

# Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church

## **Pastor**

Reverend Edwin E. Perez

## **Music Coordinator**

Mrs. Sandra Modersohn

## **Youth Director**

Mr. Joel Fernandez

## **Admin/Bookkeeper**

Mrs. Kathleen Murphy

## **Office Hours**

Monday - Friday

9:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.

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## **Mass Schedule**

**Saturday:** 8:30 a.m.

Vigil Mass: 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

**Weekdays:** 8:30 a.m.

## **Holy Day Masses**

Vigil Mass 5:00 p.m.

(Except Sundays) 8:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.

## **Confessions**

Saturday: 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday: 6:30 to 7:00 p.m.

## **Religious Education**

Sunday: 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

## **Devotions**

### **Rosary**

Daily before Mass at 8:05 a.m.

**Divine Mercy Chaplet:** Daily after Mass

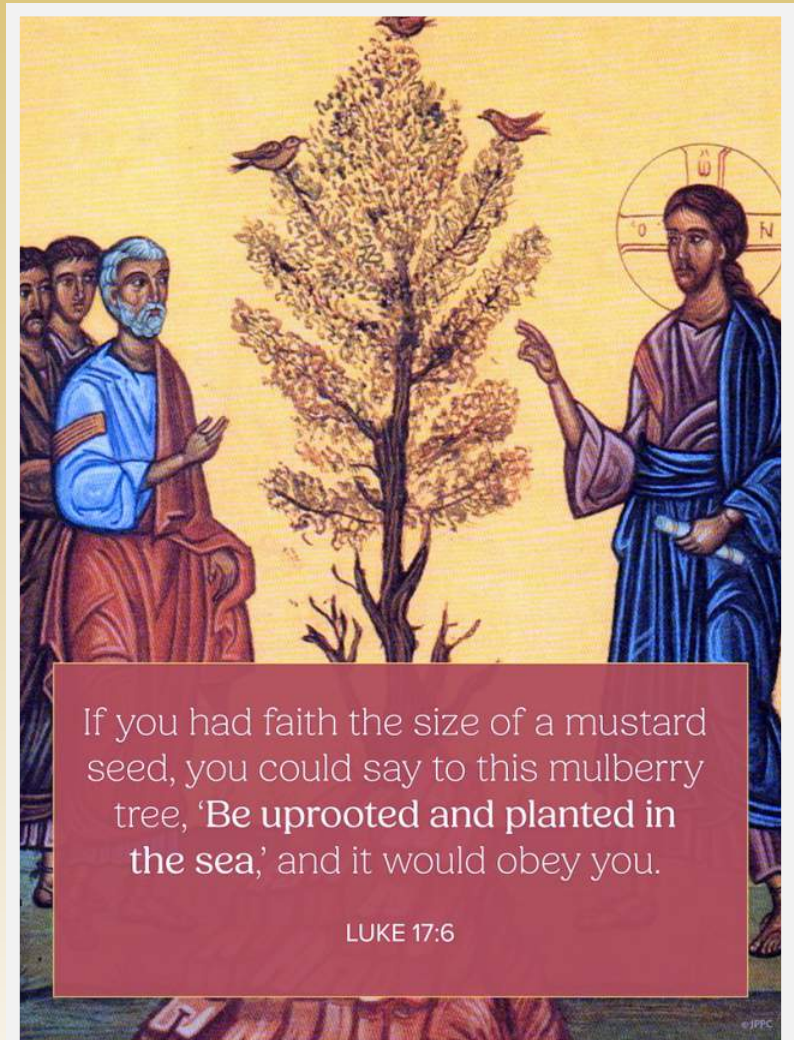
**Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help**

Every Saturday after the 8:30 a.m. Mass

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month from

3:00 to 7:00 p.m.



If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

LUKE 17:6

**October 5, 2025 - Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## **Parish Membership**

Our Parish Family invites all its members to participate fully in our spiritual & social life. Every family moving into the parish is requested to register with us. Please let us know if your address or email changes.

