

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)*



December 17, 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

Our Parish is Served By

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TRUSTEES OF THE PARISH

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Weekend Collection

Weekend Collection: December 10, 2017

Attendance:	810
Weekend Collection:	\$8,041.00
Candles/Poor:	\$433.05
Immaculate Conception:	\$1,681.00
WeShare:	\$2,051.82
Total:	\$12,206.87



Thank you for your continued generosity!

Presider Schedule

Weekend of December 23-24:

Our Lady of the Valley

5:00pm	Father Wells
8:00am	Father Peter
10:00am	Father Wells
12:00 Noon	NO MASS

Holy Cross

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

Weekly Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 17	8:00am	Joseph Caputo Angelo & Sadie Scavone Alfred & Theresa Toscani
	10:00am	Gennaro Carpenito Gerard Farese Rose Loffredo Ed Parks
	12:00pm	Cathy Pavlica Frank Pavlica Sr. Kevin Tinney
Monday, December 18	7:30am	Walter Cauceglia Saro Lioni
Tuesday, December 19	7:30am	Don Mersch Caroline Sciaberasso
		<i>Miraculous Medal Novena to follow Mass on Tuesday</i>
Wednesday, December 20	7:30am	Members of Coiro Family Brian Rickard
Thursday, December 21	7:30am	Jacque Meyer
Friday, December 22	7:30am	Madeline Cline Elaine McCloud Anthony Della Torre
Saturday, December 23	7:30am	Jean Belizzi
	5:00pm	Charles Marion Anne & Carmen Russo Catherine Soltys Special Intention
Sunday, December 24	8:00am	Anna Santee Carmen La Vorgna
	10:00am	William Francis Bogan Joseph Dul Dr. Robert Winter
	12:00pm	NO MASS

Christmas Mass Schedule

Our Lady of the Valley

Sunday, December 24

Christmas Eve

4:00pm & 6:00pm & 11:00pm

Monday, December 25

Christmas Day

8:00am & 10:00am, 12:00 Noon

Holy Cross

Sunday, December 24

Christmas Eve

5:00pm

Monday, December 25

Christmas Day

10:00am

Third Sunday of Advent - December 17, 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:

John Ricciardi

From Anna & Cindy Ricciardi

Faith Formation Program

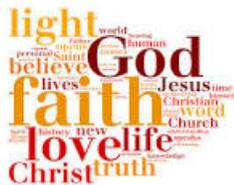
Grades 1-8:

TODAY - Sunday, December 17

January 7, 21, and 28
8:30-9:45 and 10:30-11:45

Monday, December 18

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

Christmas Flower Memorial Donations

It is a meaningful custom to make a donation in memory of a loved one towards the flowers and plants that decorate our worship space during the Christmas season. As you know, a list is published containing the names of the donors and the names of those remembered. Please, when you fill out the envelope **PLEASE PRINT THE NAMES LEGIBLY**. Sometimes it is very difficult to decipher the names when they are written in script. Thank you.

Parish's Sacramental & Prayer Life

After his resurrection he told his disciples: "Go out and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

(Rite of Baptism, Blessing of Water)

We congratulate and welcome those who were baptized December 3, 2017

Giulianna Giuseppina Maselli

Charlotte Grace O'Connor

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 last weekend:

Monica Carollo

Salvatore V. Marino

"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,

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, George Wilson

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.

(Roman Missal, Preface I for the Dead)

Pray for the Dead:

Vincenza "Nancy" Macaluso

Carlo Tirri

Patrick J. Del Vicario

Florence Waldy

Holy Spirit Fundraiser

COMEDY NIGHT

Saturday, January 6
Holy Spirit School Parish Center

Enjoy a night of laughter featuring New Jersey's Bad Boy MIKE MARINO. Doors open at 7:00pm. Show begins promptly at 8:30pm. Tickets are \$25 each (coffee and dessert included). Feel free to bring your own food, beer, wine, soda or any other beverage of your choice to have at your table.

