

Our Lady of the Valley Church

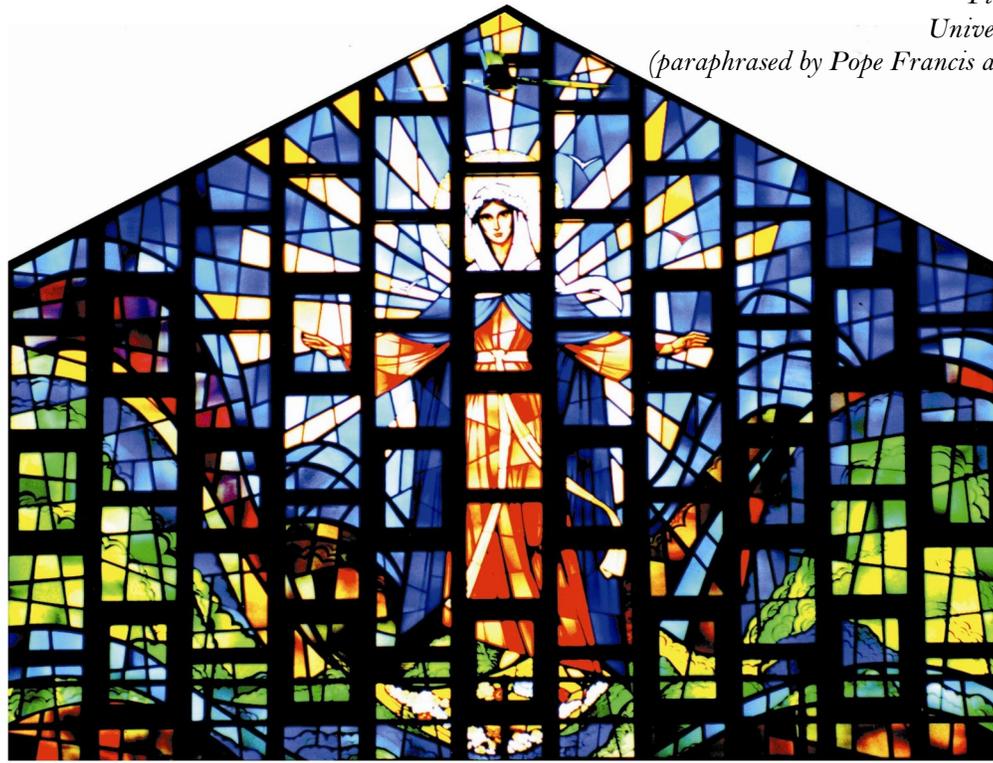
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**“The Church is Holy, not just because all are welcome.
The Church is Holy, because all belong.”**

*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

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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PRESIDER SCHEDULE

Weekend of May 22 - 23:

Our Lady of the Valley

5:00pm Father Wells

8:00am Father Wells

12:00 Noon Father Wells

Holy Cross

10:00am Father Wells

ACT OF STEWARDSHIP

Attendance: May 8/9

In-Person (People): 334

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)*



WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 17	9:00am	Theresa Suchar
Tuesday, May 18	9:00am	For the People
Wednesday, May 19	9:00am	Art Reda
Thursday, May 20	9:00am	For the People
Friday, May 21	9:00am	For the People
Saturday, May 22	5:00pm	Michael Conry Geraldine Fitzpatrick (Special Intention) Rev. Msgr. Mark Giordani Angelo Parisi John Pricken
Sunday, May 23	8:00am	Josephine Farinella Paul Salomone, Sr.
	12:00pm	George Bautista Nancy Clarken Cavallo Alan Kologrivov Peter & Bettina Perrupato Anthony Russo

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation I assignments have been sent via email. There will be no in-person session.

Confirmation II classes have ended.

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.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD – MAY 16, 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>Joe DeFalco</i>
<i>Jenny Moskal</i>	<i>Rita Rugel</i>
<i>Debbie Sleeman</i>	<i>Amy Avitio</i>
<i>Gary VanSteyn</i>	<i>Carmen Maratta</i>
<i>Pat VanSteyn</i>	<i>Al Mendillo</i>
<i>Michael Waldinger</i>	<i>Pat Sisco</i>
<i>Roger Rigolli</i>	<i>Anthony Spinella</i>
<i>Gloria Dykstra</i>	<i>Fr. Duberney</i>
<i>Donald Boman</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.

*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:

Elinor Combs

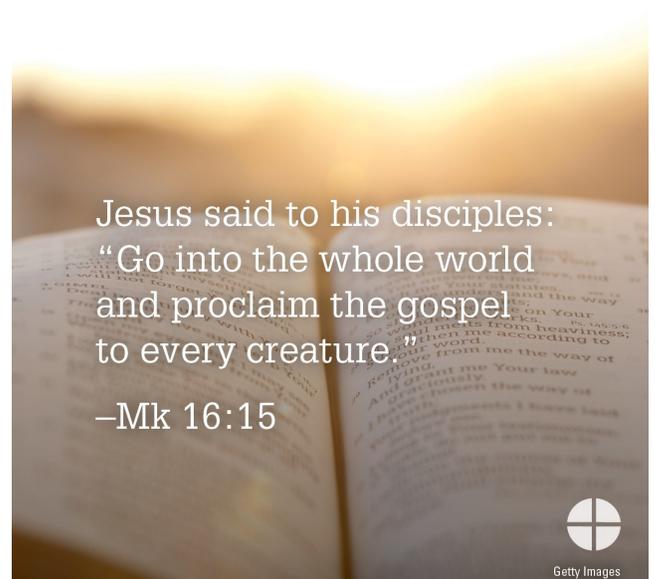
Angel Mendillo



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.



