

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)



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 13-14:

Our Lady of the Valley

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

Holy Cross

5:00pm Father Wells
10:00am Father Wells

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 8 7:30am For the People

Tuesday, April 9 7:30am Dominick Gagliostro
Miraculous Medal Novena to follow Mass on Tuesday

Wednesday, April 10 7:30am For the People

Thursday, April 11 7:30am For the People

Friday, April 12 7:30am Helen & Anthony Barbarito
Julius Leitner

Saturday, April 13 7:30am For the People

5:00pm Mildred DeMarco
Edward Parks
Michele Rowek
Waclaw Wiszowaty
Wieslaw Wiszowaty

Sunday, April 14 8:00am Andrew Buonpastore
Gaetano & Angelina Ferraro
Michele Rowek
Kristine Yarmula

10:00am Genaro Carpenito
Anthony & Robert Giannini
Asmah Haddad
Michael Renaldo

12:00pm Dorothy Caucelgia
Michele Rowek

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

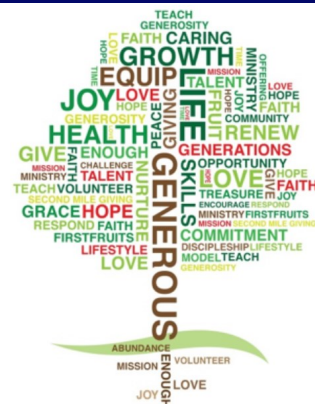
One of the Spiritual Works of Mercy is “to pray for
the living and the dead.”

ACT OF STEWARDSHIP

Weekend: March 31, 2019

	2018	2019
Attendance:	1,045	1,045
Donations:	\$7,504.50	\$7,504.50
Candles/Poor	\$357.88	\$357.88
WeShare:	\$2,679.00	\$2,679.00
Total:	\$10,541.38	\$10,541.38

*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)*



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – APRIL 7, 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, Anne Romeo,
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:

Kathleen Sternick



PARISH FESTIVAL

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



We are fast approaching our Festival Week! Just 5 more weeks till we open!

In order for this to be successful, WE NEED YOU!! Please consider volunteering 1 or more nights at the festival - it's a chance to meet other parishioners, have a good time and a fun way to practice stewardship for the church! As a thank you to our volunteers, we will have nightly drawings for prizes on each shift!!

Can't volunteer? Bring your family out and have a great time - we have lots of great food coming your way!

Our Super 50/50 is now over \$8,500!! Already sent your tickets in? Then you're in it to win it! If you haven't sent them in, please return them as soon as possible so we can watch our tally go higher and higher! Remember, last year all our winners were parishioners! This year it could be YOU!

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:

Dean Ricciardi

From Anna and Cindy Ricciardi

FAITH FORMATION

Grades 1-8:
TODAY - April 7
April 28
8:30am - 9:45am
10:30am - 11:45am

Grades 5-8:
Monday
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.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Monday, April 8

7:00pm - 8:15pm
7:00pm - 8:30pm

Faith Formation (School, RH)
Welcome Home to Healing (Church)

Tuesday, April 9

7:00pm - 9:00pm
7:00pm

Boy Scouts (Rugel Hall)
Women's Cornerstone (Rm 105)

Wednesday, April 10

2:30pm
6:30pm
7:00pm
7:00pm

Mass at Sisco
Cub Scouts (Rugel Hall)
Knights of Columbus (Rm 105)
Rosary (AC)

Thursday, April 11

1:30pm
7:00pm

Mass at Atrium
Bible Study (Holy Cross)

Friday, April 12

7:00pm

Stations of the Cross (Church)

Sunday, April 14

9:30am - 11:30am
9:00am
9:00am
1:15pm - 2:45pm

Confirmation I (School)
Music Ministry (BO)
Holy Name Society (PC2/3)
Confirmation II (School)

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 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 ONA



We encounter Ona in Gaza, where, despite lack of economic opportunity, people pursue their dreams by building businesses to better their lives. How do your daily choices impact others throughout the world? How can your choices support the dignity of workers? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

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.

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.

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 8.

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - ANTIOCH

Didn't get a chance to sign up? Looking for ways to help your parish? The Antioch retreat could use your help! Posters are still out in the church so please sign up. The Antioch team greatly appreciates everyone's generosity and support.

APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION "CHRISTUS VIVIT"

On the fourteenth anniversary of the death of St. John Paul II, Pope Francis' Post-Synodal Exhortation to Young People and to the entire People of God "Christus vivit" was released by the Vatican. This important document is the fruit of the last Ordinary Synod of Bishops on "Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment" held at the Vatican in October 2018. We are happy to have this document available on our website, www.olvwayne.org.

DEPAUL OPEN HOUSE

Please join us at DePaul Catholic High School for our Spring Open House on May 1 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. All are welcome! Our Open House provides an excellent introduction for prospective students and their parents. Please register for the Spring Open House online. Questions? Contact the Office of Admissions at 973-694-3702 ext. 410 or admissions@dpchs.org.

PREPARING TO LIVE THE SACRED TRIDUUM: THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

Even though it is thirteen days from now, it is never too early to start preparing ourselves for the Easter Vigil.

