

EASTER SUNDAY

March 31st, 2024

The Dawn of a New Creation...Love Lives Forever!



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

EASTER VIGIL Saturday, March 30, 2024, 7:30 PM

EASTER Sunday, March 31, 2024, 9:00 AM

Monday, April 1, 2024, 5:00—6:30 PM
 Quiet adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, April 3, 2024, 9:00 AM
 Eddie Larke by Margaret O'Connor

Saturday, April 6, 2024, 6:00 PM
 Dorothy Ruth Cullam, John C. Cullam Sr., Annebelle
 Theresa Rivenburgh by Michele Cullam

Sunday, April 7, 2024, 9:00 AM
 Karen Coons, Norma Berkner by Mary and George



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

BEATITUDES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

"No one can achieve a greater sense of fulfillment in his life than the man who believes in this truth of the faith and strives daily to put it into practice. "
 ~ Fr. Walter Ciszek

Father in heaven, we thank you. Thank you so much for the gift of your Son, who came into this world not to condemn the world, but to save the world.



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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:

Palm Sunday: \$T.B.A.
Thank you for your generosity!



WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Easter Vigil, March 30, 2024

Greeters:
 Chris Schreieck, Doreen Buzon

Ushers and Seat Counters:
 Robin Hazzard

Lector: Genesis-Patty Paser
 Exodus- Pat Costello
 Isaiah- Beth Cuninghame
 St. Paul- Sharon Riggi
 Prayer of the Faithful- Pat Costello

Altar Servers
 Arriette and Nathan Kuehnle

Eucharistic Ministers
 Michele Cullam, Jim Buzon

Set-up/Shut down:
 Robin Hazzard

Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024

Greeters:
 Betty Karlau, Martha Conroy

Ushers and Seat Counters:
 John Conroy

Lector:
 Acts—Denise Lloyd
 St. Paul—Borst
 Prayer of the Faithful—Sharon Riggi

Altar Servers
 Sera Wargo

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down
 Gail Borst, Rosemary Gutkaiss

Money counters:
 Conroy, Robinson

We Pray Easter

Our worship environment, our songs, our countenance proclaims joy, hope, and sacredness of life. We sing of God's Glory as we enter into our liturgies. The response to the first reading, now from the Acts of the Apostles, is Psalm 66: "May a joyful sound to God all the earth sing to Thee Glory of God's name!" The Gospel acclamation returns with exuberance as we sing "Alle, Alle!" when we gather at the Lord's Table we proclaim our freedom through Christ's Cross and Resurrection. Sent forth to live as God's People we sing out once more: "Thanks be to God, Alleluia!" Our lives are changed forever loved by our God.



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., Stephanie L. Paduano, Dawn Schweikert.

EASTER: 50 DAYS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Ever since the very beginning, disciples of the Way...disciples of Jesus Christ would gather and recall the mysteries of redemption. That somehow through the workings of the Spirit, the faithful would remember and celebrate that the boundless Love of God would be made present to people of every age and place...that there was no confining, deadening, or entombing the Life of Christ among us. Our faith is sacramental...not just remembered as a past event or a history to be recounted...but as an ongoing story that gives life...The Resurrection happens among, within, and through us...we are bold witnesses to the New Creation for all people. God's dream is our work. Each person makes a difference! We are always sent forth to embody Christ's love, Christ's justice, Christ's healing, and Christ's presence in every aspect of our life and the life of our world community. Never say, "I don't matter." because you do! You make all the difference in the world. Remember that our faith is not self-centered...we are selfless...going out of ourselves to witness to the beauty, wonder, and sacredness of all life.

May the restless Spirit of Resurrection within you never settle for less, the uninspired, the tired, the routine, the negative, or the untrue...but may you always seek to live the ideal, the truly creative, the most unsettling, the wildly adventurous, with the deepest respect and highest love for all people.

The stone has been rolled away...let us journey forth...together!

RESPECT LIFE

Stand up for anyone who is bullied, abused, or the victim of prejudice. Learn about foster families and adoption. Be kind to young mothers. Encourage The Gabriel Project; reach out to families who have had miscarriages.

Support Alcoholics Anonymous and drug rehabilitation. Help Amnesty International; end human trafficking and forced labor. Stand up against war and violence. Remember the children of Ukraine. Banish hate from our midst.

RESPECT THE EARTH

Plant a tree, flowers, or a garden. Use less fertilizer, pesticides, or chemicals. Pick up litter. Support local farmers. Recycle! Go outside. Support Nature Conservancy and the Landis Arboretum. Learn about Climate Change and our future.

FAMILY, COMMUNITY, CHURCH

Get active in something; be creative. Smile at Mass; sing and actively participate. Help the Joshua Project; bake cookies for our NET dinners. Be kind; write a note; volunteer; vote; call someone who is ill; praise a kid; change a negative in your life; do something positive; cry with someone; laugh and enjoy life; smile!



GIFT

Celebrate 50 days of Easter and join in the fun! There will be an Easter Egg Hunt at Our Lady of Fatima on Sunday, April 7th after the 11:00 AM Mass. Hope to see you there!



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

Divine Mercy Prayer

Saturday, April 6 at noon in Our Lady of the Valley Church. All are welcome.

Easter Labyrinth of Resurrection

Saturday, April 6, 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM and Sunday, April 7, 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM at Our Lady of Fatima, Delanson.

Home Masses

John + Gail Borst home on Mix Lane, Schoharie, Tuesday, May 7 at 5:00 PM, followed by a simple macaroni and cheese dinner. All are welcome!

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.

Community Concert

Sunday, June 2, 7:00 PM, Middleburgh Reformed Church. Come and share your musical talents with our neighbors.

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 ear-marked 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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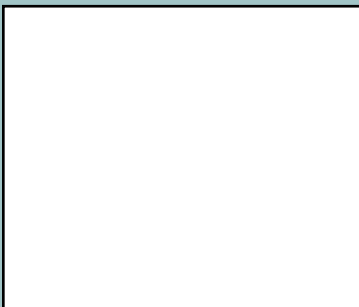
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