

# 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)*



February 25, 2018

## **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: February 18, 2018**

Attendance: 668

Due to early printing,  
collection figures not available.



*Thank you for your continued generosity!*

## Presider Schedule

**Weekend of March 3-4:**

### 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, February 25	8:00am	Elizabeth Bogert (Special Intention) Carrie Graham Frank Pascrell Jr.
	10:00am	James Coyle Anthony Giannini Michael Loffredo, Sr. Ernest Williams
	12:00pm	Fred Akel Vincent Caropreso Libero Rubbo Thomas S. Tipple
Monday, February 26	7:30am	Muriel Ritter
Tuesday, February 27	7:30am	Lauryn Okaly <i>Miraculous Medal Novena to follow Mass on Tuesday</i>
Wednesday, February 28	7:30am	Clark & Marguerite Bullock
Thursday, March 1	7:30am	For the People
Friday, March 2	7:30am	For the People
Saturday, March 3	7:30am	For the People
	5:00pm	Ryan Anthony Pacelli Anne Ross
Sunday, March 4	8:00am	Herbert Sita Theresa Toscani Rose Trivigno
	10:00am	Vincent Caropreso Anthony Giannini Donald Merritt
	12:00pm	Fred Akel Nancy DeLuca Irene King

## 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.



## Second Sunday of Lent - February 25, 2018

## 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 & Daniel Fierro*

From Wife and Mom

## 7 Helpful Hints to get Started

With Lent here, reading the Bible is a good habit to get into. Intimidated by the Bible? Read these seven helpful tips to get started!

1. **Figure out what works for you:** Is it better for you to read in shorter segments? Can you read for a longer time? Do you need absolute quiet? Do you prefer to stand or even walk around while reading? Is it better for you to read out loud? Each person reads differently. But remember what's most important is that you read!
2. **Don't neglect the Old Testament:** You cannot know the New Testament without knowing the Old Testament.
3. **Start from the beginning:** The book of Genesis establishes important themes that guide the rest of the Bible. The Gospel of Matthew does the same for Jesus' ministry, as does the first of St. Paul's letters, Romans, for his teachings.
4. **Focus on stories:** Once you get started, you can skip around, but make sure to enjoy the fascinating biblical stories. There's lots of drama and some very interesting people!
5. **Read in a group:** It might be helpful to gather periodically with other Bible readers to read and to discuss.
6. **Use reading helps:** There are a number of publications designed to help people read the Bible and enjoy it. Perhaps the most helpful are those that help readers create a plan for reading the whole Bible in a year.
7. **Enjoy the experience:** As is the case for any other literature, reading the Bible requires discipline and commitment. But at the same time, laugh with it, cry with it, feel the suspense of a good story, ask it questions. In this way, let it nourish your faith.

## 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, Chris Camp,  
Louis Caprio, Ralph Cicetti, Kathy Corrao,  
Robert Darpino, Jason Dellavalle, Flo Felano,  
Josephine Ganz, Marie Liffers, Mary Maksuta,  
Rosa Malfa, Gloria Minnocci, Jenny Moskal,  
Donna Ottomanelli, Monica Phalon,  
Andrew Potter, Michael Renaldo,  
Norma Rivera, Kristen Sedlacik,  
Albert Smetana, Patricia Smith, Paul Tafuri,  
Michael Waldinger, George Wilson*

*Indeed for your faithful, Lord,  
life is changed, not ended,  
and when this early dwelling turns to dust,  
an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven.  
(Roman Missal, Preface I for the Dead)*

### Pray for the Dead:

*Frank P. Albora*

*Mary Tumminello*



## Tax Donation Statements

If you would like a copy of your 2017 tax donation statement, please contact Barbara in the parish office at 973-694-4585 ext. 7203 or via email at [reception@olvwayne.org](mailto:reception@olvwayne.org). When requesting your statement, please include your full name, address, and, if known, your envelope identification number.

## Flu Season and the Reception of Holy Communion

Nothing can absolutely prevent the spread of the flu virus, but a few **common sense recommendations** can help to lessen the possibility:

1. If you do not feel well and suspect that you may have the flu or a cold: **stay at home and do not come to Mass.**
2. Wash your hands frequently with soap and water or an alcohol based hand cleanser.
3. All Eucharistic Ministers should wash their hands thoroughly before and after Mass: Hand cleanser is available in the sacristy.
4. **Sign of Peace:** if you feel uncomfortable with the exchange of the sign of peace through a handshake you are under no obligation to do so. You may extend the sign of peace to your neighbors by a nod of the head.
5. Receiving Holy Communion in the hand is the most practical means to distribute the Blessed Eucharist in a sanitary way.
6. Receiving the Eucharist by also drinking the Precious Blood from the common Communion Cup is discontinued until the level of flu cases has dramatically decreased.

## Living Stations of The Cross

The Our Lady of the Valley Youth will once again be presenting the Living Stations on Good Friday, March 30, for our parish.

**We are in need of one male for a non-speaking role.** This will count as service hours for Confirmation students. Rehearsals will be Sunday evenings. We can also use help with our lighting crew and if any teens want to use their gift of song to help us, you may sing in the chorus, or a solo.

Please contact Judi at 973-694-4585 ext. 7208.

## Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl

We encounter Cesia in Nicaragua, where, despite a lack of economic opportunity, young people pursue their dreams by building businesses to better their lives. How can you work to improve the lives of others this Lent? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more.

