

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

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PRESIDER SCHEDULE

Weekend of February 8 – 9:

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

ACT OF STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of January 26

	2020	2019
Donations:	\$7,821.09	\$9,662.50
Candles/Poor:	\$232.76	\$234.00
WeShare:	\$2,170.57	\$2,564.78
Total:	\$10,224.42	\$12,491.28
Attendance:	815	940

*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)*



WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 3	7:30am	Kenneth Predmore Sr.
Tuesday, February 4	7:30am	Ronald Santee Susan Schroter (Special Intention)
<i>Miraculous Medal Novena to follow Mass on Tuesday</i>		
Wednesday, February 5	7:30 a.m.	Donato Casapulla John Fierro
Thursday, February 6	7:30 a.m.	Isabelle Mehalick
Friday, February 7	7:30am	For the People
Saturday, February 8	7:30am	For the People
	5:00pm	Bryan Massoud
Sunday, February 9	8:00am	Gaetano & Angelina Ferraro Lillian & Stephen Figlar Carmella Stefanelli
	10:00am	Jacqueline Crane James Rapp
	12:00pm	Annette Maratta

CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS 2019

As the Christmas Season has come to a close and we await the beginning of Lent, the Church's springtime, we reflect and give thanks for this new year of grace.

We give thanks for the continued generosity of our parishioners during the Christmas Season. The Christmas collection for Our Lady of the Valley was \$47,136.05. The Christmas collection for Holy Cross was \$4,153.00.

Thank you to all for making our Christmas Season wonderful.

BLESSING OF THROATS

Monday, February 3, is the **feast of Saint Blaise**. The traditional **Blessing of Throats** will take place at the 7:30 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of the Valley. Saint Blaise was one of the early martyrs known as the Fourteen Holy Helpers invoked against various diseases. Although we know very little about Saint Blaise's life, other than he was bishop of Sebaste in present day Armenia and was martyred during the persecution of Licinius in the early fourth century, tradition holds that he was also a doctor who healed a boy choking on a fish bone. Saint Blaise is invoked against illnesses of the throat.

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD - FEBRUARY 2, 2020

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	Patricia Leonard	Cathy Sadowski
Jeanette Beneat	Pippin Llanes	Jenna Sisto
Gregory Bertoline	Ronald Maggio	Debbie Sleeman
Theresa Bishop	Jeff Miller	Gary VanSteyn
Joseph Brucato Jr.	Gloria Minnocci	Pat VanSteyn
Chris Camp	Marie Moore	Al VonMelon
Louis Caprio	Jenny Moskal	Filomena VonMelon
Maggie Corley	Donna Ottomanelli	Michael Waldinger
Kathy Corrao	Opal Panzella	Shirley Williams
Robert Darpino	Wendy Perez	George Wilson
Frank Delmo	Carl Potter	Kathy Krause
Brandon Godbolt	Michael Perruzzi	Al Soltis
Florence Gut	Roger Rigolli	Gerard Anthony Gagliano
Marie Kelly	Norma Rivera	Freddy De Almeida
Barry Koerber	Antonino Ruggiero	Paul Wilczewski
Edward LaBarre	Annetta Sadowski	

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.

*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:

*Antonia Bussanich
Jacqueline Crane
Frances West*



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:

Donato Casapulla
From his Loving Wife

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Grades 1-8:

TODAY: February 2

Sunday, February 23, March 1, 15, 22, 29
8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Grades 5-8:

Monday, February 3, 24, March 2, 16, 23, 30
7:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.



Confirmation I:

Sunday - February 9
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Confirmation II:

Sunday - February 9
1:15 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Please have students arrive on time!

EXPECTANT PARENTS



The blessing of expectant parents will take place after all Masses the weekend of February 8 - 9. Please meet the priest or deacon at the baptismal font following Mass for this special blessing.

OFFERTORY STATEMENT

Offertory statements for 2019 are now available. If you are interested in obtaining a copy of your donations for last year, please call the Parish Office at 973-694-4585 Ext. 7200. At that time, we will confirm our records on file to ensure we have noted any changes for this coming year.

Thank you for your support to our parish.



CLOTHING DRIVE THANK YOU

Thank you to all of you who met the bodily needs of our neighbors by giving your coats, sweaters, jackets, sweatshirts, and other clothing to keep them warm this winter. Your generous donations resulted in over 60 extra-large bags of clothing items to distribute to our neighbors at the Father English Center, St. Agnes parish, and Holy Tabernacle of Praise in Paterson. Thank you also to our Confirmation students who volunteered their time to help sort, fold, and bag the clothing. God bless you all.

THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION

The Pope's Prayer Intention for February is **Listen to the Migrants' Cries**. We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

MASS INTENTIONS

The Mass is the central act of worship in the Church. The reason that this tradition has been passed on for centuries is because of the many spiritual fruits that result from this form of prayer. The celebration of the Eucharist is the highest form of worship in the Catholic Church because we unite ourselves with Christ's sacrifice on the cross in worship of his Father.

St. John Paul II emphasized the graces that come when a Mass is offered. "The Church believes that she will be heard, for she prays in union with Christ her Head and Spouse, who takes up this plea of His Bride and joins it to His own redemptive sacrifice."

Mass intentions are available for your deceased family and friends or special intentions for the living. Please stop by the Parish Office if you would like to schedule an intention for Mass or a special intention for the Sanctuary Lamp, bread and wine offered at the weekend liturgy.

