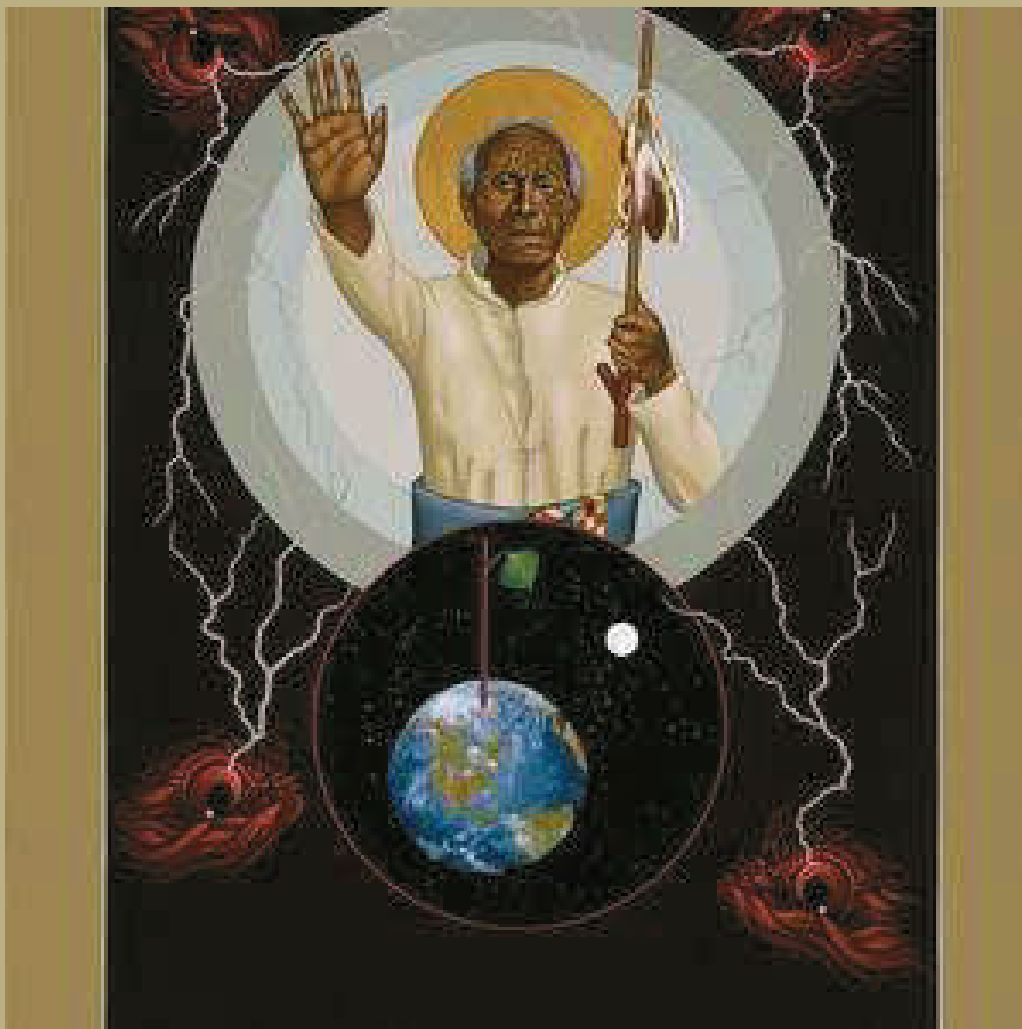


**NOVEMBER 24, 2024**

**Christ the King of all the Tribes of our World**



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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.

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**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, November 23, 2024, 6:00 PM**  
John Barr by Robin Hazzard

**Sunday, November 24, 2024, 9:00 AM**  
James Doyle by Betty Doyle

**Monday, November 25, 2024, 5:00—6:30 PM**  
Quiet Adoration

**Wednesday, November 27, 2024, NO 9:00 AM MASS**  
7:00 PM Ecumenical Prayer Service at OLV

**Thursday, November 28, 2024, 9:00 AM Our Lady of Fatima, Delanson**  
Thanksgiving Mass

**Saturday, November 30, 2024, 6:00 PM**  
For peace in our world

**Sunday, December 1, 2024, 9:00 AM**  
Theresa Jandrositz 1st anniversary by Stephanie and Bob Tinker



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 Riggi.