## **Hospitalized & Homebound Parishioners**

If you know of someone who is homebound, please notify our parish office so that they may receive pastoral and sacramental care of the church.

**Email:** [office@ourladyofthevalleyluray.org](mailto:office@ourladyofthevalleyluray.org)

**Send announcements** by Monday noon to:

[bulletin@ourladyofthevalleyluray.org](mailto:bulletin@ourladyofthevalleyluray.org)

**Visit our website at:** [ourladyofthevalleyluray.org](http://ourladyofthevalleyluray.org)





**Saturday: October 4** - Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi

8:30 a.m. - Mary Quinn

5:00 p.m. - Our Lady of the Valley Parishioners

**Sunday: October 5** - Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. - Mary Quinn

11:15 a.m. - Paul and Melanie McGurin +

**Monday: October 6** - Monday of the 27<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. - Communion Service (Father Perez is on a mandatory retreat this week.)

**Tuesday: October 7** - Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary

8:30 a.m. - Communion Service

**Wednesday: October 8** - Wednesday of the 27<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. - Communion Service

**Thursday: October 9** - Thursday of the 27<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. - Communion Service

**Friday: October 10** - Friday of the 27<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. - Communion Service

**Saturday: October 11** - Saturday of the 27<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. - Deacon Richard Burrell +

5:00 p.m. - Our Lady of the Valley Parishioners

**Sunday: October 12** - Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. - Zach Lee +

11:15 a.m. - Paul and Melanie McGurin +



Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11 Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8 Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10 Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8 Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11 Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10 Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2 Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9 Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Jl 4:12-21 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 Lk 11:27-28

Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17 Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 2 Tm 2:8-13 Lk 17:11-19

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## Helping Our Parish Grow

### WEEKLY OFFERTORY

**Week of September 28**

Sunday Collection: \$2,972.00

2nd Collection: \$100.00

Poor Box: \$72.71

Candles: \$47.01

Mass Intentions: \$50.00

Building Fund: \$111.00



**Second Collections**

**October 5**

Shrine of Immaculate Conception

**October 19**

World Mission Sunday



Welcome back to Kathleen Murphy who has returned as our parish office secretary. She will be glad to help you with any parish needs you might have.



The second week of each month (**October 11-12**) OLV collects packaged, canned goods, and nonperishables for the needy of our community. Please leave your food only donations in the church vestibule.

The collection for September was 470 pounds of food. January 2025 to date: 4,120 pounds. Since January 2016: 23,405 pounds.

*Thank you for participating in this very worthy cause.*



## The Catholic Diocese of Arlington

### Diocesan Week of Service: Love in Action – Service in Community

The Diocese of Arlington invites you to take part in a powerful witness of our faith from November 9 - 16 for the first Diocesan Week of Service, a time dedicated to putting Love in Action through Service in Community.

Rooted in the Gospel and inspired by the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy, our parishes and ministries are joining together to bring Christ to our neighbors by serving individuals and families who are most in need—spiritually, emotionally, and physically. We hope you will participate in our OLV Parish Week of Service projects. We will be sharing more details as we finalize plans.



**The Flame of Love**  
**Immaculate Heart of Mary**  
Mid - Atlantic Regional Tour

**Monday, October 13, 2025**  
Igniting the Light of Jesus into Every Heart

Please join us for a special visitation of the Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary to the Mid-Atlantic Region  
A powerful gift of grace, Jesus Himself, from the Immaculate Heart of Mary.  
Receive this gift and pass it on!

**St. John the Baptist Catholic Church**  
120 West Main Street  
Front Royal, VA 22630

**Begins with 8:30 am Holy Mass followed by a presentation in Father Ruehl Hall, the Flame of Love Rosary, coffee & refreshments**

**Speakers:** Jill Metz, National Director, U.S. Flame of Love Movement, supported by Monica Ludwig, Regional Director, MidAtlantic Region.

This is a special opportunity to **receive** the effect of grace of the Flame of Love of Mary's Immaculate Heart and share with others. The Flame of Love Pilgrim Statue and a Relic of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, first American-born Saint, will be available for veneration. The Flame of Love blue diary and other items will also be available.

