

3rd Sunday of Lent

March 3rd, 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, March 2, 2024, 6:00 PM
Richard Hunt by Robin Hazzard

Sunday, March 3, 2024, 9:00 AM
Thomas and Linda Gundersen by Stanley Gundersen

Monday, March 4, 2024, 5:00—6:30 PM
Quiet adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, March 6, 2024, 9:00 AM
Norma Berkner by Margaret O'Connor

Saturday, March 9, 2024, 6:00 PM
Mae Blaisdell, John Barr, Marge Hazzard by Robin Hazzard

Sunday, March 10, 2024, 9:00 AM
Mark deRoziere by the family

A Psalm of Invitation

Christ is the plentitude of the universe,
its principle of synthesis,
something more than all the elements
of this world put together.

And then comes the question—
who is Christ?

Christ is not something added to the world as an extra,
is not an embellishment.

Christ is the alpha and the omega,
the principle and the end,
the foundation stone and the keystone,
the Plentitude and the Plenifier.

Christ is the one who consummates all things
and gives them their consistence.
It is towards Christ and through Christ,
the inner life and light of the world,
that the universal convergence of all created spirit
is effected in sweat and tears.

Christ is the single center, precious and consistent,
who glitters at the summit that is to crown the world,
at the opposite pole from
those dim and eternally shrinking regions
into which our science ventures
when it descends the road of matter and the past.



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

BEATITUDES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

"Actions speak louder than words; let your words teach and
your actions speak." ~ St. Anthony of Padua

During this time of Lent, it is important that we take the time to
examine ourselves in our faith and see the beauty of God and all of
His creation. We must embrace the beauty of our families, friends,
neighbors, and each other; while also praying for those who suffer
from poverty, illness, oppression, and war.

Administration and Stewardship

Offerings:

2nd Sunday of Lent: \$1799.50

Thank you for your generosity!



WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 2, 2024

Greeters:
Pat Costello

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Bill Kuehnle

Lector:
Pat Costello

Altar Servers
Arriette and Nathan Kuehnle

Eucharistic Ministers
Gail Borst, Michele Cullam

Set-up/Shut down:
Robin Hazzard

Sunday, March 3, 2024

Greeters:
Joann Coonradt, Betty Karlau

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Jackie and Ed Guntert

Lector:
Sharon Riggi

Altar Servers
Luna Pelton

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down
Brynda Shultes, Marcia Guntert

Money counters:
Kuehl and DeMeyere

Saturday, March 9, 2024

Greeters:
Barb Valosin

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Bill Kuehnle

Lector:
Beth Cunningham

Altar Servers
Gabe and Elise Ringuette

Eucharistic Ministers
Joann Newsome, Tom Valosin

Set-up/Shut down:
Barb Valosin

Sunday, March 10, 2024

Greeters:
John Conroy, Marilyn Nolte

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Denise Lloyd, Sharon Riggi

Lector:
Kate Katsur

Altar Servers
Sam Borst

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down
Jackie Guntert, Betty Karlau

Money counters:
Lloyd, Blackmur, Pagano



Keep in prayer our former pastor, Fr. Tom Holmes, who has been
diagnosed with ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease). He is still
ministering in his parishes. 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 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
Valosin, 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, Sr. Louise Ann Fritz, Susan G.

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!

Lent—Holy Week—Triduum**Fridays of Lent**

6:00 PM Soup and Sandwich, 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Rice Bowls: Please return contributions to the poor by April 15.

Confessions: Individual Reconciliation Tuesday, March 5th, 4:00—5:00 PM and 6:00—7:30 PM Our Lady of the Valley Church.

Ecumenical Lenten Service

Living Our God's Will: Thursday, March 21, 7:00 PM Our Lady of the Valley Church, Anyone who is experiencing loss, loneliness, hurt, or sadness will be uplifted in prayer.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Mass, Saturday, March 23, 6:00 PM

Mass, Sunday, March 24, 9:00 AM

Seder Passover Meal and Prayer

Tuesday, March 26, 5:00 PM in our Hall. A local Jewish Rabbi will lead us in the ancient seder service. A chicken and dumplings dinner will be served after the prayer.

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper

March 28, 6:00 PM at Our Lady of the Valley Church (presider Fr. Peter Chepaitis).

7:00 PM Our Ldy of Fatima Church, Delanson.

Good Friday

March 29, Ecumenical Stations of the Cross

12:00 noon beginning at the front doors of Our Lady of the Valley Church. We walk through Middleburgh as People of Faith.

3:00 PM Women of Jerusalem at Our Lady of the Valley Church: inspirational prayer with the women Jesus encountered.

7:00 PM Passion of the Lord at Our Lady of Fatima, Delanson.

Holy Saturday

March 30, Our Lady of the Valley Church

12:00 noon Blessing of Food

7:30 PM Easter Vigil: Fire, Water, Word, Eucharist (there is no earlier Mass).

Easter Sunday

March 31, 9:00 AM.

**GIFT**

Our Next GIFT teaching session is Sunday, March 3 after our 9:00 AM Mass: *Forming consciences for faithful citizenship.* Projects will be presented at this session.

On March 8, there will be **Stations of the Cross for children** at OLV.

Families are asked to bring a meatless soup and/or sandwiches at 6:00 PM and stations will follow at 7:00 PM.

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**Synod Listening Sessions**

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March 5th, St. Mary's, Oneonta, March 18th virtual Zoom, March 20th St. Ambrose, Latham. All meet 6:30 PM — 8:30 PM

Home Masses

During the Easter Season, we will celebrate Eucharist in homes throughout our parish. If you would like to host this neighborhood prayer, please contact Fr. Tom Zelker.

Pastoral Council Meeting

Monday, March 4th, 6:30 PM in our church hall.

N.E.T. Dinner

Wednesday, March 13th, 5:00 PM, OLV Hall

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Sunday afternoon, March 17th: corned beef, cabbage and soda bread.

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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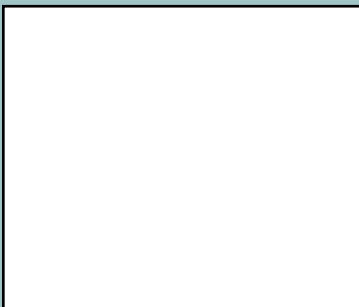
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