# NOVEMBER 22, 2026
# OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE




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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.

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**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.
**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**: Mondays 5:30—6:30 PM.

# Liturgy Schedule

**Saturday, November 21, 2026, 6:00 PM**
**John Barr** by Robin Hazzard

**Sunday, November 22, 2026, 9:00 AM**
For all married couples and those celebrating their anniversaries

**7:00 PM Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at the Middleburgh Reformed Church**

**Monday, November 23, 2026**
**5:00 PM** Rosary
**5:30-6:30 PM** quiet Adoration

**Wednesday, November 25, 2026, 6:00 PM**
Thanksgiving Mass

**Saturday, November 28, 2026, 6:00 PM**
Peace in the World

**Sunday, November 29, 2026, 9:00 AM**
For our children everywhere

***Where I Sit is Holy***
*Where I sit is holy, Holy is the ground*
*Forest mountain river*
*Listen to the sound*
*Great Spirit circles all around me.*

*Who I am is holy, Holy are we*
*Body thought emotion*
*Connecting you and me*
*Great Spirit circles all around me.*

*What I do is holy, Holy is my way*
*Work and play together*
*Celebrate the day*
*Great Spirit circles all around me.*
*(Shaina Noll)*

## BEATITUDES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

**"We cannot all do great things, but we can do small things with great love."**
**– St. Teresa of Calcutta**

As Thanksgiving approaches, may our daily acts of kindness become a living prayer of gratitude to God for His many blessings.

## Administration and Stewardship

## *Offerings:*

*33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Collection: $1889.60*

*Thank you for your generosity!*

# WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**Saturday, November 21, 2026, 6:00 PM**

**Greeters:**
Mary Bailey

**Ushers and Seat Counters:**
Bill Kuehnle

**Lector:**
Ringuette

**Altar Servers:**
Michael and Wesley Ortiz

**Eucharistic Ministers:**
Brb Valosin, Michele Cullam

**Set-up/Shut down:**
Barb Valosin

**Sunday, November 22, 2026, 9:00 AM**

**Greeters:**
Michele Finin, Helen Lindstrom

**Ushers and Seat Counters:**
Stephanie and Bob Tinker

**Lector:**
Kate Katsur

**Altar Servers:**
Peter Sherer, Mary McGrail

**Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down:**
Jackie Guntert, Marcia Guntert

**Money counters:**
Ostermann, Millett and Chirico

**Saturday, November 28, 2026, 6:00 PM**

**Greeters:**
Mary Bailey

**Ushers and Seat Counters:**
Bill Kuehnle

**Lector:**
Pat Costello

**Altar Servers:**
Michael and Wesley Ortiz

**Eucharistic Ministers:**
Jane Munger, Katie Hagan

**Set-up/Shut down:**
Jane Munger

**Sunday, November 29, 2026, 9:00 AM**

**Greeters:**
Caroline Borst, Doreen Buzon

**Ushers and Seat Counters:**
Jackie Guntert, Marcia Guntert

**Lector:**
Brynda Shultes

**Altar Servers:**
Sam Borst, Peter Sherer

**Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down:**
Joanne Coonradt, Pattie Sinsbury

**Money counters:**
Shultes, Borst

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



## Pray For...

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, Sharon Wood, Jim Ault, Linda Pagano, Tom Barr, Mary Hazzard, Helen Zebrowski, Joyce Montgomery, Joan Wissert, Laurie Kinnicutt, Grant Coastes, Ina Fusco, Bernard Jermyn, David Cullam, Jane Rothkopf, Sadie Dutcher, Nate Clements, Debrah Fileccia, Skip Teale, Adam Schweikert, Nancy Wise, Mary Ann Wise, Joe Anguillo, Jason Malachi, Sonny D'Arco, Thomas Maramante, Tim Lawlor, Rebecca Katsur-Horton, Brynda Shultes, Debbie Calabrese, T.D., Talia Spina

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

## We gather, we pray, and we serve

### Our Lady of the Valley Parish

**Neighbors Eating Together (NET Dinners)**

Every Wednesday at 5:00 PM—6:30 PM dinner will be served by the Churches of Middleburgh. All are always welcome to these free meals. We host the 2nd Wednesday of each month. We need help setting up, serving, and cleaning up. Desserts are also really needed.

