

5th Sunday of Lent

March 17th, 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 16, 2024, 6:00 PM

Richard Hinman by Ann Kabei
Arthur Hollingsworth by Kevin and Mary Harmon
John C. Cullam Jr. by Michele Cullam

Sunday, March 17, 2024, 9:00 AM

Robert and Catherine Gundersen
by Stanley Gundersen

Monday, March 18, 2024, 5:00—6:30 PM

Quiet adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, March 20, 2024, 9:00 AM

For infants who died at birth

Saturday, March 23, 2024, 6:00 PM

For those crucified in today's world

Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024, 9:00 AM

For peace in the world



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

BEATITUDES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

"We must pray without tiring, for the salvation of mankind does not depend upon material success...but on Jesus alone." ~ Mother Cabrini

We must open our hearts to Jesus and let Him in. During this Lenten season, through our thoughts and prayers, we will bring ourselves closer to God in all that we do.



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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:

4th Sunday of Lent: \$2151.00

Thank you for your generosity!



WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 16, 2024

Greeters:

Marilyn Schulmerich

Ushers and Seat Counters:

Bill Kuehnle

Lector:

Patty Paser

Altar Servers

Arriette and Nathan Kuehnle

Eucharistic Ministers

Michele Cullam, Marilyn Schulmerich

Set-up/Shut down:

Marilyn Schulmerich

Sunday, March 17, 2024

Greeters:

Doreen Buzon, Martha Conroy

Ushers and Seat Counters:

Theresa Charland, Marcia Gunter

Lector:

Borst

Altar Servers

Sam Borst

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down

Joann Coonradt, Jim Buzon

Money counters:

Margaret Ostermann, Michele Borst

Saturday, March 23, 2024

Greeters:

Marilyn Schulmerich

Ushers and Seat Counters:

Robin Hazzard

Lector:

Patty Paser, Pat Costello

Altar Servers

Gabe & Elise Ringuette

Eucharistic Ministers

Joann Newsome, Gail Borst

Set-up/Shut down:

Robin Hazzard

Sunday, March 24, 2024

Greeters:

Michele Finin, Jane Munger

Ushers and Seat Counters:

Jackie and Ed Guntert

Lector:

Brynda Shultes, Kate Katsur

Altar Servers

Caroline Borst, Luna Pelton

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down

P. Sainsbury, M. Ostermann

Money counters:

Jane Munger, Bonnie Jorgensen



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.

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 leader from a local Jewish community 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 Lady 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 faith formation session is at OLV
Saturday, March 16 after the 4:00 PM Mass and
Sunday at OLV after the 9:00 AM Mass. Our topic is

Forming consciences for Faithful Citizenship. For OLV families, please bring a dish to pass for our pot luck supper. Also, for this GIFT session, family projects will be presented. I look forward to seeing you there!

Please note: Circle of Grace make up class for our teens will be a zoom session scheduled for Monday, March 18th at 6:30PM.

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

Voicing your wisdom and insights about our Church. March 18th virtual Zoom meet 6:30 PM —8:30 PM at the OLV rectory.

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.

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.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Sunday afternoon, March 17th in OLV Hall: corned beef, cabbage and soda bread 4—6 PM. Take-outs available. Suggested donation \$17. Proceeds benefit Special Olympics of the Capital District.

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.

Easter offering envelopes were mailed to all parishioners. If you use this envelope (see below), all donations will be earmarked for parish evangelization and building repairs. This guarantees that your contribution remains in our community. As always, thank you for your immense generosity.



Easter Offering

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live."
— John 11:25 (NIV)

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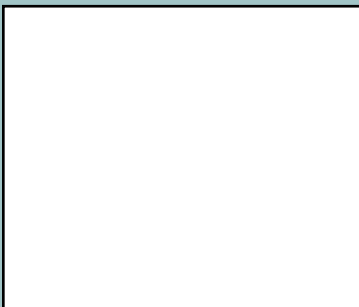
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