

A New Creation in Christ

December 21, 2025 - 4th 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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Sunday Mass - 11:00 AM

Tuesday - 9:00 AM

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Saturday Vigil Mass - 6:00 PM

Sunday Mass - 9:00 AM

Wednesday - 9:00 AM

Office Hours:

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

Liturgy Schedule

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

Saturday

December 27, 2025 - 4:00 PM

✠ For Peace in Our World

Sunday

December 28, 2026 - 11:00 AM

✠ For All Families

Tuesday

December 30, 2026 - 9:00 AM

✠ No Mass

Mass at Kingsway

We will be celebrating Christmas at Kingsway on Friday, Jan. 9th , at 2:00 & 3:00 PM. If you can help out please contact the office

The Sacristy Lamp burns this week in Loving Memory

Anthony & Antoinette Rea

Requested by Jo Errichetto & Family

Beatitudes of Christian Living

“ Hope is not a dream but a way of making dreams become reality.”

~ Leon Joseph Suenens

This week at Our Lady of Fatima...

Date	Event	Time	Place
12/22	Friendship Café	11:00 am - 1:30 pm	Hall
12/23	No Mass		Church
12/24	Christmas Eve	4:00 pm	Church
12/25	Christmas Day	11:15 am	Church
12/25	Friendship Café	closed	Hall
12/26	Friendship Café	11:00 am - 1:30 pm	Hall
12/27	Mass	4:00 pm	Church
12/28	Mass	11:00 am	Church

In The Incarnation of God Christ is Born

Every second, every minute
every hour, every day
Everything, everyone
Every place, every way
Where you walk,
where you stand
Where you love, where you pray
All of life is holy ground

Every he, every she,
Every what, every who
It's in her, it's in them
It's in me, it's in you
In the bitter, in the sweet
In the calm, in the storm
All of life is holy ground

So walk as if it's holy ground
Breathe as if it's all around,
Talk and make a holy sound
Take your shoes off, you're on holy ground
When you hurt, when you heal
When you laugh, when you pray
When you hold, when you give it away
Every second, every minute
Every hour, every day
All of life is holy ground
So walk as if it's holy ground
Breathe as if it's all around
Talk and make a holy sound
We take our shoes off, we're on holy ground

We are one people, one story, One tapestry we weave,,
One journey, one glory, One legacy we mean
Every second, every minute, every hour, every day
Everything, everyone, Every place, every way
Where you walk, where you stand, Where you love, where you pray
All of life is holy ground
Can you feel the holy ground?
My all of your senses be fully alive - touch, see, feel, hear, and be
for here is the holy!

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

12/6 - 12/7	
Candles	\$ 56.00
Collections	\$ 6,088.85
Flowers	\$ 448.00
Thank you for your contributions	

Ten Week Book Club

“The Tears of Things” by Fr. Richard Rohr. We will read and discuss the old Testament prophets and see how their message still resonates today. These books are being purchased by OLV KofC.

Advent

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.

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

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.

Thank you to all! Who are helping make Advent & Christmas so festive and faith filled; our musicians, decorators, cleaners, lectors, ushers, servers, Eucharistic ministers, snow shovelers, money counters, bell ringers and active participants of our assembly, and a Blessed 2026.

We offer each other a sign of Peace. May our sharing of Christ's Peace be a sincere and heartfelt. We bow, shake hands, or embrace before we come to the Lords' Table. Let us always remember the depth of Christ's Peace for us all.

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.



GIFT: Upcoming events for 2026:

Confirmation Retreat – Oil and Bread Sunday, January 4 at 1PM in the Center

GIFT Session at Our Lady of Fatima, Sunday, January 11 at 9:30AM in the Hall

GIFT Session at Our Lady of the Valley, Sunday, January 25 after the 9AM Mass

Reminder: 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.

Many thanks to all parishioners for providing items for our Confirmation teens to fill blessings bags. For decoration each teen made 7 ornaments with a line or two from Psalms tied to the handle and filled 42 bags!



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.

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE	
Saturday, 12/20	Saturday, 12/27
LECTOR Jeannette Coppola	LECTOR Joe Oehler
EUCARISTIC MINISTERS Cindy Wright Mary Ann Conway Linda Snow	EUCARISTIC MINISTERS Cindy Wright Dianne Church Mary Ann Conway
Sunday, 12/21	Sunday, 12/28
LECTOR TBA	LECTOR Janet Korwan
EUCARISTIC MINISTERS TBA Janet Korwan Cathy Callahan	EUCARISTIC MINISTERS Kris Zedaker Jose Flores Noel Luby
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