

JUNE 21, 2026
12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
The hills are alive...



OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY

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Bulletin Items:

All bulletin items must submitted to the office 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
11:15 a.m. Our Lady of Fatima in Delanson

Weekdays:

9:00 a.m. Wednesdays Our Lady of the Valley in Middleburgh
9:00 a.m. Tuesdays at Our Lady of Fatima in Delanson.

DEVOTIONS

ROSARY: Mondays at 5:00 PM.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: Last Monday of the month 5:00 PM.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Mondays 5:30—6:30 PM.

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday, June 20, 2026, 6:00 PM
For all refugees.

Sunday, June 21, 2026, 9:00 AM
Jeff Benigno, Sr. by Frank and Sena Monaco

Monday, June 22, 2026
5:00—5:20 PM Holy Rosary
5:20—6:30 PM quiet Adoration

Wednesday, June 24, 2026, 9:00 AM
Joe Bylancik by Chuck and Michele Finin

Saturday, June 27, 2026, 6:00 PM
Frank Hall by Pattie Sainsbury

Sunday, June 28, 2026, 9:00 AM
Robert Scolaro by Mimi Scolaro
Ed Guntert by Suzanne Orchowski and Erik Holmstrom

BEATITUDES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

"Everything is a grace, because everything is
God's gift."

— St. Thérèse of Lisieux

May we embrace every circumstance of our lives with
gratitude and trust, recognizing in all things God's loving
hand at work for our sanctification.

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!



Bishop Mark O'Connell Visit

**Our new Bishop will be here at Our Lady of the
Valley Church on Saturday, June 27 to preside
at our 6:00 PM Mass. Afterwards, we will have a meal
and discussion with our Bishop in the Hall. All are
invited.* If you are able to change your "normal" Mass
schedule, please come and participate at our 6:00 PM
Mass with Bishop Mark. Let's share our Schoharie
Spirit with our Bishop.**

Administration and Stewardship

Offerings:

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Collection:
\$2353.00

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 20, 2026, 6:00 PM

Greeters:
Jane Munger

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Bill Kuehnle

Lector:
Ringuette

Altar Servers:
Nathan Kuehnle

Eucharistic Ministers:
Michele Cullam, Jane Munger

Set-up/Shut down:
Jane Munger

Sunday, June 21, 2026, 9:00 AM

Greeters:
Caroline Borst, Helen Lindstrom

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Denise Lloyd, Sharon Riggi

Lector:
Borst

Altar Servers:
Sam Borst

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down:
Rosemary Gutkaiss, Brynda Shultes

Money counters:
Michele Borst, Sherer

Saturday, June 27, 2026, 6:00 PM

Greeters:
Mary Bailey

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Robin Hazzard

Lector:
Stephanie Tinker

Altar Servers:
Luna and Gaia Pelton

Eucharistic Ministers:
Patty Paser, Michele Cullam

Set-up/Shut down:
Robin Hazzard

Sunday, June 28, 2026, 9:00 AM

Greeters:
Joann Coonrad, 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



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.

Blessing Prayer for Father's Day

Blessed are You, Lord and Father of All Life,
who has given to us the gift of our father.

Today, we honor him,
and we thank You for the numerous good things
that are ours because of him.

His love for us
has been a sign of Your Divine Affection
and a sharing in Your Holy Love.
His continuous concern for our needs and welfare
is a mirror of Your Holy Providence.

And so, as we honor him,
we praise You, the Father of All Peoples.

Bless him this day
with Your strength and Holy Power
that he may continue to be a sign of You, our God,
and a Priestly Parent to our family.
May we, who have the honor of bearing his family name
do so with great pride.

May we, the members of his family,
assist him in his holy duties as a parent
with our obedience,

our respect,
and our deep affection.

Bless him, Lord,
with happiness and good health,
with peace and with good fortune,
so that he who shared of his very life that we might live,
may live forever with You,
His God and heavenly Father.

Dad,
may you, on this Father's Day,

be blessed by God
and by our love for you.

Amen.

Independence Day 250!

- ◇ Friday, July 3, during the afternoon, we will host karaoke sing-alongs in front of church and have Colonial hat making classes. At the **parade**, you are invited to walk with our Parish and Knights of Columbus float. We need 2 people to carry our new Parish banner.

- ◇ 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 out 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!"



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

- ◇ **"Rooted in Faith: Families of Faith"** — a tree banner will be placed 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.

We gather, we pray, and we serve

Our Lady of the Valley Parish

Congratulations and Prayer-filled Best Wishes to our High School Graduates:

Joshua Ringuette, Deniz Okyay, Thomas McAllister, Santino Bailey, Maria Patino, Michael Jurcek, and Jennifer Patino.

All are welcome to their Baccalaureate Prayer Services:

Schoharie, Thursday, June 25, 7:99 PM at the Schoharie Presbyterian Church.

Plant-a-Row

Please plant an extra row of vegetables in your garden to support our food pantries and the vegetable exchange table on the lawn of our church.

Vacation Bible School

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

Diocesan Appeal Update

Thank you for your continued giving to the 2025-2026 Diocesan Appeal. As of June 8th, we've raised \$17,053 towards our goal of \$21,534. Thank you to all who have contributed. We have until 6/30 to raise the \$4,481 we need to reach our goal.

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.

Knights of Columbus

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

**Rosary Society Corner**

Our next event will be the Strawberry Festival on July 3rd. We will need cakes for then. Look for a sign-up sheet in the church vestibule.

Our Church is open and lighted 24 hours a day for prayer, reflection, walking, and peace.

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