

Our Lady of the Valley 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)*



December 3, 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

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Weekend Collection

Weekend Collection: November 26, 2017

Attendance:	885	
Weekend Collection:	\$9,187.00	
Candles/Poor:	\$363.59	
WeShare:	\$2,564.78	
Total:	\$12,115.37	

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Presider Schedule

Weekend of December 9-10:

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, 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
Monday, December 4	7:30am	For the People
Tuesday, December 5	7:30am	John Fierro
		<i>Miraculous Medal Novena to follow Mass on Tuesday</i>
Wednesday, December 6	7:30am	For the People
Thursday, December 7	7:30am	For the People
Friday, December 8	7:30am	John Hodor
	12:00pm	For the People
	7:00pm	For the People
Saturday, December 9	7:30am	For the People
	5:00pm	Frank Barone Sam Giannini Eligio Pelosi Restituta Sasso
Sunday, December 10	8:00am	Caroline Connell Caucaglia & McGowan Families Irene Goodrich
	10:00am	Edward Parks Kevin Tinney Jennifer Williams
	12:00pm	Derrick J. Anderson Nancy De Luca Mary & Lucy Felice Joan & Robert Prumatico

St. Joseph's Missals

As we approach our new liturgical year, the new St. Joseph's Missal are now available from the Parish Center at a cost of \$3 each.

First Sunday of Advent - December 3, 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:

Bettina & Peter Perrupato

From Their Loving Family

Faith Formation Program

Grades 1-8:

THIS SUNDAY - December 3

December 17

8:30-9:45 and 10:30-11:45

Monday, December 4, 18

7:00-8:15pm



Confirmation I:

Sunday, December 10

9:30am—11:30am

Confirmation II:

Sunday, December 10

1:15pm—2:45pm

Pastries and Pictures with Santa



The Knights of Columbus
proudly presents

Pastries and Pictures with Santa

Father Rugal Hall Sunday, December 10

10:00am to 2:00pm

Bring the children for pictures with Santa and light refreshments

Help decorate the Knights parish tree
Bring your camera or we can do it for you!

We look forward to seeing you there!

Parish's Sacramental & 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, 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,
George Wilson*

THANK YOU!!

For many of us, the thought of going without food for a day or two, or longer, is not something we think about. But for far too many people, the possibility of dire, life-threatening hunger and malnutrition is a very real part of everyday life. Any help they get makes a real difference.

Once again, Our Lady of the Valley parishioners are making a difference. Our Thanksgiving Food Drive this year resulted in 111 complete dinners for local families struggling to make ends meet, in addition to over \$2,000 in monetary donations, which will be divided between Holy Tabernacle of Praise Congregation, Saint Agnes parish and the Father English Community Center, all of whom are our neighbors in Paterson. The Father English Center is in particularly dire need of help this year because of a recent fire which completely destroyed all of their supplies, food and clothing intended for their clients.

Thank you to all who used your time, talent and treasure to make a difference. God Bless You!

Immaculate Conception

Friday, December 8 we celebrate the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, a Holy Day of Obligation for Roman Catholics. The Eucharist will be celebrated at Our Lady of the Valley at 7:30am, 12:00 Noon, and 7:00pm.

This feast, originating in the 7th century, celebrates the pregnancy of Saint Anne, the mother of Mary. Prepared by God from the very first moment of her life to receive Jesus Christ, God's grace preserved Mary from sin from the womb to the end of her life, because of her role in the mystery of salvation as the Mother of God.

This Solemnity praises God for the hope and possibility that Mary embodies, as we turn to our Blessed Mother to learn from the first and most important relationship Jesus Christ experienced among us.

This is our patronal feast as a nation, since the United States is dedicated to Mary under her title of the Immaculate Conception.

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.

ADVENT – A SENSE OF THE SEASON

During Advent and Christmas we celebrate the three comings of Christ. **We remember** his first coming some two thousand years ago in Bethlehem. **We await** his second coming to fulfill his promise of returning to us, and **we acknowledge** all the times he continues to come to us here and now in the words of scripture, in the Eucharist that we celebrate, and in each other.