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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:

Peter & Bettina Perrupato

From their Loving Family

SAINT JOSEPH PRAY FOR US

In honor of Saint Joseph the Patron Saint of the Universal Church and in celebration of the dedication of this year as the Year of Saint Joseph, our parishes, Our Lady of the Valley and Holy Cross, are teaming up with the Christians of the Holy Land (www.HolyLandDirect.com) in presenting the opportunity to own a hand carved olive wood statue of Saint Joseph. **Your statue will be blessed in the Holy Land with an official letter from Bethlehem.**

We pray this statue will increase your devotion to Saint Joseph. He is Humble, Trusting, Obedient, Silent but Strong. Saint Joseph taught Jesus about the dignity of human relations and the sanctity of work. He taught Jesus woodwork, and how to be a man. Saint Joseph died, looking into Jesus' eyes and seeing heaven. Truly as Pope Francis wrote "**Fathers are not born but made**". Saint Joseph was a Father in the fullest definition. He is an example for us. He provides the inspiration for all men to be like him.

Keeping in mind the suffering of our Catholic and Christian community in the Holy Land, and giving honor to Saint Joseph's profession as a woodworker (carpenter), this olive wood statue will memorialize this **Year of Saint Joseph** and increase your devotion to him, while helping our faithful Christians in Bethlehem with much needed **employment and hope.**

These statues are handmade and carved individually. Each piece is unique and no two statues are identical. This is a wonderful gift for Dads, Dads to be and young men. Two available sizes:

**11 inch
Saint Joseph
\$120/Per Statue**

**9 inch
Saint Joseph
\$90/Per Statue**

**Plus shipping
of \$10 flat fee
/Per Statue**

Please enclose our Order Form with a check payable to the parish name. The deadline is **June 1st, 2021** aiming to deliver by early Fall 2021. Remember these will be blessed in the Holy Land and this makes this opportunity highly unique.

"Joseph did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him" - St. Matthew 1:24

FILL OUT YOUR ORDER FORM AND DROP IT AT THE PARISH

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

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STATE: _____

ZIP: _____

NUMBER OF 11 INCH SAINT JOSEPH _____ X \$130 (INCLUDING SHIPPING) = \$ _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED
NUMBER OF 9 INCH SAINT JOSEPH _____ X \$100 (INCLUDING SHIPPING) = \$ _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

Stay for a While

At schools—such as Saint Louis University—the students and their networks of life fly away at the end of each year. Of course this goes double for the extended quarantine that all the world has been experiencing. Students, famously, have had to find ways to cope with lives apart from each other.

The presider at a recent mass admitted with a beautiful poignancy how much he missed them.

I can remember the same thing from my own pre--pandemic college days. If I was late in travelling home, I experienced empty halls and rooms, and broad, undisturbed yards of grass. Yes, we were all glad to have the year done with, but at the same time, why were the buildings deserted, and where was the buzzing life of intermingling students?

This might serve as a pointer to the kind of hollowness the disciples must have felt, and especially the women who had loved Jesus so much. Of course, the passion had been the worst part, as we said last week. What could ever fill that cavernous emptiness?

And, what sort of lives were Jesus' followers to find after the very center of their lives had been taken away?

But, you say, there was the resurrection.

Correct.

But we saw last week how confusing this was to the disciples. "I will not believe this unless I put my hands on him," said doubting Thomas. And Jesus' new presence did not last so very long, did it? There was this event called the Ascension that emptied the school yards, so to speak, and halls all over again. It was joyous, yes, but why did he have to go away for good?

One way to look at it is to say that Jesus had graduated from life into LIFE. Having tunneled through the narrow passageway of death—as you and I will do one day—he had given everything he was and everything he possessed to the Father out of sheer love. Instead of there being nothing left, there was now humanity transformed, a divine human person who had opened up all the way. He was marked with the totality of love and was on his way back to the dynamic, swirling, Trinitarian circle of love from which his humanity had issued in the first place. He lingered after the Resurrection only in order to tell us about it, to comfort us, to ease the loss.

Ok, but quite difficult to understand.

"Stay in Jerusalem until my Spirit comes to fill your heart," Jesus said to his followers

(First Reading from Ascension). They were to be filled "with all humility and gentleness, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit" (Second Reading).

The immense act of modest love that was the resurrection would be poured into us and it would be called the Holy Spirit. Jesus would continue to be alive within the world after all, but in a different form, in our bodies and those of our neighbors. Loss and absence were to be turned into real presence.

In the Eucharistic Prayer and Communion, we take his body and blood into our body and blood. The Spirit helps us accept his whole life, death, and resurrection as they settle into us and into others around us.

This real presence now abides forever in our midst, urging us, gently nudging us to say, yes.

So, school is not out.

John Foley, SJ

* The Church provides an embarrassment of richness in the readings this week. Some few dioceses celebrate the feast of Ascension on Thursday, May 13, and therefore will use the readings from the Seventh Sunday of Easter on Sunday the 16th. Most others have the Ascension feast on Sunday, and use the Ascension readings instead of those from the Seventh Sunday. So, let us simply talk about the Ascension itself.



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