

# Our Lady of the Valley Parish

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## WEEK OF NOVEMBER 12, 2017

### Parish Mission Statement

Our Lady of the Valley Parish is a community of believing Catholics empowered by the Holy Spirit to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ, expressed in prayer, realized in liturgy, and serviced by action. We are made in the image of God to promote charity, justice, peace and a deep faith to all, especially those most in need of God's Mercy.

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(607) 324-5811

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(607) 324-5580

### REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon., Tues.. 12:10 pm St. Ann  
Thur. & Fri.  
NO Mass Wed.

#### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 4:30 pm St. Ann  
Sunday 7:00 am & 10:30 am St. Ann  
Sunday 8:30 am St. Mary

#### TELEVISED MASS FOR SHUT-INS

Sunday 1:00 pm (channel 99 - Hornell)  
Sponsored by Bishop & Johnson Funeral Home and Peish TV

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

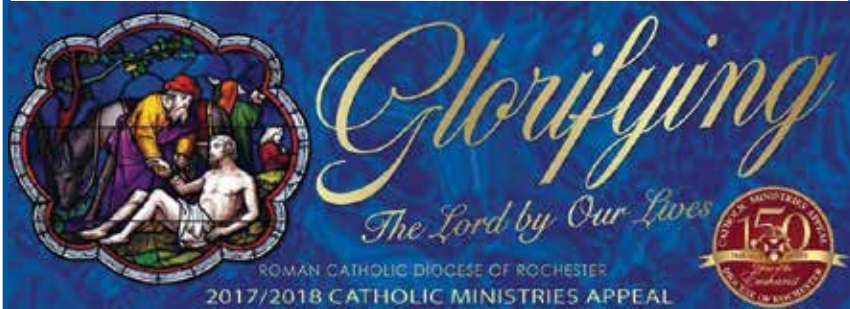
By Appointment St. Ann's Church  
Tuesday & Thursday, 11:30 am - 12 pm  
Saturday, 3:30 - 4:15 pm

#### BAPTISM

Contact Parish Office

#### WEDDINGS

Contact Parish Office 6 months in advance



### Stewardship

Like the sensible bridesmaids in today's parable, good stewards make sure that they, and whatever gifts are theirs to share, are ready to serve when the Master calls.

...Sharon Heuckel's *Stewardship by the Book*

## Our Lady of the Valley Masses and Intentions

### **SATURDAY ~ November 11 ~ St. Martin of Tours**

**4:30pm. - St. Ann** - John and Gail Ciansiosi by their children  
*Birthday* - Donald Piano by Mary Teresa Purtell

### **SUNDAY ~ November 12 ~ Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**7:00am. - St. Ann** - Vera Murphy by Theresa Ambuski  
Dominic P. Conlan by Mom and Dad  
**8:30am. - St. Mary** - Mr. and Mrs. Merrill and Anna McCormick by the Estate  
**10:30am. - St. Ann** - Marion Sirianni by Bill Sirianni  
Jerry and Grace Curran by George and Bonnie Sexsmith

### **MONDAY ~ November 13 ~ St. Frances Xavier Cabrini**

**12:10pm. - St. Ann** - Michael C. Fagnan by Teddy and Bill Ormsby  
Nuncio F. DiCosimo by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Riefer and Family

### **TUESDAY ~ November 14**

**12:10pm. - St. Ann** - *Anniversary* - James R. O'Connor by Rose Ann  
Paul Johnson by Ellen and Tom Peiklo

### **WEDNESDAY ~ November 15 ~ St. Albert the Great**

**NO MASS**

### **THURSDAY ~ November 16 ~ St. Margaret of Scotland, St. Gertrude**

**12:10pm. - St. Ann** - George Hooper by Robert and Jody  
Lee Pascarella by Patti and Liz

### **FRIDAY ~ November 17 ~ St. Elizabeth of Hungary**

**12:10pm. - St. Ann** - Mr. and Mrs. Frank Falzoi and deceased members of the Falzoi family by Lena Libordi  
Margaret Falzoi by Susan Argentieri and Family

### **SATURDAY ~ November 18 ~ St. Rose Philippine Duchesne,**

**Dedication of the Basilica of Ss. Peter & Paul**

**4:30pm. - St. Ann** - Ernst Weyand by the Weyand Estate  
Christine McDaniel by Mom and Dad  
**6:00pm. - St. Mary** - **Hunters' Mass in Rexville** - Mary Angela Nasca by Mr. and Mrs. James Gleason

