

# 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*



*January 7, 2018*

## 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 31, 2017

Weekend Collection:	\$1,981.00
Parish Pay:	\$268.00
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$2,249.00</b>

Mass Attendance: 117

Thank you for your continued generosity!

## Parents - Confirmation 11

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.

## 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.

## Weekly Mass Intentions

January 6 —5:00pm For the People  
January 7 —10:00am For the People

January 13 —5:00pm Frances Garafano  
Rachella Teixeira  
January 14 —10:00am Vincent Caropreso  
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, Chris Camp,  
Louis Caprio, Ralph Cicetti, Kathy Corrao,  
Robert Darpino, Jason Dellavalle,  
Father Hector Di Nardo, CRM,  
Flo Felano, Josephine Ganz, Marie Liffers,  
Margaret Link, Mary Maksuta, Rosa Malfa,  
Gloria Minnocci, Jenny Moskal,  
Monica Phaelon, Andrew Potter,  
Michael Renaldo, Malfa Rosa, Kristen Sedlacik,  
Patricia Smith, Paul Tafuri,  
Michael Waldinger, George Wilson*

## Expectant Parents

The blessing of expectant parents will take place after all Masses next weekend, January 13-14.

Please meet the priest or deacon at the baptismal font following Mass for this special blessing which occurs monthly.

## Thank You

A tremendous and heartfelt THANK YOU to all who so generously contributed gifts to our Giving Tree. Many smiles will be on the faces of the children of Saint Agnes Parish in Paterson as they celebrate the Feast of Three Kings and receive gifts from the Magi.

## Epiphany of the Lord - January 7, 2018

## Epiphany

Epiphany – We Remember the Manifestation of the Lord

So what about these Magi and camels? How many were there and where did they come from?

Yes, every nativity scene usually shows three Magi seated on stately dromedaries, or leading their beasts of burden by bit and rein. But, honestly, the story of the Magi that we celebrate this weekend never tells us how many there were or exactly how they got there. It is simply custom and tradition that numbers them at three since there were three gifts: gold, frankincense and myrrh. Even their names are part of tradition: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar.

It is also worth noting that the Magi only appear in Matthew's gospel. In the Christmas story Matthew has Magi, but no shepherds; while in the Christmas story in Luke's gospel, we have shepherds, but no Magi.

There could have been more, or less. They could have traveled on foot, in chariot, or by camel, on horseback, even on an elephant – we just do not know.

The reason we keep putting them on camels in our art is because of Isaiah's prophecy. He predicted, as our first lesson proclaims this weekend, that caravans of camels would fill Jerusalem, and that people from the east would come bearing gold and frankincense.

"Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!" Isaiah proclaims. "Your light has come."

In Matthew's story, the Magi, realize that Jerusalem's light has come. They follow the star and bring their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. By telling about these gifts, Matthew turns our attention back to Isaiah. Reading that prophecy, we realize that the light Isaiah mentioned is the Light of the world, Jesus the Christ, the promised one.

When we see the Magi seated on camels, we are remembering Isaiah. When we remember Isaiah, we remember the Light that came to shatter the darkness of our world. Those camels carry not only the Magi, they carry hope. Christmas is about remembering, Christmas is about hope, our hopes for the future.

Father Wells

## The Announcement of Easter

The Announcement of Easter and the Moveable Feasts

On the Epiphany of the Lord, after singing of the Gospel, a Deacon or cantor, in keeping with an ancient practice of Holy Church, announces from the ambo the moveable feasts of the current year according to this formula:

Know, Dear Brethren, (brothers and sisters,) that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Savior.

On the 14th day of February will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.

On the 1st day of April you will celebrate with joy Easter Day, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the 10th day of May will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the 20th Day of May, the Feast of Pentecost.

On the 3rd day of June, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

On the 2nd day of December, the First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

(From the Roman Missal, Third Edition, Appendix I)

## Faith Formation News

Grades 1-8:

**THIS SUNDAY** - January 7

January 21, and 28

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

Monday, 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