

April 5, 2026

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Radiantly Risen...and we are a New Creation



Our Lady Of Fatima

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Saturday Vigil Mass 4:00PM

Sunday Mass - 11:15 AM

Tuesday - 9:00 AM

Confessions - Saturday 2:00 PM

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

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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.

Liturgy Schedule

Holy Saturday

April 4, 2026

✠ Easter Vigil at Our Lady of the Valley - 7:30 PM

Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026 - 11:15 AM

✠ That Life Abounds

Tuesday

April 7, 2026 - 9:00 AM

✠ Cathy O'Connor - By: Peg O'Connor

✠ Ann Zedaker - By: Bill & Kris Zedaker

Saturday

April 11, 2026 - 4:00 PM

✠ Pamela Noyes - By: Kim & Linda Balfour

Sunday

April 12, 2026 - 11:15 AM

✠ Peg Vogelsberg - By: Joan Williams

Tuesday

April 14, 2026 - 9:00 AM

✠ For All People

Beatitudes of Christian Living

"Christ is risen, and life reigns." ~ Saint John Chrysostom

So come, step into this new life with Him, and let His rising lift our heart today.

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

Bishop Mark O'Connell's Visit

Saturday, June 27 - 4:00 PM. Our new Bishop will be here before Mass to meet with parishioners in our hall. You are invited!

Easter Egg Hunt

After our Sunday Mass on April 12, children of all ages are invited to search for hidden eggs all around our Church lawns. Special prizes for the gatherers of the most eggs. Candy for all. Hospitality and refreshments in our Church Hall. Coffee, witty conversation, and good food.

Women's Interfaith Bible Study - Thursday, 4/16 & 4/30 - 6:30 PM at "The Living Room" - 289 Main Street, Schoharie. An open discussion of the Sunday Scripture, for more information call Linda Godoy at (518) 542-3530

EASTER 50: DAYS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Ever since the very beginning, disciples of the Way...disciples of Jesus Christ would gather and recall the mysteries of redemption. That somehow through the workings of the Spirit, the faithful would remember and celebrate that the boundless Love of God would be made present to people of every age and place...that there was no confining, deadening, or entombing the Life of Christ among us. Our faith is sacramental...not just remembered as a past event or a history to be recounted...but as an ongoing story that gives life...The Resurrection happens among, within, and through us...we are bold witnesses to the new Creation for all people. God's dream is our work. Each person makes a difference! We are always sent forth to embody Christ's love, Christ's justice, Christ's healing, and Christ's presence in every aspect of our life and the life of our world community. Never say, "I don't matter." because you do! You make all the difference in the world. Remember that our faith is not self centered...we are selfless...going out of ourselves to witness to the beauty, wonder, and sacredness of all life. May the restless Spirit of Resurrection within you never settle for less, the uninspired, the tired, the routine, the negative, or the untrue...but may you always seek to live the ideal, the truly creative, the most unsettling, the wildly adventurous, with the deepest respect and highest love for all people. The stone has been rolled away...let us journey forth...together!

RESPECT LIFE

Stand up for anyone who is bullied, abused, or the victim of prejudice. Learn about foster families and adoption. Be kind to young mothers, reach out to families who have had miscarriages. Support Alcoholics Anonymous and drug rehabilitation. Help Amnesty International; end human trafficking and forced labor. Stand up against war and violence. Remember the children of Gaza and Ukraine. Banish hate from our midst.

RESPECT THE EARTH

Plant a tree, flowers, or a garden. Use less fertilizer, pesticides, or chemicals. Pick up litter. Support local farmers. Recycle! Go outside. Support Nature Conservancy and the Landis Arboretum. Learn about Climate Change and our future.

FAMILY, COMMUNITY, CHURCH

Get active in something; be creative. Smile at Mass; sing and actively participate. Help out at our Food Pantry; buy soup to share. Come to Mass at Kingsway Nursing Facility. Bring cookies to our parish hospitality. Be kind; write a note; volunteer; vote; call someone who is ill; praise a kid; change a negative in your life; do something positive; cry with someone; laugh and enjoy life; smile!