For tickets call Holy Spirit School at 973-835-5680 (during school hours) or 862-228-3430 (evenings and weekends). To qualify for a special drawing, purchase tickets by January 1st. Only adults 21 and older will be permitted. This is a reserved seating event. All proceeds will benefit the 2018 graduating class of Holy Spirit School.

Holy Spirit Church
330 Newark Pompton Turnpike, Pequannock, NJ 07440.

Calling Young Musicians and Singers



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We invite you to join our music ministry at the 4:00pm Christmas Eve Family Liturgy.

For further information see Mr. Peragallo after Mass or email him at john@peragallo.com.



Adults who would like to sing with the choir for our Christmas Eve Liturgy at 11:00pm are most welcome to join us.

Please see John after Mass or email him at john@peragallo.com.

Welcome to the WeShare family!

WeShare aspires to provide the highest level of security to safeguard the online information of you and your parishioners.

With the migration of ParishPay financial data to WeShare we are asking your parishioners to validate their account to ensure the security of that information.

Please note their current account settings and scheduled donations will continue without validation. However, they will need to validate to:

- Make any adjustment to their current account, including adding donations, changing their scheduled donations or changing credit card numbers (new payment source, expires or reissues).
- Refresh their passwords.
- Provide valid email addresses to support password resets as required.
- Receive email confirmation of successful transactions or any declined transactions.
- Conform to recognized security best practices.

Validating their account online is a simple process but it does require the parishioner to know specific information about their account.

We will also provide support to your parishioners at 800-950-9952 select *Option 1* or email WeShare@4lpi.com. However we cannot assist them with validation if they can't provide the requisite information.

If your parishioner does not have access to information needed to validate their account you may validate for them. Security protocols require that each parishioner be validated individually. You can do so by:

- Working with donors while they're in the User Validation Tool to help enter the appropriate information.
- You can also validate your parishioners within their account and send them a password reset (with a valid email address)
 - Go to Manage Users within your WeShare site.
 - Click on member's name to open account.
 - Click on Change Email Address if needed to add email.

Holy Day of Obligation Versus Not a Holy Day of Obligation

Q: Why is Monday, December 25, 2017 a Holy Day of Obligation, while a week later, Monday, January 1, 2018 is not a Holy Day of Obligation?

A: First of all, it is helpful to understand which days are considered days of “obligation,” when the faithful attend Mass (either on the Feast Day or the evening preceding) and are to “abstain those works and business which hinder the worship to be rendered to God, the joy proper to the Lord’s day, or the suitable relaxation of mind and body” (Canon 1247). According to Canon 1246 §1, the universal Church recognizes apart from Sunday, which she calls “the primordial holy day of obligation,” ten days as holy days:

- The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, December 25
- The Epiphany, January 6
- The Ascension, Thursday of the 6th week of Eastern
- The Body and Blood of Christ, Thursday after Trinity Sunday
- Holy Mary the Mother of God, January 1
- The Immaculate Conception, December 8
- The Assumption of Mary, August 15
- The Feast of St. Joseph, March 19
- Sts. Peter and Paul the Apostles, June 29
- All Saints, November 1

The universal Church law allows for local conferences of bishops, with the Vatican’s approval, to suppress some of these days or to transfer them to a Sunday (Canon 1246 §2). Some countries even add to this list of holy days of obligation the celebration of certain feasts or saints of local importance, such as St. Patrick in Ireland. In the United States the obligatory character of St. Joseph (March 19) and Sts. Peter and Paul (June 29) has been suppressed. The solemnities of the Epiphany (January 6), the Ascension (Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter), and the Body and Blood of Christ (Thursday after Trinity Sunday) have been transferred to Sunday. (Some dioceses in the United States, it should be noted, still observe as a day of obligation Ascension on the Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter.) In these cases, the Solemnities are no longer strictly speaking holy days of “obligation,” yet the obligations attached to them remain insofar as they now fall on a Sunday.