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.**

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.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Our next Bible study on the topic, No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion will begin on Thursday, February 27.

We will walk **step-by-step** with Jesus from the Garden of Gethsemane to the Mount of Calvary with biblical experts revealing every step of the way how the Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death.

In this study, we will discover...

- The Biblical background to each scene in Christ's passion.
- What was Jesus going through at each moment?
- How did the Old Testament foretell of Christ's death?
- Why did Christ die for us? What did it accomplish?
- What was the meaning behind of the tearing of the temple veil, the crowning with thorns, and other events during Christ's Passion?

Dr. Sri also unpacks commonly misunderstood sayings of Jesus, such as...

- "Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass?"—Was Jesus thinking of backing out at the last minute?
- "My God, my God why have you abandoned me?"—Was Jesus really abandoned by the Father on the cross?
- "You have said so."—What does that mean?

The cost for this session is \$25.

This five-week session will be held on Thursday's during Lent at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Cross Church on February 27, March 5, 12, 19, and 26.

Please call the Parish Office to register as soon as possible as books are being ordered.

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.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD



“We too are called to welcome Jesus who comes to meet us. To encounter him: the God of life is to be encountered every day of our lives; not now and then, but every day. To follow Jesus is not a decision taken once and for all, it is a daily choice.” —Pope Francis, Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, 2019

The Presentation of Jesus in the temple shows him to be the firstborn Son who belongs to the Lord. With Simeon and Anna, all Israel awaits its encounter with the Savior—the name given to this event in the Byzantine tradition. Jesus is recognized as the long-expected Messiah, the “light of the nations” and the “glory of Israel,” but also “a sign that is spoken against.” The sword of sorrow predicted for Mary announces Christ’s perfect and unique oblation on the cross that will impart the salvation of God has “prepared in the presence of all peoples” (CCC, no. 529).

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. The celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life is transferred to the following Sunday in order to highlight the gift of consecrated persons for the whole Church. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God’s gift of their vocation.



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SIX LITTLE STORIES WITH LOTS OF MEANING

1. Once all villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer, all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. That is faith.
2. When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them. That is trust.
3. Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but we still set the alarms to wake up. That is hope.
4. We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. That is confidence.
5. We see the world suffering, but still, we get married and have children. That is love.
6. On an old man’s shirt was written a sentence “I am not 80 years old; I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience.” That is attitude.

Have a happy day and live your life like these six stories. Remember-Good friends are the rare jewels of life, difficult to find and impossible to replace!!

SAVE-THE-DATE WOMEN’S RETREAT



Blood & Flesh

The last time the Feast of the Presentation took place on a Sunday was in 2014.*

To present a firstborn child in Jesus' days meant the purification of the mother, which in turn demanded a sacrifice. The Book of Leviticus gives the prescription for purification: killing of a year-old lamb, or another animal. Poor people such as Joseph and Mary could not afford a first-born lamb, so they were allowed to sacrifice just a pigeon or a turtledove.**

Alright, then, what is a "sacrifice"?

The word had many meanings in the times before Jesus' birth. On the Feast of the Presentation, here is an attempt to understand this somewhat difficult topic.

For much of history, the realm of the gods was considered something far off from the daily world of earth. In our world there was suffering, death, sin, warfare, uncleanness. In the godly realm there was none of this, or at least not much. So, might there be a way to disconnect something from here and send it somehow as a peace offering into heaven? The gift would have to be of high value, of course, so it should be the "first fruit," or the first born lamb, etc., which would mean it was "pure."

How was it sent to the heavenly realm? By putting it to death. This part of the ritual would release its final binding to our world and send it into the heavens. "Priests" were set aside from ordinary life to preside, separated, so they could be understood as disconnected from this world.

This notion of sacrifice developed through the ages, and it came to be applied to Jesus and to Christianity. Here is a sketch of the outcome.

God's self, his Word, came among us as a tiny human babe, the firstborn child of the Divine. If this firstborn were to grow up and become a sacrifice, then never again would anyone think that the doors to God were closed and locked, at least if they understood through faith who Jesus was. He, the Word of God, would participate in everything earthly (except sin). "Since the children share in blood and flesh, Jesus likewise shared in these things," St. Paul says in the Second Reading. His crucifixion could then be seen as the death prescribed in sacrifice.

In the temple, Simeon rejoices in the following beautiful scene from Sunday's Gospel:

My eyes have seen your salvation,
which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples:
a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and glory for your people Israel.

A sacrifice.

Simeon hints at a further sacrifice to come. "This child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel," he says, "and to be a sign that will be contradicted-and, [speaking to Mary,] you yourself a sword will pierce."

Quite a piercing it would be. Sacrifice includes suffering and it includes death. But in the very act of dying Jesus would show that Godliness, in its essence-which is love-survives death. And that such a life can dwell within each of us.

The world today is crowded with grief and torment, starvation, warfare, killing, and "lives of quiet desperation." But in Jesus, God came to participate in all of it.

He took the whole bundle into his two arms and he embraced it and made it good.

John Foley, SJ

*The Presentation of the Lord falls on 2 February, forty days (inclusive) after Christmas.

***When the days of her purifying are completed, whether for a son or for a daughter, she shall bring to the priest at the entrance of the tent of meeting she shall bring to the priest at the entrance of the tent of meeting a yearling lamb for a burnt offering and a pigeon or a turtledove for a purification offering. " (Leviticus 12:6).