

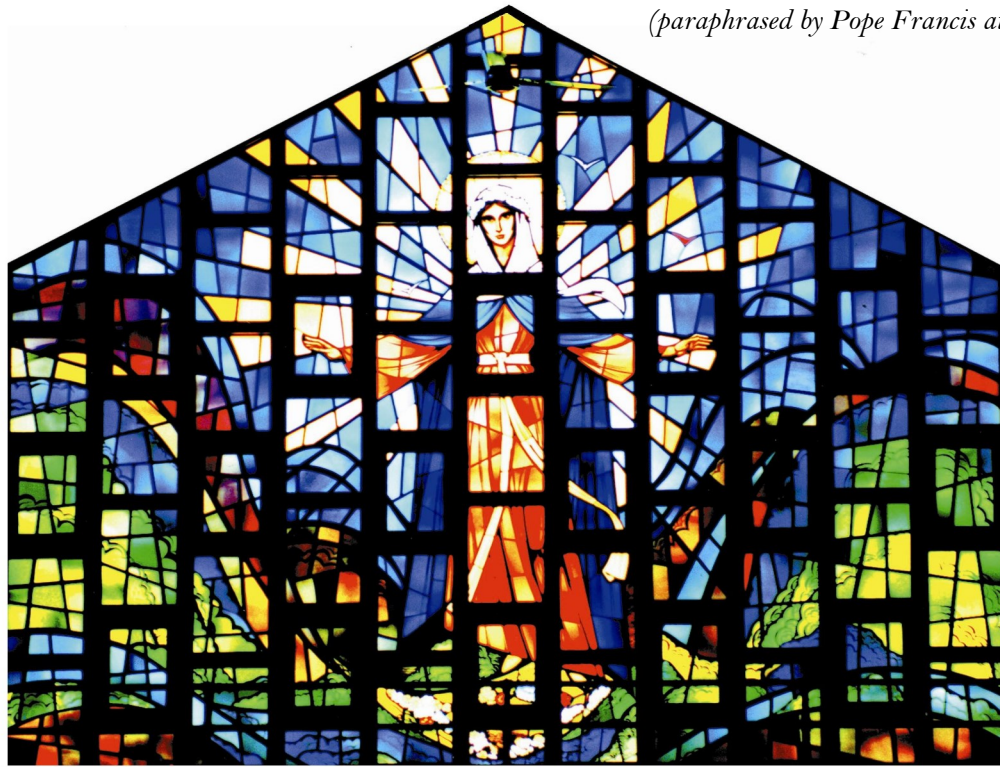
Our Lady of the Valley Church

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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
University of Notre Dame
(paraphrased by Pope Francis at General Audience)*



December 31, 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

December 24, 2017

Figures not available
Due to early holiday printing

Thank you for your continued generosity!



Holiday Hours - Parish Center

The Parish Center will be closed on Monday, January 1. Happy New Year!

Presider Schedule

Weekend of January 6-7:

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, January 31	8:00am	Gaetano & Angelina Ferraro Alfred Toscani
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	10:00am	William Bogan Dr. Anthony Novembre
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	12:00pm	Diana Breen Charles Werkley
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Monday, January 1	10:00am	For the People
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Tuesday, January 2	7:30am	Kevin Naklicki Roseann Toarmina Special Intention
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Miraculous Medal Novena to follow Mass on Tuesday

Wednesday, January 3	7:30am	Marcia Collins
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Thursday, January 4	7:30am	Warren Harris
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Friday, January 5	7:30am	John Fierro
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Saturday, January 6	7:30am	For the People
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	5:00pm	Jean Cerv Kevin Tinney
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Sunday, January 7	8:00am	Sonia Mulrooney Eileen T. Pascrell
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	10:00am	Caroline Connell Rose Loffredo Alessandro Pucino Anthony Salvatore
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	12:00pm	Jean Hulst Diego Repice Kevin Tinney Mary Vandenburg
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January 1, 2018

Monday, January 1, 2018, is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God and New Year's Day. This Octave Day of Christmas celebrates one of Mary's most outstanding characteristics: her willingness to know and do God's will. While we would like to follow her example, we wonder why she was so sure of it. The Gospel gives us a clue. She reflected on events that happened and were happening. She meditated. In our busy lives we often overlook meditation as prayer.

This year January 1, while still being a Holy Day, it is not a day of obligation. The Eucharist will be celebrated at Our Lady of the Valley at 10:00 a.m.

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph - December 31, 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:

Marcia Collins

From her husband, Barry.

Faith Formation Program

Grades 1-8:

Sunday, January 7, 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

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

"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,
Rosa Malfa, Gloria Minnocci, Jenny Moskal,
Monica Phaelon, 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:

Clara Dedone

Parents - Confirmation II

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 here at Our Lady of the Valley is canceled.



Winter Clothing Drive

The weekend of **January 20-21** we will have our annual Deacon Ray Kucinski Winter Clothing Drive.

After every Mass that weekend you can drop off your gently used winter clothing **in Father Rugel Hall**.

Now is the time to look in your closets to see what you have and no longer use and share those items with our less fortunate brothers and sisters. Thank you for your generosity and sharing with those who are in most need!

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

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.

An Interview with God

“Come in,” God said. “So, you would like to interview me?” “If you have the time,” I said. God smiled and said: “My time is eternity and is enough to do everything; what questions do you have in mind to ask me?”

