

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 16, 2024

The Garden Song

**Inch by inch, row by row, gonna make this garden grow.
All it takes is a rake and a hoe and a piece of fertile ground.
Inch by inch, row by row, someone bless the seeds I sow.
Someone warm them from below till the rain comes tumbling' down.**

1. Pullin' weed, pickin' stones

We are made of dreams and bones.

Feel the need to grow my own

Cause the time is close at hand.

Grain for grain, sun and rain

Find my way in nature's chain

Tune my body and my brain

To the music from the land.

2. Plant your rows straight and long.

Temper them with prayer and song.

Mother Earth will make you strong

If you give her love and care.

An old crow watching hungrily

From his perch in yonder tree,

In my garden I'm as free

As that feathered thief up there.

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY

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<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, June 15, 2024, 6:00 PM
Our dads

Sunday, June 16, 2024, 9:00 AM
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Monday, June 17, 2024, 5:00—6:30 PM
Eucharistic adoration

Wednesday, June 19, 2024, 9:00 AM
Diane Benanto by Margaret O'Connor
For the victims of human trafficking.
Remembering the sin of slavery in America.

Saturday, June 22, 2024, 6:00 PM
Kathleen Doyle by Eileen O'Leary

Sunday, June 16, 2024, 9:00 AM
Eleanor Spencer by Jackie and Ed Guntert



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

We Pray Ordinary Time

Our worship space and liturgies are simpler (compared to the exuberance of Easter and wonder of Christmas), yet noble in their own beauty. Our Glory to God is the Taizé mantra "Gloria in excelsis Deo, Alleluia!". The response to the Hebrew Scripture is Psalm 118: "Whose love is forever, whose love is forever more". Our Gospel acclamation is a joyful "Alle, Alle, Alleluia!" In our gathering at the Lord's Table we sing the Mass of Mother Cabrini, music in honor of this immigrant woman who served so many newcomers to our land. In Faith, we sing "When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again." We witness to God's eternal love, even in the midst of the world's Cross. As we break the Bread, we chant "Lamb of God, miserere nobis; Dona nobis pacem" (have mercy on us and grant us peace). We, though many, are from and of the One Body of Christ.

BEATITUDES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

"What we ourselves cannot bear, let us bear with the help of Christ." ~ Saint Boniface

We must trust in God's plan for us and trust in His love for everyone in all that we do.



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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:

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time: \$1957.50

Thank you for your generosity!



WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 15, 2024

Greeters:

Ushers and Seat Counters:

Robin Hazzard

Lector:

Pat Costello

Altar Servers

Arriette and Nathan Kuehnlé

Eucharistic Ministers

Gail Borst, Pat Costello

Set-up/Shut down:

Robin Hazzard

Sunday, June 16, 2024

Greeters:

Doreen Buzon, Michele Finin

Ushers and Seat Counters:

Theresa Charland, Marcia Guntert

Lector:

Kate Katsur

Altar Servers

Caroline Borst, Peter Sherer

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down

Michele Borst, Jim Buzon

Money counters:

Margaret Ostermann,
Michele Borst

Saturday, June 22, 2024

Greeters:

Ushers and Seat Counters:

Robin Hazzard

Lector:

Ringuette

Altar Servers

Gabe and Elise Ringuette

Eucharistic Ministers

Michele Cullen, Gail Borst

Set-up/Shut down:

Robin Hazard

Sunday, June 23, 2024

Greeters:

Betty Karlau, Helen Lindstrom

Ushers and Seat Counters:

Jackie and Ed Guntert

Lector:

Denise Lloyd

Altar Servers

Sera Wargo

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down

M. Ostermann, R. Gutkaiss

Money counters:

Denise Lloyd, Elizabeth Blackmur



Keep in prayer our former pastor, Fr. Tom Holmes, who has been diagnosed with ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease). He is now retired! Cards of support, love, and prayer may be sent to him at St. Mary's Church, 163 Columbia Turnpike, Rensselaer, N.Y. 12144



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 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 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, Shane Stark, 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



GIFT

The summer session brochure outlining service projects, Bible study and GIFT session for June is available at the entrances.

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.

The Rosary Society Corner



Strawberry Festival is scheduled for Friday, June 28th starting at 5:30 PM, church lawn or church hall in event of inclement weather. Cost \$5.00 adult, \$3.00 child. Anyone wishing to donate and bake an item to share, can drop it off in church hall on Friday 06/28/24 by 4:00 PM.



Raffle basket sales begin June 1st before and after Mass.

Next Rosary Society meeting is on June 15th at 10 AM in church hall. New members welcome and can contact Joanne Newsome 518-257-0414. Remember: A Family that prays together, stays together.

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.



A pouty, crying little Tommy is comforted by his father during a family fun day at Story Town (now Great Escape).

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.

Diocesan Appeal



Our assessment this year is \$23,738.00. So far we collected \$10,465.00. Thank you very much! The remaining amount to raise is over \$13,000. Let us continue the ministry and good works of Jesus throughout our 14 county Diocese. Envelopes are in the pews.

PARISH PRAYER, SERVICE AND FUN

Hiking fundraiser for the Joshua Project

Jason's hiking fundraiser helped collect \$820 to benefit The Joshua Project. Thank you everyone who supported it. God bless!

Kateri Tekawitha Prayer and Picnic

Monday, July 15th, 6:00 PM, Blessing Prayer at our Kateri shrine followed by a Native American BBQ in our church hall featuring buffalo burgers, corn, squash, bean, and maple ice cream. Crafts and games for the kids.

Joshua Project building

We are building a "headquarters" on Route 145. Fund raising is underway. Donations may be made at joshuaschoharie.org or at Box 413, Middleburgh, N.Y. Thank you.

Women's Bible Study

Sign-up sheets are now available for a Women's Bible Study, "Living in the Father's Love" starting July 14 in the OLV Hall after the 9AM Mass. Cost of books: \$10.

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

There is a great need for pasta, rice, oatmeal, coffee, graham crackers, and granola bars. Shopping bags can always be used. Donations may be left in the shopping basket at the Main St. entrance of our church.

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.

2024 Middleburgh Day Camp



- Did you know that there are one billion bacteria in a teaspoon of soil?
- That an octopus has three hearts?
- That bees do a special dance to tell each other where the best nectar can be found?

These are the works of a playful and imaginative Creator! Through daily learnings, nature study, and play, children will learn that all of God's works are good and that they themselves are beloved creations.

Join us to wonder

July 29-August 3rd, 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

@ 178 River Street, Middleburgh
(Middleburgh Reformed Church)

for students completing grades K-5 (rising 1st-6th grade).
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