The celebration of the Great Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night is the most important Eucharist of the church's year. It celebrates our faith in the resurrection, the cornerstone of our belief. Ranking highest among the celebrations of the Liturgical year, **it should rank highest in the spiritual life of the parish.**

More than half a century has passed since Pope Pius XII restored the Easter Vigil to its supreme dignity in the liturgical year, yet many Roman Catholics have never experienced the Vigil's sense of expectancy and fulfillment.

What can we do to truly experience this "night of nights?"

Before the Vigil:

1. "Dressing up" for Easter is a great custom, if it is done for the right reason: to remind ourselves outwardly of what we are to put on inwardly – the splendor of the risen Christ.
2. Leave your watch at home or in your pocket; turn off your cell phone. The Easter Vigil lasts longer than an ordinary Sunday Mass, so remove whatever can distract you from the important words and actions of the liturgy. It is an unfortunate attitude of our Roman Catholic culture that many people say, "I don't want to go to the Easter Vigil, it is too long." But those same people have no problem sitting through a long movie or play or sporting event.
3. Do **not** leave older children (or teenagers) at home. The Vigil has much that will appeal to their senses: lighting and extinguishing of candles (twice!), singing psalms and songs, sprinkling with blessed water, fragrant clouds of incense, flowers.
4. Come prepared to be a **participant** rather than a **spectator**. Even if you don't see or hear or understand everything the first time around, The Vigil is still **your** celebration. **You** are part of the parish family that is making something grand happen!
5. Come prepared to **rejoice** with those adult members of our community who are welcomed into the Church through the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

At the Vigil:

We gather this night as a redeemed people to remember and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ – his victory over sin and death that happened in the past, is alive in the present, and will be fulfilled in the future.

The Great Vigil of Easter has four main parts:

1. The Service of **Light**, in which we greet the risen Christ, the light of the world.
2. The Liturgy of the **Word**, in which we recall Christ's resurrection in prophecy and fulfillment.
3. The Liturgy of **Baptism**, in which we celebrate the baptismal commitment of new brothers and sisters in Christ and in which we renew our baptismal promises to live as God's people. New members are baptized this night because this is **our** night of renewal and commitment.
4. The Liturgy of the **Eucharist**, in which we share the Body and Blood of the risen Christ – the pledge of our own resurrection.

Come experience the Great Vigil of Easter this year! **This is the night!**

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

Caught!

It is a scene from a nightmare.

Yet it turns out well.

Pretend that you are the woman in Sunday's Gospel. You have been "caught in adultery." The officials shove you into a mob of people.

They see your hot shame and how it burns. They recite the ancient law of Moses: "The sacred law says you must be stoned to death for your crime."

Stoned to death! Humiliation would be bad enough! The sin is bad enough. Stoned! No!

There is a man everyone calls the "Teacher." He has been captivating the crowd just before you were dragged in. Now you (= the woman) have become the center of attention.

So the nightmare gets worse. By means of your humiliation the accusers want to trap the Teacher and disgrace him! They are using you for this purpose. Now you see that your devastation is only a mere tool!

They question the Teacher. Doesn't he agree that you should be stoned to death? They have him in a snare, this "teacher," this dreamer, who always preaches about forgiveness and love. If he defends you for the sake of his so-called love, he will break the law of Moses! If he rejects his law of love, he must then follow Moses' law, pick up a stone and throw it.

This teacher leans down, scratching absent-mindedly in the dirt. People hold their breath. The accusers fear. Why is he silent and what will he say? Now they themselves become nervous.

Let us figure out Jesus' answer. Could it be that "the Teacher" is thinking something like the following:

"My Abba has loved each of them through all ages, no matter whether they were sinners or not. 'Be my people,' Abba always begged them. 'Love one another. I love you, and I forgive your sins.'"

But their motto is hatred not love. They want death to happen.

For "Father" Jesus uses an Arabic word that expresses both familiarity and respect, "Abba."

They shout again. "What is your answer? Shall we follow the law and stone this sinful woman?" Remember, reader, you are that woman, and you stand in humiliation, cheeks hot and tears falling. Your heart says in terror, "the accusers are right!"

But teacher lifts his head from the scratchings. He utters a sentence that sums up the Gospel and all of Lent:

"Let the one among you who is without sin throw the first stone." (Gospel)

The crowd creeps away, silently, sunk in their own hidden sins. Now you stand alone before this quiet Teacher, and your terror has gone. There is something about him that supports you, brings you out to solid ground.

"Well, where are they?" he asks. "Has no one condemned you?" You reply, "No one, sir." Maybe he also asks, "Do you condemn yourself?"

You, the woman, spend a long time on this answer because the question is so very hard. Finally you whisper, "I do not wish to condemn myself, Teacher."

"Neither do I condemn you," Jesus answers. "Go and sin no more."

This scene could refashion the whole earth. If we could each accept our own sinfulness and the forgiveness that surrounds it. We would have peace. We would drink compassion from God, who has been there all along, tracing in the sand.

You stammer at last, "I believe, Lord.

"Help my unbelief."