

Our Lady of the Valley Church

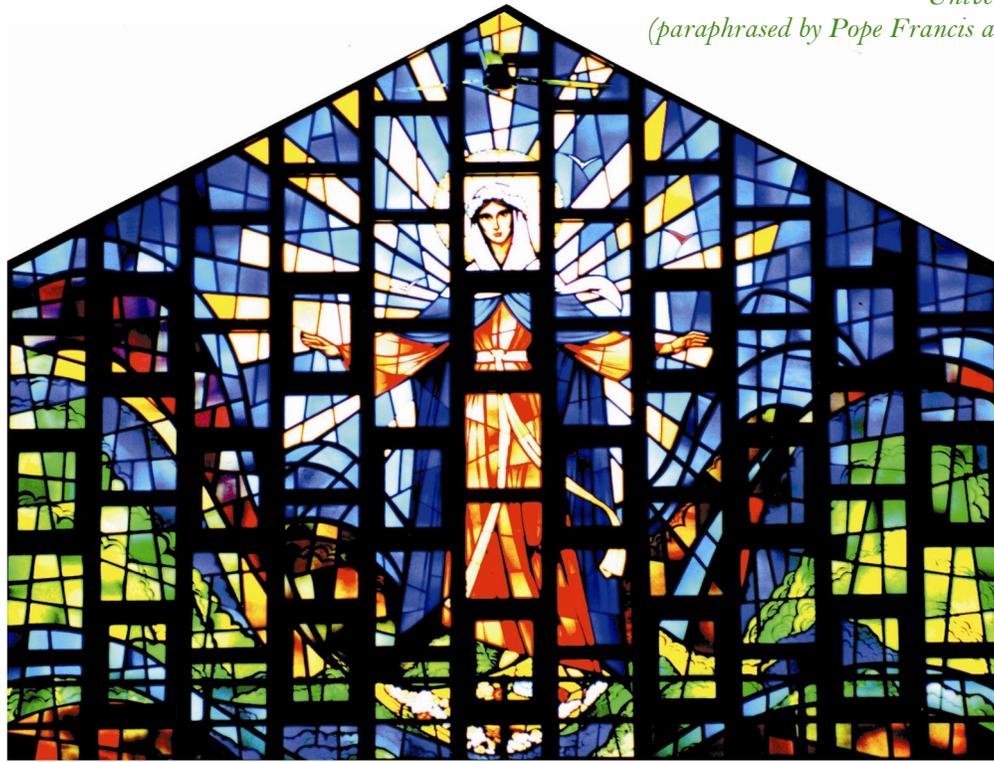
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**“The Church is Holy, not just because all are welcome.
The Church is Holy, because all belong.”**

*Timothy M. Matovina
University of Notre Dame*

(paraphrased by Pope Francis at General Audience)



Schedule of Masses

Weekdays

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m.

Weekends

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 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

Saturday - 12:00 p.m. in Church

or by appointment

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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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 2	9:00am	All our Deceased Relatives & Friends
Tuesday, November 3	9:00am	Sharon Hoffman Kaindl Family Ruocco Family
Wednesday, November 4	9:00am	Stefania Pajak Lawrence Peischl
Thursday, November 5	9:00am	Carla Kipiani (<i>Special Intention</i>)
Friday, November 6	9:00am	Allegra & Dean Athans (<i>Special Intention</i>)
Saturday, November 7	5:00pm	Jean Canger John Casiello Marcus Kayal John Muth
Sunday, November 8	8:00am	Joanne Bellofatto Sam Gaita Sharon Hoffman Lawrence Peischl Raymond Ross
	12:00pm	John Flannery Angelo Parlegreco Stella Segovia

PRESIDER SCHEDULE

Weekend of November 7 - November 8:

Our Lady of the Valley

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

Holy Cross

10:00am Father Wells

ACT OF STEWARDSHIP

Attendance October 24/25: 258

Stewardship totals are not available. We prayerfully request considering WeShare during this time or mailing envelopes into the office.

As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace. m(1 Peter 4:8-10)



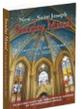
A LENDING HAND...

If you are in need or know someone in need of assistance with Thanksgiving dinner this year, we can provide you with a Thanksgiving Basket for you and your family. Please reach out directly to Deacon Vince at (862) 264-2134. All requests are confidential.

