

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 4th, 2024



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
11:00 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, February 3, 2024, 6:00 PM
Joseph Menniti by Laura Arnwine
Keith Wood by Patty Paser

Sunday, February 4, 2024, 9:00 AM
Roger deRoziere by Jackie and Ed Guntert

Monday, February 5, 2024, 5:00—6:30 PM
Quiet adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, February 7, 2024
For the sick and suffering

Saturday, February 10, 2024, 6:00 PM
For those called to religious life

Sunday, February 11, 2024, 9:00 AM
Theresa Jandrositz by Linda and James Hayhurst
Graham Nieminski by Mom, Dad, Joey and Walt

We Pray Ordinary Time

Our worship space and liturgies are simpler, in contrast to all the decorations and music of Christmas. Our response to the Hebrew Scriptures is Psalm 33: "The Lord fills the Earth with his love". Our faithful God continues to create, filling us all with life in abundance. God moves us to seek justice and to do what is right for all people. The Celtic Alleluia joyfully leads us to the Good News Proclamation. At the Lord's Table, we sing of our Holy Mystery: "When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death O Lord, until you come again." As People of Christ, we embrace the Cross of our sisters and brothers, witnesses of the Resurrection.



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

BEATITUDES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

"There is a connection between how you live life and how you treat others. It starts with the individual."
~ Dexter Scott King

God has a beautiful plan for us so we must spread the good news of the Lord. It's important to be good friends, neighbors, and family members to all and see the beauty in each other.

Administration and Stewardship

Offerings:

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time: \$1887.75



Thank you for your generosity!

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 3, 2024

Greeters:

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Bill Kuehnle

Lector:
Patty Paser

Altar Servers
Arriette and Nathan Kuehnle

Eucharistic Ministers
Gail Borst, Michele Cullam

Set-up/Shut down:
Robin Hazzard

Sunday, February 4, 2024

Greeters:

John Conroy, Martha Conroy

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Jackie and Ed Guntert

Lector:
Stephanie Tinker

Altar Servers
Luna Pelton, Sera Wargo

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down
Theresa Charland, Betty Karlau

Money counters:
Ernest Kuehl, Dolores DeMeyere

Saturday, February 10, 2024

Greeters:

Barbara Valosin

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Bill Kuehnle

Lector:
Beth Cunningham

Altar Servers
Gabe and Elise Ringuette

Eucharistic Ministers
Joanne Newsome, Tom Valosin

Set-up/Shut down:
Barbara Valosin

Sunday, February 11, 2024

Greeters:

Michele Finin, Marilyn Nolte

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Theresa Charland, Denise Lloyd

Lector:
Borst

Altar Servers
Caroline Borst

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down
Patti Sainsbury, Jim Buzon, Marcia Guntert

Money counters:
Margaret Ostermann, Michele Borst



Danny Hardmin, Brian Collins, Bill Valosin, Patrick O'Grady, Irene Ostermann, Ed Masterson, Joan McCalip, Adrienne Bartholomew, Callie Shaw (baby), Joanne Snyder, Raymond Ceroalo, Jocelyn Ceroalo, Cathy Saccento, 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, Thomas "Tucker" Hirsch, Tina Welman, Rick Connors, Annie Conneely, Francis McKiernan, Barbara St. George, Jesse Lints, Robert Tinker, Joseph Scolaro, Lisa Frangoulis, Davia Fileccia, Jamie Howard, Tom Guilianelli, Deborah Lobo, Joseph Cassella, Donald Gaffney Jr., Michele Eckland, Diane Czarro, Bill Hudzik, Rick Stoddard, Tom Barr, Helen Zebrowski, Shane Stark, Nada Gaber Pitu, Joan Luhrs, Dick Kristel, Kate Mahoney, Chris & Karen Nieminski, Rose Ceroalo, the Scott Family, Karen Connors, P. J. D., Danny Vrooman, Natasha Samson, Amber Brate, Dianne Robinson, Ed Guntert

A Brief Examination of Conscience

Based on the Ten Commandments

I am the LORD your God: you shall not have strange Gods before me.

Have I treated people, events, or things as more important than God?

You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.
Have my words actively or passively, put down God, the Church, or people?

Remember to keep holy the LORD's Day.

Do I go to Mass every Sunday or Saturday? Do I avoid, when possible, work that impedes worship to God, joy for the Lord's Day, and proper relaxation of mind and body? Do I look for ways to spend time with family or in service on Sunday?

