

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 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

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

pastoralcouncil@olvwayne.org

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, Brandon Godbolt, Florence Gut, 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, Paul Tafuri, Pat VanSteyn, Al & Filomena Von Melon, Lorryn Wahler, Michael Waldinger, Shirley Williams, George Wilson

Effective January 1, names will remain on the sick prayer list for three months. Please call the parish office if you wish to extend. As a reminder, due to HIPAA, only the individual or a family member can add someone to the prayer list.

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:

*Cathy Pavlica &
Frank Pavlica Sr.*

From their Loving Family

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.**

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Saturday, March 21, 2020
9:30am – 2:00pm

SAVE THE DATE
All are Welcome!

We have a special guest speaker!
Ginger Grancagnolo, Ed.D., OPA
More information to follow!

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY
Retreat sponsored by

Women's Cornerstone

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Grades 1-8:

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

Monday, 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!

THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION

The Pope's Prayer Intention for January is the **Promotion of World Peace**. We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

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.

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.

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.

BLESSING OF THE HOME AND HOUSEHOLD ON EPIPHANY

The leader makes the sign of the cross, and all reply, "Amen."

The leader greets those present in the following words:

Let us praise God, who fills our hearts and homes with peace.

Blessed be God forever.

R/. Blessed be God forever.

In the following or similar words, the leader prepares those present for the blessing:

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling place among us. It is Christ who enlightens our hearts and homes with his love. May all who enter this home find Christ's light and love.

One of those present or the leader reads a text of sacred Scripture, for example, Luke 19:1-9:

Listen to the words of the holy Gospel according to Luke:

Jesus came to Jericho and intended to pass through the town. Now a man there named Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector and also a wealthy man, was seeking to see who Jesus was; but he could not see him because of the crowd, for he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree in order to see Jesus, who was about to pass that way. > When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." And he came down quickly and received him with joy. When they all saw this, they began to grumble, saying, "He has gone to stay at the house of a sinner." But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham."

The intercessions are then said:

Leader: The Son of God made his home among us. With thanks and praise let us call upon him.

R/. Stay with us, Lord.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, with Mary and Joseph you formed the Holy Family: remain in our home, that we may know you as our guest and honor you as our Head.

We pray:

R/. Stay with us, Lord.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, you had no place to lay your head, but in the spirit of poverty accepted the hospitality of your friends: grant that through our help the homeless may obtain proper housing.

We pray:

R/. Stay with us, Lord.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, the three kings presented their gifts to you in praise and adoration: grant that those living in this house may use their talents and abilities to your greater glory.

We pray:

R/. Stay with us, Lord.

After the intercessions the leader invites all present to say the Lord's Prayer.

The leader says the prayer of blessing with hands joined:

Lord God of heaven and earth,
you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation
by the guidance of a star.
Bless this house
and all who inhabit it.
Fill them (us) with the light of Christ,
that their (our) concern for others may reflect your love.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
R/. Amen.

The leader concludes the rite by signing himself or herself with the sign of the cross and saying:

May Christ Jesus dwell with us,
keep us from all harm,
and make us one in mind and heart,
now and forever.
R/. Amen.

(After the prayer is prayed, inscribe over the main door of your home the blessing: **20 + C + M + B + 20**)

—From Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

Immense Danger

In this age of terrorist attacks and threats and so much unthinking violence in the world, it is easy to imagine Herod's otherwise appalling pogrom against the children in Bethlehem and surroundings. He was simply trying to destroy the Christ child.

But it was hard to find the right infant. So Herod thought he might as well slay all the newborn babies just to make sure, and apparently this included the girl babies as well. Mary and Joseph were under obligation to run from this destructive campaign, and run they did, to Egypt, until the danger was past.

Immense danger.

If you are part of a family, you too must take great care today. The family unit is in peril, chased down and slain by the Herods of modern culture.

Television has almost no shows that depict successful families. Advertising pushes us to fill our own personal needs, to load up on pleasure, to buy products that make life easier, to eliminate being bothered. Many or most movies show uncommitted sex in detail and with approval. Of course everyone knows that more than 50% of marriages today end in divorce. Latchkey children, two-job families, a commercially created teenage world which stands in direct opposition to values and family. Watch MTV sometime.

Since the objective of advertisers has long been to "define us as consumers," is it any wonder that Americans are the most overweight population in the world with other countries eating their way to second place?

Maybe you grew up ok. Psychologists tell us all we need is a "good-enough" family, as opposed to a perfect one. You are blessed if you did have one. But many people were raised in what is called a "dysfunctional family," where values are grossly but subliminally skewed, to the extreme detriment of all involved. Portions of the coming generations will be twisted, whether they know it or not, because all families in the United States are in trouble, big trouble. Maybe you are not one of them, but then again maybe you are.

Jesus was born into a good family, though poverty-stricken, but nevertheless a human microcosm of God's life. Love bestowed and love received, as within the Trinity. Care for a new and helpless infant. A fond gaze into its eyes, the kind that bestows a first fragile identity. People "putting themselves out" for each other. The feast of the Holy Family is placed so close to Christmas in order to show how crucial are love and care to human lives in their beginnings, and their continuings as well.

Being in a family is no easy job. All parents are amateurs when they start off. What can they do about today's great assault on family and Christian/human values? For one thing, be willing to spend time even when it is scarce. Be willing to give up some of their own fascinations for the sake of others. Commit and do not relent. Defer to sensitivities.

In other words, imitate the Holy Family.

Get to know and to love the others in your family, whether they have grown up and left home or not. Every value-rooted family builds another entrenchment against the ghastly degradation of this most important foundation-stone of human life.

We all want to be part of the great web of love that is God's presence on earth. It is played out in the foibles and fun of ordinary family life. God is there.

John Foley, SJ