

1st Sunday of Lent

February 18th, 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 17, 2024, 6:00 PM
James Morgan by JoAnn, Jimmy and Family

Sunday, February 18, 2024, 9:00 AM
June Lang by Bob and Family

Monday, February 19, 2024, 5:00—6:30 PM
Quiet adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, February 21, 2024, 9:00 AM
Thomas "Tucker" Hirsch Jr. by Jason and Laura Pelton

Saturday, February 24, 2024, 6:00 PM
Bonnie Morton by Ann Kabei

Sunday, February 25, 2024, 9:00 AM
Marie Johnson, Ayrton Johnson by Stanley Gundersen

LENT THIS WEEK

Fridays of Lent

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

We care for the poor of our world: Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls.

We help fight hunger here and around the world. Please return "bowl" by April 15.

Reading for the Season

- The Little Black Book—meditations on Passion of Jesus according to Luke.
 - The Word Among Us—daily prayer.
- Stations of the Cross—for your prayer in Church.



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

BEATITUDES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

"As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst ... He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you." ~ Mother Teresa

During this time of Lent, take time to show how much you love Jesus and reflect on His love for you.

Administration and Stewardship

Offerings:

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time: \$1989

Thank you for your generosity!



WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 17, 2024

Greeters:
Marilyn Schulmerich

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Bill Kuehnle

Lector:
Patty Paser

Altar Servers
Arriette and Nathan Kuehnle

Eucharistic Ministers
Michele Cullam

Set-up/Shut down:
Marilyn Schulmerich

Sunday, February 18, 2024

Greeters:
Doreen Buzon, Helen Lindstrom

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Marcia Guntert, Sharon Riggi

Lector:
Kate Katsur

Altar Servers
Sera Wargo, Luna Pelton

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down
Joanne Coonrad, Rosemary Gutkaiss

Money counters:
Jane Munger, Bonnie Jorgensen

Saturday, February 24, 2024

Greeters:
Joann Newsome

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Robin Hazzard

Lector:
Ringuette

Altar Servers
Gabe and Elise Ringuette

Eucharistic Ministers
Joann Newsome, Michele Cullam

Set-up/Shut down:
Robin Hazzard

Sunday, February 25, 2024

Greeters:
Brynda Shultes, Michele Finin

Ushers and Seat Counters:
John Conroy

Lector:
Brynda Shultes

Altar Servers
Sam Borst

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down
Jim Buzon, Martha Conroy

Money counters:
John Borst, Brynda Shultes



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, 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, Steven Van Dyke, Megan Gersch, William Pelton

Lent in Our Parish

Our worship space is simple, stark, and prayerful. Purples remind us of the call to conversion. Willow branches help us to look forward to spring. The waters of our Baptismal Font are stilled until Easter. The Cross centers us on our mission. We gather together singing of our companionship on our faith journey; because God is so in love with us we come home as family to be nourished. We acknowledge the sin and need for healing among us and our whole world. We sing in the ancient Greek "Kyrie, Christe eleison" as we have for countless centuries, trusting in the abundance of God's mercy for all. Our response to the Hebrew Scriptures is Psalm 103: "As vast as heaven, deep as the ocean, so strong Your love for all who follow on Your way." We approach the Gospel in stillness and awe as we hear God's story, God's Word living among us. The Lord invites us to gather around the Table to be uplifted by Christ's real presence as food for our journey. We sing of our mystery:

"We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again."

We are empowered to embrace the Cross as a community of life. Our Eucharistic prayer engages us to be the sacrament of Christ in our World. We sing: "We are God's People, beloved in Christ."

The Great Amen culminates our prayer of thanksgiving. After Communion, in the heart of our community, we hear God speak tenderly, gently to each one of us, "I have loved you with an everlasting love, I have called you and you are mine." We respond wholeheartedly with renewed faith to go forth as a pilgrim people abounding in peace, compassion, and love for our world!

LENTEN PSALM OF LONGING

I thank you, O God,
for the warming of the winds
that brings a melting of the snow,
for daylight hours that daily grow longer
and richer in the aroma of hope.
Spring lingers beneath the horizon
as approaching echoes of Easter
ring in my ears.

I lift up my heart to you, Beloved,
in this season of Lent
that gently sweeps across
my sluggish and sleeping heart,
awakening me
to a deeper love for you.

May the wind of the Spirit
that drove Jesus into the desert,
into the furnace of prayer,
also drive me with a passion
during this Lenten season
to enkindle the fire of my devotion
in the desert of Lenten love.

Birds above, on migratory wings,
signal me to an inner migration,
a message that draws me homeward bound
on Spirit's wings
to the heart of my Beloved.
May I earnestly use this Lenten season
to answer the inner urge to return.



GIFT

Our Next GIFT teaching session is Sunday, March 3rd after our 9:00 AM Mass": *Forming consciences for faithful citizenship.*

Projects will be presented at this session.

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

NET Dinner

Wednesday, February 21, 5:00 PM at the Middleburgh Reformed Church. They are hosting the Valley Chili Contest. Come and enjoy lots of fellowship and heart-warming chili.

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat

Sunday, February 25th at 4:00 PM at the Middleburgh Reformed Church. This is the film of this exciting play about dreams, family, and the power of forgiveness. All are welcome. A light supper will be served.

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.

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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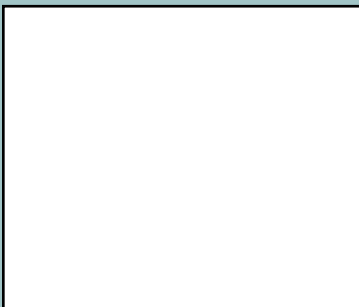
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