

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 21, 2024

“Join in the dance.”



OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY

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<http://parishes.rcda.org/olvchurch/>

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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, July 20, 2024, 6:00 PM
Elizabeth Malone by Mary and Kevin Harmon
Salvador Rivera by his son Salvador Rivera, Jr., and siblings
Elbio and Myriam Pezzati by their daughter Rosina Pezzati Rivera

Sunday, July 21, 2024, 9:00 AM
William Puotinen by Diane M. Puotinen


Monday, July 22, 2024, 5:00—6:30 PM
 Eucharistic adoration

Saturday, July 27, 2024, 6:00 PM
 For vocations to religious life.

Sunday, July 28, 2024, 9:00 AM
Eileen Scanlon by Stanley Gundersen

Each year, the annual **"Peter's Pence Collection for the Holy Father"** is held in parishes throughout the world in support of the charitable works of the Holy Father. The proceeds from this collection fund emergency relief assistance to those who suffer throughout the world. Through these works of charity, Catholics stand in solidarity with the weak, the defenseless, and the voiceless, and we sustain those who need our assistance. We join with the Holy Father in bringing a little more mercy into the world. Pope Francis shared with us that "There is always someone who is hungry or thirsty and who needs me. I cannot delegate that to another. This poor person needs me, my help, my word, my commitment. We are all involved in this...".


Our offering is in the weekend of July 27/28.

 **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 Rigg.

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
"Hold your eyes on God and leave the doing to Him. That is all the doing you have to worry about." - St. Jane Frances de Chantal
 God loves us so much. We must trust in His love and be kind and caring to each other.

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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:
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time: \$2463.00

Thank you for your generosity!

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

<p>Saturday, July 20, 2024</p> <p>Greeters:</p> <p>Ushers and Seat Counters: Robin Hazzard</p> <p>Lector: Patty Paser</p> <p>Altar Servers Gabe and Elise Ringuette</p> <p>Eucharistic Ministers Gail Borst, Michele Cullam</p> <p>Set-up/Shut down: Robin Hazzard</p>	<p>Sunday, July 21, 2024</p> <p>Greeters: Doreen Buzon, John Conroy</p> <p>Ushers and Seat Counters: Denise Lloyd, Marcia Guntert</p> <p>Lector: Borst</p> <p>Altar Servers Caroline Borst, Peter Sherer</p> <p>Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down Martha Conroy, Jim Buzon</p> <p>Money counters: Margaret Ostermann, Michele Borst</p>
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<p>Saturday, July 27, 2024</p> <p>Greeters: Barb Valosin</p> <p>Ushers and Seat Counters: Robin Hazzard</p> <p>Lector: Ringuette</p> <p>Altar Servers Gabe and Elise Ringuette</p> <p>Eucharistic Ministers Michele Cullam, Tom Valosin</p> <p>Set-up/Shut down: Robin Hazzard</p>	<p>Sunday, July 28, 2024</p> <p>Greeters: Martha Conroy, Helen Lindstrom</p> <p>Ushers and Seat Counters: John Conroy, Sharon Rigg</p> <p>Lector: Denise Lloyd</p> <p>Altar Servers Sera Wargo</p> <p>Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down Margaret Osterman, Rosemary Gutkaiss</p> <p>Money counters: Elizabeth Blackmur, Denise Lloyd</p>
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Pray For...

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 Conners, 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 Conners, 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



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" starts on July 21 in the OLV Hall after the 9AM Mass. Cost of books: \$10.

Moms' Faith Sharing Group

Upcoming meeting: Monday, July 29. We start with Eucharistic Adoration between 5:00 and 5:30, then meet in the hall. Our goal is to pray together and support each other in our vocation.



The Rosary Society

Thank you to all the parishioners who assisted and attended the Strawberry Festival. Special shout out to Father Tom, Rich Shultes, and Marc Newsome for set up and clean up; Robin Hazzard for her delicious cookies. Donation of strawberries from Middleburgh Lanes. We raised \$710.00 and after many years of dedicated support, Cathy Saccento was the winner of our raffle basket.

Knights of Columbus #4475

The Knights of Columbus will be selling breakfast sandwiches and sausage + peppers at the Middleburgh Craft Fair, Saturday, July 27.



Ecumenical Community Prayer



Sunday, July 28, 2:00 PM at Timothy Murphy Park Pavilion, Route 30, Middleburgh. The Churches of our Town gather together in joyful prayer. Music will be led by Kim and Reggie Harris; Friar Peter Chepaitis is preaching. All are invited. Please bring a comfortable lawn chair.

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.

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".

Middleburgh Day Camp

July 29—August 3, 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM at Middleburgh Reformed Church, 178 River Street. Sign up sheets are in the church/hall.

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.

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

Schoharie Valley Bible Drive

Together with churches in Schoharie and Middleburgh, we are collecting Bibles (new and used) to send to people in Africa and the Far East. There is a collection box in our hall. This is a project of our Ecumenical Summer Camp.

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.



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