

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 4, 2024

"DO THIS TO REMEMBER"



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 be 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, August 3, 2024, 6:00 PM
For missions in Tanzania

Sunday, August 4, 2024, 9:00 AM
For missions in Tanzania

Monday, August 5, 2024, 5:00—6:30 PM
Eucharistic adoration

Saturday, August 10, 2024, 6:00 PM
Eileen Cesca by Margaret O'Connor

Sunday, August 11, 2024, 9:00 AM
Gene Maiello by Colleen Lettieri
Anne Hallock, Tristan Carlton Hallock by the Parish Community

Monday, August 12, 2024 2:00 PM and 3:00 PM
The Assumption Mass at Kingsway Nursing Facility



Our church is always open for quiet prayer, reflection, adoration, and contemplative walking.

Holy Communion

Low gluten and gluten free hosts are available for anyone affected by Celiac disease. Please see Fr. Tom Zelker or Deacon Gary Riggi.



Kindness Matters

"Kindness Matters" is the 2024 diocesan evangelization initiative utilizing lawn signs to encourage people to step up and be kinder to one another. Showing kindness is a way to follow Jesus' command to love our neighbors. The sign will direct people to a website providing resources and ideas to help us be kinder. This initiative will gain momentum one person at a time and one small act of kindness at a time.

BEATITUDES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

"The Heart of Jesus is an inexhaustible spring of all goods. This Divine Heart is a source of all blessings and graces."
~ St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

We are so loved and truly blessed by Jesus. Show gratitude for his never-ending love for everyone.



Pregnant? Alone? Need help?

Call the Gabriel Project:
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To learn more, visit our website:
sites.google.com/view/gabriel-project-stamford

If you have experienced the pain of miscarriage, please know that you are in the prayers of our community. Your struggles and sorrows may present a unique cross in your life of faith that may be difficult for friends and family members to understand, but the Church is here to support you.

Administration and Stewardship

Offerings:

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time: \$2207.25

Thank you for your generosity!



WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 3, 2024

Greeters:

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Bill Kuehnle

Lector:
Stephanie Tinker

Altar Servers
Arriette and Nathan Kuehnle

Eucharistic Ministers
Michele Cullam

Set-up/Shut down:
Robin Hazzard

Sunday, August 4, 2024

Greeters:
Martha Conroy, Betty Karlau

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Jackie and Ed Guntert

Lector:
Kate Katsur

Altar Servers
Peter Sherer

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down
Brynda Shultes, Patty Sainsbury

Money counters:
Jane Munger, Bonnie Jorgensen

Saturday, August 10, 2024

Greeters:
Barbara Valosin

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Robin Hazzard

Lector:
John Wood

Altar Servers
Gabe and Elise Ringuette

Eucharistic Ministers
Barbara and Tom Valosin

Set-up/Shut down:
Robin Hazzard

Sunday, August 11, 2024

Greeters:
Michele Finin, Marilyn Nolte

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Stephanie and Bob Tinker

Lector:
Sharon Riggi

Altar Servers
Sam Borst

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down
Jackie Guntert, Betty Karlau

Money counters:
Ernest Kuehl and Dolores DeMeyere



Danny Hardmin, Brian Collins, Patrick O'Grady, Irene Ostermann, Ed Masterson, Joan McCalip, Adrienne Bartholomew, Callie Shaw (baby), Joanne Snyder, Raymond Ceroalo, Jocelyn Ceroalo, Cathy Saccetto, Mary Bixby, Ed August, Stephanie Coxen, Pam Raquet, Margaret M. Ostermann, Margaret Cameron, Beverly Dyer, Lee and Finn, Frank Ceroalo, Kyle and Katie Collazo O'Connor, Marsia Ferguson, Anjaine, Jack Robinson, Jim Crum, the Simeon Family, Debbie Lints, Mary Carlson, Nora and Joe Dougherty, Matt Nieminski, Joyce Montgomery, Eileen Scanlon, Tina Welman, Rick Connors, Annie Conneely, Francis McKiernan, Barbara St. George, Jesse Lints, Robert Tinker, Joseph Scolaro, Lisa Frangoulis, Davia Fileccia, Jamie Howard, Deborah Lobo, Joseph Cassella, Donald Gaffney Jr., Michele Eckland, Diane Czarro, Bill Valosin, Rick Stoddard, Tom Barr, Helen Zebrowski, Nada Gaber Pitu, Joan Luhrs, Dick Kristel, Kate Mahoney, Chris & Karen Nieminski, the Scott Family, Karen Connors, Danny Vrooman, Natasha Samson, Amber Brate, Dianne Robinson, Ed Guntert, Steven Van Dyke, Megan Gersch, Sr. Louise Ann Fritz, Susan G., Dawn Schweikert, Amber Hazzard, Pauline Bjornholm, Diane Williams, Jessica Divietri, Robert Malin, Jacqui Owens, Loretta Bodisch



GIFT

Please note that the Liturgy of the Word newsletter is available for our young disciples grades 1 – 5. Please take papers home and review the Gospel reading for each Sunday. It includes a reflection of the Gospel, prayer for the week, craft ideas and more! Please return plastic bags and crayons and take the newsletter home to go over with your children to review each Sunday's Mass message.

