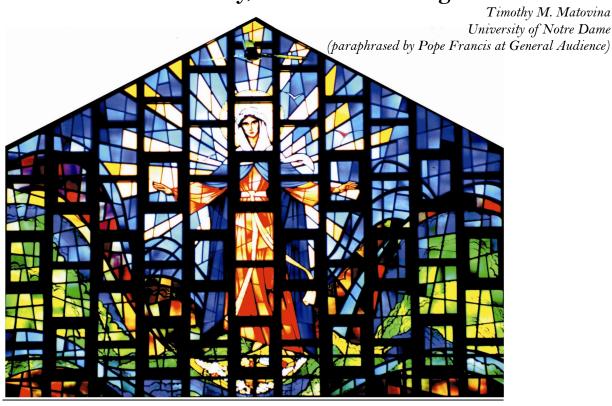
# Our Lady of the Valley Church

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"The Church is Holy, not just because all are welcome.

The Church is Holy, because all belong."



#### **Schedule of Masses**

#### Weekdays

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m.

#### Weekends

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 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 Noon 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, September 19

9:00 a.m. For the People

Tuesday, September 20

9:00 a.m. Jane Erdman Wagner

Wednesday, September 21

9:00 a.m. Linda Torres, Special Intention

Thursday, September 22

9:00 a.m. For the People

Friday, September 23

9:00 a.m. For the People

Saturday, September 24

5:00 p.m. Cheryl Bartolini

Fr. John Connolly Anne & Jack DeRitter Maurice Murphy Anthony Rodano

Sunday, September 25

8:00 a.m. Edith D'Abruzzi

Gaetano & Angelina Ferraro

10:00 a.m. Jozef Jurgowski

12:00 p.m. Joseph & Mary Faillace

Richard Gerard, Jr. Hikmat Sabeh

#### **Presider Schedule**

Weekend of September 24-25:

Our Lady of the Valley

5:00 p.m. Father Wells 8:00 a.m. Father Chris 10:00 a.m. Father Wells 12:00 Noon Father Wells

Holy Cross

5:00 p.m. Father Chris 10:00 a.m. Father Chris

Couples, were you married in 1972 or 1997? (Or, have you been married for 60+ years?) The Diocese of Paterson invites you to celebrate your 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> or 60+ wedding anniversary during a special Mass to be offered at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson. Bishop Sweeney will serve as main celebrant on this joyful occasion to be held:

Silver & Gold Wedding Anniversary Mass

#### Sunday, November 6, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

Arrangements can be made by contacting the parish office. The deadline to submit your registration to your parish office is Thursday, October 6. You will receive additional information from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed. Congratulations on this joyous occasion!

#### Act of Stewardship

Weekend: September 10-11

Attendance:

In Person 478 Livestream 266

 Collection:
 \$6,526

 WeShare:
 \$6,292

Total: \$12,818

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 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:

#### Bill Boyle

From the Parish Staff

#### 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:**

Barry Koerber Jenny Moskal Debbie Sleeman Michael Waldinger Lucia Behrens Michael Cervino Joseph DeFalco Joseph Colella

Debbie Gronkowski Jack Spagnuola Richard Chirico Barbara O'Connor Abigail Berretta Michael O'Riordan John Fulton

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 Camille Pabst Phillip J. Angello



#### In Honor of St. Francis

Once again, in honor of the Feast of Saint Francis, our high school youth are collecting donations for our hour credit!! local animal shelters to help out the sweetest of God's creatures. We're asking for your help so we can make this a fantastic success.

Items needed include kitten, cat, puppy and dog food, kitten/cat and puppy/dog toys, rolls of paper towels, small paper plates and bowls, tall kitchen garbage Catholic through our Admissions events! Our Open House bags, and fleece blankets.

Items can be left on the back porch of the Parish Center in the bin labeled Pet Donations. We will be collecting beginning this weekend (and will run through Tuesday, October 11.

Please join in helping the youth of our parish bring cheer to our local furry friends.

#### Don Bosco Prep

Don Bosco Prep will be hosting two fall Open Houses, on Thursday, September 29, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., and Sunday, October 23, from 1-3 p.m., preceded by 12 noon Mass.

Learn more and register today at www.donboscoprep.org, and come and explore life as an Ironman!

#### **Faith Formation News**

#### Grades 1-8

**TODAY:** Sunday, September 18, 2022 September 25, October 2, 16, 23, 30 8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

> Monday, September 19, 26, October 3, 17, 24, 31

7:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.



Confirmation I and II

Sunday, October 9, 2022 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Please have students arrive on time!

#### Youth Group / Service Opportunity

Kick-off for youth group this year will be on Wednesday, September 21! The evening will include a social and will begin our parish drive to collect food and toys for local animal shelters. All teens are welcome!

If you are a Confirmation student and come to the meeting and bring at least three items such as canned cat/kitten/dog/puppy food, cat/dog toys, rolls of paper towels, or kitchen garbage bags (always needed at pet shelters), and stay for the meeting, you will earn 1.5 hours of service!!

Even though this is a social, as long as you bring the requested donation of three items for the animals and stay for the duration of the social, you will earn service

#### Morris Catholic High School

Morris Catholic High School is accepting applications for the Class of 2027 and for transfer students for this upcoming academic year. Learn more about Morris date is Wednesday, October 5, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm and Sunday, October 23, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. You can sign up for these events at www.morriscatholic.org/ openhouse/.