**Please RSVP:** Boots Sargis  
bootssargis@yahoo.com

## October - Respect Life Month



We ask our parishioners to join in praying for the U.S. Catholic bishops' Annual Respect Life Month Novena from October 22-30.

The novena prays for the protection of human life, from conception to natural death. Each day of the novena features a different prayer intention, as well as a short reflection, suggested actions, and additional information to help participants go deeper.

To pray along daily visit: [USCBB.org/respect-life-novena](http://USCBB.org/respect-life-novena)

### Rosary Rally

Please join together at a public rosary rally which will take place at 12 noon, Saturday, Oct. 11.

We will meet at Ruffner Plaza in downtown Luray to pray for the repentance and conversion of our great nation. We are asking God to save America through the rosary of His Most Holy Mother. Please consider participating to help us make this rosary rally a success!



pray. wait. *trust*



Please call the parish office 540-743-4919, if you would like to remove or add a loved one's name to our bulletin prayer list.

### Our Lady of the Valley Covenant

*We, the parish family of Our Lady Of The Valley, do hereby covenant ourselves to God by working to proclaim His word, build His community, celebrate His liturgy and serve His people. We affirm this covenant to You, Father, in unity with the Holy Spirit, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

#### Baptism

Baptisms are usually celebrated on Sundays at 1:00 p.m. Please call the parish office at least a month prior to the date you desire to have your baby baptized.

#### Weddings

Couples planning to be married should contact the parish office at least six months before the wedding date. All engaged couples must take the Marriage Preparation Course.

#### Parish Council & Finance Committee

These committees meet quarterly. If you have positive recommendations, or feedback, please contact the parish office.

#### Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus Msgr. Paul V. Heller Council 8393 business meeting is on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday and their social meeting is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month.

#### Ladies Council

Ladies Council holds it's regular meetings on the third Wednesday of each month, September through May, at 10:00 A.M. in the meeting room.

#### Youth Group

OLV Youth Group meets in the church from 6 - 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday evenings of each month for prayer, dinner, social time, and discussion of topics central to our faith.

#### Women's Scripture Study Group

OLV Women's Group meets every Saturday from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. for prayer, learning and mutual encouragement.



Ezekiel Arias, David Atkins, Kathleen Calen, Thyra Calen, Julian Campbell, Tyler & Danae Campbell, Frank Caruso, Gary Clarkson, Danny Collins, Gregory Counts, Thomas Craze, Marc Cyphert, Michael Cyphert, Teresa Dean, Ed Dwyer, Beverly Dwyer, Bill & Clare Evon, Tony Fox, Marsha Fratkin, Rachel Golden, Barbara Gray, Ruth Green, Barbara Hiler, Savannah Knave, Tom Long, Jenny Cano-Lopez, Kay Lucas, Mary Keyser, Robert Montemayor, Bob Moulden, Cathy Panzica, Sandy Parker, Hilda Pruitt, Anthony Rivera, James Rostetter, Dino Sfreddo, Sandra & Wayne Showalter, Debbie Snellings, Amber Starke, Meghan Sterett, Lillian Taylor, Robert Taylor, Charles Wood, Laken Vaughn, Maria Vaughn, Oanh Vaughn