Advent is divided into two parts, the days before December 17 and the final week from the 17th to the 24th. Early in Advent the days continue to grow shorter, as they have been doing since June, but the rate of decrease lessens and then, wondrously, stands still. (That's what "solstice" means.) Throughout the final week of Advent, the days are shortest. This week was once called the Halcyon Days, a time of peace and perfection: supposedly all creatures stood still in sympathy with the sun, almost holding their breath to see whether the sun would turn in its course and the days would grow longer again.

The church, too, holds its breath in anticipation. Liturgical poets have written romantically about the final days of the season; if Advent is like the night, now are the last moments before the dawn; if Advent is like a courtship, now is the betrothal; if Advent is like a pregnancy, now the child is kicking in the womb.

It is this image of the dark night and the darkest moment before the dawn that lends itself to the use of dark sapphire blue vesture during the Advent season. It is the color of the night, of winter, of vigilance and of hope, even as an evocation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Blue is also carried through in the colors of the candles on the Advent wreath and in the wreath itself.

Father Wells

OLV Music Ministry Announces

The 2017 Christmas Concert
Saturday December 16th 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

Another Blessed!

Another United States citizen is one step closer to being declared a saint. On Saturday, November 18, Reverend Solanus Casey, OFM Cap., was beatified during a Mass in Detroit, Michigan. Cardinal Angelo Amato, Prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, presided over the ceremony of beatification.

Bernard Francis Casey was born November 25, 1870 in Oak Grove, Wisconsin. His parents were Irish immigrants. After schooling in Wisconsin he moved to Minnesota, working as a lumberjack, a hospital orderly, a guard in the Minnesota state prison, and a street car conductor.

Feeling a call to the priesthood, he desired to study for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and enrolled at St. Francis High School Seminary. Classes though were taught in German and Latin, neither of which he could speak. He was advised, due to his academic limitations, to consider joining a religious order. There he could be ordained a "simplex" priest, who could celebrate Mass but would not have faculties for public preaching or hearing confessions.

While reflecting before a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary, he heard her distinct voice telling him to "go to Detroit." He applied to the Order of Friars Minor Capuchin in that city and was received into the Order in January 1897, being given the religious name of "Solanus," after Saint Francis Solanus, who was a violinist like Bernard.

Even though he struggled through his studies he was ordained to the priesthood on July 24, 1904 as a simplex priest. He served for two decades at churches in New York City (Sacred Heart, Yonkers; Saint John, near Penn Station; and later at Queen of Angels, Harlem).

In August 1924 he was transferred to Saint Bonaventure in Detroit, where he worked until 1945. During this time, he mostly served as the simple porter (or receptionist and doorkeeper). Each Wednesday he conducted well-attended services for the sick, and through these services, he became known for his great compassion and the amazing results of his consultations with visitors. He helped to found the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit.

In 1946, due to ill health he was transferred to Huntington, Indiana until his return to Detroit in 1956. He died on July 31, 1957 from Erysipelas. An estimated 20,000 people attended his funeral and burial.

For beatification, a miracle, through the intercession of Father Solanus Casey, needed to be verified by medical experts. Through his intercession the cure of Paula Zarate from Panama from a skin disease called Ichthosis was determined to be authentic and miraculous.

Blessed Solanus Casey, OFM Cap. now joins three other Blesseds of the United States awaiting canonization to sainthood: Blessed Francis Seelos, C.Ss.R. from Pittsburgh, PA; Blessed Miriam Teresa, S.C. from Convent Station, NJ; and Blessed Stanley Rother from Oklahoma City, OK.

Mass of Remembrance

The loss a loved one at any time of our lives always leaves us with an empty feeling that we call grief. There is never an easy time to lose someone we love. During this time of the year when the rest of the world is festive, joyful, and filled with the Christmas spirit, those who mourn are often left alone, lonely, and sometimes depressed.

We invite you and your family to join with others who are mourning a loved one at our Mass of Remembrance at Our Lady of the Valley Church on **Sunday, December 17, at 2:00pm.**

At Mass we will include a roll call of the names of our loved ones buried from Our Lady of the Valley and Holy Cross this past year as well as the names of those requested.

If you would like to have your loved one's name included in the roll call, please fill out the following form and drop it in the collection basket, or email Sister Dorothy directly at: Srdorothy@olvwayne.org, or call 973-694-4585x7245. If leaving a voicemail, please speak slowly and clearly the spelling of your loved ones names. Names must be submitted by December 12.

