

# 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)*



November 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: November 26, 2017

Collection figures are unavailable  
due to early printing.



*Thank you for your continued generosity!*

## Presider Schedule

### Weekend of December 2-3:

#### 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, November 26	8:00am	Frank Barone Caroline Connell Nancy De Luca
	10:00am	Michael Loffredo Sr. Rosina Curcio Marie Maio
	12:00pm	Kevin Tinney Margaret Plunkett Albert Solimine Florence Ferrito
Monday, November 27	7:30am	Philip F. Nuccetelli
Tuesday, November 28	7:30am	Hannah Dougan
		<i>Miraculous Medal Novena to follow Mass on Tuesday</i>
Wednesday, November 29	7:30am	Mary Girone Vitale
Thursday, November 30	9:00am	Mary Cunningham
Friday, December 1	7:30am	For the People
Saturday, December 2	7:30am	For the People
	5:00pm	Anne & Charles Rymarzow Theresa Slonieski
Sunday, December 3	8:00am	Manj Bisceglia Caroline Connell Ryan Anthony Pacelli
	10:00am	Terry Gaffney Elizabeth Gilmartin Edward Parks
	12:00pm	Rose Marie Johnson Catherine & Jacob Pavlica Bettina & Peter Perrupato Kevin Tinney

## St. Joseph's Missals

As we approach our new liturgical year, the new St. Joseph's Missal will be available after all Masses this weekend, November 25- 26, at a cost of \$3 each.

Missals will also be available at the Parish Center during the week.

## Our Lord Christ the King—November 26, 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:

*John & Dean Ricciardi*

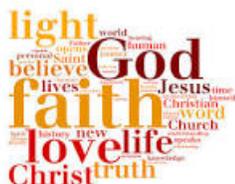
From Anna & Cindy Ricciardi

## Faith Formation Program

### Grades 1-8:

Sunday, December 3, 17  
8:30-9:45 and 10:30-11:45

Monday, December 4, 18  
7:00-8:15pm



### Confirmation I:

Thursday, November 30 - **Reconciliation**  
7:00pm—8:00pm

Reconciliation will last approximately one hour. All students are expected to stay for the full amount of time. Reconciliation is for ALL Confirmation I students, including those attending a Catholic High School.

Sunday, December 10  
9:30am—11:30am

### Confirmation II:

Sunday, December 10  
1:15pm—2:45pm

## 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:**

*Keira Gabrielle Barlekamp*

*Alessia Victoria Piasecki*

*"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, Louis Caprio,  
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,  
Alfred Smetama, Patricia Smith,  
Paul Tafuri, Michael Waldinger*



## Attention All Ministries

Have something you want our parishioners to know? Have a meeting or event coming up? We'd love to put it in the bulletin for you—here's how it works: all submissions must be done through email—send to Barbara Mennella at [reception@olvwayne.org](mailto:reception@olvwayne.org). Your email will need to be received ten (10) days in advance of posting. Example: your item for the weekend of December 2/3 would need to be received by email by November 22. Let us hear from you!

## 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal

In Giving, We Receive

This time of year, as our nation celebrates Thanksgiving, let us reflect on how we use all of the gifts given to us by a loving God. Consider showing your thanks for all your blessings by making a gift to the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal. As we are reminded in this year's Appeal theme - *In Giving, We Receive* - your participation not only impacts the lives of tens of thousands of people in need, but it benefits you as well. Please make a pledge today! For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at [www.2017appeal.org](http://www.2017appeal.org).

## Christmas Giving Tree

**Our Annual Christmas Giving Tree has begun!**



At the entrance of the church, there is a small basket filled with multi-colored tags that list the gift, which is requested by the agencies, that we assist. Please make sure the tag is securely fastened to the outside of the box or gift bag and we kindly remind you **NOT** to wrap any gift (as they will be unwrapped before each gift is given away).

Gifts may be dropped off in the school lobby at **Our Lady of the Valley** after Mass on the weekends of:

**December 2-3 and December 9-10**

Gifts can also be dropped off at the Parish Center's back porch during the week.

All the Christmas gifts will be delivered to the agencies on December 12-13.

## Welcome to the WeShare family!

Following is an update from our parish giving website for those that may have questions as they take your security and security of the website very seriously.

"We take the security of your website seriously. Your donors' recurring donations will continue as scheduled. But donors must authenticate their account and email to receive WeShare emails to make any changes to their account or receive WeShare emails.

The first time your donors enter the system-they will have to go through a onetime validation requiring:

- Their ParishPay user name
- The last 4 digits of the bank account or credit card used with ParishPay

And ONE of the following two options:

- Their email address
- A collection name and the specific amount donated within the last 6 months

Please feel free to direct your donors to our customer service team for assistance at [WeShare@4lpi.com](mailto:WeShare@4lpi.com) or call [800-950-9952](tel:800-950-9952) and select *Option 1*.

WeShare makes deposits to your accounts every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Your WeShare deposits and supporting reports can be found by clicking on 'Reports & History' and then clicking on the *Transfer Reports* icon in your Admin Panel.. Summary reports for your historical activity prior to the migration will be sent after October 20.

- Year to Date Church Report from January 1 through October 20, 2017
- Year to Date Parishioner report mailed to both the Donor and Church Admin from January 1 through October 20, 2017
- October fund transfer report covering October 1 through October 20, 2017

While they are experiencing high call volumes due to the recent transition, they appreciate your patience. Many questions may also be answered by consulting the Admin Manual located in the Engagement Library of your WeShare account.

