

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 pm. - 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

PARISH 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:

Roberta Aiello, Jeanette Beneat, Gregory Bertoline, Theresa Bishop, Joseph Brucato Jr., Chris Camp, Louis Caprio, Maggie Corley, Kathy Corrao, Robert Darpino, Frank Delmo, Flo Felano, Brandon Godbolt, Florence Gut, Carole Ann Haberle, Marie Kelly, Barry Koerber, Edward LaBarre, Patricia Leonard, Pippin Llanes, Ronald Maggio, Jeff Miller, Gloria Minnocci, Marie Moore, Jenny Moskal, Donna Ottomanelli, Opal Panzella, Wendy Perez, Carl Potter, Michael Perruzzi, Roger Rigolli, Norma Rivera, Antonino Ruggiero, Annetta Sadowski, Cathy Sadowski, Jenna Sisto, Debbie Sleeman, Joseph Stanley, Paul Tafuri, Pat VanSteyn, Al & Filomena Von Melon, Lorryn Wahler, Michael Waldinger, Shirley Williams, 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:

*Dorothy Ann Browning
Anne Liddell
Carmela Ryan*



PRAYER SHAWLS

Prayer Shawls can be given to anyone for many reasons! Comfort, illness, occasions, friendship & joy.



If there is anyone that would like to receive a shawl or request one for someone, please contact Sister Dorothy at 973-694-4585 x7245.

WEEKLY REMEMBRANCE

This week the Sanctuary Lamp which 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:

Paul Liskay

From his loving wife, Grace Liskay

PARISH REGISTRATION

Parish Registration is necessary for all individual persons and families who worship with us on Sundays and who intend to participate in the life of our parish with their time, talent and treasures. For more information, please contact the Parish Office or log onto our website. **Registration is necessary for celebrating Marriage and Baptism here, as well as for the issuing of Sponsor Certificates.**

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. All calls/inquiries will be strictly confidential.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER 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.



It is also our custom to publish a list containing the names of the donors along with the names of those they remembered in memory or honor of your loved ones. When you receive your Christmas mailing, we ask that when you fill out the envelope **please print the name of your loved one so it is legible.** This prevents any errors to the published names. Thank you.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Grades 1-8:

TODAY - December 15

Sunday, January 5, 26
8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Monday, December 16
January 6, 27
7:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.



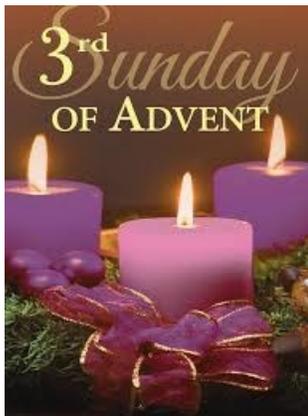
Confirmation I:

Sunday - January 12
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Confirmation II:

Sunday - January 12
1:15 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Please have students arrive on time!



HOLY SPIRIT CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

Holy Spirit School, Pequannock is having their 12th Annual Christmas Tree Sale. The sale includes a variety of trees and wreaths. The sale will begin Saturday, November 30, and hours are Monday thru Thursdays 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Fridays 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Saturdays 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Sundays 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. All proceeds benefit the students at Holy Spirit School.

For more information or if you have any questions, please call the school office at 973-835-5680.

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
Wedding Ministry	Lois Nolan
Women's Cornerstone	TBD

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

ANTIOCH

The youth of the parish would like to thank the parish for their prayers and generosity. The Antioch weekend was a tremendous success! As always, we are able to continue on with the work of the Holy Spirit because our parish family is so supportive of our youth.



IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY SCHOOL

A Gift to the People of Wayne

Children spend most of their time in the classroom, and at IHM our class sizes allow personal attention by our caring teachers to help your child do better when they need help in a particular subject. Our classrooms are places to learn in and develop skills to help them lead and succeed. They are places where respect, teamwork and friendship grow and flourish. We wear uniforms because they show that school is a responsibility to be taken seriously. They keep the focus on learning, not on discussing fashion and comparing outfits. Students support each other through a unique buddy system where older students are paired with our younger students in a one-on-one mentoring relationship. Students love our buddy system!

*IHM School is a K - 8 Catholic school serving Wayne Township and the surrounding communities, with a separate preschool, **SMALL BLESSINGS**, for three and four year olds offering flexible days and hours. For further information call 973-694-1225.*

HOLY SPIRIT COMEDY NIGHT

COMEDY NIGHT – Saturday, January 25, Holy Spirit will be hosting their 9th annual Comedy Night at The Holy Spirit School Parish Center.