### We Pray Advent

We enter into our prayer in quiet, with familiar tunes of hope inviting us in. Candles are lit as Christ's light and flames our faith. We are reassured of God's boundless mercy, trust, and hope for us all in our sung Kyrie. We sing out, "Rejoice, rejoice Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel." We listen to how God has always been among us through the ages. Our response to the Hebrew Scripture is Psalm 25: "To you, O God, I lift up my soul; Lift up my spirit to my Lord. To You I lift up my soul." As we rise for the Gospel, we sing "Soon and very soon, Alleluia!" Our hearts abound in joy at the sound of God's Word among us... anticipation swells our souls. We come to the Table to remember and celebrate Christ's abiding presence within and among us. We sing of this mystery: "We proclaim your death O Lord and profess your Resurrection until you come again". With Resurrection faith we can enter into the Cross of our world as people of Hope. We join together in the melodic Lord's Prayer, letting Jesus' own words change all of us. In sacred stillness, after Communion, we invite God's Peace into our lives and the whole world.. in the midst of all the anger, the brokenness, wars, and darkness in our people we pray that we might not simply long for Peace, but that we might Be Peace. Today, lead us beyond ourselves... may Peace fill our hearts and the whole universe! We are sent forth in quiet to faithfully remember our role in the world as disciples of Jesus Christ.

### BEATITUDES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

"I will go anywhere and do anything in order to communicate the love of Jesus to those who do not know Him or have forgotten Him." - St. Frances Xavier Cabrini  
Jesus loves us so much. We must exemplify His love in everything that we do each and every day.

## Administration and Stewardship

### Offerings:

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: \$1809.00  
Thank you for your generosity!



# WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**Saturday, November 23, 2024**      **Sunday, November 24, 2024**

**Greeters:**  
Gabe Ringuette

**Ushers and Seat Counters:**  
Robin Hazzard

**Lector:**  
Ringuette

**Altar Servers**  
Luna Pelton

**Eucharistic Ministers**  
Joanne Newsome, Gail Borst

**Set-up/Shut down:**  
Marilyn Schulmerich

**Greeters:**  
Caroline Borst, Helen Lindstrom

**Ushers and Seat Counters:**  
John Conroy, Denise Lloyd

**Lector:**  
Borst

**Altar Servers**  
Sam Borst

**Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down**  
Margaret Ostermann,  
Joanne Coonrad

**Money counters:**  
John Borst, Brynda Shultes

**Saturday, November 30, 2024**      **Sunday, December 1, 2024**

**Greeters:**  
Jane Munger

**Ushers and Seat Counters:**  
Bill Kuehne

**Lector:**  
Patrick Costello

**Altar Servers**  
Arriette and Nathan Kuehne

**Eucharistic Ministers**  
Gail Borst, Michele Cullam

**Set-up/Shut down:**  
Jane Munger

**Greeters:**  
Martha Conroy, Betty Karlau

**Ushers and Seat Counters:**  
Jackie and Ed Guntert

**Lector:**  
Stephanie Tinker

**Altar Servers**  
Peter Sherer

**Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down**  
Anne Marie Robinson, Marcia  
Guntert, Brynda Shultes

**Money counters:**  
M. Ostermann, M. Borst



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, 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, Tina Welman, Rick Conners, Annie Conneely, Francis McKiernan, Barbara St. George, Jesse Lints, Robert Tinker, Joseph Scolaro, Davia Fileccia, Deborah Lobo, Joseph Cassella, Michele Eckland, Diane Czarro, Bill Valosin, Rick Stoddard, Tom Barr, Helen Zebrowski, Nada Gaber Pitu, Joan Luhrs, Kate Mahoney, Chris & Karen Nieminski, the Scott Family, Karen Conners, Danny Vrooman, Natasha Samson, Dianne Robinson, Ed Guntert, Steven Van Dyke, Megan Gersch, Sr. Louise Ann Fritz, Susan G., Dawn Schweikert, Pauline Bjornholm, Diane Williams, Jessica Divietri, Jacqui Owens, Loretta Bodisch, Marthe Therrien, Claire Evans, Margaret Casey Sprinkle, Douglas Bailey, Michelle Palmieri, Jill G. Zullo, Linda Brennan, Stephen Anka, Stephen Petko



**Growing In Faith Together**  
**Religious Education Program for**  
**children, youth and their families**  
**(GIFT)**

Please note: Fall Season brochure is now available outlining GIFT sessions

for October, November and December. Also, our website is updated with GIFT information, prayer intentions by Pope Francis each month, links for parents, saint of the month links, weekly liturgy of the word and information regarding registering families for faith formation. The website: <https://olfgrowinginfaith.weebly.com/>

Kits are available for our young disciples to draw and color during the service. It includes first liturgy reflection and readings, art activities, coloring pages as well as a few jokes here and there! Please keep the papers and return bag and crayons. Thank you.

