

# 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)*



## **Schedule of Masses**

### **Weekdays**

Monday - Saturday 7:30 a.m.

### **Weekends**

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.  
and 12:00 Noon

## **Parish Office Hours**

Monday through Friday

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturdays 4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

## **Sacraments of Baptism, Marriage & Personal Appointments**

Please call the Parish Office

**Remember Our Lady of the Valley Church in Your Will**

## OUR PARISH IS SERVED BY

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## PRESIDER SCHEDULE

### Weekend of April 6-7:

#### Our Lady of the Valley

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

#### Holy Cross

5:00pm Father Duberney  
10:00am Father Duberney

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 1 7:30am For the People

Tuesday, April 2 7:30am Jay Zarillo  
(Special Intention)

*Miraculous Medal Novena to follow Mass on Tuesday*

Wednesday, April 3 7:30am Joseph DiLeo

Thursday, April 4 7:30am For the People

Friday, April 5 7:30am John Fierro  
Teresita A. Juantiez

Saturday, April 6 7:30am For the People

5:00pm Mae Cocilovo  
Edward & Alice Rizzo  
Gaetana & Francesco Telese

Sunday, April 7 8:00am Harriett Bishop Gorman  
Michele Rowek

10:00am Joseph Calandra  
Arnaldo Lombardo  
Patricia A. Nobile  
Michael Renaldo

12:00pm Engracio Basilio  
Patricia Ann Dalzell  
Catherine J. Foster  
Anne & Carmen Russo

*“It is a holy and wholesome thought  
to pray for the dead.” (2 Maccabees 12:46)*

One of the Spiritual Works of Mercy is “to pray for the living and the dead.”

## ACT OF STEWARDSHIP

Weekend: March 24, 2019

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Attendance:	856	
Donations:	\$7,376.67	\$11,165.40
Candles/Poor	\$331.00	\$345.10
WeShare:	\$2,679.00	\$2,564.78
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$10,386.67</b>	<b>\$14,075.28</b>

*As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace. (1 Peter 4:8-10)*



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 31, 2019

## 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:

*Jeanette Beneat, Gregory Bertoline,  
Joseph Brucato Jr., Chris Camp, Louis Caprio,  
Ralph Cicetti, Maggie Corley, Kathy Corrao,  
Robert Darpino, Flo Felano, Stephen Hazuda,  
Marie Kelly, Barry Koerber, Edward LaBarre,  
Grace Krause, Lynn Krause-Lambermont,  
Bob Martens, Jeff Miller, Gloria Minnocci,  
Marie Moore, Jenny Moskal, Donna Ottomanelli,  
Wendy Perez, Carl Potter, Michael Perruzzi,  
Roger Rigolli, Norma Rivera, Kristen Sedlacik,  
Jenna Sisto, Debbie Sleeman, Raymond Smith,  
Paul Tafuri, Pat VanSteyn, Michael Waldinger,  
Selma Will, George Wilson*

*Indeed for your faithful, Lord,  
life is changed, not ended,  
and when this early 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:

*Jorge De Vera*

*Patricia Faith Nagy*



## SOCIAL MINISTRY

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.

## 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:

*María & Antonio Gaita*

From their Loving Family

## FAITH FORMATION

**Grades 1-8:**  
**TODAY - March 31**  
April 7, 28  
8:30am - 9:45am  
10:30am - 11:45am

**Grades 5-8:**  
Monday, April 1,  
April 8, 29  
7:00pm - 8:15pm



**Confirmation I:**  
Sunday - April 14  
9:30am - 11:30am

**Confirmation II:**  
Sunday - April 14  
1:15pm - 2:45pm

We appreciate all students arriving on time for class.

## PARISH FESTIVAL

YOU can help us reach our goal! Our Super 50/50 raffle is already over \$7,500. If you have not yet done so, please send your Super 50/50 tickets in! Additional Super 50/50 tickets also available... just call the Parish Secretary at 973-694-4585 x7200.

