

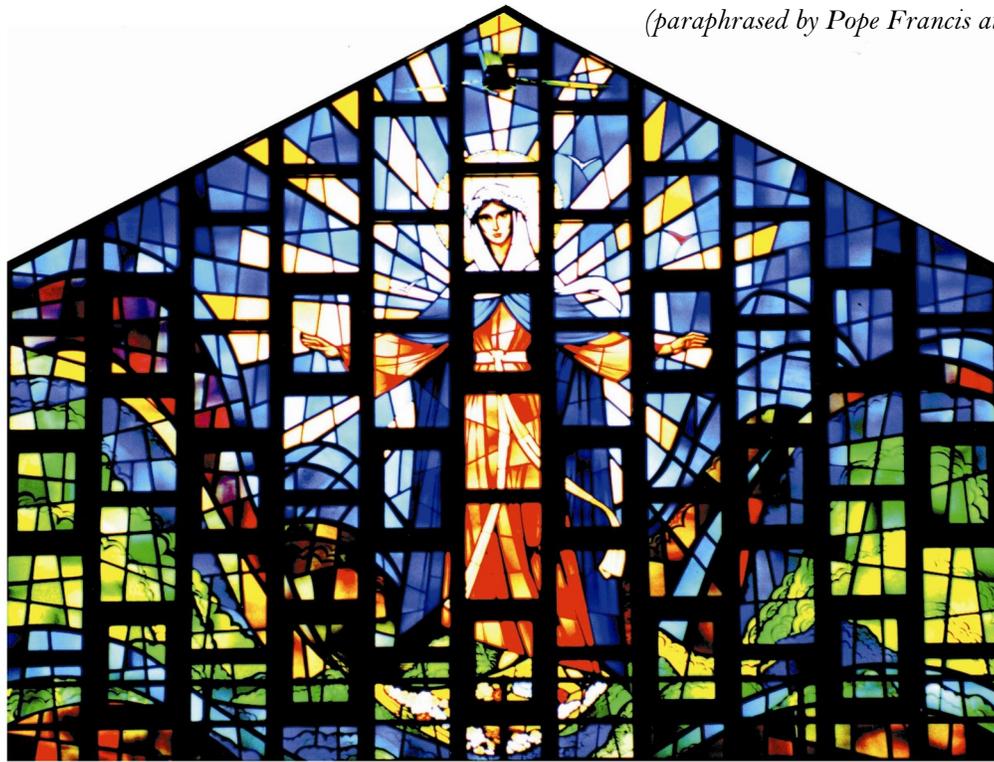
# Our Lady of the Valley Church

630 Valley Road - Wayne - New Jersey - 07470 - [www.olvwayne.org](http://www.olvwayne.org)

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)*



February 19, 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

**Rev. Peter VB. Wells, Pastor**  
973-694-4585, Ext 7246  
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Adult Formation/Ministry of Consolation  
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### TRUSTEES OF THE PARISH

**Marie Armenio**  
mrarmenio@olvwayne.org

**Mark Peischl**  
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**Michael Renaldo (Trustee Emeritus)**

## Weekend Collection

Weekend Collection: February 12, 2017

Attendance:	792
Weekend Collection:	\$6,064.27
Candles/Poor	\$170.86
Parish Pay:	\$2,995.25
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$9,230.38</b>



Thank you for your continued Generosity!

## Presider Schedule

Weekend of February 25—26:

### Our Lady of the Valley

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

### Holy Cross

5:00pm	Father Mark Marangone
10:00am	Father Mark Marangone

## Weekly Mass Intentions

Monday, February 20 7:30am For the People

Tuesday, February 21 7:30am Gavin Brady  
(Special Intention)  
Hannah Dugan  
(Special Intention)  
Diego Raymond Torres

*Miraculous Medal Novena to follow Mass on Tuesday*

Wednesday, February 22 7:30am For the People

Thursday, February 23 7:30am Michael Turco  
(Special Intention)

Friday, February 24 7:30am For the People

Saturday, February 25 7:30am For the People

5:00pm Margie Clark Bullock  
Raymond & Joy Catanzaro  
James Coyle  
Bill Marrinan

Sunday, February 26 8:00am Benjamin Monello

10:00am Valerie Kaminski  
Michael Loffredo Sr.  
Edward Milano  
Marek Jacob Pluta

12:00pm Helen Merkel  
Rosa Panduri  
Muriel Ritter

## Parish Office CLOSED

The Parish office will be closed on Monday, February 20, in observance of President's Day. We will be back in the office on Tuesday morning.

## Weekly Remembrance

The Sanctuary Lamp, which burns near the tabernacle, in church and is the reminder of our Lord's presence in the Most Holy Eucharist, will burn in loving memory of:

*Dean Ricciardi*

Also, the altar bread and wine, which will become the Holy Body and Precious Blood of our Lord, was given in memory of Dean Ricciardi from Anna and Cindy Ricciardi.

## Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time — February 19, 2017

## Tax Donation Statement



If you would like a copy of your 2016 tax donation statement, please contact Barbara in the parish office at 973 694 4585 ext. 7203 or via email at [reception@olvwayne.org](mailto:reception@olvwayne.org). When requesting your statement please include your full name, address and, if known, your envelope identification number.

## 2016 Bishop's Annual Appeal

### Be Rich in Good Works

If you received a final request from our Bishop asking for your support of the 2016 Bishop's Annual Appeal, please respond as your means permit. The Appeal is essential to the work of our Catholic Charities agencies. It also supports seminarian education, inner-city area education and our priests' retirement residence. Every gift is important so whatever you can do is a blessing. Please respond today. For your convenience, you can make an online gift at [www.2016appeal.org](http://www.2016appeal.org). May God bless you for your support!

## Faith Formation

### Grades 1-8:

Sunday, February 26

March 5, 19, 26

8:30-9:45 and 10:30-11:45

Monday, February 27

March 6, 20, 27

7:00-8:15pm



### Confirmation I:

Sunday, March 12

9:30am—11:30am

### Confirmation II:

Sunday, March 12

1:15pm—2:45pm

## Parish's Sacramental and 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:

*Joseph Brucato Jr., Carol Brugaletta,  
Father Michael Burke, Louis Caprio,  
Ralph Cicetti, Robert Darpino,  
Carole DeSimone, Flo Felano,  
Josephine Ganz, Julia Hodor,  
Sharon Hoffman, Marie Liffers,  
Mary Maksuta, Gloria Minnocci,  
James Murray, Michael Renaldo,  
Kristen Sedlacik, 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:

*Madeline Holterhoff*



## Inclement Weather Weekday Mass Schedule

Luckily each winter it does not happen often, but occasionally it becomes necessary to cancel the 7:30 a.m. Mass. (Unfortunately this past week it happened 3 times.)

We take our cue from the Wayne School system. If the schools in Wayne are closed or have a delayed opening due to weather conditions, the 7:30 a.m. Mass is canceled that day.

If this occurs, the Mass intention for that day is then transferred to the following day.

### Pray for good weather and an early spring!

If by chance it becomes necessary to cancel Sunday morning Mass due to weather conditions, a message would be placed on the main auto attendant of our phone system (973-694-4585).

## Winter Ordinary Time

Apart from those seasons having their own distinctive character (Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter), thirty-three or thirty-four weeks remain in the yearly cycle that do not celebrate a specific aspect of the mystery of Christ. Rather, especially on the Sundays, they are devoted to the mystery of Christ in all its aspects. This period is known as Ordinary Time and is split between summer and winter.

*Ordinary* means ‘numbered,’ not “commonplace,” but we do tend to think of Ordinary Time as the “nothing in particular” season of the year. But since the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, time itself is anything but ordinary. Not only on Easter, but every Sunday of the year, the Church relives the Paschal Mystery. And Ordinary Time, because it celebrates no particular mystery of Christ, gives us an opportunity to enter more fully into the mystery of Sunday.

As was proclaimed in the Epiphany Proclamation, “Each Easter as on each Sunday the Holy Church makes present the great and saving deed by which Christ has forever conquered sin and death.”

Sunday is the center of the Christian life. The fathers of the Second Vatican Council affirmed this. “The Lord’s Day,” they wrote in the *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*, “is the first holy day...and should be proposed to the devotion of the faithful and taught to them in such a way that it may become in fact a day of joy and freedom from work.”

In 1998, Pope John Paul II published *Dies Domini*, an apostolic letter on keeping the Lord’s Day holy. He described Sunday not only as *Dies Domini*, the Lord’s Day, but as *Dies Christi*, Christ’s day, the day of the new creation, and the gift of the Holy Spirit; *Dies Ecclesiae*, the Church’s day, the day when the Christian community gathers; and *Dies Hominis*, the people’s day, a day of joy, rest and love. Contemporary Christians can find it challenging to keep the Lord’s Day holy. There are so many demands on our time. More and more people work on Sunday. And the mainstream concept of the “weekend” does not always leave room for Sunday worship. But we should keep in mind that it was not easy for the first Christians to gather on Sunday, either, and not just because of the possibility of persecution. Sunday was the first day of the week, after all, and a working day at least until the fourth century. In spite of everything, they found ways to gather together, to break the bread. As Pope John Paul II wrote, “even in our own difficult times, the identity of this day must be protected and above all must be lived in all its depth...the Christian Sunday remains...an indispensable element of our Christian identity.”

