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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, January 6, 2024, 6:00 PM

The Epiphany of the Lord

For our Orthodox Christian brothers and sisters

Sunday, January 7, 2024, 9:00 AM

The Epiphany of the Lord

For farmers

Wednesday, January 10, 2024, 9:00 AM

For our children in school

Saturday, January 13, 2024, 6:00 PM

For immigrants and the victims of war

Sunday, January 14, 2024, 9:00 AM

Theresa Jandrositz

by daughter and son-in-law Stephanie and Bob Tinker

Lorraine Lavieri and Jennifer Lavieri

by Joseph Lavieri



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

We Pray Christmas

Our church is filled with sights, sounds, and smells of God's Incarnational presence among us. We are immersed with flowers, trees, lights, incense, figures, bread, wine, and each other that remind us of Christ here this day and forever.

We sing the Glory of God, echoing the hymn of the angels. Our response to the Hebrew Scripture is the canticle from Luke's Gospel: "Today our Savior is born." We join with all Creation (Psalm 96) in singing for joy. Our Gospel acclamation is the exuberant Caribbean "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!" In our Eucharist, at Table, we sing our mystery: "Save us, Savior of the world, you have set us free." Together, God's Love is born anew in each of us.

BEATITUDES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

*A sense sublime of something far more deeply interfused,
Whose dwelling is the light of setting suns,
And the round ocean and the living air,
And the blue sky, and in the mind of a man:
A motion and a spirit, that impels
All thinking things, all objects of all thought,
And rolls through all things.*

From William Wordsworth's 1798 poem "Tintern Abbey". All is Spirit infused. We are connected in the deepest possible way.

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Administration and Stewardship

Offerings:

4th Sunday of Advent Collection: \$4922.00

Christmas Collection: \$5543.75

Holy Family Sunday Collection: \$ 7.B.A.

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 6, 2024

Greeters:

Pat Costello

Ushers and Seat Counters:

Bill Kuehnle

Lector:

Pat Costello

Altar Servers

Gabe and Elise Ringuette

Eucharistic Ministers

Pat Costello, Michele Cullam

Set-up/Shut down:

Robin Hazzard

Sunday, January 7, 2024

Greeters:

John Conroy, Betty Karlau

Ushers and Seat Counters:

Jackie and Ed Guntert

Lector:

Stephanie Tinker

Altar Servers

Luna Pelton

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down

Theresa Charland, Marcia Guntert

Money counters:

Jane Munger, Bonnie Jorgensen

Saturday, January 13, 2024

Greeters:

Jane Munger

Ushers and Seat Counters:

Bill Kuehnle

Lector:

Beth Cunningham

Altar Servers

Arriette and Nathan Kuehnle

Eucharistic Ministers

Joanne Newsome, Gail Borst

Set-up/Shut down:

Jane Munger

Sunday, January 14, 2024

Greeters:

Joanne Coonradt, Marilyn Nolte

Ushers and Seat Counters:

Stephanie and Bob Tinker

Lector:

Borst

Altar Servers

Sam Borst

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down

Jackie Guntert, Betty Karlau

Money counters:

Margaret Ostermann, Michele Borst



Danny Hardmin, Brian Collins, Bill Valosin, Patrick O'Grady, Irene Ostermann, Jessica DeVietri, 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, Dennis Dailey (Afghan War veteran), 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 Conners, Annie Conneely, Francis McKiernan, Barbara St. George, Jesse Lints, Robert Tinker, Joseph Scolaro, Lisa Frangoulis, Davia Fileccia, Jamie Howard, Tom Guilianelli, Deborah Lobo, Joseph Pelton, Joseph Cassella, Paul Pagano, 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 Conners, P. J. D., Danny Vrooman, Natasha Samson, Amber Brate

A Psalm For the Fifteen Days of Christmas

O timeless and ever-youthful God,
I thank you for these days of Christmas.
And I ask the gift of an endless encore
of this feast of the birth of your Son.

Though I am grown now
beyond the age of childhood toys,
gift me with the playful tool
of how to treat each day
as a Christmas gifting day.

Grant me within these fifteen days of Christmas
the bottomless gift
of the heart of a child:
enthusiastic with the excitement of expectation,
unashamed to play and dance with delight
filled with a faith in elves and fairies.

Place upon my feet
shoes of lead
that I may be slow to put away
the electric stars that have hung
like clusters of constellations
upon my Christmas tree.
They have nightly spoken to me
of what a child's eyes
can see in every tree.

Turn to concrete my Christmas consciousness,
that I may continue to greet
hassled clerks in crowded stores
and nameless strangers on the street
with blessings and joyful wishes.

And so, by living the whole year
in the quality of Christmastide,
your Word may endlessly become flesh
in me, your Christmas child.



GIFT
Winter/Spring GIFT schedule brochure is out.

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

Diocesan Appeal

The 2023-2024 Appeal letters have gone out to all parishioners. If you did not receive one, offering envelopes are now available in the pews. Please make sure you put "Our Lady of the Valley" on the envelope. We do this together because we believe it is of vital importance to continue the ministry of Jesus in our 145 county Diocese... caring for the sick, educating our children, finding housing for the homeless, feeding the hungry, and training seminarians and parish leaders. This year our parish assessment is \$23,738.00; last year it was \$21,150.00. Thank you for your support!

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.

NET Dinner

Our next dinner at OLV is Wednesday, January 10, 5:00 to 7:00 PM. We are serving a sumptuous turkey dinner. Please, if you can, bring a dessert to share. All are welcome!

Prayer of Healing

Communal Anointing of the Sick, Saturday, January 27, after the 4:00 PM Mass at Our Lady of Fatima and after the 6:00 PM Mass at Our Lady of the Valley. Anyone in need of healing, please avail yourself of Christ's compassionate embrace.

Home Visits

If you know of anyone who is unable to join us for Eucharist at Church, please contact Fr. Tom Zelker. He makes continued home visits to homebound parishioners.



Christmas is timeless...filled with memories of yesterday and hopes for tomorrows...may we live ever fully in this moment, aware of the Love born among us...and a happy New Year...Barbara and Tommy.
Thank you for all your Christmas cards, food, gifts, well wishes, and joyful participation in our liturgies.

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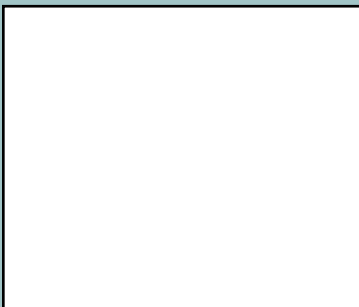
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