

JULY 5, 2026
14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The New Colossus

Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,
With conquering limbs astride from land
to land;
Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates
shall stand
A mighty woman with a torch, whose
flame
Is the imprisoned lightning, and her
name
Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand
Glow world-wide welcome; her mild
eyes command
The air-bridged harbor that twin cities

frame.

“Keep ancient lands, your storied
pomp!” cries she
With silent lips. “Give me your tired,
your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to
breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming
shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost
to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!”

~ Emma Lazarus, November 2, 1883

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday, June 27, 2026, 6:00 PM

Frank Hall by Pattie Sainsbury
Jennifer Phillips by Fran + Don Capelle

Sunday, June 28, 2026, 9:00 AM

Robert Scolaro by Mimi Scolaro
Ed Guntert by Suzanne Orchowski and Erik Holmstrom

Monday, June 29, 2026

5:00—5:20 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet
5:20—6:30 PM quiet Adoration

Wednesday — No daily Mass until September

Saturday, July 4, 2026, 6:00 PM

In thanksgiving to God for the patriots who founded our Nation

Sunday, July 5, 2026, 9:00 AM

For liberty and justice for all

We Sing Summer Ordinary Time

At the heart of our prayer, we gather around the Table of the Lord to celebrate Eucharist; to be engaged ever more as the living, heart throbbing Body and Blood of Christ. Our "Mass acclamations" are from "The Land of Rest", based on an early American folk tune. They call us back to our roots as a missionary idealistic people. We sing our mystery: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death. O Lord, until you come again." We listen attentively to the Word of God from the Hebrew Scriptures and the letters of St. Paul. Our response is Psalm 25: "To you, O God, I lift up my soul; lift up my spirit to my Lord. To you I lift up my soul." We rise for the Gospel as we sing the joyful "Alle, Alle!". We go forth, embodying the Word and enthused by remembering Christ in our midst to be God's creative love in our world. Amen!

BEATITUDES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

"Learn from Christ, for He is gentle and humble of heart, and in Him your soul will find its rest."
— St. Augustine

May we place our burdens into Christ's hands, trusting that His grace will carry what we cannot.

Administration and Stewardship

Offerings:

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Collection: \$2769.45

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Collection: \$2402.00



Thank you for your generosity!

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 27, 2026, 6:00 PM

Greeters:

Mary Bailey

Ushers and Seat Counters:

Robin Hazzard

Lector:

Stephanie Tinker

Altar Servers:

Nathan Kuehnle, Peter Sherer

Eucharistic Ministers:

Patty Paser, Michele Cullam

Set-up/Shut down:

Robin Hazzard

Sunday, June 28, 2026, 9:00 AM

Greeters:

Joann Coonradt, Betty Karlau

Ushers and Seat Counters:

John Conroy, Marcia Guntert

Lector:

Denise Lloyd

Altar Servers:

Sera Wargo, Mary McGrail

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down:

Theresa Charland, Jackie Guntert

Money counters:

Denise Lloyd, Elizabeth Blackmur

Saturday, July 4, 2026, 6:00 PM

Greeters:

Mary Bailey

Ushers and Seat Counters:

Robin Hazzard

Lector:

Stephanie Tinker

Altar Servers:

Gaia Pelton

Eucharistic Ministers:

Gail Borst, Katie Hagan

Set-up/Shut down:

Robin Hazzard

Sunday, July 5, 2026, 9:00 AM

Greeters:

John Conroy, Doreen Buzon

Ushers and Seat Counters:

Jackie Guntert, Marcia Guntert

Lector:

Debra McAllister

Altar Servers:

Peter Sherer

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down:

Jim Buzon, Theresa Charland

Money counters:

Munger, Jorgensen



baby Zoey Nashville, Jodi Connors, Greg Filisko, Scott Troughton, Joseph Cassella, Andrea Virtuoso, Michele and Phil Smith, Ed Guntert, Arthur Barrett, John Lewis Simmons, Lynn Fileccia, Anthony Chieco, Barbara St. George, Mary Harmon, Carol Hoffmann, Bob Troidl, Betty Karlau, Mundy Zullo, Linda Ballou, Bill Valosin, Brian Barbella, Marge Sainsbury, Annette Casano, Charlie Paduano, Margaret Buzon, Marthe Therrien, Kelly and Caleb, Matt Nieminski, Angelo and Debbie DeMelfi, Fred Pomygalski, Sharon Wood, Jim Ault, Linda Pagano, Tom Barr, Mary Hazzard, Helen Zebrowski, Joyce Montgomery, Joan Wissert, Winnie Koontz, Laurie Kinnicutt, Grant Coastes, Ina Fusco, Bernard Jermyn, Donna Kovacks, Barbara Brinknan, David Cullam, Jane Rothkopf

Please contact the office to have someone prayed for/added to the list.

