

JUNE 28, 2026
13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
The hills are alive...



OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY

111 WELLS AVE., PO BOX 311, MIDDLEBURGH, NY 12122
518.827.3301

olv2009@midtel.net

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM

Bishop of Albany Diocese: Mark O'Connell

Bishop Emeritus: Edward Scharfenberger

Pastor: Fr. Thomas Zelker

tomzelker@gmail.com

Deacon: Gary Riggi

Administrative Assistant: Laura Pelton

Religious Education Director: Sena Monaco

Parish Musician: Kathy Burgin

Liturgical Ministries Coordinator: AnneMarie Robinson
518-701-1575

Bereavement support: Call the office.

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

Facebook page:

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

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 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

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

BEATITUDES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

"Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you. All things pass; God never changes. Patience obtains all things. Whoever has God lacks nothing; God alone suffices."
— St. Teresa of Ávila

In the midst of life's trials and uncertainties, may this wisdom from St. Teresa of Ávila anchor our hearts in the unchanging love of God, who alone is our true peace and sufficiency.

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

Welcome Bishop Mark O'Connell. We are uplifted in joy that you are with us this weekend. Enjoy the beauty of our

Schoharie Valley, the faith-filled goodness of our people, the inspiration of our liturgy, and the savory tastiness of dinner. Thank you for your witness to Christ in our midst. May God bless you and all our people with abundant love.

Administration and Stewardship

Offerings:

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Collection: \$2769.45

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Collection: \$2402.00

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!

- ◇ Friday, **July 3**, during the afternoon, we will host karaoke sing-alongs in front of church, have Colonial hat making classes, and strawberry festival. 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 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!"



Jesuit Crucifix - circa 1680
found in a dig in the Mohawk

- ◇ **"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.

A Sunday Morning Prayer

I bow before you in adoration, O my God, on this first day of the week, the day of your son Jesus' resurrection from the dead. The earth also rises to new life this morning and has turned round once again to face the sun. Yet I hear not a sound; silent to my ears is the revitalizing energy of the roaring nuclear furnace of our daystar, the sun. You too, my God, are silent, yet the sole source of my life. I seek your quiet presence in my life as I now descend into the cave of my heart to be one with you.

On this Sunday may I be aflame with love for you, my Beloved, like the sun which praises you with fire and light. I unite myself with all those who have set aside this day as holy, as I now lift up my heart to you in prayer.

I rejoice in this season of warmth and growth, so full of energy, may I absorb your Life this day in countless ways. On this day of Sabbath, may I find healing in the absence of my usual duties. By the touch of leisure, may I be restored in creativity and new vision. As I worship you on this summer day, may my heart dance in wonder at all that you have ever made and all you are bringing forth in this moment.

Present in my heart this morning are my concerns for the needs of: _____, as well as my own needs for: _____. May I be one this day with all believers and with all unbelievers, with peoples of all religions and races. Grant me a holy unity with all living beings, with life in every shape and form.

I bow before you, Divine Father, Holy Mother, Eternal Source of my existence. Your heart is my home, from you I have come and to you I journey this day.

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.

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.

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.

**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.

Knights of Columbus

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



KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS

MJS
LAW OFFICE OF
MICHAEL J. SHULTES
 PLLC
 REAL ESTATE • ESTATES & WILLS
 CRIMINAL DWI • VEHICLE & TRAFFIC
518-234-2317
 523 WEST MAIN ST. COBLESKILL, NY

Value Village
 Wine & Liquors
"Home of the Party Wednesday"
 107-1 Railroad Avenue, Middleburgh, NY 12122
Randy Wood, Owner
 518-827-5227
 WE'RE OPEN ON SUNDAYS!
 FROM 12:00 Noon - 5:00PM

NOLAN
PROPANE
 & SONS
24/7 EMERGENCY SERVICE
 Keep your family warm with Nolan Propane for all of your heating needs.
518-756-2010
 54 Mountain Road, Ravenna
CHURCH VENDOR

MIDDLEBURGH DINER
"The Place for Family Dining."
 Call Ahead and Tell Us What You Would Like!
Daily Specials • Take-outs
Great Food, Great Service, Great Prices
 Full Menu - Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner & Fine Desserts
 Reservations for Banquets Welcome
 Open 7 Days a Week
518-827-5182
 122 Main Street, Middleburgh

NEW YORK LIFE
 Life Insurance
 Retirement Income
 Investments
 Long Term Care Insurance
 Denise M. Lloyd, LUTCF®, CLTC®, RICP®, Agent
 New York Life Insurance Company
 167 Amelia Lane, Middleburgh, NY 12122
 518-231-7081 • dmlloyd@ft.newyorklife.com
 Registered Representative offering securities through NYLIFE Securities LLC (Member FINRA/SIPC).
 A Licensed Insurance Agency And New York Life Company

Brownell's
EZClean, LLC
Complete Floor Maintenance *We Love Referrals!*
 • Carpet, Rug & Upholstery Cleaning
 • Tile & Grout Cleaning & Sealing
 • House Cleaning Services
Aaron Baum
 PO Box 335,
 8858 Western Tpke.
 Delanson, NY 12053
(518) 428-2445
brownellsezclean@aol.com

PROVOST BROS. INC.
THE WATER PEOPLE
 Since 1912
 • Expert Well & Pump
 • Sales & Service
 • 4th Generation
 • Gould & Sta-Rite Pump Dealer
 • Year Round Service
Our 114th Year
 N.Y.S. DEC CERTIFIED VISA/MasterCard
518-868-2126 • SLOANVILLE, NEW YORK

Lisa Tenneson
Licensed Broker/Owner
Four Star Realty Group Inc.
 308 Main Street
 Middleburgh, NY 12122
518-940-HOME(4663)
Cell: 518-209-5369
 Lisa@fourstarrealtygroup.com

LENNY'S
TIRE SERVICE
Tires • Auto Repair
Auto Service
 4530 State Route 30
 Middleburgh, NY 12122
518.827.4263
lennystireservice.com

Mark Jaqueway, Owner
 Fuel Oil • Kerosene
 Off Road Diesel
518-227-2093

The Mountain Eagle
 and **The SCHOHARIE NEWS**
BRINGING THE NEWS OF
MIDDLEBURGH AND SCHOHARIE

Advertise Here!
Contact Clare Colamaria
 ccolamaria@4LPi.com
 (800) 950-9952 x6444

Never miss our bulletin!
 Get this bulletin delivered straight to your inbox every week.
 Scan to subscribe on parishesonline.com

Wright-Way Roofing
Siding & Custom Trim
 ROOFING - SHINGLES & METAL
 DECKS • REMODELING
 SIDING • GUTTERS & MORE...
"ONE CALL- WE DO IT ALL"
518-698-3132 • 518-872-2893

ELITE
HOME SERVICES
 BUILT ON TRUST FOCUSED ON QUALITY
518-937-4957
 Home Improvements • Renovations • Repairs
 Kevin Osborn - elitehomeservices28@yahoo.com

T&M GUTTERS & ROOFING
 Seamless Gutter
 Installation, Cleaning
 Facia & Soffit Repair
Thomas Mclasky
518-231-7556
tmclasky@gmail.com • Fully Insured

TRUCKING • EXCAVATION
BULLDOZER WORK
BERETZ
 Standing Timber Wanted
 Locust Trees Wanted
FIREWOOD
STUMP GRINDING
LOGGING
 Joe Beretz, Jr.
518-827-6464 | cell 518-496-8636