Do you have a few hours to spend on one or two nights to volunteer and have fun at the same time? Our call for volunteers will be coming up soon so please consider helping your parish with this worthwhile event. As a special thank you for our volunteers, we will be having a random drawing of raffle prizes each shift.

Our Lady of the Valley's Parish Festival  
May 14-19, 2019



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed at Our Lady of the Valley during Lent on Friday evenings at 7:00 p.m. (April 5, 12).

The Stations of the Cross began as the practice of pious pilgrims to Jerusalem who would retrace the final journey of Jesus to Calvary.

Later, for the many who wanted to pass along the same route, but could not make the trip to Jerusalem, a practice developed that eventually took the form of the fourteen stations currently found in almost every church.

## ENCOUNTER KUMBA

We encounter Kumba from Sierra Leone, who, through her education, is providing hope for her family and community. How has education given you opportunities in life? How do you use your education for the common good? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more.



## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



Our Lady of the Valley/Holy Cross Prayer Shawl Ministry has distributed over 1,700 shawls since its inception. We are very grateful to all of our dedicated knitters and crocheters. Through their generosity they have brought many of our parishioners and their relatives and friends great comfort. If you are interested in joining the ministry or would like a shawl for someone you know, please call Sister Dorothy at 973-694-4585 x 7245 or email [srdorothy@olvwayne.org](mailto:srdorothy@olvwayne.org).

## WELCOME HOME TO HEALING AND THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Once again during the Lenten season our Diocese of Paterson will take part in the Welcome Home to Healing Initiative.

On the Mondays of Lent, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated in the churches throughout our diocese from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

At Our Lady of the Valley, Reconciliation will be celebrated on April 1, 8.

As a reminder, Reconciliation is available every Saturday at 4:00pm in Church or by appointment.

## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

### Monday, April 1

7:00pm - 8:15pm Faith Formation (School, RH)  
7:00pm - 8:30pm Welcome Home to Healing (Church)

### Tuesday, April 2

7:00pm - 9:00pm Boy Scouts (Rugel Hall)  
7:30pm - 9:30pm Pastoral Advisory Board (PC2/3)

### Wednesday, April 3

6:30pm Cub Scouts (Rugel Hall)  
7:00pm Rosary (AC)

### Thursday, April 4

7:00pm Bible Study (Holy Cross)

### Friday, April 5

7:00pm Stations of the Cross (Church)

### Sunday, April 7

8:30am Faith Formation (School)  
9:00am Music Ministry (BO)  
10:30am Faith Formation (School)

## YOUTH NEWS

The Youth Group service project will be held on Wednesday, April 10 from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30p.m. in the Parish Youth Room. To earn credit for service hours, you must stay for the full service duration.

Please note that due to the holiday and school break, there will be no social for the month of April.



## THANK YOU FROM LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

Dear Father Wells,

What a joy to be at your Parish and share Liturgy with your people. How grateful the sisters and I are for the welcome we received and the friendliness of the people we met.

We are thankful for the generosity of your parishioners and friends it was overwhelming as the collection was over \$3,443.00!

At the return of envelopes that your parishioners took, we will send a total sum in 2 or 3 weeks.

Thank you for your supporting comments of encouragement at the end of Mass to inspire the almsgiving of your parishioners. They indeed followed your advice with their generosity.

We assure you of our prayers in your Ministry at your combined parishes.

I am in Christ,  
Sister Lorraine, lsp

## HOLY SPIRIT TRICKY TRAY

Holy Spirit School, 330 Newark Pompton Turnpike in Pequannock will be hosting their Annual Tricky Tray on Friday, April 5, in the Heslin-Codioli Center (gym).

We are grateful for the community members that have been so supportive throughout the years and we hope you will join us again for an evening that will prove to be just as entertaining and enjoyable as in the past.

This year's tricky tray will have over 200 prizes that include a 55" TV, iPad, Apple watch, tickets to a Broadway show, gas grill, sporting event tickets, AirPods, baskets, raffles, 50/50 and more.