Independence Day 250!

- ◇ Before Mass, we will celebrate our Nation's anniversary with a patriotic sing-a-long. "Let music swell the breeze".
- ◇ **July 4 and 5** after Mass, we will be placing American flags on our **"1776" sculpture** in front of our church. We celebrate our Nation's birth.
- ◇ **Born in faith; Witnesses for the Gospel.** A home made Colonial Crucifix (circa 1680) will be shared with parishioners at our weekend Masses. This Crucifix is an exact replica of relics found at a Jesuit Mission along the Mohawk River. "From every mountainside let freedom ring!"
- ◇ **"Rooted in Faith: Families of Faith"** — a tree banner is in our sanctuary reminding us that we are together rooted in Christ. Our "Tree of America" is honoring our families who are America; our people who seek to live out our ideals of life, liberty, and pursuit of justice. Please bring in photos of your family to be placed on our Tree. Copies of old photos may be made in our office. The Tree will grace our church until Sunday, September 20, Constitution Day.
- ◇ Sunday, **July 5**, 1:00 PM — hot-dog picnic in our Hall; corn ball and hoola-hoop contests and a "Schoharie yelling" competition. Please bring a salad or dessert to share.



Jesuit Crucifix - pre 1700s
found in a dig in the Mohawk

**Let us celebrate and honor those who serve our nation
and help build our country:**

Farmers, teachers, students, doctors and nurses, moms and dads, service men and women, firefighters, police, civil servants and honest elected officials, home care givers, foresters, rangers, road crews, construction workers, poets, writers, astronauts, store owners, clerks, musicians, singers and entertainers, clergy, factory workers, waiters, cooks, pilots and ship captains, school bus drivers and cafeteria workers, news people and weather forecasters, and citizens who vote.

**Middleburgh Summer Lunch Sign-Up**

Each week, Monday - Friday, of the summer starting on June 30 - August 22 The Joshua Project serves free, healthy, lunches to families and individuals, all over Schoharie County. Using the link below you can sign-up for the Summer Lunch Programs in Middleburgh. This site has split up their days into three slots: Preparation, Serving Lunches, and/or Clean-up. You can choose to help in one slot or all three slots for each day you would like to serve. You can choose as many days as you would like to serve, but please only sign up if you are certain you can volunteer that day.

**To sign up go to:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0844ACA92CA4FAC70-57287151-middleburgh>

If anyone has any issues signing up, please call me, 518-231-6870, or the Joshua Project phone 518-937-2422 for assistance. Thank you — Patrick Costello.

We gather, we pray, and we serve
Our Lady of the Valley Parish

Diocesan Appeal Update

Thank you for your continued giving to the 2025-2026 Diocesan Appeal. We've raised \$18,453 towards our goal of \$21,534. Thank you to all who have contributed. We have until 6/30 to meet our goal.

Kateri Tekawitha Day

Tuesday, July 14, 5:30 PM in our church hall. Gathering Prayer followed by a Native American Meal including buffalo, corn, beans, squash, and maple syrup.

Vacation Bible School

"Creation Camp", August 3-7. God at work in all.

Our Home-bound people

If you know of someone or can think of someone home-bound, please call our church office.

Change Our World

In our hall is a container to collect all that pocket change that seems to lurk everywhere. All donations will be given to local charities. Our recipient will be our local Girl Scouts. All pennies, nickels, dimes, etc. are accepted.

Middleburgh Food Pantries

Food pantry needs: **chunky soups, peanut butter, cereal, rice, soap, cleaning supplies (detergents), personal hygiene items.** We also need help at our Food Pantry based at the Middleburgh Reformed Church. If you can assist, please call Russ Ryan at 518 817-1414.

Cradle of Love

We're continuing to collect diapers and baby wipes for Community Maternity Services in the bassinet in the hall. Please no toys or baby furniture, diapers and wipes only. Thank you for your continued support of this important need in our community.

A real fish story

The banner on the Lord's Table is the ancient Greek for "Jesus Christ, God's Son, Savior" (ΙΧΘΥΣ). The word "ichthus" comes from the Greek word for "fish". This early Christian symbol comes from the stories of faith in the Gospels. As early as the first century, followers of Jesus used this symbol, especially during persecutions by the empire.

Knights of Columbus

Hey guys... we need you! Fellowship, fun, and service to our parish. Thursday evenings. Call our office for details.



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