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time—September 24, 2017

Weekly Remembrance

This week the Sanctuary Lamp, 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, are given in memory of:

María & Antonía Gaita

From the Gaita Family.

Faith Formation Program

Grades 1-8:

Sunday, September 24; October 1, 15, 22, 29
8:30-9:45 and 10:30-11:45

Monday, September 25
October 2, 16, 23, 30
7:00-8:15pm

Confirmation I:

Sunday, October 8, 2017
9:30am—11:30am

Confirmation II:

Sunday, October 8, 2017
1:15pm—3:30pm

***Note: Confirmation II
Special Time for this session only**



Parish's Sacramental & Prayer Life

*After his resurrection he told his disciples: "Go out and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."
(Rite of Baptism, Blessing of Water)*

We congratulate and welcome those who were baptized last weekend:

Rosaliana May Greco

Michael James Whalen IV

*"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., Father Michael Burke,
Louis Caprio, Nicholas Chanda, Ralph Cicetti,
Kathy Corrao, Robert Darpino,
Jason Dellavalle, Flo Felano,
Josephine Ganz, Marie Liffers,
Margaret Link, Mary Maksuta,
Gloria Minnocci, Jenny Moskal,
Andrew Potter, Michael Renaldo,
Kristen Sedlacik, Paul Tafuri,
Michael Waldinger*

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
September 25, October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
Time: 6:00pm—7:30pm
Where: Our Lady of the Valley Parish Center
(Youth Room is located at the front door)
630 Valley Road Wayne NJ
Contact: Sister Dorothy 973-694-4585 Ext. 7245
SrDorothy@olvwayne.org
To register or for further information

Rite of Christian Initiation

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a journey to a deeper experience of God's love manifested through the teachings and treasures of the Catholic Faith.

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic? Are you a Catholic adult who has not received the sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation? Then you are invited! Come and join us on our journey of faith to listen to and to reflect on God's Word and gain a deeper appreciation and understanding of Catholic beliefs and practices.

There will be an inquiry session on Wednesday evening, September 27, at 7:00pm in the OLV parish center.

If you know someone who might be interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, please share this invitation with them.

For further information call Sister Dorothy at 973-694-4585 Ext. 7245 or email at SrDorothy@olvwayne.org.

Bishop's Annual Appeal

In Giving, We Receive

For your convenience, you are able to make an on-line gift to the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal by going to www.2017appeal.org and following the instructions. You can either make a one time gift or a pledge with monthly payments made automatically for your convenience. More and more parishioners are taking advantage of this option, so please consider using this method today.

Whether it is a pledge, a one-time gift, or an on-line donation, your support is greatly needed. Every gift counts! Please participate in the 2017 Appeal!

Scripture Studies

Our Lady of the Valley weekly Scripture Study is an opportunity to be strengthened and nourished in faith through reading God's Word, hearing God speak to you, and discerning how you can be empowered to make what you hear a part of your daily life.

Please join us on Tuesday's from 1:00pm—2:30pm in the Parish Center. The first meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 3, please note updated date from last week's bulletin. **There's room for you at the table!**

Pre-registration is not necessary. For questions, please contact Maureen Kolis via phone at 973-942-3762 or via email at counslermk@optonline.net.

Junior Choir is BACK!

We will commence Junior Choir again this year. Last year choir was a great success with a dozen members providing music at the 12:00 noon mass once a month. The choir will also sing for Christmas Eve and for the Living Stations of the Cross.

Choir is open to all members of Faith Formation and meets on the 2nd Sunday of the month (there is no Faith Formation that day for grades 1-8).

This allows us to rehearse at 11:15am and sing at the 12:00 noon mass. This has proven much more successful than attempting to schedule a rehearsal during your son or daughter's busy, hectic weekday schedule.

Forms are available on the organ after mass today and our first rehearsal/performance will be October 8th at 11:15am. A schedule for the year is also available on the organ.

Please encourage your sons and daughters to join us in making great music for the Our Lady of the Valley Parish community.

ParishPay to Become WeShare

If you currently use the online giving service ParishPay for your weekly offerings to Our Lady of the Valley or Holy Cross church, in a few weeks ParishPay will be transferred to WeShare, our new online giving provider. This transfer will ensure that your scheduled transactions will continue to be received by the parish.

The security of your personal information is important to us and to WeShare. If you wish to make any changes to your account or to adjust your giving amount, you might want to do that before the transfer takes effect.

Blood Drive



The Knights of Columbus's 3rd Annual Red Cross blood drive will be held on Sunday, October 15, from 9:00am—2:00pm Father Rugel Hall.

With the devastating floods in Texas the need for blood is overwhelming! Helping our neighbors is a cornerstone of our Faith.

Beginning next weekend through October 15, members of your Knights will be in the school lobby after all Masses answering any questions and signing up those who wish to donate.

If you have any questions or wish to sign up, please contact Vincent A. Disteso Grand Knight at distesov@optonline.net.



First Saturday Club

On Saturday, October 7, the Knights of Columbus will transport residents of local nursing homes to Father Rugel Hall for a service at 11:00am followed by a luncheon, music, and entertainment.

We need parishioners to prepare (in their homes) various main dishes, casseroles, salads, desserts, etc. for this luncheon. We serve around 80 guests.

Please call Terry Naklicki at 973-956-1355 if you can help prepare a dish for this special occasion. Many thanks.