Admission is \$20 and includes a sheet of small prize tickets along with dessert and coffee. Feel free to bring your own food and beverages! To purchase tickets or for more information call the school at 973-835-5680.

## THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION

The Pope's Prayer Intention for April is for **Doctors and their Collaborators in War Zones**. For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.

## PARISH MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS

Adoration Chapel	Theresa Ballard
Altar Servers	Jennifer Daudelin
Baptism Preparation	Sister Dorothy Dee, SSJ
Bereavement Ministry	Sister Dorothy Dee, SSJ
Children's Liturgy of the Word	Clare Clark
Church 'Cleaning Crew'	Linda Campiglia
Eucharistic Ministers	Jim DeLuccia
Eva's Kitchen Volunteers	Chung Wallace
Faith Formation	Judi Cocilovo
Festival Committee	Matthew Cavallo
Finance Committee	William Murphy
Funeral Ministry	Kathryn Krause
Holy Name Society	David Hall
Knights of Columbus	Alex Hodor
Lectors	Mark Peischl
Music	John Peragallo
Pastoral Advisory Board	James Meringer
Prayer Shawl Ministry	Elaine Mingo
Queen of Peace Prayer Group	Julia Rogacki
R.C.I.A.	Sister Dorothy Dee, SSJ
Sacred Linens	Judi Meo
Scripture Study	Maureen Kolis
Scouts:	
Boy:	Dr. Henry Madalian
Cub:	James Koppenal
Social Ministry	Deacon Vincent Cocilovo
Ushers	Joseph Campbell
Women's Cornerstone	Andrea Seminara

For further information and to be in contact with any of these ministries, please contact the Parish Office.



## SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

### Cowering

Watch the dog hang its head when it is scolded. It grovels. It tries to wheedle its way back into good graces. To us humans it looks as if it is saying, “I’m really, really, really sorry for what I did and please, please, please, please forgive me. I will do any base thing you want!”

Poor dog.

And poor prodigal son in this week’s Gospel. Happy as an animal up on your Easter table, he spent his father’s money on riotous living in a far away country. Obviously he would run out of wealth, but he was having too much fun to notice. Finally terrible famine hit the country and this once pampered youth now fell to simply feeding somebody’s herd of pigs. At this point he would have been happy just to gobble up some swine husks.

It took a while for the truth to get through to him—what he had done to himself and to his family. First, he noticed that he was starving. Then he made a forced and slightly humble decision to go back to his father and ask for mercy. He hung his head just like dogs do. “Please, please, please forgive me!”

Imagine dragging yourself down the jagged road to your father’s estate, practicing your speech over and over:

Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.  
I no longer deserve to be called your son;  
treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers.

You and I have fear also. Often we are terrified that anyone might know our faults. Especially God. We think God will respond with rage if he finds out. So we make a Lenten “firm purpose of amendment,” or a New Year’s promise or whatever else. We want to be “worthy” before God, with our sins hidden.

But pay very close attention to the young man’s father in the parable. He spots his prodigal son far down the road, the boy still memorizing the his lines. Did his father fold his arms and put on an angry face? Not at all. He sets out running. See them meet, enveloped by the thirsty road-dust. He embraces and kisses his son. The boy tries to blunder out his lines.

I have sinned terribly! I am no longer worthy of ...

His father drowns him out, calling for the finest robe in the house, plus a ring for the young man’s finger, sandals for his feet, and a huge banquet for celebration. He understands. He is ecstatic that his son came home.

Apply that now to you and me. Watch as our own shame says to God, “Father, I am a no good. I am totally unworthy. You must be very angry.”

“I know what you have done, child,” says God. “You needn’t cower. You are precious to me, and not because you never sin. Come, come, have back your brothers, sisters, neighbors and, most of all, your Father. Let me hug you.”

Because God holds us so close to his heart, he is most willing to absorb the losses we inflict. Even if we were to join forces with evil in the world, God would wait and pray and welcome us back with open arms. This is God’s Lenten message.

By the way, notice that Jesus’ arms are wide open on the cross.

John Foley, SJ