### **SUNDAY ~ November 19 ~ Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**7:00am. - St. Ann** - Steven Nicotera Jr. by Francis and Charlotte Giglio  
Augie and MaryAnn Ciancaglini by Tom and Kathy Roselli  
**8:30am. - St. Mary** - Ethel E. Stambaugh by John and Patti Peisher  
**10:30am. - St. Ann** - Kenneth Isaman by Carolyn Kelly and Family  
*Birthday* - Dolores Herr Neckar by Floyd and Betsy Farley



## The Pastor's Two Cents    ***“Wake up, before death wakes you up!”***

Fr. Ron Rolheiser shares the following reflection on today's readings which I share with you. In his autobiography, [\*Report to Greco\*](#), Nikos Kazantzakis recounts a conversation he once had with an old monk. Kazantzakis, a young man at the time, was visiting a monastery and was very taken by a famed ascetic, Father Makarios, who lived there. But a series of visits with the old monk left him with some ambivalent feelings as well. The monk's austere lifestyle stirred a certain religious romanticism in Kazantzakis, but it repelled him too; he wanted the romanticism, but in a more-palatable way. Here's their conversation as Kazantzakis records it:

*Yours is a hard life, Father. I too want to be saved. Is there no other way?*

*More agreeable? asked the ascetic, smiling compassionately. More human, Father.*

*One, only one. What is that?*

**Ascent.** *To climb a series of steps. From the full stomach to hunger, from the slaked throat to thirst, from joy to suffering. God sits at the summit of hunger, thirst, and suffering; the devil sits at the summit of the comfortable life. Choose.*

*I am still young. The world is nice. I have time to choose.* Reaching out, the old monk touched my knee and said: *Wake up, my child. Wake up before death wakes you up.*

*I shuddered and said: I am still young.*

*Death loves the young, the old man replied. The inferno loves the young. Life is like a lighted candle, easily extinguished. Take care—wake up!*

Wake up! Wake up before death wakes you up. In a less dramatic expression that's a virtual leitmotif in the Gospels. Jesus is always telling us to wake up, to stay awake, to be vigilant, to be more alert to a deeper reality. What's meant by that? How are we asleep to depth? How are we to wake up and stay awake? How are we asleep? All of us know how difficult it is for us to be inside the present moment, to not be asleep to the real riches inside our own lives. The distractions and worries of daily life tend to so consume us that we habitually take for granted what's most precious to us, our health, the miracle of our senses, the love and friendships that surround us, and the gift of life itself. We go through our daily lives not only with a lack of reflectiveness and lack of gratitude but with a habitual touch of resentment as well, a chronic, grey depression, Robert Moore calls it. We are very much asleep, both to God and to our own lives.

How do we wake up? Today there's a rich literature that offers us all kinds of advice on how to get into the present moment so as to be awake to the deep riches inside our own lives. While much of this literature is good, little of it is very effective. It invites us to live each day of our lives as if was our last day, but we simply can't do that. It's impossible to sustain that kind of intentionality and awareness over a long period of time. An awareness of our mortality does wake us up, as does a stroke, a heart attack, or cancer; but that heightened-awareness is easier to sustain for a short season of our lives than it is for twenty, thirty, forty, or fifty years... None of us can live seventy or eighty years as if each day was his or her last day. Or can we? Spiritual wisdom offers a nuanced answer here: We can and we can't! On the one hand, the distractions, cares, and pressures of everyday life will invariably have their way with us and we will, in effect, fall asleep to what's deeper and more important inside of life. But it's for this reason that every major spiritual tradition has daily rituals designed precisely to wake us from spiritual sleep, akin an alarm clock waking us from physical sleep.

It's for this reason we need to begin each day with prayer. What happens if we don't pray on a given morning is not that we incur God's wrath, but rather that we tend to miss the morning, spending the hours until noon trapped inside a certain dullness of heart. The same can be said about praying before meals. We don't displease God by not first centering ourselves in gratitude before eating, but we miss out on the richness of what we're doing. Liturgical prayer and the Eucharist have the same intent, among their other intentions. They're meant to, regularly, call us out of a certain sleep. None of us lives each day of our lives as if it was his or her last day. Our heartaches, headaches, distractions, and busyness invariably lull us to sleep. That's forgivable; it's what it means to be human. So we should ensure that we have regular spiritual rituals, spiritual alarm clocks, to jolt us back awake—so that it doesn't take a heart attack, a stroke, cancer, or death to wake us up.

