

Holy Cross Catholic Church

17 Van Duyne Avenue † Wayne † New Jersey † 07470 †

973-694-4585

“The Church is Holy, not just because all are welcome.

The Church is Holy, because all belong.”

Timothy M. Matovina



July 16, 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 July 8-9, 2017

Weekend Collection:	\$1,219.00
Parish Pay:	\$268.00
Total Collection:	\$1,487.00
Mass Attendance:	129

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Summer Time Reminders

Weekday Mass Schedule

Beginning, Saturday, July 1, and extending through Labor Day, September 4, the Eucharist will be celebrated Monday through Friday at 7:30am at Our Lady of the Valley. There will be no Saturday morning Mass during these weeks.

Parish Center Office Hours

Beginning the first week of July and extending through Labor Day, September 4, the Parish Center will be closed on Fridays. The Parish Center will be open Monday through Thursday from 9:00am—5:00pm. The offices are closed for lunch from 12:00 Noon to 1:00pm.

Moving?

The summer weeks many times are when families and individuals move to a new location and home. If that will happen to you this summer, please contact the Parish Center so that we may update the census. If you are moving, but remaining a parishioner, please let us know the new address. If you are moving and will no longer be a parishioner here, we are sorry to see you go and we wish you well in your new home, but please contact the Parish Center so that we can remove you from the census.

Weekly Mass Intentions

July 15—5:00pm Debbie Petkovich
Louis Schimenti

July 16 —10:00am For the People

July 22 —5:00pm Rosemarie & Steven Teixeira

July 23 —10:00am For the People

Presider this weekend is Father Charles Perricone

Our Lady of the Valley

5:00pm	Father Peter
8:00am	Father Peter
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:

Joseph Brucato Jr., Carol Brugaletta,
Father Michael Burke, Louis Caprio,
Ralph Cicetti, Kathy Corrao,
Robert Darpino, Carole DeSimone,
Flo Felano, Josephine Ganz, Marie Liffers,
Margaret Link, Mary Maksuta,
Gloria Minnocci, Ronald Panipucci,
Michael Renaldo, Kristen Sedlacik,
Paul Tafuri, Michael Waldinger

Faith Formation

There is an opening for a 4th grade catechist at the 8:30am session. If you are interested, please contact Judi at the Faith Formation office; (973) 694-4585 extension 7208, or by email: jcocilovo@olvwayne.org.

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.

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time — July 16, 2017

The Importance of Mass

In the March 2007 issue of *Ministry & Liturgy* there is a wonderful article by Tom Iwanowski entitled "The Importance of Mass." In it he makes a number of very important points about the meaning of the Mass in the lives of Catholics. He begins by asking the question, Can someone be a good person without coming to church on Sunday? The answer to that question is "Absolutely yes!" A person can be kind, loving, generous, forgiving, patient, trustworthy, and much more without coming to Mass.

Can someone be a good Christian without coming to Sunday Mass? The answer to that question is "Absolutely not!" A person cannot be a good Christian without joining his or her fellow Christians at Sunday Mass. Christianity is not primarily about being kind, loving, generous and patient. Christians should be those things. Christianity is not about following an ethical code of conduct or being 'nice.' Christianity is about following a person. **Christianity is about a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.**

The way we come in contact with Jesus is through his church, especially when the church gathers for the celebration of Sunday Mass. Sunday is the day the Lord rose from the dead. Sunday is the day he most often appeared to his disciples. Sunday is the day he sent the Holy Spirit to enliven the church. Sunday is the day the Lord comes to be with us in a powerful way as we gather for Eucharist.

In the gathering of the Catholic community, the risen Lord appears once more, but now in the flesh and blood of his followers: "where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am." From the earliest days of the church, Christians have gathered on Sunday. In fact, one surprising definition of Christians is "Christians are people who gather on Sunday"

If we want to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, we need to be there when Christ is powerfully present, namely in the Sunday gathering of the church. At Sunday Mass, the risen Lord speaks to us in the word. In the Scripture readings, the Lord comforts and consoles us and challenges and confronts us with our sinfulness.

At Sunday Mass, the example of Jesus Christ is set before us. He emptied himself in love and service to those in need and in faithfulness and obedience to the Father, even unto death on the cross. In response, God filled him with new life and raised him as Savior and Lord. By example, Jesus Christ challenges us to give of ourselves, to give of time, our talent, and our treasure, so there might be space in our heart for God to fill us, to transform us.

At Mass, God gives us his very life as we share the Body and Blood of Jesus in Holy Communion. We become one with the Lord, who told us, **"Unless you eat my body and drink my blood you have no life in you"** We need to receive the Eucharist to become connected with the Lord. Sharing the Body and Blood of Christ also unites us with fellow Catholics who share the same altar. We become "one holy communion."

The Mass soon ends, and we are sent to love and serve the Lord. We are sent to be kind, loving, forgiving, patient and self-sacrificing. And that's what we can be, strengthened by the Eucharist that we have shared and encouraged by the love and example of Christ and the Christian community.

Sunday Mass is absolutely essential for a Catholic. In celebrating Mass we are changed and made more like Jesus. Sunday by Sunday, month by month, year by year, we gather with our fellow Christians, and slowly our hearts are changed. Little by little, we are transformed into the one we meet in the Eucharist; we become more like Christ - more Christ-ian.

As the late Pope John Paul II wrote, "it is crucially important that all the faithful should be convinced that they cannot live their faith or share fully in the life of the Christian community unless they take part regularly in the Sunday Eucharistic assembly." The Mass is essential for our Christian life, without it our faith withers and dies. That's why, as someone put it, "The devil dances for joy when a Catholic stops going to Mass."

Father Peter Filipkowski

Father English Center



As in the past, you have been extremely generous with our request for food donations for the Father English Center. We will continue to collect food donations for the Father English Center especially for children's breakfasts and lunches. While all non-perishable foods are needed, the following items are always helpful: cereal, peanut butter and jelly, macaroni and cheese, pasta and sauce and tuna fish. *Thank you for your continued generosity to those in need.*

Diaper Drive

Our annual Diaper Drive will begin next weekend, July 22/23, and run through Sunday, August 6. As in the past, donations will be given to the Father English Center. We will be collecting baby wipes and all diaper sizes.