Enjoy a night of laughter featuring **RICHIE BYRNE & JOSEPH ANTHONY!** Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Show begins promptly at 8:30 p.m. **Tickets purchased by January 10 are \$25 each. Tickets purchased after January 10, will be \$30 each.** Coffee and dessert are 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 you may call or text 862-228-3430 evenings and weekends. Only adults 21 and older will be permitted. This is a reserved seating event. If purchasing tickets separately, please let us know the party you would like to be seated with at time of purchasing tickets. All proceeds will benefit the graduating 8th grade students of Holy Spirit School.

THE GREAT “O” ANTIPHONS OF ADVENT

Beginning December 17 and continuing through December 23, during the Evening Prayer, the antiphons before the Cantic of Mary (the Magnificat) are the ancient “O” Antiphons, sung so beautifully in Gregorian chant. These antiphons provide the most strikingly beautiful feature of these days before Christmas. Each of the antiphons calls for the coming of Christ by a different title, and sometimes multiple titles piled up in profusion.

“O Sapientia” (December 17) O Wisdom, O holy Word of God, you govern all creation with your strong yet tender care. Come and show your people the way to salvation.

“O Adonai” (December 18) Adonai is a sacred title of the ineffable name of God. It translates most commonly into “Lord” and proclaims the Incarnation. The God who redeemed Israel with an outstretched arm comes in human form.

“O Radix Jesse” (December 19) The root of Jesse that is prophesied in Isaiah 11.

“O Clavis David” (December 20) The one who holds the key of David opens and closes with absolute authority, as seen in Isaiah 22:22 and Revelation 3:7. We salute the Key of David, the personification of authority, and the one whose judgment we both fear and welcome.

“O Oriens” (December 21) Musically, the biggest ‘O’ of all the antiphons, it applies the image of the rising sun, the East, to the coming of the Savior. On the darkest day of the year (the winter solstice) it calls for the sun to shine with redemption.

“O Rex Gentium” (December 22) calls for the coming of the king of all nations and the cornerstone that binds together the “mighty arch” of humankind. Even though Jesus kept his focus on Israel throughout his ministry, his apostles took the message to the ends of the earth, to fulfill the prophecy that the messiah would unite the world’s peoples.

“O Emmanuel” (December 23) Not surprisingly, the O Antiphons conclude with the great title of Jesus, Emmanuel. It sums up the theme of Matthew’s gospel: Jesus appears by this title at the beginning and promises to be with his followers to the end. This, the last of the antiphons, is better known as the first verse of the traditional Advent hymn, ‘O Come, O Come Emmanuel’ that is based on the ancient O Antiphons.

Father Wells

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

Gifts

I have a new watch, an inexpensive one.

The old one had worn out. This new one had something I like very much, a second hand. I can watch the seconds tick by and I can “time” anything I want to.

Who wants to time things?

Well I do, especially when I get caught by a traffic light that changes to red just as I pull within a half a block. I glance at my wrist to see just how long the light sits on red. Some of them last—listen to this—a minute and fifteen seconds!

Imagine having to sit with nothing to do when you are late and in a hurry, with a mechanical device deciding for an entire minute and a quarter the second when you are allowed to go on!

As you can see, I need to put on some patience.

The Second Reading for Sunday says it this way:

See the farmer await the yield of the soil.
He watches it in winter and in spring rain.*

The farmer is attentive and tolerant because crops do not come up in a day. He has learned patience through many seasons.

How about those of us who are not farmers? How do we “put on” patience?

I think there are two parts to the answer.

First, I have noticed that when I am being impatient I am also failing to notice what is happening *in the present time*. I am stuck in the future worrying about what *will* occur and how to make it happen; about where I am supposed to be by now; and how the light will not let me go.

And a lot of us reside in the past instead of the present. We re-hash mistakes we made and finally think of a retort that would have topped someone’s nasty remark, and so on.

The present moment is the only one we actually live in. The precious goodness of God makes everything exist right now, not tomorrow or yesterday, which are only memories or projections. We will miss the present by looking backward or forward too much.

Second, we need to recall that God makes the future safe. God has promised that, in ways we cannot understand, the crooked will be made straight. Our gnarled lives will be filled with goodness.

Patience is really a way of remembering the constant love of God, no matter how frightening or disconcerting the future may seem or may actually be. We need to slow down, look around, and live.

Think about Mary’s “be it done unto me,” her lifelong daily prayer, her nine months, her place at the cross. Notice that, when the angel gave her the annunciation, she did not demand guarantees and full details. She relied on God’s love. She waited.

And, the Second Person of the Trinity, alive to earth’s ways, waited until it was time to come into the world as Jesus. Then when he sensed that he was hungry, he suckled at his mother’s breast, burping only when the occasion presented itself, not before. And think of his years of being just a carpenter day after day. God’s beloved, making a chair!

But that is Advent.

Christ is with you. His presence needs to grow.

Just open. Watch for the signs.

Patience, people.

John Foley, SJ

* I wrote a Church song called “Patience, People,” that has these words of the farmer in it.