

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 17, 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 December 10, 2017

Weekend Collection:	\$1,559.00
Special Collection:	\$25.00
Parish Pay:	\$214.40
Total Collection:	\$1,798.40
Mass Attendance:	140

Christmas Mass Schedule

Holy Cross

Sunday, December 24 - Christmas Eve
5:00pm

Monday, December 25 - Christmas Day
10:00am

Our Lady of the Valley

Sunday, December 24 - Christmas Eve
4:00pm & 6:00pm & 11:00pm

Monday, December 25 - Christmas Day
8:00am & 10:00am, 12:00 Noon

Winter Warm-Up

Our Winter Warm-Up benefitting the Father English Center will continue 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.

Weekly Mass Intentions

December 16 —5:00pm Joseph Ackaway
George Duderich
Thomas J. Mennella
December 17 —10:00am For the People
December 23 —5:00pm For the People
December 24 —10:00am Father Charles Parr
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 **No Mass**

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,
Patricia Smith, Paul Tafuri,
Michael Waldinger, George Wilson*

Christmas Decorating

We NEED your help decorating our church for Christmas!

Please join us on **WEDNESDAY, December 20, at 5:30pm** to decorate the church with greenery. We will be setting up the Christmas trees, wreaths, and the Crèche.



Flowers will be placed at another time when they arrive.

Many hands make light work! Please consider helping make our church beautiful for the Christmas celebration!



Third Sunday of Advent - December 17, 2017

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@4ipi.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.
 - Click on Reset Password button to send temporary password.

Christmas Flower Memorial Donations

It is a meaningful custom to make a donation in memory of a loved one towards the flowers and plants that decorate our worship space during the Christmas season.

As you know, a list is published containing the names of the donors and the names of those remembered. Please, when you fill out the envelope **PLEASE PRINT THE NAMES LEDGIBLY**. Sometimes it is very difficult to decipher the names when they are written in script. Thank you.

Faith Formation News

Grades 1-8:

TODAY - Sunday, December 17
January 7, 21, and 28
8:30-9:45 and 10:30-11:45am

Monday, December 18
January 8, 22, and 29
7:00-8:15pm

Confirmation I:

Sunday, January 14
9:30am—11:30am

Confirmation II:

Sunday, January 14
1:15pm—2:45pm



Holy Day of Obligation Versus Not a Holy Day of Obligation

Q: Why is Monday, December 25, 2017 a Holy Day of Obligation, while a week later, Monday, January 1, 2018 is not a Holy Day of Obligation?

A: First of all, it is helpful to understand which days are considered days of "obligation," when the faithful attend Mass (either on the Feast Day or the evening preceding) and are to "abstain those works and business which hinder the worship to be rendered to God, the joy proper to the Lord's day, or the suitable relaxation of mind and body" (Canon 1247). According to Canon 1246 §1, the universal Church recognizes apart from Sunday, which she calls "the primordial holy day of obligation," ten days as holy days:

- The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, December 25
- The Epiphany, January 6
- The Ascension, Thursday of the 6th week of Eastern
- The Body and Blood of Christ, Thursday after Trinity Sunday
- Holy Mary the Mother of God, January 1
- The Immaculate Conception, December 8
- The Assumption of Mary, August 15
- The Feast of St. Joseph, March 19
- Sts. Peter and Paul the Apostles, June 29
- All Saints, November 1

The universal Church law allows for local conferences of bishops, with the Vatican's approval, to suppress some of these days or to transfer them to a Sunday (Canon 1246 §2). Some countries even add to this list of holy days of obligation the celebration of certain feasts or saints of local importance, such as St. Patrick in Ireland. In the United States the obligatory character of St. Joseph (March 19) and Sts. Peter and Paul (June 29) has been suppressed. The solemnities of the Epiphany (January 6), the Ascension (Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter), and the Body and Blood of Christ (Thursday after Trinity Sunday) have been transferred to Sunday. (Some dioceses in the United States, it should be noted, still observe as a day of obligation Ascension on the Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter.) In these cases, the Solemnities are no longer strictly speaking holy days of "obligation," yet the obligations attached to them remain insofar as they now fall on a Sunday.

For dioceses in the U.S., there are five days remaining that can be called "holy days of obligation": Mary the Mother of God (January 1), the Assumption of Mary (August 15), All Saints Day (November 1), the Immaculate Conception (December 8), and Christmas (December 25). But of these five days, three of them have an "exceptional" quality. Whenever one of the first three solemnities—Mary the Mother of God, the Assumption, and All Saints Day—falls on a Saturday or a Monday, the obligation to attend Mass and refrain from unnecessary is lifted. In other words, these days are still observed (Monday, January 1, 2017 will still be the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God), but the obligations attached to them are removed. The last two of these five solemnities—The Immaculate Conception and Christmas—always retain the obligation, regardless of whether they fall on a Saturday or Monday. The reason is that both of the December Holy Days have such high importance: Christmas because it marks, after the Passion, the most important moment in the life of Christ, and the Immaculate Conception because Mary, under this title, is the Patroness of the United States.

- Answered by Christopher Carstens
Editor, Adoremus Bulletin