

OCTOBER 25, 2026
30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Autumn's brilliance surrounds



OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY

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Bulletin Items:

All bulletin items must be 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, October 24, 2026, 6:00 PM
For prison ministers

Sunday, October 25, 2026, 9:00 AM
Oscar B. Hrrington by June Corcoran

Monday, October 26, 2026
5:00—5:20 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet
5:20—6:30 PM quiet Adoration

Tuesday, October 27, 2026, 2:00 PM and 3:00 PM
Masses at Kingsway Nursing Facility

Wednesday, October 28, 2026, 9:00 AM
For all our loved ones

Saturday, October 31, 2026, 6:00 PM
For all our loved ones

Sunday, November 1, 2026, 9:00 AM All Saints Day
For all our loved ones

All Souls' Day

Monday, November 2, 2026

We keep in mind all of our sisters and brothers who have died, especially those from our parish. We gather in prayer filled with life and hope, Resurrection's promise.

At our noon prayer, we will tenderly recall all who have been buried from our church this past year; a candle will be lit in holy memory. Then we invite families, neighbors, or friends to pray for anyone who has gone before us and light a candle to remember. Let us all gather in support as People of Christ.

Prayer services will be at Our Lady of the Valley at 12:00 noon; 5:00 PM—Rosary, 5:30 PM—reading of the names of loved ones who passed this year; followed by quiet prayer in Adoration. Our prayer service at Our Lady of Fatima is at 6:00 PM.

You are invited to share a photo of a loved one on our Tree of Life which will remain in Church throughout November.

All Souls' offerings support Nature Conservancy, Huntersland Fire Department and the City Mission Schenectady.

BEATITUDES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

"To love God is something greater than to know Him."

— St. Thomas Aquinas

May we seek not only to understand God, but to love Him deeply in all we do, letting that love guide our hearts and actions each day.

Administration and Stewardship

Offerings:

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Collection: \$2907.10

Thank you for your generosity!



WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 24, 2026, 6:00 PM

Greeters:
Jane Munger

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Bill Kuehnle

Lector:
Pat Costello

Altar Servers:
Wesley and Michael Ortiz

Eucharistic Ministers:
Barb Valosin, Michele Cullam

Set-up/Shut down:
Jane Munger

Sunday, October 25, 2026, 9:00 AM

Greeters:
AnneMarie Robinson, Caroline Borst

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Marcia Guntert, Sharon Riggi

Lector:
Borst

Altar Servers:
Peter Sherer

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down:
Joanne Coonrad, Pattie Sainsbury

Money counters:
Borst, Sherer

Saturday, October 31, 2026, 6:00 PM

Greeters:
Mary Bailey

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Bill Kuehnle

Lector:
Kate Katsur

Altar Servers:
Michael and Wesley Ortiz

Eucharistic Ministers:
Gail Borst, Joyce O'Brien

Set-up/Shut down:
Barb Valosin

**Sunday, November 1, 2026, 9:00 AM
All Saints Day**

Greeters:
Michele Finin, Marilyn Nolte

Ushers and Seat Counters:
John Conroy, John Millett

Lector:
Brynda Shultes

Altar Servers:
Sam Borst

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down:
Michele Borst, Jim Buzon

Money counters:
Shultes, Millett, Chirico

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



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, 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

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**

Moms' Prayer Group

Moms' Payer Group meets every last Monday of the month. Upcoming meeting: 10/26 at 5:30 PM. Moms of all ages are welcome.

Movie Event: Triumph of the Heart

Join us for a special viewing of *Triumph of the Heart*, a powerful true story of faith, courage, and forgiveness. In the harrowing confines of Auschwitz's starvation cell, Catholic Priest St. Maximilian Kolbe volunteers to die in place of another prisoner. The film follows his journey through hardship and healing as he discovers the strength that comes from trusting God and opening his heart to grace. St. Maximilian Kolbe's Polish identity forges a brotherhood that culminates in a poignant act of sacrifice that echoes beyond the cell, illuminating hope in one of history's darkest moments.

Please note: This movie contains mature themes and is **not** suitable for children under 13.

Runtime: Approximately 1 hour 45 minutes.

We will gather in **Our Lady of the Valley Hall** on **Sunday, November 8th**, with the movie beginning at **3:00 p.m.**, followed by a **Polish/Eastern European dinner** and fellowship. All are welcome to share this meaningful afternoon of reflection and community. Please sign up in the Hall so we can plan appropriately for the dinner.

You count!

Every October, our Diocese takes a census of every Mass in every parish. Numbers are used for viability and planning. Keep the faith!

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.

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.

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 *The Old Stone Fort, Schoharie*. 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.



First Reconciliation & First Eucharist Preparation Begins at Our Lady of the Valley!



The first class for First Reconciliation & First Eucharist formation will be held on

Monday, November 9th

From

4:30 pm - 5:15 pm

At

Our Lady of the Valley Hall

May this time of preparation fill our children's hearts with joy and wonder as they grow closer to Jesus through these beautiful sacraments of grace.



GIFT Faith Formation Sessions

GIFT (Growing In Faith Together)

gatherings will be held on:

- Sunday, November 8 - 10:00 - 10:30 am (Grades 3-6)
- 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.

Thanks to all who helped feed over 100 people in our first



NET dinner; good food, support and encouragement, and lots of smiles....4 Wednesdays a month.. all are welcome!

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