

# 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*

*University of Notre Dame*

*(paraphrased by Pope Francis at General Audience)*



*February 25, 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 February 18, 2018

Weekend Collection:	\$968.00
Ash Wednesday:	\$110.00
Parish Pay:	\$268.00
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$1,346.00</b>
Mass Attendance:	108

**Thank you for your continued generosity!**

## Faith Formation News

<b>Grades 1-8:</b> <b>TODAY</b> - February 25 March 4, 18, 25 8:30-9:45 and 10:30-11:45	<b>Grades 1-8:</b> Monday, February 26 March 5, 19, 26 7:00-8:15pm
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**Confirmation I:**  
Sunday - March 11  
9:30am—11:30am

**Confirmation II:**  
Sunday - March 11  
1:15pm—2:45pm

## Weekly Mass Intentions

**February 24 - 5:00pm** Phillip Flanigan  
Presider is Father Michael Davitti, SX

**February 25 - 10:00am** Thomas Lechner  
Presider is Father Wells

**March 3 - 5:00pm** For the People  
**March 4 - 10:00am** Agnes Bertoline  
Presider 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*

## Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl

We encounter Cesia in Nicaragua, where, despite a lack of economic opportunity, young people pursue their dreams by building businesses to better their lives. How can you work to improve the lives of others this Lent? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit [csrricebowl.org](http://csrricebowl.org) for more.

## 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](mailto:reception@olvwayne.org). When requesting your statement, please include your full name, address, and, if known, your envelope identification number.

## Second Sunday of Lent - February 25, 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.

## *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.

## *Faith Formation Registration*

Registration for **all** Faith Formation classes, including Confirmation, will be held in March. Our registrations are held in person; we offer three meetings on various days at varied times in hopes of accommodating your schedules.

**Please note:** This is a mandatory meeting in Father Rugel Hall. One parent/guardian must be present to register their child. This is for all students who will be in grades 1-10 beginning in September 2018. The dates and times are as follows:

Thursday, March 8 at 7:00pm  
Saturday, March 10 at 10:00am  
Wednesday, March 14 at 4:00pm

We respectfully request that you be on time for these meetings and stay for the entire meeting. All meetings take place in Father Rugel Hall.

## *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 26, March 5, March 12, and March 19.**

## *7 Helpful Hints to get Started*

With Lent here, reading the Bible is a good habit to get into. Intimidated by the Bible? Read these seven helpful tips to get started!

1. **Figure out what works for you:** Is it better for you to read in shorter segments? Can you read for a longer time? Do you need absolute quiet? Do you prefer to stand or even walk around while reading? Is it better for you to read out loud? Each person reads differently. But remember what's most important is that you read!
2. **Don't neglect the Old Testament:** You cannot know the New Testament without knowing the Old Testament.
3. **Start from the beginning:** The book of Genesis establishes important themes that guide the rest of the Bible. The Gospel of Matthew does the same for Jesus' ministry, as does the first of St. Paul's letters, Romans, for his teachings.
4. **Focus on stories:** Once you get started, you can skip around, but make sure to enjoy the fascinating biblical stories. There's lots of drama and some very interesting people!
5. **Read in a group:** It might be helpful to gather periodically with other Bible readers to read and to discuss.
6. **Use reading helps:** There are a number of publications designed to help people read the Bible and enjoy it. Perhaps the most helpful are those that help readers create a plan for reading the whole Bible in a year.
7. **Enjoy the experience:** As is the case for any other literature, reading the Bible requires discipline and commitment. But at the same time, laugh with it, cry with it, feel the suspense of a good story, ask it questions. In this way, let it nourish your faith.