ST. JOSEPH'S MISSALS

ORDERS DUE FRIDAY!

1. Place order for the new St. Joseph Missal by calling Alyson in the parish office at (973) 694-4585 x7200. **All requests for a book must be received by Friday, November 6.** No late orders will be able to be accommodated.
2. Payment of \$3/each can be brought to the parish office, left in the drop box on the back porch, put in the collection basket, or mailed to the parish office.
3. **Pick-up** will be from the parish office. You will be notified when the books are ready for pick-up.



SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS - NOVEMBER 1, 2020

PARISH SACRAMENTAL & PRAYER LIFE

*Jesus said: "from the beginning of creation,
God made them male and female.
For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother
And be joined to his wife.
And the two shall become one flesh.
So they are no longer two but one flesh.
Therefore what God has joined together,
no human being must separate."
(Mark 10:6-9)*

**We congratulate those who recently
celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage:
*Jonathan Cornell & Kelly Wegman***

*"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:

<i>Gregory Bertoline</i>	<i>Roger Rigolli</i>
<i>Kathy Corrao</i>	<i>Edward LaBarre</i>
<i>Barry Koerber</i>	<i>Gloria Dykstra</i>
<i>Jenny Moskal</i>	<i>Marilyn Beneventine</i>
<i>Debbie Sleeman</i>	<i>Tom Beneventine</i>
<i>Gary VanSteyn</i>	<i>Donald Boman</i>
<i>Pat VanSteyn</i>	<i>Gloria Keenan</i>
<i>Paul Wilczewski</i>	<i>Eleanor Kucinski</i>
<i>Michael Waldinger</i>	<i>Joe DeFalco</i>

UPDATED NOTE: In order to be added to our prayer list, a member of the immediate family should request a person's name be added. The current names will remain on the list until end of November.

*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:

Mary Hanlon



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:

Lawrence Peischl

From the Parish Staff

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Faith Formation Classes Grades 1- 8 begin this Sunday, November 1. Information for Google Classroom has been sent to the parents email.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

As a reminder, **Confirmation Year I** students have class next Sunday, November 8, from 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Please meet directly in church.

Confirmation Year II students have an extended class next Sunday, November 8, from 1:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. at Holy Cross Church. Please meet directly at Holy Cross located at Holy Cross Way and VanDuyne Avenue.

THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION

The Pope's Prayer Intention for November is for **the Universal Prayer Intention - Artificial Intelligence**. We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

ALL SAINTS DAY



On November 1st the Church celebrates all her holy ones in heaven, known and unknown, with the feast of All Saints. The solemnity originally began in the 4th century to commemorate all the Christian martyrs killed during those centuries of brutal persecution before Christianity was legalized. There were so many martyrs that a separate feast day could not be given to each one individually, yet, the Church did not want to leave any martyr without proper veneration. A common feast day developed and was usually celebrated in the Easter season. In the 8th century Pope Gregory III consecrated a chapel in St. Peter's Basilica to all the saints and moved the feast day to November 1st. The feast of All Saints is a Holy Day of Obligation.

THANKSGIVING BASKET FOOD LIST

We thank you for volunteering to donate a food box/basket to those in need. Food boxes/baskets *could* typically include any boxed or canned (non-perishable) items. We have listed some suggestions below, but feel free to include whatever your family enjoys having during the Thanksgiving holiday.

- Disposable aluminum roasting pan
- Can opener
- A *frozen* turkey (DO NOT DEFROST TURKEY)
- Boxed or bagged stuffing (such as Stove Top)
- Cans of candied yams or white potatoes or box of instant mashed potatoes
- Boxed or bagged pasta
- Boxed or bagged rice
- Cans of beans
- Cans or jars of cranberry sauce
- Cans of vegetables
- Cans or jars of applesauce
- Cans or jars of gravy
- Boxed brownie mix or cake mix or cookies
- Boxes of Jello or pudding
- Pies (already cooked, not frozen)
- Apples or oranges
- Nuts
- Bottles/Cans of soda or iced tea
- Apple juice or apple cider
- Dinner rolls

God Bless You for your generosity and kindness!