## 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.

## Rite of Christian Initiation

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 reflect on God's Word and gain a deeper appreciation and understanding of Catholic beliefs and practices. *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](mailto:SrDorothy@olvwayne.org).

## OLV Music Ministry Announces

The 2017 Christmas Concert  
Saturday December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm

*Come to Our Lady of the Valley Church  
And Experience a New York City tradition...*

**The Many Sounds of Christmas**

**The Salvatones of NYC**

*Vocal Ensemble*

**New York Virtuosi**

*String orchestra*

**Daniel Brondel**

*Artistic Director*

*St. Patrick's Cathedral NYC*

Holiday reception to follow

Tickets \$15 per person

## Breakfast with Santa

Holy Spirit School, is having their Annual Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 3, from 8:30am to 1:00pm. Breakfast will include eggs, sausage, pancakes, french toast, rolls, fruit, juice, coffee and tea. There will be arts & crafts, bouncy house, Christmas boutique, raffles, bake sale and you can take pictures with Santa.

The cost is \$10.00 for adults, \$7.00 for seniors, \$6.00 for children ages 6-12, \$3.00 for children ages 3-5 and children under 3 are free.

Call the school at 973-835-5680 for reservations or for more information or you can pay at the door.

## Gift Card Fundraiser



Start making your lists! It's time for the Holy Cross Gift Card Fundraiser. Choose from hundreds of available cards. Order forms are now available by contacting Michele at [cornelltex@gmail.com](mailto:cornelltex@gmail.com).

Orders are **due** no later than Sunday, **November 26**, and payment is due at time of ordering. Cards will be available for pick-up at Holy Cross following Masses on the weekend of December 9-10. Due to processing, **NO late orders can be accepted.**

## Immaculate Heart of Mary School

A Gift to the People of Wayne

A Catholic education is based on four key principles:

**Faith:** Connecting to the divine spirit that resides in each of us

**Knowledge:** Understanding the world in which we live

**Discipline:** Instruction and learning in accordance with rules

**Morals:** Developing character based on the distinction between right and wrong.

The goal of education is to gift our students with the Catholic Tradition of faith in Jesus lived out as a member of the church. We do this through daily prayer, school liturgies, class masses, and in other worship experiences. We also encourage our students to become involved in reaching out to those in need, at times close to home (monthly sandwich collection for Eva's Kitchen/Oasis) and also globally (Lenten rice bowls). We are deeply respectful of the faith traditions of our students who are not Catholic and invite them to join us in prayer to the God of all.

*IHM School is a K - 8 Catholic school serving Wayne Township and the surrounding communities, with a separate preschool, **SMALL BLESSINGS**, for three and four year olds offering flexible days and hours. For further information call [973-694-1225](tel:973-694-1225)*

## 10th Annual Christmas Tree Sale

Holy Spirit School is having their 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Tree Sale. The sale includes a variety of trees and wreaths. The sale will begin Saturday, November 25 and hours are Monday through Thursdays 6:00pm to 9:00pm, Fridays 6:00pm to 10:00pm, Saturdays 9:00am to 10:00pm, and Sundays 9:00am to 9:00pm. All proceeds benefit the students at Holy Spirit School. For more information or if you have any questions, please call the school office at 973-835-5680.

# Spiritual Reflection

## Make Your Choice

Not only is Sunday the feast of Christ the King, it is the last Sunday of the Church year! Advent will begin in a week! We should begin getting nervous about Christmas presents, shouldn't we? And family dinner? Or else why we will not have a family to celebrate with?

Yes, but let us not get ahead of ourselves. For now we need only ask why the churches have chosen to mark Christ as "king." Did they think we would understand our year better this way?

In a word, yes. We will be helped by looking at the Christ we have looked over the past months! And a revealing way to look is at the readings for Christ the King.

Thus the shepherd imagery of the First Reading. We are asked if we have let God's sheep scatter over the face of the earth? Have we maybe eaten the sheep instead of tending them? If so, God said, "I myself will look after and tend my sheep. The injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal."

This is a beautiful passage. Throughout history, God continually sought out his people, we are told, inviting them to a mutual relationship. It is the foundation of our faith. He shepherds us today in the same way!

Then the Responsorial Psalm, "The Lord is My Shepherd." If we are paying attention we see that God is still being the shepherd, as he promised. Goodness and kindness are all around us. God has us walk beside restful waters, through green pastures.

Gratitude fills our hearts.

In the Second Reading, St. Paul tells us about Christ, who is God's shepherding made concrete. In spite of the rampage of death and sorrow and sin, Christ brings the First Reading's light and peace to the world!

Finally, the Gospel tells us in a parable who will get to have this light and peace. Not everyone! Some people have been goats instead.

Alright, how do we become sheep, in spite of our goatish tendencies? Or how do we become, at least sometimes, the sheep? Simple. We care for the Lord in other people. Yes.

Instead of goatishly taking our own preferences as the goals for our lives, though we must do that too, we join God as the one who cares for others. We dip into the restful waters with Jesus, we offer everything, with him, for the poor and needy, not because it is simpler but because this is the way the Lord has taken among us as the very way of God. The way of the King.

You see, the example is God, who gives according to the many needs of the least of his brothers and sisters. Instead of sleeping restfully in the slumber of non-acting, we are to join with Christ as one among very many shepherds. We are asked to say "yes."

Yes to the God who loves without prejudice, to the Christ who spent life as a non entity, to the shepherd who would love his sheep to the very end. We will be cared for insofar as we care for them!

Next week: the new year of God's love!

John Foley, SJ