Easter Mass...
a long time ago...yet timeless

Before dawn

the great Seder celebration having passed,
 his empty cross awaiting death's next meal,
 into the darkness of his lifeless body
 the finger of God's Spirit
 stirred in slowly spiraling circles
 as once it had moved
 over the deep and empty waters
 about to be pregnant with creation.
 From the blast of the birthing
 of ten thousand galaxies,
 Jesus, son of Joseph and Mary
 and son of God,
 exploded outward from his tomb
 in radiant light and love
 to fill the Earth and the whole cosmos
 with the fullness of divine life.
 Paul of Tarsus penned it well
 in a letter to his Ephesian friends:
 "God has put all things under Christ's feet
 and made him head of the Church, his body:
 the fullness of him
 who fills the universe in all its parts"
 I look up into the Easter sky,
 beyond the limits of this small galaxy-
 far beyond the boundaries of my mind-
 into the billions of galaxies that glow
 like flaming Easter flowers
 filling the garden of the universe.
 Light travels 5,878 trillion miles a year;
 and to cross, just once at the speed of light,
 this universe whose every starry body
 contains the fullness of the Risen Christ
 would take all of twenty billion years.
 Oh, beyond comprehension,
 too vast for my little mind,
 is the mystery of the resurrection



GIFT: To celebrate 50 days of Easter, I would ask that parishioners to color butterflies and cut out butterflies that will be taped on the cross that was used for Stations for Children this past Friday (March 30th). Extra copies of butterflies will be placed in the back of the church at Our Lady of Fatima.

There is still time to collect puzzle pieces: Please write your gifts, talents and aspects of your personality on a puzzle piece given to you via email or in person. Blank puzzle pieces will be available in the back of the sanctuary at OLF. Ideas for the puzzle piece are as follows:

- What are some things that people have told you that you are good at
- Whom do you admire? What qualities in them would you like to develop in yourself?
- What are some things you enjoy doing? Do you like art or writing? Do you like animals or the environment?
- What are your hopes and dreams for yourself? What would you like to be or to do?
- What are some special things about your personality? Are you patient or kind? Do you have a great smile, or are you always ready to help out? Are you funny? Do you notice when others are hurting?

Please pray for our young disciples who will be celebrating First Eucharist in May:

- Mia Flores-Seibert**
- Ben Barbato**
- Michael Ortiz**
- Mackenzie Sinatra**
- Mae Jenkins**

Please pray for our Confirmation candidates as they prepare to be confirmed on April 26 at 2:00 PM at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany

- Collin Castle**
- Jane Jenkins**
- Elise McDonald**
- Jack Mormando**
- Fletcher Mormando**
- Maya Murphy**

WE PRAY EASTER

Our Church is alive with flowers, colors, aromas, and Easter faith during these 50 Days of Resurrection. Our music and song gather, inspire, and uplift. Each week we exclaim "Glory to God", singing of a new Creation. Our response to the Acts of the Apostles (our first reading during Easter) is Psalm 118 "Sing to the mountains, sing to the sea, Raise your voices, lift your hearts. This is the day the Lord has made. Let all the earth rejoice. "We approach the Gospel with the exuberant Caribbean "Alleluia. Jesus is the way the truth, the truth, the life. We renew our faith in a resounding "I do to" to the Creedal questions. When we gather around the Lord's Table we sing of our mystery: "Save us, Savior of the Lord, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free. "We are sent forth with an Alleluia in our heart witnessing to the unconditional love of God.

Rice Bowls are due back in Sunday, April 19th.
 Thank You!

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE	
Saturday, 4/4	Saturday, 4/11
LECTOR Easter Vigil EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTOR Mary Ann Conway EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS John Hochmuth Dianne Church Cindy Wright
Sunday, 4/5	Sunday, 4/12
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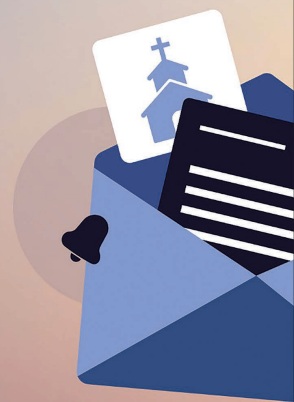
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