ATTENTION CONFIRMATION STUDENTS:
You can earn service hours either by helping the Knights serve between 9:00am-12:00noon or you can sign up to bake a dessert. Call or email Grand Knight Vince Disteso at 973-641-3613 or email him at distesov@optonline.net to register to help serve or to sign up to bake a dessert. The number of students needed is limited so act quickly!!

Youth Group

You are invited to **KLUB YOUTH**
(Our Lady of the Valley's Youth Group)

Come join other teens on September 27 in the Youth Room at the Parish Center from 7:00pm—8:30pm as we gather to kick-off our Youth Group meetings for 2017-2018. Come and learn how you can earn service hours! Refreshments served.

All Teens are Welcome!

Wedding Anniversary Celebration

**THIS FORM SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO YOUR
PARISH SECRETARY NO LATER THEN
OCTOBER 16, 2017. Thank you!**

Personalized commemorative certificates will be presented to each couple. This form should be filled out by the couple and returned to the parish secretary.

TYPE or PRINT

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY (circle one)
SILVER ANNIVERSARY

First Names (Husband) (Wife) Last Name

Street Address _____

City/Town _____ New Jersey _____ (Zip Code)

Email _____
(His) (Hers)

Phone _____
(His) (Hers)

Date of Marriage _____

Current Parish _____

Parish Town _____

Approximately how many guest will be attending _____

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- I am a lector/reader in my parish and would like to be considered as a possible reader for this Mass.

Name _____

- We need special seating arrangements (i.e., wheelchair, disability, etc.). Please give specifics.

Blessed Stanley Rother, Martyr

Stanley Rother was born March 27, 1935 near Okarche, Oklahoma. He was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City on May 25, 1963. After five years of parish ministry he went to serve at the Catholic Mission of Oklahoma in Santiago Atitlan, Guatemala in the Diocese of Solola. He served in Santiago Atitlan for thirteen years. During that time, in addition to his pastoral duties, he assisted in the translation of the New Testament into the Tzutuhil language and in 1973 began to celebrate Mass in that language. Father Rother continued his life of hard physical work, repairing the rectory, digging a well and installing its pump, repairing the church, building a parish hall and working to improve the productivity of the fincas (farms). Father Rother was also instrumental in the building of a hospital located in a neighboring canton of Panabaj between 1968 and 1970.

The political turmoil and violence in Guatemala escalated in the late 1970's and early 1980's. By December 2, 1980, Father Rother reported that a total of ten men had been taken from the area. In mid-December 1980, a catechist and leader began sleeping in the rectory after his name appeared on a death list. In his December 1980 letter to the people of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, Father Rother stated: "This is one of the reasons I have for staying in the face of physical harm. The shepherd cannot run at the first sign of danger."

In early 1981, Father Rother returned to Oklahoma City twice. He was warned not to return to Guatemala and particularly to Santiago Atitlan to his parish church. He was repeatedly warned to leave but would not. On July 28, 1981 he was shot and killed. He was one of ten priests murdered in Guatemala that year.

In a ceremony on September 23 in Oklahoma City, Father Rother was declared "Blessed," the final step before canonization to sainthood. He was declared a 'Martyr for the Faith,' the first such person from the United States to bear that title.



Spiritual Reflection

Just Imagine

I taught religion in grade school for a short semester when I was about 22. By accident I discovered a great trick of teaching—and I needed one very much. You see, the class was in complete chaos each time I arrived at mid-day. Chaos.

If I started telling a story, even the simplest story, the pandemonium would cease and morph into rapt attention. You could hear a pin drop. Until the story ended, that is. Then anarchy resumed.

I never did find another way besides stories to reach these little cherubs, even though I memorized each name and picture in the long list, called different ones out for serious talks, etc.

There must be a special part of the brain devoted to story-hearing.

It was only years later that I understood this insight. Why does the gospel get such special attention at Mass? Why do we hold the book up and parade it to the pulpit? Could it be because it is a story? We are struck by the narrative about Jesus, much more than we are by the sometimes complicated theology in Paul's letters. Jesus knew this. Within the gospels, which are stories, we find the parables he told. They are stories.

So take a good look at the parable in Sunday's Gospel and let the story lead you. Imagine the landowner hiring laborers for his vineyard. He shakes their rough hands and invites them to work. You can see their satisfied smiles, since they know they will get the usual daily wage.

Day gets hotter. And hotter. High noon has come. Maybe the owner walks back to town to shop for this and that. He glances around. Men are leaning on buildings, loitering, really, bored but still hopeful. The owner crosses over to them and offers to hire them. They come to life and hurry off to his vineyard to earn just half a day's wages. It is more than nothing.

Then work is almost over. The owner is still in town, for whatever reason, and sees strong men lolling about in doorways, wet with sweat from the heat and from their dejection. To their surprise, he hires them too! Watch as they shake off their lethargy and go to pull weeds for an hour or so. This is a long walk for an hour's pay. But they go.

Day ends and "just wages" are handed out. But it is the exact same amount for every worker, no matter how many hours or how few minutes he had worked. Look at the faces. Hot anger in the ones who had slaved all day ("This is not fair! We demand our rights! We put in the time and these oafs did nothing"), while the sheepish late ones receive their full day's wages.

Let your imagination see the kindness in the owner's face. Call to mind the gloom of the ones hired so late, followed by their amazement.

Obviously their wages are not strict remuneration for hours worked. They more like a gift from a fond heart. How does this feel to you? Didn't Jesus tell his parable to show how God's caring heart works, how he gives a depth of love to each person in this world, especially to ones who suffer and are left behind?

If it is hard to see, ask for light.

John Foley, SJ