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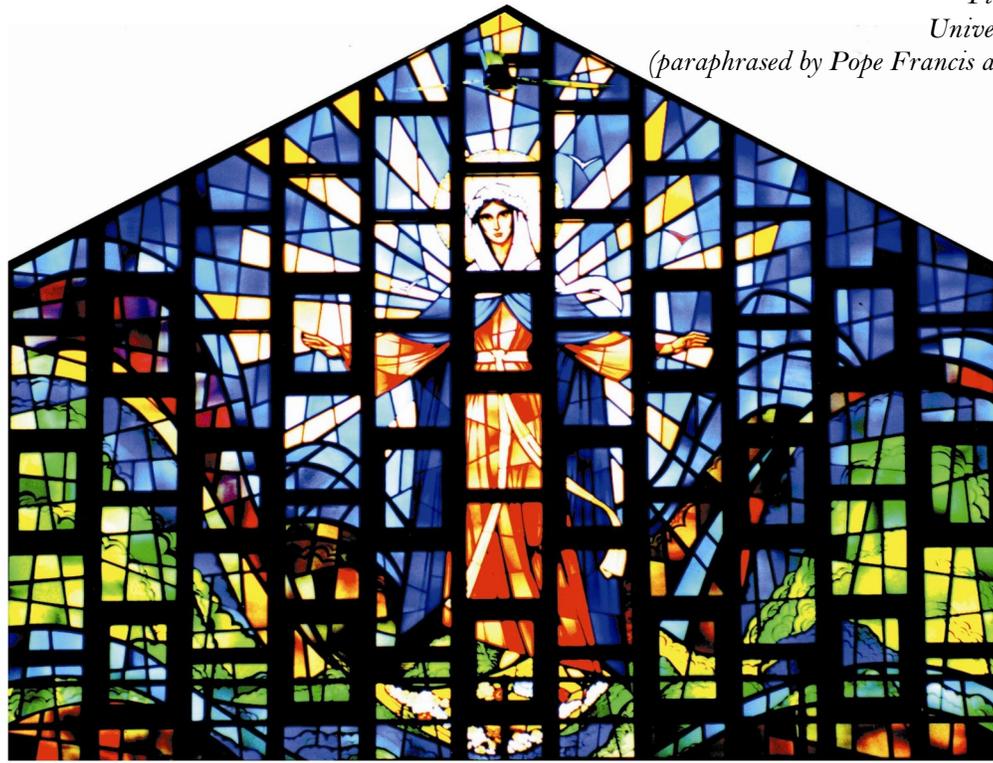
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**“The Church is Holy, not just because all are welcome.
The Church is Holy, because all belong.”**

*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

All Masses are now Livestreamed

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

PLEASE NOTE NEW PHONE EXTENSIONS:

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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 3	9:00am	For the People
Tuesday, May 4	9:00am	For the People
Wednesday, May 5	9:00am	John Fierro
Thursday, May 6	9:00am	Sharon Hoffman
Friday, May 7	9:00am	Stella Segovia
Saturday, May 8	5:00pm	In Memory of all our Deceased Mothers, Grandmothers, Step-Mothers, and God Mothers
Sunday, May 9	8:00am	In Memory of all our Deceased Mothers, Grandmothers, Step-Mothers, and God Mothers
	12:00pm	In Memory of all our Deceased Mothers, Grandmothers, Step-Mothers, and God Mothers

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

The next Confirmation I and Confirmation II classes are scheduled for Sunday, May 16.

PRESIDER SCHEDULE

Weekend of May 8 - 9:

Our Lady of the Valley

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

Holy Cross

10:00am	Father Duberney
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ACT OF STEWARDSHIP

Attendance April 24/25

In-Person (People): 337
Livestreaming (Households): 1,004

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. (1 Peter 4:8-10)



DIOCESE SEEKING APPLICANT

The Catholic Schools Office of the Diocese of Paterson is seeking applicants for the 2021-2022 school year for a principal for Immaculate Heart of Mary School, Wayne, NJ. Immaculate Heart of Mary is a PK-8 elementary school. Closing date for applications is May 21, 2021.

A job description and application material can be found at: www.patdioschools.org/administrative-openings.

Find us on



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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – MAY 2, 2021

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:

<i>Barry Koerber</i>	<i>Donald Boman</i>
<i>Jenny Moskal</i>	<i>Joe DeFalco</i>
<i>Debbie Sleeman</i>	<i>Rita Rugel</i>
<i>Gary VanSteyn</i>	<i>Amy Avitio</i>
<i>Pat VanSteyn</i>	<i>Carmen Maratta</i>
<i>Michael Waldinger</i>	<i>Al Mendillo</i>
<i>Roger Rigolli</i>	<i>Angel Mendillo</i>
<i>Gloria Dykstra</i>	<i>Pat Sisco</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 July.

