

Holy Cross Catholic 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



December 31, 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

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Weekend Collection

Weekend Collection: December 24, 2017

Figures not available
Due to early holiday printing

Thank you for your continued generosity!

January 1, 2018

Monday, January 1, 2018, is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God and New Year's Day. This Octave Day of Christmas celebrates one of Mary's most outstanding characteristics: her willingness to know and do God's will. While we would like to follow her example, we wonder why she was so sure of it. The Gospel gives us a clue. She reflected on events that happened and were happening. She meditated. In our busy lives we often overlook meditation as prayer.

This year January 1, while still being a Holy Day, it is not a day of obligation. The Eucharist will be celebrated at Our Lady of the Valley at 10:00 a.m.

Weekly Mass Intentions

December 23 —5:00pm For the People
December 24 —10:00am Father Charles Parr
Presider this weekend is Father Peter

December 24 - Christmas Eve
5:00pm In Memory of and in Honor of all our Relatives and Friends

December 25 —Christmas Day
10:00am In Memory of and in Honor of all our Relatives and Friends

December 30 —5:00pm Robert Anthony Giannini
December 31 —10:00am Pat Griffiths
Robert Rizzi
Presider this weekend is Father Wells

Our Lady of the Valley

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

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,
Rosa Malfa, Gloria Minnocci, Jenny Moskal,
Monica Phaelon, Andrew Potter,
Michael Renaldo, Kristen Sedlacik,
Patricia Smith, Paul Tafuri,
Michael Waldinger, George Wilson

Holiday Hours - Parish Center

The Parish Center will be closed on Monday, January 1. Happy New Year!

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph - December 31, 2017

An Interview with God

"Come in," God said. "So, you would like to interview me?" "If you have the time," I said. God smiled and said: "My time is eternity and is enough to do everything; what questions do you have in mind to ask me?"

"What surprises you most about mankind," I said. God answered: "That they get bored of being children, are in a rush to grow up, and then long to be children again. That they lose their health to make money and then lose their money to restore their health. That by thinking anxiously about the future, they forget the present, such that they live neither for the present nor the future. That they live as if they will never die, and they die as if they had never lived.

God's hands took mine and we were silent or awhile and then I asked, "As a parent, what are some of life's lessons you want your children to learn? God replied with a smile: "To learn that they cannot make anyone love them. What they can do is to let themselves be loved. To learn that what is most valuable is not what they have in their lives, but who they have in their lives.

To learn that it is not good to compare themselves to others. All will be judged on their own merits, not as a group on a comparison basis! To learn that a rich person is not the one who has the most, but is one who needs the least. To learn that it only takes a few seconds to open profound wounds in persons we love, and that it takes many years to heal them. To learn to forgive by practicing forgiveness.

To learn that there are persons that love them dearly, but simply do not know how to express or show their feelings. To learn that money can buy everything but happiness. To learn that two people can look at the same thing and see it totally different.

To learn that a true friend is someone who knows everything about them...and likes them anyway. To learn that it is not always enough that they be forgiven by others, but that they have to forgive themselves."

I sat there for a while enjoying the moment. I thanked God for his time and for all that he had done for me and my family, and he replied, "Anytime. I'm here 24 hours a day. All you have to do is ask for me, and I'll answer. Remember, people will forget what you said. People will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

Happy New Year!

Morning Mass and the Weather

Now that the winter weeks are upon us and we have already had snow twice, it is time to remind our parishioners: If the Wayne School District cancels school or has a delayed opening due to inclement weather of snow and/or ice, the 7:30am Mass at Our Lady of the Valley is canceled.

Faith Formation News

Grades 1-8:

Sunday	Monday
January 7, 21, 28	January 8, 22, 29
8:30-9:45 and 10:30-11:45	7:00-8:15pm

Confirmation I:

Sunday, January 14
9:30am—11:30am

Confirmation II:

Sunday, January 14
1:15pm—2:45pm



Parents - Confirmation II

All Confirmation II parents:

Please be aware there will be a mandatory meeting for Parents of Confirmation II students (2nd year) on **Sunday, January 14, 2018**.

At least one parent is required to attend in order to pick up time sensitive materials for the upcoming Sacrament of Confirmation.

We ask that you please be in Father Rugel Hall at 2:15pm. The meeting will last approximately 30 minutes and students will be dismissed into the hall from their classes at the end of the meeting.

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 LEGIBLY**. Sometimes it is very difficult to decipher the names when they are written in script. Thank you.