

Our Lady of the Valley 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)*



October 8, 2017

Schedule of Masses

Weekdays

Monday - Saturday 7:30am

Weekends

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am
and 12:00 Noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 4:00-4:30pm

Sacraments of Baptism, Marriage & Personal Appointments

Please call the Parish Office

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Weekend Collection

Weekend Collection: October 8, 2017

Attendance:	1,012	
Weekend Collection:	\$9,295.00	
Candles/Poor:	\$293.25	
WeShare:	\$2,564.78	
Total:	\$12,049.45	

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Presider Schedule

Weekend of October 14-15:

Our Lady of the Valley

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

Holy Cross

5:00pm	Father Peter
10:00am	Father Peter

Weekly Mass Intentions

Sunday, October 8	8:00am	Joseph Caputo Stephen & Lillian Figlar Alfred & Theresa Toscani
	10:00am	Robert Gilbert Vincent R. Rinaldo Anne & Carmen Russo
	12:00pm	Elena Battista Jimmy Battista Klaus Becker Sylva Bernier Carla Harris Clare Lampariello
Monday, October 9	7:30am	For the People
Tuesday, October 10	7:30am	Joseph Cesa Anthony Trapanese <i>Special Intention</i>

Miraculous Medal Novena to follow Mass on Tuesday

Wednesday, October 11	7:30am	George Rogacki
Thursday, October 12	7:30am	For the People
Friday, October 13	7:30am	Marek Jakub Pluta Lynn Sarchio
Saturday, October 14	7:30am	For the People
	5:00pm	Thelma Fernicola Rocco Masella Jane Mullaney Matthew John Regan

Sunday, October 15	8:00am	Roy DePetro Thelma Fernicola Irene Kievit
	10:00am	Gerard Farese Joseph Frank Libero Rubbo
	12:00pm	Albert Cocilovo Anne & Anthony DiPasquale Rocco Masella Ed Parks

Parish Center

In observance of Columbus Day, the Parish Center will be closed on Monday, October 9.

Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, October 10, at 9:00am.

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time—October 8, 2017

Weekly Remembrance

This week the Sanctuary Lamp, burns as a reminder of the Lord's presence in the Blessed Sacrament and the bread and wine offered at the Altar, which become the Body and Blood of Christ, are given in memory of:

The DiPasquale & Toth Families

From the DiPasquale Family.

Faith Formation Program

Grades 1-8:

Sunday, October 15, 22, 29
8:30-9:45 and 10:30-11:45

Monday, October 16, 23, 30
7:00-8:15pm

Confirmation I:

THIS SUNDAY - October 8, 2017
9:30am—11:30am

Confirmation II:

THIS SUNDAY - October 8, 2017
1:15pm—3:30pm

***Note: Confirmation II**
Special Time for this session only

Bereavement Support Group

Join us on Monday evenings (October 9, 16, 23, 30) from 6:00pm-7:30pm in the Parish Center, Youth Room which is located at the front door.

For Further information, please contact Sister Dorothy at 973-694-4585 Ext. 7245 or via email at SrDorothy@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.

Parish's Sacramental & Prayer Life

Jesus said: "from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother And be joined to his wife. And the two shall become one flesh. So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate."
(Mark 10:6-9)

We congratulate those who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage recently in our Church:

Frank Joseph Ferrara and Kelly Blodgett

"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,
Nicholas Chanda, Ralph Cicetti,
Kathy Corrao, Robert Darpino,
Jason Dellavalle, Flo Felano,
Josephine Ganz, Marie Liffers,
Margaret Link, Mary Maksuta,
Gloria Minnocci, Jenny Moskal,
Andrew Potter, Michael Renaldo,
Kristen Sedlacik, Patricia Smith,
Paul Tafuri, Michael Waldinger*

*Indeed for your faithful, Lord,
Life is changed not ended,
And when this earthly dwelling turns to dust,
An eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven.*

Pray for the Dead:

Caroline Connell

Rose Marie Johnson

Edward Robert Halat

Thomas James Nagy

Kevin Tinney

Expectant Parents

The blessing of expectant parents will take place after all Masses this weekend, October 7-8.



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

Blood Drive

The Knights of Columbus's 3rd Annual Red Cross blood drive will be held on Sunday, October 15, from 9:00am-2:00pm Father Rugel Hall.

If you have any questions or wish to sign up, please contact Vincent A. Disteso Grand Knight at distesov@optonline.net.

