

A New Creation in Christ

December 14, 2025 - 3rd Sunday of Advent



Come, let's build the Holy City Come, let's build a family Come,
let's build a new tomorrow where our children will be free We can
be a holy people living in the Light of God Come, let's build the
Holy City Build it out of Love

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Tuesday - 9:00 AM

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Sunday Mass - 9:00 AM

Wednesday - 9:00 AM

Office Hours:

Mon - Thurs 9:00 AM - 12:00PM

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday

December 13, 2025 - 4:00 PM

✠ Doris Caputo - By: Mary Brusoe & Family

✠ Ruderick Jorgensen - By: The Jorgensen Family

Sunday

December 14, 2025 - 11:00 AM

✠ Willis Zedaker - By: Bill and Kris Zedaker

✠ Frank Williams - By: Joan Williams

Tuesday

December 16, 2025 - 9:00 AM

✠ Alton Wolfgang - By: Bill & Kris Zedaker

Saturday

December 20, 2025 - 4:00 PM

✠ Thomas Peter Herrmann - By: Kim & Linda Balfour

Sunday

December 21, 2025 - 11:00 AM

✠ Betty Ann Palmatier - By: Ken & Nancy Chrinian

Tuesday

December 23, 2025 - 9:00 AM

✠ No Mass

Wednesday

December 24, 2025 - 4:00 PM

✠ Christmas Eve

Thursday

December 25, 2025 -- 11:15 AM

✠ Christmas Day

Psalm of an Emerging Emmanuel

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel,"

I pray with upraised eyes.

Drop down, O Dew of Heaven,
that God might walk and talk on earth,
might heal and feed our sin-soaked world.

O Come, O Come Emmanuel,
my prayers like searchlights
comb the starry winter skies.

Descend from the black hole of some neighboring galaxy
to green with your grace
our barren earth.

Such an Advent waiting prayer
can be a lifelong profession of patient longing,
unless I know, with all my heart,
that Emmanuel not only comes down
but also comes forth and emerges.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel,
come forth from deep within me
with Christmas luminous beauty.

For my heart has become the sacred crib,
the birthing place of God-among-us.

Peace on Earth and justice for all
will only become manifest in our lives
when enough of your sons and daughters
awaken to your divine design
that has made each of us
an emerging Emmanuel.

Christmas Offering

If you use the envelope that was mailed with your Christmas card, that offering will be considered a restricted donation for building projects and care for our church.

We Pray Advent

We gather in these weeks before Christmas filled with expectation, joy, and hope. As we light the candles on our wreath, we join with all creation – with snow and rain, wind and stars – to become what God truly intends... a world filled with peace, justice, wonder, and life. We sing of the God who loves us; our hope grows as we light all 4 candles on the wreath. Our response to the Hebrew Scripture is Psalm 122: "Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord." All are always welcome. Proclaiming Gospels alive in anticipation, we happily sing "Soon and very soon, alleluia!" We come to the Lord's Table to celebrate Christ in our midst. We live the mystery: "we proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again." We enter into the Cross of the world, for our sisters and brothers, even as we await Love's fulfillment. After sharing Eucharist, we gently sing of building up the Holy City. A family living in the Light of God, with doors and hearts and minds always open, that God's peace, God's justice, God's freedom might flourish in us all. We are sent out to continue the mission.

The Sacristy Lamp burns this week in Loving Memory
Frank Williams

Requested by Joan Williams

This week at Our Lady of Fatima...

| Date | Event | Time | Place |
|-------|-------------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| 12/15 | Friendship Café | 11:00 am - 1:30 pm | Hall |
| 12/16 | Mass | 9:00 am | Church |
| 12/16 | Communal Reconciliation | 6:00 pm | OLV |
| 12/17 | Friendship Café | 11:00 am - 1:30 pm | Hall |
| 12/19 | Friendship Café | 11:00 am - 1:30 pm | Hall |
| 12/20 | Mass | 4:00 pm | Church |
| 12/21 | Mass | 11:00 am | Church |
| 12/21 | Winter Solstice & BBQ | 5:00 pm | Fox Creek Park |

Advent

Little Blue Books and The Word Among Us – reflections on the Sunday Gospels

Take Home Scripture Study – The Gospel truth about Jesus' Birth. Faith or Legend

Church Calendars – a year of Promise.