***"Come to me all you who are weary and burdened,
and I will give you rest."***

Matthew 11:28

Name(s) of deceased:

Please PRINT clearly

2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal

In Giving, We Receive

As you plan to celebrate the joy of the Christmas season by giving gifts to your friends and loved ones, there is one gift that you can give to tens of thousands of people. It does not require ten thousand name tags or ten thousand bows. All that's needed is a completed pledge card to the Bishop's Annual Appeal or an on-line gift at www.2017appeal.org. Say "Merry Christmas" to so many of your brothers and sisters in the Diocese of Paterson who need some hope and joy in their lives by participating in the Bishops Annual Appeal Today.

May God bless you for your generosity!

Spiritual Reflection

Waiting for Patience

Did you ever stay awake on Christmas eve as a kid? And sneak into a hidey hole in order to see the Christmas tree being decorated? I surely did.

We kids also had big felt stockings hung on each of our bedroom doors, and I remember trying to keep an eye open during the night to see Santa or the Good Fairy or at least somebody putting prizes into it. I watched all night, until I woke up in the morning to find a bulging stocking, mysteriously full.

“I want patience and I want it now,” or so the joke goes. I suppose patience is not a virtue of the young, fine, but remember, the purpose of Advent is to wait!

Hopkins, the Jesuit poet, has a poem on patience that speaks to this first Sunday of Advent. Please see the footnote for a prose version of this great poem.* And after that, it will help to read it slowly, out loud.

Patience, hard thing! the hard thing but to pray,
But bid for, patience is! Patience who asks,
Wants war, wants wounds; weary his times, his tasks;
To do without, take tosses, and obey.

Rare patience roots in these and, these away,
Nowhere. Natural heart's ivy, Patience masks
Our ruins of wrecked past purpose. There she basks
Purple eyes and seas of liquid leaves all day.

We hear our hearts grate on themselves: it kills
To bruise them dearer. Yet the rebellious wills
Of us we do bid God bend to him even so.

And where is he who more and more distils
Delicious kindness?—He is patient. Patience fills
His crisp combs, and that comes those ways we know.**

Our dearest plans and purposes often end up in wreckage, just like ancient buildings did. Hopkins says that patience resembles a field of beautiful ivy, soothing its way over the wreckage, creating soft composure. “Purple eyes and seas of liquid leaves”: this phrase doesn’t just remind us of how ivy looks, the words bathe us in the luxury, the peace and the relief of such a sight.

Patience becomes a “delicious kindness,” a honey that fills the combs of our lives.

God’s kindness provides us with comfort and also time—an allowance of days, weeks, years, and even a lifetime—to prepare, to get ready, to desire, and gradually, along the way, to receive.

Patience. If there were nothing worth waiting for, then such a virtue would be silly. Yet the birth of Christ into this world and into our hearts is quite worth the waiting for. Some object that his birth already did happen, but it is still in the process, in a surprising, mysterious way. We are still mean to our neighbors. We still hide truth from those who love us. We envy and lust after what is not ours. And the terrors of evil lurk all around us in this twenty-first century.

What should we do, try harder? Yes. But the real answer is a patient waiting and welcoming for the Spirit of God to be born into our lives. And to contribute to this world every way we can.

John Foley, SJ

* Taken from *Gerard Manley Hopkins: A Critical Edition of the Major Works*, edited by Catherine Phillips (London, New York, etc., Oxford University Press, 1986), #176.

Parts of this poem may be difficult to understand immediately, so I want to be crass and suggest the meaning in prose, stanza by stanza:

First stanza: Patience is difficult because usually it grows only in adversity.

Second stanza: Yet patience is like ivy, because it gradually covers the residues of our lives with quiet beauty (“purple eyes” are ivy berries).

Third stanza: Our hearts are like stones chafing against each other. They bruise themselves dearer (the word “dearer” is used in England to mean “at great cost”). Yet even so, we ask God to bend our defiant wills to him.

Fourth stanza: A comparison of God to the bees who—patiently—fill up honeycombs.

** I was lucky (graced) to have written a liturgical musical piece that is a version of the First Reading. You can find it here.