Youth Group—Klub Youth

Come join other teens on Wednesdays in the Youth Room at the Parish Center from 7:00pm-8:30pm. Come and learn how you can earn service hours! Refreshments served. **All Teens are Welcome!**

In Honor of St. Francis

During the month of October, our parish Youth Group will be collecting donations of any kind for local animal shelters.

Items can be brought by the teens to the Youth Group meetings which are held on Wednesday's from 7:00pm-8:30pm or parishioners can drop off donations on the back porch of the parish center.

Please join the youth of our parish in this special event to help our furry friends.

Blessing of Animals

This Sunday, **October 8, at 2:00pm** we will have the annual **Blessing of Animals** in honor of Saint Francis of Assisi.

All creatures "great and small" are invited to take part in the Blessing, which will be conducted outside by the Marian Shrine on the side of the church.

Women's Association

The Our Lady of the Valley Women's Association will host "A Coffee and"... on Wednesday, October 11, at 1:30pm in the parish center. At this session, there will be a lecture from a professional from St. Joseph Hospital who will address the topic of reducing your risk for falls. New comers are welcome.

Plan to join us. For further information contact Sister Dorothy at 973-694-4585 x 7245.

Adult Choir

The Our Lady of the Valley Adult choir welcomes new members to join us. The first rehearsal is at **9:00am this Sunday, October 8**, in the school office (off the kitchen) followed by singing at the 10:00am Mass. For further information contact John Peragallo.

Junior Choir

The Our Lady of the Valley Junior Choir welcomes students in elementary and middle school to join us on **Sunday, October 8. Rehearsal is at 11:15am** in church followed by singing at the Noon Mass. Please join us. For further information contact John Peragallo.

Holy Name Society

Help Eva's Kitchen

Next weekend, October 14-15, representatives from the Holy Name Society will be accepting monetary donations to assist the work of Eva's Kitchen in Paterson. Eva's Kitchen and Sheltering programs are under the auspices of Catholic Charities of our Diocese of Paterson.

Rite of Christian Initiation

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic? Are you a Catholic adult who has not received the sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation? Then you are invited! Come and join us on our journey of faith to listen to and reflect on God's Word and gain a deeper appreciation and understanding of Catholic beliefs and practices. *If you know someone who might be interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, please share this invitation with them.*

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“In Giving We Receive.”

Many members of our parish community have received, or will soon receive a letter from Bishop Serratelli requesting our support for the 2017 Bishop’s Annual Appeal.

The Bishop’s Annual Appeal is conducted to provide day-to-day operational funding for ministries throughout our Diocese of Paterson.

Today’s Gospel tells of a landowner who tended a vineyard with love and care and then leased it out to tenants. When it was time for the landowner to receive the fruits of the harvest, those leasing the bountiful land lashed out and attacked, wanting to keep the treasure for themselves. It is a reminder that, from the very moment of our existence, God has planted the seeds of our creative and abundant nature. He has blessed and nurtured each of us with different talents and gifts and abilities. Rather than hoard these gifts from God for ourselves, we are called to share them with others in gratitude and thanksgiving.

How do we pay homage to God in thanksgiving for all of our blessings? One very concrete and visible way is to share them with joy. This sharing can take many forms. Many of our faithful volunteer here in our parish and throughout our community. Many share their talents by helping fulfill the mission of their favorite charity. Many still financially support the parish and other worthy institutions. These acts of charity are blessings not only to the recipients, but also to the ones who are giving back. In keeping with the theme of this year’s 2017 Bishop’s Annual Appeal, ***In Giving, We Receive***, you are urged to share your financial blessings by making a pledge in support of the Appeal and those who are served each year.

The Appeal funds our **Catholic Charities Agencies**. These agencies offer a wide variety of services, including: day care and extended day care for working poor families; assisted transportation for the elderly and medically fragile; individual and family counseling; emergency food bank; adult day care; housing and case management for persons with HIV/AIDS; group homes for adults with disabilities; Family Support and case management for families with developmentally and intellectually disabled adults; after-school and summer programs; clothing pantries; substance abuse counseling; housing repairs for senior citizens; Meals on Wheels for seniors and the disabled, to mention just a few of their many services.

With the help of the Bishop’s Annual Appeal last year, much was done to support **Catholic education**. Over the years millions of dollars have been allocated to many of our most needy elementary schools for such purposes as technology and capital needs like new windows and school desks, roof replacement, HVAC upgrades, etc. The appeal also helps fund financial aid to assist families to afford Catholic school education.

