

Holy Cross Catholic Church

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

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

The Church is Holy, because all belong.”

Timothy M. Matovina



February 11, 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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Carol Kulevich and Linda Paese, Parish Trustees

Weekend Collection

Weekend of February 4, 2018

Weekend Collection:	\$1,414.00
Candles/Poor:	26.00
Parish Pay:	\$268.00
Total Collection:	\$1,708.00
Mass Attendance:	125

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Faith Formation News

Grades 1-8:

Sunday - February 25

March 4, 18, 25

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

Grades 1-8:

Monday, February 26

March 5, 19, 26

7:00-8:15pm



Confirmation I:

THIS SUNDAY - February 11
9:30am—11:30am

Confirmation II:

THIS SUNDAY - February 11
1:15pm—2:45pm

Parish Center

The Parish Center will be closed on Monday, February 19, for President's Day. Normal hours will resume on Tuesday, February 20.

Weekly Mass Intentions

February 10 - 5:00pm For the People

February 11 - 10:00am For the People

February 14 - 7:00pm Ash Wednesday
For the People

February 17 - 5:00pm Debbie Petkovich

February 18 - 10:00am For the People
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, Chris Camp, 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, Donna Ottomanelli,
Monica Phalon, Andrew Potter, Michael Renaldo,
Kristen Sedlacik, Patricia Smith, Paul Tafuri,
Michael Waldinger, George Wilson*

Welcome to the Family

After months of prayer and searching and discerning, on Monday, February 5, we welcomed a new staff member here at Our Lady of the Valley and Holy Cross. Alyson Suchar came on board as our new parish secretary. A life-long parishioner of Holy Cross Church, she comes to us from the corporate world. For several years she has coordinated the care of Holy Cross church, as well as being the editor of the weekly bulletins for both churches.

Stop by our Parish Offices and say "Hi" and welcome her to our pastoral and administrative staff!

Tax Donation Statements

If you would like a copy of your 2017 tax donation statement, please contact Barbara in the parish office at 973-694-4585 ext. 7203 or via email at reception@olvwayne.org. When requesting your statement, please include your full name, address, and, if known, your envelope identification number.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 11, 2018

Flu Season and the Reception of Holy Communion

Nothing can absolutely prevent the spread of the flu virus, but a few **common sense recommendations** can help to lessen the possibility:

1. If you do not feel well and suspect that you may have the flu or a cold: stay **at home and do not come to Mass**.
2. Wash your hands frequently with soap and water or an alcohol based hand cleanser.
3. All Eucharistic Ministers should wash their hands thoroughly before and after Mass: Hand cleanser is available in the sacristy.
4. **Sign of Peace:** if you feel uncomfortable with the exchange of the sign of peace through a handshake you are under no obligation to do so. You may extend the sign of peace to your neighbors by a nod of the head.
5. Receiving Holy Communion in the hand is the most practical means to distribute the Blessed Eucharist in a sanitary way.
6. Receiving the Eucharist by also drinking the Precious Blood from the common Communion Cup is discontinued until the level of flu cases has dramatically decreased.

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl

The theme of this year's program of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, is ENCOUNTER LENT: COMPANIONS ON THE JOURNEY. With the example of the Good Samaritan in the Scriptures, we set out to encounter and love our neighbor. Join together with nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States in this life changing Lenten journey.

Catholic Relief Services "Rice Bowls" are available at the doors of the church.

Stations of the Cross

The 'Stations of the Cross' will be prayed each Friday evening during Lent at 7:00pm at Our Lady of the Valley Church.

For many, the Stations of the Cross are synonymous with Lent. This devotion is also known as the "Way of the Cross," the "Via Crucis," and the "Via Dolorosa." It commemorates fourteen key events on the day of Jesus' crucifixion, the majority concerning his final walk through the streets of Jerusalem, carrying his cross.

The Stations originated in medieval Europe when wars prevented Christian pilgrims from visiting the Holy Land and walking along the actual route.

Welcome Home to Healing

Once again this year, the parishes of our Diocese of Paterson will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on the Mondays of Lent, taking part in the 'Welcome Home to Healing' initiative. The scriptures proclaimed during Lent echo the call to conversion, especially through the Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Special emphasis is given to Reconciliation and Penance so that all may celebrate the Paschal Triduum and Easter renewed in soul and spirit.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated from 7:00pm to 8:30pm at Our Lady of the Valley on the following Mondays:



February 19
February 26
March 5
March 12

Ash Wednesday

This **Wednesday, February 14**, we begin the penitential season of Lent. At **Our Lady of the Valley**, ashes will be blessed and distributed during the 7:30am and 7:00pm Masses. Ashes will also be distributed during a Prayer Service at 12:00 Noon and 4:00pm. At **Holy Cross**, ashes will be blessed and distributed during the 7:00pm Mass.

In the early Church, when Lent was a time for the reconciliation of public penitents, the penitents would come to the church at the beginning of Lent, that is, on Ash Wednesday. They would wear a penitential garment, suggesting sackcloth, and be sprinkled with ashes. Then they would be ritually expelled from the assembly to do their penance for forty days, returning to the church on Holy Thursday, when they would be readmitted to the sacraments.

With time, the expulsion of penitents disappeared, but the ashes remained and became a call to penance of all the faithful. In the Scriptures, sackcloth and ashes are the signs of penance. The practice of using ashes from the palms of the previous year's Palm Sunday is a relatively new element of the liturgy, first appearing in the twelfth century. It adds another layer of meaning, reminding us of where we are headed – to the glory of Easter.