The monthly schedule is:

Nourished (Methodist) Church — 1st Wednesday
Our Lady of the Valley Church —2nd Wednesday
Reformed Church — 3rd Wednesday
St. Mark's Church—4th Wednesday

We gather in peace, faith, and friendship.

**Thanksgiving Ecumenical Prayer Service**

Sunday, November 22, 7:00 PM at the Middleburgh Reformed Church. The Churches gather together to sing the Lord's praises. Any canned goods for the food pantry are welcome.

**Thanksgiving Mass**

Wednesday, November 25 at 6:00 PM. We gather for a simple prayer of gratitude.

**The Giving Tree**

The Giving Tree is up and ready. Please consider taking a tag (or two). Then shop, wrap, securely fasten the prepared tag with the family #, child # etc. Completed gifts must be returned to OLV on Dec. 5 or 6." Direct any questions to Stephanie Tinker (518-231-3221). Thank you for your continued support.

**Join us for Advent Tea**

Saturday, December 5th, 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Our Lady of the Valley Church Hall.

We gather to meditate on Advent Scripture while having a warm cup of tea + refreshments in good company. Bring your favorite mug + a wrapped ornament for a small gift exchange. Gifts of diapers and baby wipes for Community Maternity Services at Catholic Charities are accepted. Reservations are appreciated.

**Joshua Project "Christmas for Kids"**

Looking for NEW book donations: infant to 13 years old. Books can be donated at the Middleburgh Library.

**Christmas Stocking in a Box**

This year Our Lady of the Valley is partnering with St. Anne's Institute in Albany — a refuge for homeless and runaway teenagers — to provide local children and teens with Christmas joy. We need parishioners to fill boxes with small gifts. Boxes will be available in the Parish Hall on Saturday, Nov 28th—boxes will contain more info on appropriate gifts, drop-off dates, etc. Thank you for your support.

**Diocesan Appeal**

An easy way to support our parish and diocese is to simply donate online at: donate.thediocesanappeal.org

Click on our parish and the amount you wish to donate, and you're done. Thank you.

**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.

**GIFT Faith Formation Sessions**

**GIFT (Growing In Faith Together)**

gatherings will be held on:

- Sunday, December 6 - 10:00 - 10:30 am (Grades 7 & 8)

Families are invited to join us in the Church for prayer, learning, and fellowship as we grow together in faith.

Families with children in Kindergarten or Grade 1 are invited to contact the rectory at 518-827-3301. Patty will coordinate GIFT sessions designed especially for this age group. Discussion and reading materials are always available for families. New items are at the entrance of the Church.

## Looking Ahead

The heart of the Christian Gospel is that, "God so loved the world that… the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us" *in person* (John 3:16; 1:14). To prepare to enter more fully, and more intentionally, into that mystery, the preparation for the Nativity begins even before Advent. The theme of watchfulness echoes at the end of the liturgical year. It is a purposeful paralleling with the theme of the eschatological end, the goal of God's plan for all creation. The season of Advent continues the theme of watchfulness as it calls the Church to prepare to celebrate the Nativity of the Lord by opening ourselves daily to the coming of Christ ("the Word made flesh among us"), and in expectation of the second glorious coming at the end of the age. Past, present, and future are united in the person of Christ; therefore, Advent has these three dimensions. Advent's scriptural readings are clarion calls to waken us from indifference, sloth, and complacency. They are a call to live in a state of readiness for Christ. That readiness involves living today in light of the life of the world to come; and to do so by advancing that day through our concrete acts of compassion and justice — to bring a little bit of heaven here on earth. And like the shepherds of Bethlehem, Christians are called to witness God's love to the world that God so loved that he gave his only begotten Son, and to be authentic agents of that love.

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