**Preparation for First Communion:**  
**If you have a child in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, please call our office.**



**2024 RECONCILIATION FORMATION SCHEDULE**

**Retreats and Gatherings:**

**Celebrating God's Forgiveness** Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:30PM

**Celebration of First Reconciliation** - Reconciliation Prayer Service, Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00PM.

**ADVENT**

Human beings cannot live without hope. Unlike the animals, we are blessed – or cursed – with the ability to think about future and to fear our actions to shaping it. So essential is this to human life, that human beings cannot live without hope, without something to live for, without something to look forward to. To be without hope, to have nothing to live for, is surrender to death in despair.

But we can find all sorts of things to live for and we can hope for almost anything: for some measure of success or security or for the realization of some more or less modest ambition; for our children, that they might be saved from mistakes and sufferings and find a better life than we have known; for a better world, throwing ourselves into politics or medicine or technology so that future generations might be better off. Not all these forms of hope are selfish; indeed, they have given dignity and purpose to the lives of countless generations.

Advent is to learn what to hope for. And we take the help of the Old Testament. The people of the Old Testament had the courage to hope for big things: that the desert would be turned into fertile land; that their scattered and divided people would eventually be gathered again; that the blind would see, the deaf hear, the lame walk; would be united in the blessings of everlasting peace. Clearly, their hopes were no different from ours or from any human being's: lasting peace, tranquil lives, sufficiency of food, an end to suffering, pain and misery.

Thus we hope for the same things as the Old Testament people, for their hopes are not yet realized. But we differ from them in two ways. First, the coming of Jesus in history, as a partial fulfillment of God's promises, immeasurably confirms and strengthens our hope. Secondly, we differ from the Old Testament people because Jesus has revealed to us that God is not afar off, but is already in our midst. Hence, we look up to John the Baptist and Mary: because they recognized the new situation, they serve as models for the church in discerning the presence of our Savior in the world.

**PARISH PRAYER, SERVICE AND FUN**

**Rosary Society Events**

- 11/23, ticket sales for Christmas raffle basket.
- Rosary bake sale 12/6 during Miracle on Main. Any parishioners willing to donate a baked item, can drop off by 12/6 at 4:00PM in church hall.

**We Gather Together**  
**Neighbors Eating Together (N.E.T.)**

Next N.E.T. Dinner will be held Wednesday, November 20 at 5:00 PM at Middleburgh Reformed Church.

**Moms' Faith Sharing Group**

Moms' Faith Sharing group will meet on Monday, November 25th, starting with Eucharistic Adoration at 5:00 PM. All moms are welcome.

**Advent Tea: Save the Date**

Advent Tea will be held Saturday, December 7th at 10:30 in OLV Hall.

**Thanksgiving Prayer**

Wednesday, November 27, 7:00PM at Our Lady of the Valley Church. The Churches of our Valley gather together in prayer in a sign of unity, service, and support. Please bring in canned goods, cereal or peanut butter for our local food pantries. Thank you!

**Diocesan Appeal**

Our parish assessment for 2024-2025 is \$23,223.00. Donation envelopes are available in Church or at our office. Please make sure your contribution envelope states Our Lady of the Valley. Thank you so much for your generosity.

**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.

**Knights of Columbus**

**Ten Week Club**

**Week 1 winners:**

\$25 Joe & John Lang, \$15 Jerry Werner, \$10 Bill Sherer

**Week 2 winners:**

\$25 Mike Lang, \$15 Bill Sherer, \$10 Annie Young

*Thank you for your support.*

**Pregnant? Alone? Need help?**

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(833) 227-3273

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[sites.google.com/view/gabriel-project-stamford](https://sites.google.com/view/gabriel-project-stamford)

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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.*



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