

# Holy Cross Catholic 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*



*December 3, 2017*

## Schedule of Masses

Saturdays: 5:00pm

Sundays: 10:00am

*Daily Mass is celebrated at 7:30am  
at Our Lady of the Valley Church*

*630 Valley Road - Wayne*

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 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 of November 5, 2017

Weekend Collection:	\$1,681.00
Parish Pay:	\$268.00
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$1,949.00</b>
Mass Attendance:	150

Thank you for your continued generosity!

## Mass of Remembrance

The loss of 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](mailto: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:

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## First Sunday of Advent - December 3, 2017

## Weekly Mass Intentions

December 2 —5:00pm For the People  
December 3 —10:00am For the People

December 9 —5:00pm Peter & Frances Garafano Sr.  
Debbie Petkovich

December 10 —10:00am Peter Frederick Lamendola  
Presider this weekend is Father Peter

### Our Lady of the Valley

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

## 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:*

*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*

## Parish Meeting

As we begin a new liturgical year of grace, we will look back over the past year. A parish meeting will be held on **TODAY, December 3**, the First Sunday of Advent, **following the 10:00am Mass in the church.** The financial statement for the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2017 will be distributed. Discussion will also take place concerning some upcoming repairs/renewals for the church.

## Important Dates...

Gift Card Orders will be available for pick-up following Masses next weekend, December 9-10. If you have any questions, please contact Michele Cornell at [cornell.tex@gmail.com](mailto:cornell.tex@gmail.com) or (973) 694-4270.

Giving Tree tags are still available. All gifts benefit the children of St. Agnes' Church. Please drop off your wrapped gifts with the tags affixed on the outside of the package **next** weekend, December 9-10.

Holy Cross's Winter Warm-Up drive continues through February. Please drop off any new or gently used blankets & coats, NEW gloves, NEW hats, NEW scarves, NEW socks as you enter the church.

## 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.

## 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](http://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!

## 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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 17<sup>th</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup>. 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 sarum 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

## Faith Formation News

Grades 1-8:

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

Monday, December 4, 18  
7:00-8:15pm  
December 3, 17  
8:30-9:45 and 10:30-11:45

**Confirmation I:**

Sunday, December 10  
9:30am—11:30am

**Confirmation II:**

Sunday, December 10  
1:15pm—2:45pm