Honor your father and your mother.

Do I show my parents due respect? Do I seek to maintain good communication with my parents where possible? Do I criticize them for lacking skills I think they should have? Do I....?

You shall not kill.

Have I harmed another through physical, verbal, or emotional means, including gossip or manipulation of any kind?

You shall not commit adultery.

Have I respected the physical and sexual dignity of others and myself?

You shall not steal.

Have I taken or wasted time or resources that belonged to another?

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Have I gossiped, told lies, or embellished stories at the expense of another?

You shall not covet your neighbor's spouse.

Have I honored my spouse with my full affection and exclusive love?

You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

Am I content with my own means and needs, or do I compare myself to others unnecessarily?

Ash Wednesday

Prayer service with ashes



At Our Lady of the Valley Church
12:00 noon

2:45 PM for students & parents from Middleburgh Central

3:25 PM (in the parking lot on Prospect Street) for students and parents from Schoharie Central

6:30 Ecumenical prayer and ashes after the NET Dinner.

At Our Lady of Fatima Church
10:00 AM

2:50 PM for students and parents from Duanesburg Central
6:00 PM

(We also have services at Kingsway Nursing Facility at 2:00 PM and 3:00 PM).



GIFT

Join us and watch video clips and discuss a six-week study of "Rediscover Jesus" with Fr. Scott Vanderveer, Pastor, St. Mary's Church in Glens Falls, during Lent: Starting

Tuesdays, February 13th through March 19th at OLV Hall at 6:30 PM.
A sign-up sheet is available in the hall.

Please note that the Liturgy of the Word newsletter is available for our young disciples grades 1 – 5. They are in plastic bags with crayons that can be used during Mass. Please return plastic bags and crayons, and take the newsletter home to go over with your children to review each Sunday's Mass message.

PARISH PRAYER, SERVICE AND FUN

St. Blaise Day Blessing of Throats

will be after the 6:00 PM Mass this Saturday, February 3.

Anointing of the sick

We will pray the communal Anointing of the Sick Sacrament this Sunday, February 4 immediately after our 9:00 AM Eucharist.

NET Dinner

Wednesday, February 14, 5:00 PM at Our Lady of the Valley Hall. We are serving an array of meatless soups and breads. After the meal, at 6:30 PM, we are hosting an Ecumenical Ash Wednesday Service. The Churches of Middleburgh are joining together in prayer as we begin the sacred season of Lent. Deacon Gary Riggi is representing our parish.

Mardi Gras Fun

Saturday, February 10 and Sunday, February 11 we will party for Mardi Gras after Mass. It is also the Chinese Lunar New Year, so we will have lots of Oriental food to savor. This will be a fun mixture of New Orleans Cajun and the Far East. If you can, please bring some cookies to share.

Old Palm Fronds

Please bring in your old palms by Sunday, February 11 so we can burn them to make ashes as we begin Lent.

Fridays of Lent

Soup and Stations: 6:00 PM Soup and sandwiches in our Hall.
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross in Church.

Chili Contest

Wednesday, February 21 at 5:00 PM at Middleburgh Reformed Church. At this NET Dinner, let the taste contest begin. Please register your entry at our parish office.

Holy Thursday Seder Meal

Can you help? This is a great service to our parish. Please call our office.

Render unto Caesar...

If you need your contribution statement 2023 for your income tax, please call our office.

Employment Opportunity

Our Lady of the Valley is looking for a part-time bookkeeper who can do light office work such as answering the phones and taking messages. The hours are somewhat flexible. For a complete job description, please leave your resume and work history with the parish office. The position currently pays \$15.00 per hour.

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.

Diocesan Appeal

Our assessment this year is \$23,738.00.
So far we collected \$7,423.33, the remaining amount to raise is \$16,314.67.

Thank you very much! Let us continue the ministry and good works of Jesus throughout our 14 county Diocese. Envelopes are in the pews.

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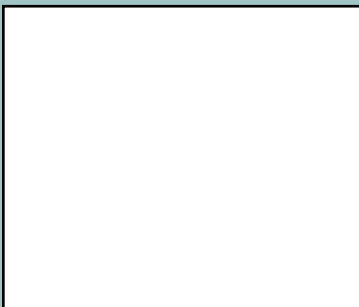
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