## Welcome Home to Healing

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

February 26

March 5

March 12

March 19



## Stations of the Cross

The 'Stations of the Cross' will be prayed each Friday evening 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.

## St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Annual Knights of Columbus St. Patrick's Day Dinner

**Saturday, March 10 - 7:00pm—11:00pm**

Father Rugel Hall

Tickets \$35

Traditional Irish Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner

**\*\*Pasta & Chicken dinners will be available\*\***

Water, Soda & Coffee and entertainment provided

BYOB

Proceeds will support Marrinan/McNiece College Scholarship program; Cash donations accepted if unable to attend the dinner.

For more information, contact John Scibetta at [jasscibetta@yahoo.com](mailto:jasscibetta@yahoo.com) or 862-221-4885.

## Faith Formation Registration

For all Faith Formation classes  
(including Confirmation)

Registration for all Faith Formation classes will be held in March. Our registrations are held in person; we offer three meetings on various days at varied times in hopes of accommodating your schedules. **Please note:** This is a mandatory meeting in Father Rugel Hall. One parent/guardian must be present to register their child. This is for all students who will be in grades 1-10 beginning in September 2018. The dates and times are as follows:

Thursday, March 8 at 7:00pm  
Saturday, March 10 at 10:00am  
Wednesday, March 14 at 4:00pm

We respectfully request that you be on time for these meetings and stay for the entire meeting. All meetings take place in Father Rugel Hall.

## Faith Formation Program

**Grades 1-8:**

**THIS SUNDAY** - February 25

March 4, 18, 25

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

Monday, February 26

March 5, 19, 26

7:00pm-8:15pm

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**Confirmation I:**

Sunday, March 11

9:30am—11:30am

**Confirmation II:**

Sunday, March 11

1:15pm—2:45pm



## Welcome to the WeShare family!

WeShare aspires to provide the highest level of security to safeguard the online information of you and your parishioners.

With the migration of ParishPay financial data to WeShare we are asking your parishioners to validate their account to ensure the security of that information.

Please note their current account settings and scheduled donations will continue without validation. However, they will need to validate to:

- Make any adjustment to their current account, including adding donations, changing their scheduled donations or changing credit card numbers (new payment source, expires or reissues).
- Refresh their passwords.
- Provide valid email addresses to support password resets as required.
- Receive email confirmation of successful transactions or any declined transactions.
- Conform to recognized security best practices.

Validating their account online is a simple process but it does require the parishioner to know specific information about their account.

We will also provide support to your parishioners at 800-950-9952 select *Option 1* or email **WeShare@4lpi.com**. However we cannot assist them with validation if they can't provide the requisite information.

If your parishioner does not have access to information needed to validate their account you may validate for them. Security protocols require that each parishioner be validated individually. You can do so by:

- Working with donors while they're in the User Validation Tool to help enter the appropriate information.
- You can also validate your parishioners within their account and send them a password reset (with a valid email address)
  - Go to Manage Users within your WeShare site.
  - Click on member's name to open account.
  - Click on Change Email Address if needed to add email.

## Spiritual Reflection

### Light from Light

Probably I have told you this story before, but it bears on Sunday's readings. The incident happened a long time ago, just before I was ordained. For some reason which I cannot remember I had been chosen, as yet unordained, to give the Easter Vigil homily at the hugely packed College Church at Saint Louis University.

There was a complication, of course. I was scheduled to be on my ordination retreat at the very same time. So I rode with four other Jesuits from the retreat place way out in the countryside, into the city, into the church, into the sacristy, into an alb, out to the altar. Need I say that I was very nervous since I had only given a few homilies before in my life.

It happened that a huge thunderstorm had struck just the night before. I had watched it from the six foot high glass doors of the retreat house. If you are not from the Midwestern part of the United States you may not know the brutality of our storms. Dark rain pouring, volcanic lightning flashes blistering forth in naked power. Every single smallest detail of the landscape visible for seconds, as if twenty thousand florescent lights had suddenly flashed on and then off again. The tremendous power humbled me about my upcoming duties.

Its radiation reminded me of what God told the prophet: "Do not look at me directly as I pass by; the sight is too much for your eyes." We are too small, in other words.

Easter Vigil had a much more humane version of light. The big Candle was lighted from a fire at the back and then the large assembly lit their small tapers gradually from the one Easter flame. Because I was in the sanctuary I could witness the soft light spreading forth from these countless miniature candles, combining the crowd into a gentle oneness, a hearth of faces. Wrinkles forgiven, comforting glow making each face a vessel which held deep inside itself the quiet light of the Lord.

Such a contrast: thunderous power followed so quickly by the warmth and tenderness of small light. It enacted the true contrast between God's transcendent greatness—too much for human eyes—and Jesus' peaceful love. He absolved wrinkles and crippled legs and unseeing eyes, our glimpse of the awe-filled intensity of God-the-infinite through our tiny, finite eyes. Jesus is God as one of us. He is lightning is turned into candle glow.

Alright, you say, that is very interesting, but what about this week's Gospel? Ok, in the Transfiguration, Jesus the small light reversed himself and showed up as God the infinite fire. My meager encounter with lightning was nothing compared to this. Why did such a frightening transformation take place?

One appealing speculation would be that Jesus needed to show them (and us) the true connection of light to light. At the very center of each bolt of lightning is the same stuff that gently covers our faulty faces and makes them glow. God cannot unmake himself and put out the light that he is. But he can filter it and offer it to anyone who will look ...

... and occasionally remove the veil so we don't forget what we are seeing.

John Foley, SJ