We are also offering shadow days and in-person campus tours. Contact admissions@morriscatholic.org to schedule one of these visits or for more information about application process! You can also visit www.morriscatholic.org to learn more about all of our athletic, academic, and extracurricular programs.

#### MHC Academy's Open Houses

Academy's Open Houses will be held Wednesday, September 28, at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday, October 23, at 12:00 p.m. or 1:00 p.m.

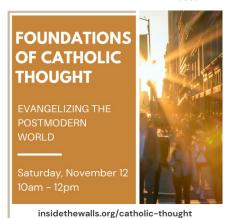
Must Pre-Register: www.MaryHelp.org/ohreg.

## Scroll to see some of our favorite upcoming events!







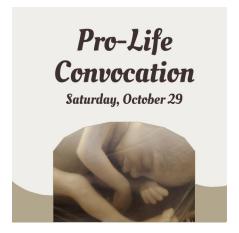


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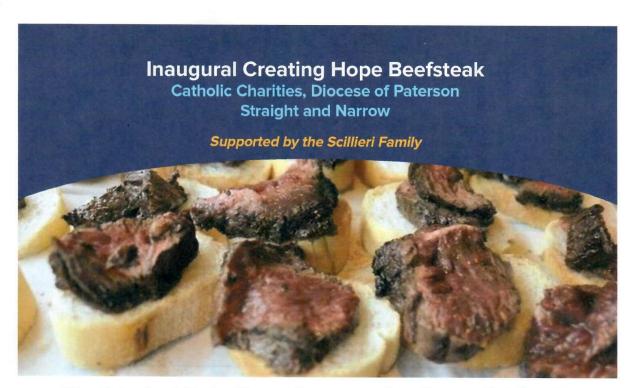
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## Being More



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#### **Beefsteak • Tricky Tray • Support of an Impactful Cause**

Straight and Narrow, based out of Paterson, is the largest nonprofit treatment center offering a full continuum of care for people in recovery in the entire country. The organization is a premier, pace-setting, comprehensive social service, health care, and community development agency. All proceeds from this event will benefit Straight and Narrow and make a difference in the lives of those in recovery!

When: Friday, September 30th, 2022

Time: 6:30pm

Price: \$70/pp (includes Beefsteak & Tricky Tray) Where:

St. James of the Marches Parish Hall

32 St. James Place Totowa, NJ 07512



#### Contact:

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Development Director

Or email: info@ccpaterson.org

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#### **Spiritual Reflection**

#### Be Shrewd

God in the First Reading is quite offended by his people's evil actions, just as we would expect. But in the Gospel parable we find the master of the house *rewarding a dishonest steward for cheating*. What is going on?

A question: are you shrewd? Can you get troubled circumstances to work to your advantage?

If you said yes, doesn't that mean you are un-Christian?

After all, we are supposed to dedicate ourselves to charity, giving always to to others. Or at least that is the usual understanding of Christianity.

Start with the First Reading. God sees that the merchants are actually agreeing to "fix their scales for cheating!" This is bad enough, but they have determined also to actually buy poor people, to purchase them and their lives for silver or even for a pair of sandals!

The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: never will I forget a thing they have done!

Such slavery no longer exists in the United States, for which, hurray! But aren't each of our own lives being bought off by luxury? Haven't you noticed that commerce wishes to buy you with cable TV, or a convertible, or prescription drugs, or real-estate plans, or weight reduction, beautiful teeth, slick automobiles, perfect wheel chairs, and even breath-freshening chewing gum (whose advertising portrays sexual promiscuity in order to sell their gum)?

God's reaction is very clear, and we should react similarly.

God hates it.

Yet in the Gospel, a parable portrays God's attitude quite differently. The master comes back to find that his top steward has been squandering the master's property. Naturally he plans to fire the man, and in this he agrees completely with the First Reading, that cheating should not be tolerated.

But then comes the curve ball. The servant is portrayed as shrewd. He thinks up a plan. If I am to be fired, I had better acquire some friends so I will not be homeless. Since I will remain steward until I give an account, I will go to each of my master's debtors and make a deal. Give me half of what you owe and I will count it on the books as fully paid.

The master actually commends him for this plan! He tells the servant, you have been prudent in preparing a home for yourself!

Why does he treat this dishonest servant differently than the dishonest merchants in the First Reading? The answer is in Sunday's Psalm 113, which says:

Praise the Lord, who lifts up the poor!

Do you think the merchants from the First Reading were "lifting up the poor"? Weren't they buying and selling them instead, purchasing them for even "a pair of sandals"?

Well, the Gospel's steward doesn't show disdain for the poor even though he is taking care of his own future (by making friends with the poor). He gets a portion of their debts back for the master. He never buys or sells them—he makes their life a little easier by cutting their debts in half, and he courts the master's favor by cutting losses to his property.

So he was shrewd.

He did good by being so clever. The remaining servants were happy. The master was happy. The steward kept his job. Good was served rather than evil.

Maybe the actual moral for Sunday is: be clever when you do good.



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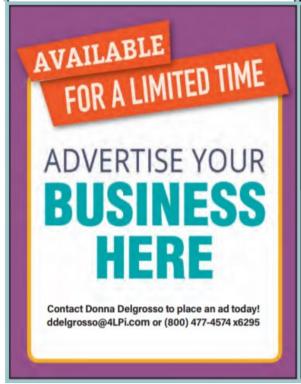


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