Brian Abrams, Vera Allen, Maureen Barrett, Richard Benner, Thomas Blanche, David Bobzien, James Bradecamp, Sharon Brunck, Joseph Bugica, Dcn. Richard Burrell, Norman Burzynski, Edward Cain, Victor Calen, Joseph Campbell, Sharon Campbell, Betsy Clark, Luzmilla Clark, Farley Clinton, Sandy Collins, James Collins, Sandy Counts, Pat Covington, Louis Cumberland, Michael Czinkota, Waid H. Dean, Kathy Donaldson, Hajna deKun, Theresa Dispenzirie, Maria Erazo, Robert Fisher, Eleanor Fisher, Ed Frohlich, Mark Frohlich, Stephen Frohlich, Robert Goff, Harold Granberg, Steve Gray, John Greer, Frances Hannah, Ann Helms, Roy Hiler, Yvette Hyde, Delores Johnson, Robert Keane, Irene Keller, Fritz Kestermann, David Lightowler, Mary Jane Lloyd, Rex R. Lloyd, Alice Lundblad, David Lundblad, John Maitland, Ruth Martin, Jose Molina, Leona Miller, Michael Myer, Chris Nestor, Ruby Norton, Barbara Claire O'Neill, Matthew Parowski, Joseph Pechie, Shirley Reese, Hans D. Reusch, Dan Schneible, Audrey Sedwick, Edward Showalter Sr., Paul Showalter, Burrous Snellings, Sr., Ron Sommers, Betty Starke, Chester Taylor, Thomas VanDerveer, Helen VanDerveer, Leon Vaughn, Ritchie Vaughn, Rosita Vega, Evelyn Vlkojan, John Vlkojan, Mary Ann Waybright, Charlotte West, Ray West, Philip Wirdzek Jr., Jan Zwaninger

# REFLECTION

by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

The disasters vary, but the post-event interviews of the heroes who responded have a certain commonality. The reporter offers them praise but they almost always respond: “I was only doing my duty.” Those of us with any sensitivity might even be moved to tears on hearing this. It is a certain bravery blended with sure humility. Such can restore one’s faith in humanity when cynicism tries to hold sway.

Yet there are also those many smaller and very personal tragedies that include such things like temporary loss of faith and trust in God. If we have ever experienced these, we know that they rob the soul of peace. In these cases, heroism is anonymous and unknown. People like you and me, who through prayer and the support of friends have been able to triumph over the pain. We do not ever count ourselves as heroes. But God does. That is the truth to remember. It is the reward of faith.

It sometimes happens that we forget God’s love for us and the support it supplies. We lose the energy it takes to be a Eucharistic person. We lapse in practice. Slowly but surely the “Mass less” Sundays pile up. We drift away from the “once upon a time” child we were the day of our First Holy Communion. And if we manage to do something good for God, we want some applause.



It is really an exceptionally good gift the Holy Spirit gives us, through this weekend’s gospel passage, to remind us of a certain fact. It reflects that “full transparency” so prized in public discourse these days. What is it? This: we are unworthy of the personal and tender love of God. When we live as He asks, we are not heroes but only doers of our duty as His adopted children.

Even so, that attitude brings its own reward. What is that? The smile on the face of Christ when He notes that we are doing our best, day after day. It is the Sacred Smile we hope to see in person some fine day. The guarantee of that event is based on humility, the true touchstone of healthy spirituality. Here is a good example of that virtue in ordinary life:

Once upon a time, an ardent music lover unexpectedly met the great Johannes Brahms. On recognizing the composer, the man asked: “Master, would you please write here a small portion of a masterpiece and sign it so I can have precious memory of this fortunate encounter?”

Brahms took the pencil and paper, scribbled the initial bars of “The Blue Danube” by Johann Strauss II and signed “Unfortunately, not by me. Johannes Brahms.”

***God love you and be among His humble heroes.***





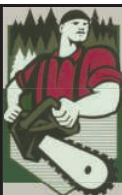
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to Our Church!**



..... ROMANS 12:10 .....  
Be devoted to one another  
in love. Honor one  
another above  
yourselves.

Then shall two be in the field; the  
one shall be taken, and the other left.

..... MATTHEW 24:40 .....



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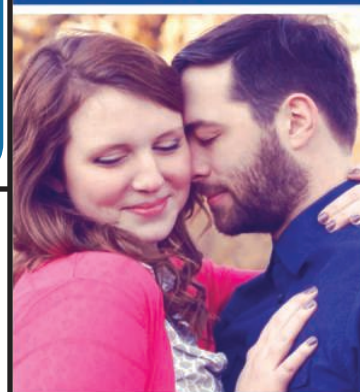
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