Father Wells



## Knights of Columbus Activities



### THE 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL HAVE-A-HEART AUCTION & LUNCHEON

hosted by Knights of Columbus

Join us for a delicious lunch and exciting live auction, featuring 60 incredible items, to benefit CUMAC.

Our Lady of the Valley Church      Saturday, February 25  
630 Valley Road                      Doors open: 11:30am  
Wayne, NJ 07470                      Auction starts at 1pm

Tickets are just \$20 in advance. \$25 at the door.  
To reserve your seat visit [www.cumac.org/events](http://www.cumac.org/events)



Questions? Contact Jennifer Miller  
at [jmiller@cumacecho.org](mailto:jmiller@cumacecho.org).



## Annual Knights of Columbus

*In Honor of William (Bill) Marrinan*

### St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Saturday, March 11

7:00 – 11:00pm

Father Rugel Hall

Tickets: \$35

TRADITIONAL Irish Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner

**\*\*Pasta & Chicken dinner will also be served\*\***

Water, Soda & Coffee Provided

B.Y.O.B.

## Entertainment Provided

PROCEEDS WILL SUPPORT WM. J. MCNIECE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

\*CASH DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND\*

For more information: Contact Jim DeLuccia: [jddd9251@gmail.com](mailto:jddd9251@gmail.com) or call 201-981-9918

The Knights of Columbus have brought back a Lenten favorite!

## Traditional Fish & Chips Dinner

Catered by “Tastefully British”

**Menu:** Fish & Chips, Cole slaw, Drinks

**Friday, March 10**

4:00pm—8:00pm

Father Rugel Hall

**Cost:** \$12 per order

Eat-In or Take-Out Available

Pre-Sales to take place after Masses the weekends of:  
February 18-19, February 25-26, and March 4-5.

For more information or tickets, please contact Jim DeLuccia at 201-981-9918 or email [jddd9251@gmail.com](mailto:jddd9251@gmail.com).

## Eva's Kitchen

Our ministry is looking for volunteers. We are in need of cooks, servers or both!

Our Lady of the Valley serves lunch to clients of Eva's Village in Paterson, three times a year during March, July, and September.



For more information, please contact Chung Wallace via text at 973-865-0222 or email at [chungyoonsuh@yahoo.com](mailto:chungyoonsuh@yahoo.com).



# Spiritual Reflection

## The Human Heart

The human heart has its own commandments.

In the First Reading, (Leviticus 9: 1-2, 17-18), “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” and, “Be holy, for I, the Lord, your God, am holy.”

Agreed, but what does God’s holiness look like?

The Responsorial Psalm, (Psalm 103: 1-2, 3-4, 10, 12-13) puts it this way:

The Lord is kind and merciful. He pardons all your iniquities,  
heals all your ills. He redeems your life from  
destruction, crowns you with kindness and compassion.

A most comforting portrayal of God. We too can love this way, if we work hard enough.

Can’t we?

In the Gospel, ( Matthew 5: 38-48) Jesus gives his own guidelines. He quotes the old laws, as he did last week, and then he opens them up, giving us a view of their insides.

- *Old rule:* “An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.” *New rule:* offer no resistance to one who is evil. ... If anyone wants to go to law with you over your tunic, hand over your cloak as well. ... Do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow.”

Difficult, difficult. When I lived in California, some beggars admitted frankly that they had a quota to make before they could go home. And sometimes a large, expensive car would come pick them up at five or six pm! Surely this was a conspiracy. Should I have peeled off my coat to give to a syndicate?

Maybe so. They were actually poor. I should not turn my back on the poor, should I? I had to crown them with kindness and compassion. Yet wouldn’t I be a patsy if I did?

Help!

- *Old rule:* “You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.” *New rule:* “Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.” The heavenly Father loves and rewards both the bad and the good, the just and the unjust. “Be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

Really, isn’t that simply absurd? We are tiny ants compared to God, crawlers on boulders that flew loose in the big bang. How are we supposed to be as perfect as God? Jesus had better give us some very deep, compensating insights about the human heart and the laws that govern it!

And so he does. In the Second Reading, ( 1 Corinthians 3: 19-23) he says, “You are the temple of God, and the Spirit of God dwells in you.” My interpretation: God builds the human heart with a hole in it, an openness that can let others in if we don’t block them out with selfishness. Especially when we let ourselves get used to it. We can even let God’s own self in! He will stretch our arms out to others so that we will truly give to them out of love.

Alright, then should I give to a “beggar,” employed by a syndicate? Probably not. It is not for his good. Should a wife stay at home where her husband beats her up at regular intervals? No is the answer, because this is not a “giving, out of love,” it is trying to cuddle a rabid dog. A judgment has to be made in each case, but in general if the care is ethically and/or physically harmful to the giver or the receiver, it does not flow from God.

Real love is what we are after, the kind Jesus describes and which God pulls us toward.

John Foley, SJ