For dioceses in the U.S., there are five days remaining that can be called “holy days of obligation”: Mary the Mother of God (January 1), the Assumption of Mary (August 15), All Saints Day (November 1), the Immaculate Conception (December 8), and Christmas (December 25). But of these five days, three of them have an “exceptional” quality. Whenever one of the first three solemnities—Mary the Mother of God, the Assumption, and All Saints Day—falls on a Saturday or a Monday, the obligation to attend Mass and refrain from unnecessary is lifted. In other words, these days are still observed (Monday, January 1, 2017 will still be the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God), but the obligations attached to them are removed. The last two of these five solemnities—The Immaculate Conception and Christmas—always retain the obligation, regardless of whether they fall on a Saturday or Monday. The reason is that both of the December Holy Days have such high importance: Christmas because it marks, after the Passion, the most important moment in the life of Christ, and the Immaculate Conception because Mary, under this title, is the Patroness of the United States.

*- Answered by Christopher Carstens
Editor, Adoremus Bulletin*

Spiritual Reflection

Holy Darkness

Darkness can terrify us.

But the right kind of darkness can give us peace. A night of good sleep, for instance. Or a “lovely soft day,” as the Irish call those shady, rainy, drizzling days that are typical of Ireland and make it so green.

I had an experience of a dark day when I was in Hawaii, no less, a place where light abounds. A brother Jesuit and I agreed to climb all the way up the side of Maui’s volcanic mountain—with a guide and with friends—and then climb down into the huge crater itself.

Fine, but no one had mentioned the great dark cave at the other end of the crater floor. This was a “lava tube,” formed when a huge molten stream began to cool and harden its outside while the inside continued to flow, leaving a hollow. Of course this is why it was a “tube.” We were ushered into this cave/tube, and of course went trustingly. After a few curves and reverses, there was no morsel of natural light left in the cave! Only one small electric bulb (our salvation). We settled down on various rocks by its light.

Then our “guide” turned it off.

Yes.

He had warned us of this ahead of time, very kindly and all, but the words “put out the light” did not sound comforting to my ears.*

Deep, undifferentiated darkness settled in around us and around everything. Eyes open, eyes closed, it was all the same. No light, no shadow, no least glow. Obviously he knew that we would feel trapped and afraid, lost in a strange place, our eyes put out.

But the result was just the opposite. Against all reason, I felt wonderful: wonderful rest, wonderful peace.

“I’ll turn the light back on now,” the guide whispered after several minutes, but we stopped him. “No, no, leave it off. Give us more time.” We sat, unseeing, united, consoled by the warmth and depth of absolute night.

When the tiny bulb did finally return, our own eyesight surprised us. Sight was like a memory that had slipped away. Darkness made a resting place in which our souls re-charged, our eyes recovered their innocence. Maybe our daylight world had become too ordinary, too usual, too much just a tool to be used. Now the light seemed miraculous, a gift from God—even if it came through a trivial incandescent bulb!

Why am I telling this? Well, in Sunday’s Gospel the people hungered for light like this. To John the Baptist they shouted, in effect, “are you the light?” Will you “bring glad tidings to the poor, healing to the brokenhearted, liberty to the captives and release [to] the prisoners” (First Reading)? The Baptist said. I am only pointing you toward the light. It will be here soon. Hold my arm till he comes.

Have you and I found his arm to hold onto? What is our experience of darkness? Is it the opposite of quiet? For some of us, terror is its name!

However unrelieved our night may be, know that there is always, forever, the promise of light. When we have been destitute for a long long time, even one speck of light will change everything.

A tiny child might provide this on Christmas Eve!

John Foley, SJ

* “Put out the light, and then, put out the light.” Those words are what Othello said just before he blew out the candle and then killed the sleeping Ophelia.