

JULY 12, 2026
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Inch by inch, row by row, gonna make this garden grow.
All it takes is a rake and a hoe and a piece of fertile ground.
Inch by inch, row by row, someone bless the seeds I sow.
Someone warm them from below till the rain comes tumbling' down.

1. Pullin' weed, pickin' stones
We are made of dreams and bones.
Feel the need to grow my own
Cause the time is close at hand.
Grain for grain, sun and rain
Find my way in nature's chain
Tune my body and my brain
To the music from the land.

2. Plant your rows straight and long.
Temper them with prayer and song.
Mother Earth will make you strong
If you give her love and care.
An old crow watching hungrily
From his perch in yonder tree,
In my garden I'm as free
As that feathered thief up there.

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OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY

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Parish Website:

<http://parishes.rcda.org/olvchurch/>

Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/OurLadyoftheValleyParish/>

Bulletin Items:

All bulletin items must submitted by Monday morning.

MISSION STATEMENT

Our Lady of the Valley Roman Catholic Church advances the Gospel message of Jesus Christ through liturgy, personal support, and community programs that emphasize the Beatitudes to create a community of faith that welcomes all into God's eternal embrace.

SCHOHARIE COUNTY CLUSTER LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Masses:

4:00 p.m. Our Lady of Fatima in Delanson

6:00 p.m. Our Lady of the Valley in Middleburgh

Sunday Masses:

9:00 a.m. Our Lady of the Valley in Middleburgh

11:00 a.m. Our Lady of Fatima in Delanson

Weekdays:

9:00 a.m. Wednesdays at

Our Lady of the Valley in Middleburgh

9:00 a.m. Tuesdays at Our Lady of Fatima in Delanson.

Devotions:

Rosary First Sunday of the month at 8:20 AM

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday, July 11, 2026, 6:00 PM
Christina Tricomi by Margaret O'Connor

Sunday, July 12, 2026, 9:00 AM
Ed Guntert by Betty and Willy Karlau

Monday, June 13, 2026
5:00—5:30 PM Holy
5:30—6:30 PM quiet Adoration

Tuesday, July 14, 2026, 2:00 PM and 3:00 PM
Masses at Kingsway Nursing Facility

Saturday, July 18, 2026, 6:00 PM
Elizabeth Malone by Mary and Kevin Harmon

Sunday, July 19, 2026, 9:00 AM
Joseph Pelton by the Pelton Family

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

"The good Lord does not do things by halves; He always gives what we need. Let us then carry on bravely." — St. Z  lie Martin

May this truth strengthen our trust in God's perfect providence so that we persevere in holiness through our daily family life.

Administration and Stewardship

Offerings:

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time Collection: \$2502.40
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Collection: \$2405.45



Thank you for your generosity!

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 11, 2026, 6:00 PM

Greeters:
Mary Bailey

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Bill Kuehnle

Lector:
Patty Paser

Altar Servers:
Nathan Kuehnle

Eucharistic Ministers:
Barb Valosin, Michele Cullam

Set-up/Shut down:
Barb Valosin

Sunday, July 12, 2026, 9:00 AM

Greeters:
Michele Finin, Marilyn Nolte

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Stephanie and Bob Tinker

Lector:
Denise Lloyd

Altar Servers:
Mary McGrail

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down:
Pattie Sainsbury, Rosemary Gutkaiss

Money counters:
Denise Lloyd, Elizabeth Blackmur

Saturday, July 18, 2026, 6:00 PM

Greeters:
Jane Munger

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Bill Kuehnle

Lector:
Ringuette

Altar Servers:
Nathan Kuehnle

Eucharistic Ministers:
Jane Munger, Katie Hagan

Set-up/Shut down:
Jane Munger

Sunday, July 19, 2026, 9:00 AM

Greeters:
Carolina Borst, Betty Kalau

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Denise Lloyd, Sharon Riggi

Lector:
Borst

Altar Servers:
Sam Borst

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down:
Michele Borst, Joanne Coonrad

Money counters:
Ostermann, Sherer



baby Zoey Nashville, Jodi Connors, Greg Filisko, Scott Troughton, Joseph Cassella, Andrea Virtuoso, Michele and Phil Smith, 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, Sadie Dutcher

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

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.

Thanks So Much:

- Bishop Mark O'Connell for your prayer-filled visit.
- Hubie's Restaurant for donating all the delicious dinners.
- Barber's Farms for donating all the beautiful Schoharie Valley centerpieces!
- Our musicians and Mass ministers, decorators, cleaners, organizers, setter-uppers... what a wonderful celebration.

thank you

Blessing and Thanks on Sena Monaco's Retirement

Since 2018, Sena has inspired faith and discipleship for our young people and adults with her dedicated and compassionate service as our Faith Formation Director. We are all better because of her. We invite you to express your appreciation this Sunday, July 12 after Mass and on July 19 at Our Lady of Fatima. Our prayer of joy and peace is with you Sena and Frank as you begin this new journey of life.

Happy Retirement

**We gather, we pray, and we serve**
Our Lady of the Valley Parish**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. 9 AM to 12:00 PM noon at Middleburgh Reformed Church. God at work in all. Call or come by our office to register

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.

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.

Parish Events**Shrine of the North American Martyrs, Auriesville**

Monday, July 13, leaving 3:00 PM from OLV and 3:20 PM from OLF. An afternoon visit to the Coliseum Church, ravine and the grounds. Perhaps stopping for a burger on our way home.

All Aboard! Richfield Springs Train Ride

Sunday, August 30, leaving OLV around 4:00 PM — details upcoming.

Low bridge, everybody down—Visit to the Erie Canal Village and canal boat ride

Sunday, September 27 afternoon... more information asap.

Our Church is open for quiet prayer, meditation walks, and peace.

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