Open Doors – our Church is open Monday – Friday from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM for meditation, walking and prayer.

Communal Reconciliation Service – Tuesday, December 16 at 6:00 PM at Our Lady of the Valley.

Confessions every Saturday, 2:00 PM at Our Lady of Fatima

Winter Solstice Fire and Hot Dog BBQ – Sunday, December 21, 5:00 PM at Fox Creek Park, Schoharie. We welcome winter!

Vigil for all the World's Children; A Blue Christmas Advent Service of Hope Sunday, December 21 – 6:30 PM at St. Mark's Lutheran, Middleburgh A prayer for those who find the holidays difficult.

Mary Mother of God - Wednesday, Dec 31, 4:00 PM at OLV, Thursday, Jan 1, 2026 at 11:15 at OLF

First Day Hike - Thursday, January 1, 2026 meeting at Sonny's Old Garage (the vacant gas station), Rte 7 Central Bridge at 12:30 PM. We are trekking along the Schoharie under limestone cliffs. Snow shoes, crampons, or hiking holes may be necessary.

Christmas Mass

Wednesday, December 24

4:00 PM – Our Lady of Fatima

6:30 PM – Our Lady of the Valley

Thursday, December 25

9:00 AM – Our Lady of the Valley

11:15 AM – Our Lady of Fatima

Beatitudes of Christian Living

"When I am among the trees, especially the willows and the honey locust, equally the beach, the oaks and the pines, they give of such hints of gladness. I would almost say that they save me, and daily.

I am so distant from the hope of myself, in which I have goodness, and discernment, and never hurry through the world but walk slowly, and bow often. Around me the trees stir in their leaves and call out, "Stay awhile." The light flows from their branches.

And they call again, "it's simple," they say, "and you too have come into the world to do this, to go easy, to be filled with light, and to shine." ~ Mary Oliver



GIFT: Seasons of GIFT is our parish process for continual, lifelong, intergenerational faith exploration. Journey with us as we gather to learn, experience and share faith. **All are**

welcome!

Please note that the Liturgy of the Word newsletter is available for our young disciples' grades 1 – 5. They are in plastic bags with crayons that can be used during mass. Please return plastic bags and crayons and take the newsletter home to go over with your children to review each Sunday's Mass message.

Ministry Schedules

Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Counters; your leaders will be doing the schedules for Jan. - Mar. Please send them your dates of unavailability for this time frames by December 23.

Please Pray for our Sick and Homebound

Bella Stuart, Charlotte Marks, Joan Williams, Lorraine Duffy, Mary Brewer, Ken Chrinian, Paul Reveal, Ron Fagan, Jack Finn, Diane McCulloch, Gay Wolfgang and Colleen Schlicht

Our Lady of Fatima Mission Statement

At our Lady of Fatima, Delanson, we are God's people sharing a responsibility to witness God's unconditional love and to bring God's healing presence to our world through our service to our community and beyond.

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

| Saturday, 12/13 | Saturday, 12/20 |
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| LECTOR Maryann Conway EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS Ruth Kulesa Linda Snow Dianne Church | LECTOR Jeannette Coppolo EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS Cindy Wright Mary Ann Conway Linda Snow |
| Sunday, 12/21 | Sunday, 12/21 |
| LECTOR Sandi DiNicola EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS Noel Luby James Keller Peg O'Connor COUNTERS Paul Callahan Cathy Callahan Karen Hawes | LECTOR David DiNicola EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS Sandi DiNicola Janet Korwan Cathy Callahan COUNTERS Fred Crisafulli Julie Ann Crisafulli |

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