Don't forget, "The Lord is with you!"    *Fr. Stan*



## Parish Activities and Coming Events

- Sunday:** **Rosary and Holy Hour** - 3:00pm. in St. Ann's Church  
**The Quest Youth Group** - next meeting to be held on November 19th. 6-8:00pm. Movie Night  
**Confirmation Program** - November 19th. at 8:45-10:15am.  
**Religious Education** - at St. Ann's 9:15-10:15am. in the school
- Monday:** **Elderwood Mass** - November 13th. at 10:00am., at Elderwood  
**Finance Council Meeting** - November 13th., 7:00pm. in the meeting room
- Tuesday:** **1st. Penance Mini-Retreat** - November 14th., 6:30-8:30pm.
- Thursday:** **Parish Council Meeting** - November 16th., 7:00pm. in the meeting room

### Our Lady of the Valley

**November 5, 2017**

**Actual** - \$ 9,454

**Year to Date Actual** - \$ 142,257

**Year to Date Budget** - \$ 148,200

**All Saints** - \$ 1,437

*Thank you for your generosity*

It is important that all checks written out to the parish be made out to **"Our Lady of the Valley"**.

### Your Catholic Faith on Demand: FORMED.org

Enter Parish Code **GKXEYD** and register using your email.

Try **FORMED.org** tonight. Your mind & heart will be opened to current Catholic teachings through audio and video presentations by some of the Church's top scholars.

**The Year of the Eucharist** Here is something to check out on **FORMED.org**. Rediscover the Mystery of the Eucharist with Dr. Brant Pitre in *Lectio: Eucharist*.

### Diocese of Rochester

#### Sesquicentennial WebSite

To commemorate the Diocese of Rochester 150th. Anniversary, a website has been created and will be available to all.

[eucharist.ec.dor.org](http://eucharist.ec.dor.org) is now available.

### Steuben County Rural Ministry and Sister Susan

**Open:** Monday - Wednesday - Friday \* 698-4725

**Hours:** 9:00am.- 12:00noon

### Scripture Readings

**November 12, 2017** - 32nd. Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading:** Book of Wisdom 6:12-16

**Second Reading:** Thessalonians 4:13-18

**Gospel:** Matthew 25:1-13



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\$ 55,636 GOAL

\$ 20,031

**Please join in achieving our parish Goal.  
Have you made your Pledge ?**

**Hornell Gardens Mass** Father Stan will be celebrating mass at Hornell Gardens, every 4th. Friday at 1:30pm.

**To find a Catholic church or Mass time anywhere in the country call 858-207-6277 or visit [www.mass-times.org](http://www.mass-times.org).**

### Altar Server Schedule

#### St. Ann

**Saturday, November 18th. - 4:30pm.** ~ Sydney Heinig and Tyler Prete

**Sunday, November 19th. - 7:00am.** ~ Tom Pieklo

**Sunday, November 19th. - 10:30am.** ~ McKenna Donlon and Eric Walsh

## Catholic Courier to hold coloring and photo contest

The Catholic Courier is holding a coloring contest (for children ages 3-6) and a photo contest (for children ages 7-12 & teenagers 13-18).

**Details for each contest can be found at:**

<http://www.catholiccourier.com/articles/the-2017-catholic-courier-coloring-and-photo-contest>

### Sunday Gospel Reflections

**November 12, 2017 - 32nd. Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Matthew 25:1-13**

**Gospel Summary** - Jesus told the story about ten maidens waiting for a bridegroom to return home with his new bride. Most likely he had been delayed at her home working out the negotiations for her with the bride's father. Five of the maidens came with enough oil to keep their lamps burning through the night. The other five foolishly brought none. The passage is clearly about the end times and our being ready for it. The maidens needed oil to keep their lamps burning in order to be ready for the bridegroom. The message for us relates back to the Great Commandment we read about two weeks ago. We need to love God and our neighbors to insure that our lamps are ready for the end time.

**Reflection for Families** - Sometimes we grow impatient when we read the scriptures that anticipate Christ's return. After all, it's been two thousand years and not a word! It's easy for all of us to be lulled into complacency by such silence. But we not only have a responsibility to ourselves to be prepared, we must impress upon our children the importance of being ready for Jesus when he returns. One way to do this is show our children how the Kingdom of God has already begun. Even though the Kingdom is not complete yet, we can point out signs where life today is in some ways already like the Kingdom. For example people loving one another, caring for one another, and reaching out to one another in kindness, are all ways that point toward the coming Kingdom.