The Annual Appeal also helps to **fund the education of our seminarians** and **Nazareth Village, our diocesan priests’ retirement residence** in Chester. This is especially important since the number of seminarians has increased dramatically in recent years, along with the cost of their formation. The Appeal helps both of these groups: those who are preparing for a lifetime of service to the Church and those who have faithfully served for decades.

The parish goal for Our Lady of the Valley this year is \$50,390.00 and the goal for Holy Cross is \$13,230.00. These goals are the same as in 2016, there has been no increase.

As in the past, half of the amount received ***over our parish goal*** will be returned to our parish for our own needs. Not only does the Appeal support many worthwhile ministries throughout our diocese, it will also help our own parish if we reach and exceed our goal. All funds raised in our Diocese of Paterson stay in the Paterson Diocese!

We can all be proud of the work going on in our Diocese: helping people in profound need, making a residence for our retired priests who have served us for decades, giving assistance to inner-city area schools that serve many economically disadvantaged students and educating seminarians who will one day serve us.

If you have received a letter from the Bishop, please prayerfully consider what you can pledge, and respond as soon as possible. All of us are asked to support our parish. Prayerfully reflect on the generosity of God in your life and decide upon a suitable gift that reflects your gratitude. Each gift should represent a gift given in thanksgiving for what God has given us and continues to give to each of us every day. Remember that each day is God’s gift to you. What you do with it is your “thank you” to God.

Our IN-PEW COMMITMENT WEEKEND will take place October 14-15 at Our Lady of the Valley and October 21-22 at Holy Cross.

Father Peter Wells
Pastor

Father Peter Filipkowski
Parochial Vicar

Spiritual Reflection

The Real Story

This Sunday we hear two stories about a vineyard. Let's compare them.*

The First Reading tells about "a friend" who carefully built a vineyard, clearing stones, building a watchtower, planting the choicest vines. He even "hewed out a wine press."

But his vineyard yielded bad grapes.

In vivid language, God tells the chief priests and elders that they themselves are this vineyard and that he is going to destroy them and trample them down because they would not let God's love grow up among them!

Then in the Gospel Jesus takes the same tale and embroiders it. In just one sentence he handles the part about planting a vineyard, digging the wine press, building the tower.

But then he goes further. He has the owner rent his rich vineyard to tenants (as was the custom). The he trusts his tenants to raise choice grapes. When in due season he sends servants to collect the yield—which must have been great because the tenants dishonestly want to keep everything, including the vineyard—they beat or stoned or even killed his servants!

In a surprising twist to the tale, seemingly an implausible one, Jesus says that the owner kindly decides to send his own son. He thinks that the tenants will surely respect his beloved offspring. Would you have done this? Wouldn't you have said, "I will keep my family away from these criminals"? I surely would have.

Not this owner. He sent his beloved son directly into the trap. The tenants kill him.

The owner has spent all his resources, even his own son, with no response. So at last he ejects the tenants and gives care of his vineyard to people who will listen.

Our First Reading tells the dishonest vineyard that God will

make it a ruin:
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
but will be overgrown with thorns and briers.

The details of these two parables are different, aren't they? But aren't they the same story, about *God punishing those who fail to produce?*

Does God punish those who fail to produce?

Be careful, because the stories do not turn out to be identical at all. As Jesus puts it, have you never read in the scriptures that, the stone that the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone;
by the Lord has this been done,
and it is wonderful in our eyes.**

This is not a generic condemnation of disobedient servants. The person who is telling this parable *is himself the very "stone that the builders rejected"!* Our repeated failure to accept God's love has resulted now in a final invitation, one concerning the teller of the tale, God's own child.

Many do not see it this way, as we know. Our Jewish sisters and brothers hope for Christians to stop blaming them for the death of the messiah. We respect that, at least I hope and plead that we do. And of course, the secular world of our day simply washes all belief away in favor of cell phones and digital phones and the world's buying power. And so on.

Yet we continue to tell Jesus' story of his love and his suffering, and of God's love brought to fulfillment in his life. We will hear it Sunday in a parable.

Be sure to listen.

John Foley, SJ

* Stories: our brains love stories because they tell about the "before-and-after," which are built right into our lives, so we recognize them. They carry also suspense, action, relationship and intercommunication—not to mention emotion and disappointment and elation, and so on. These elements resemble our daily experience more than any other device we have in the language.

**It is thought that Jesus is referring to Isaiah 5, or in other words, our First Reading.