“What surprises you most about mankind,” I said. God answered: “That they get bored of being children, are in a rush to grow up, and then long to be children again. That they lose their health to make money and then lose their money to restore their health. That by thinking anxiously about the future, they forget the present, such that they live neither for the present nor the future. That they live as if they will never die, and they die as if they had never lived.

God’s hands took mine and we were silent or awhile and then I asked, “As a parent, what are some of life’s lessons you want your children to learn?” God replied with a smile: “To learn that they cannot make anyone love them. What they can do is to let themselves be loved. To learn that what is most valuable is not what they have in their lives, but who they have in their lives.

To learn that it is not good to compare themselves to others. All will be judged on their own merits, not as a group on a comparison basis! To learn that a rich person is not the one who has the most, but is one who needs the least. To learn that it only takes a few seconds to open profound wounds in persons we love, and that it takes many years to heal them. To learn to forgive by practicing forgiveness.

To learn that there are persons that love them dearly, but simply do not know how to express or show their feelings. To learn that money can buy everything but happiness. To learn that two people can look at the same thing and see it totally different.

To learn that a true friend is someone who knows everything about them...and likes them anyway. To learn that it is not always enough that they be forgiven by others, but that they have to forgive themselves.”

I sat there for a while enjoying the moment. I thanked God for his time and for all that he had done for me and my family, and he replied, “Anytime. I’m here 24 hours a day. All you have to do is ask for me, and I’ll answer. Remember, people will forget what you said. People will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.”

Happy New Year!

Help Wanted: Ushers

The Ministry of Usher (also known as hospitality) is an important ministry of the parish. It is more than just taking up the collection (which in itself is important). Ushers act as welcomers and direction givers and assist with “traffic flow” at the time of the reception of Holy Communion. They assist our parishioners with whatever is needed at Mass. They also help keep the church “tidy” after Mass.

Ushers are needed at all of our Masses. Any man or woman or teen is welcome to become an usher. If interested please contact Joseph Campbell at 973-997-6208.

Cards and Prayers for Military

Is a member of your family currently serving in the military? (father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister, grandchildren, niece, nephew)

Our Women’s Cornerstone Group would like to know. We want to keep them in our prayers, and also, we would like to send them cards and gift packages to show them our appreciation for their service to our country. We want them to know that their parish community remembers them and cares about them and that they are in our thoughts and prayers throughout the year.

Print their name and military address on a piece of paper (and also their relationship to you). You can deposit the name in the box on the back porch of the parish center or just drop it in the collection basket on the weekend when you come to Church.

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.

Spiritual Reflection

In the Shade

In my childhood—which happened a while back, I admit—I used to look forward every year to the big New Years Eve party that my parents had. A number of times, I—ever inventive—wrote and dittoed off a tiny newspaper for the entertainment of everyone in attendance.

For me, that party came second only to Christmas! And of course, Christmas was the big deal. It was the main holiday—the presents, the Christmas village that my mother constructed each year on the mantel, and increasingly for me, the birth of the Christ child.

The holidays had and have a big footprint. That is why I wonder about the Church having placed the feast of the Holy Family in between Christmas and New Years. Mightn't this put family into the shade? Who has energy to concentrate if they have put effort into shopping, decorating, hanging lights, putting up Christmas trees, leaning out to relatives, giving, giving, giving, and obviously, cleaning up. Not to mention the big and late midnight Mass.

The Holy Family feast happens between them. How can we make room for it, tired or not?

Maybe by looking at what we would miss if we ignored this particular Sunday, especially the Gospel. We can start by asking what is the Holy Family feast for?

The actual Presentation in the Temple, portrayed in its Gospel, will be celebrated on February 2nd, using exactly the same Gospel reading. Thus the “historical” significance of the event is reiterated later when it can have full significance. It is as if the Church has something besides chronology in mind when it put this reading right after Christmas.

What? Its spiritual content.

Some highlights:

1. This Sunday contains one of the few descriptions of the Holy Family in all scripture. Their appearance here emphasizes how important family care is for children and for all human beings. Mary and Joseph seem hesitant but have exquisite care for the baby Jesus.
2. Look at the important words of Simeon, which interpret the Nativity for us, though they may not seem to:

Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace,
according to your word,
for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you prepared in sight of all the peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and glory for your people Israel.

Simeon at last holds the baby in his arms. His famous words are like using an underliner on the Christmas story: the child brings peace; he is a fulfillment of the Lord's word, that a Messiah would come; he is an entrance of God into the whole world not just to a part of it, being sent to the Gentiles as well as to Israel; he is a revelation and he is a glory. Don't we need this kind of interpretation? Why ignore it?

3. There is not only Simeon, but also Anna. We are told she had done Advent fasting and prayer in the temple until she was 84! Now, poignantly, she begins to speak out about the child to anyone who had been awaiting redemption. Isn't she a symbol of the Advent we have just been through, the period of waiting, learning, and patience?

These are only three of the quiet beauties in the Gospel this Sunday, celebrating family, and bringing out spiritual qualities of the birth of Our Lord.

What if we let this Sunday quietly unpack Christmas and our lives for us?

John Foley, SJ

* The Synod convoked by Pope Francis has put out its conclusions on the subject of family. This document specifically recognizes human growth and feelings within marriage. In a time when so many have turned away from this felt and formal union, how important is such a reconsideration by the Church.