**Bringing the Gospel into your family** - As a family, commit to work together to bring about God's Kingdom. Think about one person you know at school, at work, or in your neighborhood who might not be ready for Christ's return. Reach out to them with a gesture or act that will show them God's love. At the evening meal, or bedtime prayers, share with one another how you were a symbol of the coming Kingdom today.

#### Discussion Starters

- ♦ I remember being caught off guard once like the five foolish maidens. I felt...
- ♦ One thing I need to do to be better prepared for Jesus' return is...
- ♦ Someone I have known who was like the five wise maidens is...because...

## Cuba Cheese

The Quest Youth Group will be holding a Cuba Cheese fundraiser from now until November 26th.

All proceeds will go to upcoming retreats for the youth group. Orders can be placed through the parish office, any youth group member, or Dave Prete...607-590-1958.

Thank you for your support.

## Reminder: 40 Week Club

**It's not too late to join the 40 Week Club.**

The 1st. Drawing will be on November 19, 2017

Stop by the K of C at 55 Center Street for details, or call:

**Gary @ 607-661-5299**

**OR**

**Sandy @ 607-765-8388**

### Prayer Corner

As a parish we have been asked to pray for people who are sick, facing surgery, etc. We thank God for His healing goodness and ask that you **please let us know when someone can be removed from the prayer list.** Call the parish office at 324-5811.

#### Our Sick

Donald Griswold, Dorothy Meehan, Ruth A. Kendall, Mary Aini, Vicki Mastin, William McNelis, Patricia Jarrabet, Alexandra Argentieri, Debbie Lynn Panter, Willie Bilancio, Bill Peck, Ray Lockwood, Louise Rogstad, Stan Banko, Sara Didas, Mike Hillman, Fran Grillo, Dave and Linda Dean, Ophelia Jersey, Kathi Lawton, Dominic Conlan, Lucy Scrocco, Bob Mills, Gary & Pat (Knapp) Messinger, Jason Woodworth, Donna Roosa, Lynne Cardamone, Emmie DiNardo, Cathy Mayo, Emma Loree, Andy Rochester, Bonnie Conroy, John and Mary Fortuna, George (Pete) Gath, Beth Yurkewecz, Kevin Tucker, Audrey Tilden, Mary Lou Daniels, Nadien Sorrentino, Frank Dori, Dick Lewis, Burglind Oakden, Jonathan Baek, Giavonna and Domenic D'Apice, Darlene Dibble, Julie Case, Diana Lichioveri, Jan Traeg, Trystan Weaver, Marie Patti, Ashley Zahradnick, Becky Dibble, Terry Lewis.

#### Our Men & Women Serving in the Military

Rachel Mullen, Seth Baker, John Washington, Joe Hosing, Kyle Stewart, Sean Stillman, Jay Daniels, Ryan Phillips, Steven Miles, Cory Rose, Jacob O'Heron, Devin Head, Joe Ordway, Joe Hornbeck, Donald VanWinkle Jr., Gregory Addison, A.J. Murphy, Ryan O'Rourke, James McCormick, Brittney Caruso, Cameron Gallipau, Alan Rawleigh, Nathan Donahue, Malachi Weaver, Shannon Weaver, Terry Leonard, Kerrigan Lisi, David Hunt, Jessica Fahl Snider, Brandon Snyder, Matt Zapata, John Kelley, Pete Hornbeck, Robert Murray, Brittany Stoddard, Zachary Day, Michael Mikolajczyk, Ben Pollinger, Dustin Kinnaird, Sam Argentieri.

## ***Chapel of Perpetual Adoration***

*Those that have the last place here will have  
the first place in the future.*

*...Matthew 20:16*

### ***Open Hours***

Sunday 1:00am. Every 4th. Week

Sunday 4:00am. & 5:00am. (These can be every other week)

Thursday at 3:00pm.

**Substitutes are welcomed. Please call:**

Isabel Nobilski 324-1424 or Donna Kull 324-2884

## **First Penance and Reconciliation**

**There will be a Mini-retreat, on Tuesday, November 14th. at 6:30pm.,** for children who are registered to receive First Penance/Reconciliation in December. The mini-retreat will be in the old St. Ann's school **1st. Grade** class room.

This is a short get-together to ensure that the children receive immediate preparation for this important sacrament. We will be viewing a short video on the sacrament and also each child will have the opportunity to decorate their own First Penance/Reconciliation candle holder. Parents must accompany their child at the mini-retreat.

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