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 honor of:

Paul Liskay

From his Loving Wife & 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 to celebrate Marriage and Baptism here, as well as for receiving Sponsor Certificates.**

HOLY SPIRIT TRICKY TRAY

Holy Spirit School will host it's annual Tricky Tray on May 15th. With safety protocols in mind, it will be a walk-through event allowing each guest an hour and a half to view all the prizes and drop tickets. For more information, to reserve your time or order tickets please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/holy-spirit-school-walk-through-tricky-tray-tickets-148849044499> or call (973) 513-9919.

MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY!



As the Mother of God, the Virgin Mary has a unique position among the saints, indeed, among all creatures.

She is exalted, yet still one of us.

Redeemed by reason of the merits of her Son and united to Him by a close and indissoluble tie, she is endowed with the high office and dignity of being the Mother of the Son of God, by which account she is also the beloved daughter of the Father and the temple of the Holy Spirit. Because of this gift of sublime grace she far surpasses all creatures, both in heaven and on earth. At the same time, however, because she belongs to the offspring of Adam she is one with all those who are to be saved. (Lumen Gentium, no. 53)

Mary embraces God's will and freely chooses to cooperate with God's grace, thereby fulfilling a crucial role in God's plan of salvation. Throughout the centuries, the Church has turned to the Blessed Virgin in order to come closer to Christ. Many forms of piety toward the Mother of God developed that help bring us closer to her Son. In these devotions to Mary, "while the Mother is honored, the Son, through whom all things have their being and in whom it has pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell, is rightly known, loved and glorified and . . . all His commands are observed." The Church honors her as the Mother of God, looks to her as a model of perfect discipleship, and asks for her prayers to God on our behalf.

FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH



May is Foster Care Awareness Month! Join us in praying for all foster parents and children.

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SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

Cutting Back

The Gospel for this coming Sunday of Easter has the familiar story about the vine and the branches. Jesus, vine, is rooted and stable and will always bring us all the nourishment we need.

Maybe you would like to stop there and contemplate such a rich image. Do so if you would like.

Because just beyond it there is the small matter of being pruned. To prune a plant is to cut parts of it off. Jesus mentions it twice in our reading: Speaking as the vine, he says that the Father

takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit,
and every one that does he prunes,
so that it bears more fruit.

Ouch.

If we bring forth no fruit, we “will be thrown out like a branch and wither.” If we bear some, we have to be pruned. We lose either way!

And it seems to be our fault:

If only I were a better person, if only I had done the right thing, if only the world were different, if only I had been dealt a better hand in the game of life, or, or, or. If I weren't so full of guilt I wouldn't have to be pruned.

It is all my fault!

But guilt is a major feature of human life.

“Everything goes wrong,” it says. To tell the truth, many people take the crucifixion as a direct result of their own sins. “I caused this. My sins killed Jesus.” This is not completely false, but it is out of control. How could your small sins take down the Lord of the universe?

So could there be a better way to deal with guilt?

Yes.

First, decide whether you are bearing no fruit at all. None. If that is really and actually true, then get help from someone, because spiritually you are dying. Most of us do bear good fruit—it is just that we don't remember that we do.

Second, with that settled, look at what pruning is. It is a way to make things better, make a better plant, a better tree, a better orchard. If you cut tired old branches from your Philodendron, for instance, it will begin to thrive again, not wither. Pruning encourages new growth and the overall health of the plant or tree.

Third, seen in that way, you and I do need to be trimmed regularly, don't we? Here is an example. Maybe unconsciously we have been thinking that we ourselves are the vine, independent of Christ, not just a branch. The reason pruning would help is not that we should be punished, but that it promotes health of the whole person, the whole garden, the whole orchard—the mystical body of Christ.

Trust the steadiness of Jesus' gardener hand. Trust even while suffering. Drink in your overflowing share of trust at Sunday's table of the Lord. Let the Word instruct you, let the body and blood of Christ, which was pruned to almost nothing, fill you and shape you.

Then you can say to the Lord with the rest of us, go ahead, trim whatever gets in the way! I am not the vine, I am a branch. My job is not to be perfect, it is to remain in you, Christ, and to let you do good within me and through me and us.

John Foley, SJ



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