Women's Bible Study, "Living in the Father's Love" started on July 21 in the OLV Hall after the 9AM Mass. For the next session, please read Lesson 4.

Please note: **Confirmation** sessions for 2024 begin with a retreat on Sunday, August 11 at 1:00 PM in the church hall. If you would like more information, please contact the OLV rectory at 518-827-3301.

Diocese of Albany -- Step Up Men's Conference 2024

The Diocese of Albany is hosting the Step Up Men's Conference on Saturday, August 10 from 8:15 AM to 3:30 PM at St. Edward the Confessor Church in Clifton Park.

The Step Up Men's Conference will give men the tools needed to grow in holiness in their everyday lives. The event will include presentations from Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger and Mike Gormley, Reconciliation, Mass, Adoration, Rosary, refreshments, and lunch.

The purpose of this event is to grow in our relationship with Christ and establish a plan to bring this energy back to our families and parish families.

THE SINGER'S VOICE FILLS THE HALL

Overheard outside a concert hall:

"What a singer! His voice filled the hall."

"Yes, several of us had to leave the hall to make room for it!"

Overheard in a spiritual counselling session:

"How can I love God as the Scriptures tell us to? How can I give Him my whole heart?"

"You must first empty your heart of all created things."

Misleading! Don't be afraid to fill your heart with the people and things you love, for the love of God won't occupy space in your heart any more than a singer's voice occupies space in a hall.

Love is not like a loaf of bread. If I give a chunk of the loaf to you I have less to offer to others. Love is more like eucharistic bread. When I receive it I receive the whole Christ. But you do not get less of Christ as a result; you receive the whole Christ too; and so does the next person, and the next.

You can love your mother with your whole heart; and your spouse; and each of your children. The wonder is that giving the whole of it to one person does not force you to give less to another. On the contrary, each one of them now gets more. For if you only love your friend and no one else it is a feeble heart, indeed, that you offer him. He would stand to gain if you also gave it to others.

And God would be the loser if He insisted that you give your heart to him alone. Give your heart away to others, to your family, to your friends, and God stands to gain when you offer your whole heart to Him.

PARISH PRAYER, SERVICE AND FUN

Free Lunch!

Monday – Friday 12 noon-1 PM at Middleburgh High School Cafeteria

The Joshua Project serves lunch throughout the summer for all who come by. Stop in and enjoy the fellowship and great food.

To volunteer at this lunch program go to: "Middleburgh Summer Lunch Program Volunteer Sign In".

Missionary Appeal

On the weekend of August 3rd and 4th, Fr. Egidius Kataruga from the Diocese of Rulenge—Ngara in Tanzania, Africa will be with us to share God's Word, preside at our Eucharist, and seek your support for the work of our Church in his home region of Tanzania. Thank you for your apostolic zeal in sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. Let us welcome and embrace Egidius with genuine Christian hospitality. Father Tom Zelker will be in the Adirondacks caving, fishing, canoeing and helping out at St. James Church, North Creek.

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Thursday, August 15th 6:00 PM Mass at Fox Creek Park, Schoharie.

Schoharie.

A festive hot dog picnic to follow. Please bring a salad or dessert to share.

Summer Square Dance

Tuesday, August 27, 6:30 PM in our church hall. Come and enjoy some good country fiddling' music, kick up your heels (if you wish), and have some Schoharie snacks. Our special square dance caller is Tom "Saddlesore" Zelker.

Parish Picnic

Sunday, September 15, Timothy Murphy Park, Middleburgh. Burgers and hot-dogs; bring a salad or dessert to share. Beginning at 12 noon, this is always a fun community day along the Creek.

Vegetable exchange

Share the bounty of our beautiful valley. Vegetables can be dropped off on the west lawn, under the shade of the trees of our church. Take what you need; share with others. Extra vegetables will go to our food pantries.

Middleburgh Food Pantries

Food pantry needs: cereal, rice, pancake mix, crackers, cookies, fruit bars.

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.

Fr. Tom Holmes Appreciation Party

Sunday, August 11, 10:00 AM Mass at St. Henry's Church, Averill Park, followed by a reception in their church hall.



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