"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40

2020 DIOCESAN MINISTRIES APPEAL

"Love Thy Neighbor"



The ability to reach out to people in need through our Diocesan Ministries Appeal is completely dependent on the number of faithful parishioners who participate by making a gift. That is why every gift counts. Your support helps bring hope to thousands of people who come to our Catholic Charities agencies each year. It also supports seminarian education, our diocesan priests' residence, extraordinary healthcare needs of our priests and our urban elementary schools. In addition, parishes receive half of all funds received over their parish goals, with over \$713,000 returned last year to parishes - and over \$3.25 million in five years! Please help your neighbors in need and our own parish by making a gift today! *For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at www.2020appeal.org.*

MASS INTENTION BOOK

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 call the Parish Office if you would like to schedule a Mass or the Sanctuary Lamp, bread and wine offered at the weekend liturgy.

Find us on



2020 THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Diane Mollo Memorial Thanksgiving Food Drive

We could really use your donations this year!

Diane and her husband Frank were very active parishioners in the Social Ministry with Deacon Vincent. When Diane died, this yearly memorial food drive was named in her loving memory by Deacon Vincent.

If you would like to continue Diane and Frank's tradition of feeding the hungry and helping those in most need, please contact Alyson in the Parish Center at (973) 694-4585 x7200 and let her know if you will be making a monetary donation or basket donation **no later than November 16**. Due to the pandemic, we are requesting you call this year to confirm your ability to donate. The food donation basket list can be found on the following page.

Food boxes/baskets should be delivered to Father Rugel Hall on Monday, **November 23**, between 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Thank you for your generosity to those in need.

PARISH OFFICE APPOINTMENTS

We encourage you to call the parish office for Mass cards so we can have your request ready prior to your arrival to limit the time you spend indoors. We also encourage you to pick up Mass cards from the back porch which is open even when the office is closed.

Requests for sponsor forms or other meetings will require an appointment.

For everyone's safety, when entering the parish office, face masks and signing in are required.

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

How Blessed Are You?

On the feast of All Saints, we will hear Jesus proclaim “The Beatitudes.” This may lead us to his idea of a saint.

Let us look.

First, a “beatitude” is a spoken declaration of the blessedness of a person. Blessedness, in plain words, means to be given a spiritual benefit, as for instance, “May the Lord bless you with a safe journey.” Or, “Blessed are those who show mercy.” Often there is a condition involved: “The people who keep the law will be blessed” (Proverbs 29:18).

Jesus did not invent beatitudes: the First Testament has up to 50 examples of them. By Jesus’ day, people would have recognized one when it was spoken and would have been at home with it. Jesus gave nine of them in the Sermon on the Mount.

But there is something strange about his. Have you noticed?

(a) The first four seem to name bad things and call them good. Blessed are the *poor*, the *mourners*, the *meek*, the *hungry* and *thirsty*. Jesus seems to be saying that “it is a blessing to be weak and unhappy.”

Why use the beatitude form in this way?

Because he is radically innovative. Radical [from the Latin *radix*, root] means that he is rooted deeply in God, who is the profound wellspring of life and love, not in some other place nearer the surface. These first four beatitudes are actually assurances to people who suffer—the displaced, the abandoned. Jesus is saying that they too are blessed and much loved by God.

(b) The next three more resemble the ancient form: Blessed are the merciful, the clean of heart, and the peacemakers. These three sound reasonable, if a bit bland. But actually they are a spiritual step upwards from the first four. They are encouragements to people who want to take action in the world on behalf of the Kingdom. Their blessedness consists of being at work with Jesus as a companion.

(c) Then come the last two, which are stunning: “Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness.” And, “Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you. ...” These sound like curses, not blessings. Who could want them? Yet they too are an enhancement of what precedes them. They presume that you might actually want to participate in Jesus’ ultimate act of love, a love which cuts through false honor, wealth, and pride. Maybe you will be called to take up the cross with Jesus. Such radical love is blessed because it comes from being so close to God, whose very identity is love.

So we find at least three stages of ascent in the following of Jesus: (1) suffering, (2) working for others, and (3) persecution endured as a result. The saints are examples in each of these areas because of their love for God and others. This is the very root of happiness, or “blessedness.”

The question for you and me is whether we even begin to be attracted in any way to such categories. We can take a review of our lives and get an idea. If we do not fit into them, we can meditate on this question: how strong is our desire for anything at all? Can we “desire to desire” regarding an openness to Jesus and to his Father? We do not have to want persecution yet, but *what do we want?*

Maybe it is simple: the blessedness he speaks about.

John Foley, SJ