

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

"WE ARE GOD'S PEOPLE"



**LOVING AND GENEROUS GOD,
IT IS YOU WHO CALL US BY NAME
AND ASK US TO FOLLOW YOU.
HELP US TO GROW IN THE LOVE
AND SERVICE OF OUR CHURCH
AS WE EXPERIENCE IT TODAY.**

**GIVE US THE ENERGY AND
COURAGE OF YOUR SPIRIT
TO SHAPE ITS FUTURE.**

**GRANT US FAITH-FILLED
LEADERS WHO WILL EMBRACE
CHRIST'S MISSION
OF LOVE AND JUSTICE.**

**BLESS THE CHURCH
OF OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY
BY RAISING UP DEDICATED AND
GENEROUS LEADERS
FROM OUR FAMILIES AND
FRIENDS WHO SERVE
YOUR PEOPLE AS
SISTERS, PRIESTS, BROTHERS,
DEACONS AND LAY MINISTERS.**

**INSPIRE US TO KNOW YOU
BETTER AND OPEN OUR
HEARTS TO HEAR
YOUR CALL.
AMEN.**

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday, September 21, 2024, 6:00 PM
Albert V. Pierse by Lydia J.C. Pierse

Sunday, September 22, 2024, 9:00 AM
Bill and Helen Vedder by Family

Monday, September 23, 2024, 5:00—6:30 PM
Quiet Adoration

Wednesday, September 25, 2024, 9:00 AM
Edward August by OLV Community

Saturday, September 28, 2024, 6:00 PM
For all children

Sunday, September 22, 2024, 9:00 AM
For peace in the world



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

Our worship space is adorned with flowers and fruits of the season. The "Glory to God" is the simple "Gloria in excelsis Deo, Alleluia." Our response to the Hebrew Scripture is Psalm 118: "This day was made by the Lord, let us rejoice, let us be glad; let us rejoice in salvation." Our Gospel acclamation is the ancient chant "Laudate Dominum, laudate Dominum, omnes gentes Alleluia! (Praise the Lord, all you peoples, Alleluia!). Our Eucharistic songs are from "The Land of Rest", inspired by early American music. We sing out Mystery of Faith: "Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free." As Church Ordinary Time continues, we become extraordinary in our living out Christ's Love for all... forever!

BEATITUDES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

"Happiness can only be achieved by looking inward & learning to enjoy whatever life has and this requires transforming greed into gratitude." ~ St. John Chrysostom

We thank God for our many blessings. We must always show love and kindness to each other and share our blessings.



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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:

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time: \$2040.10

Thank you for your generosity!



WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 21, 2024

Greeters:
Ringuette

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Bill Kuehnle

Lector:
Ringuette

Altar Servers
Arriette and Nathan Kuehnle

Eucharistic Ministers
Gail Borst, Tom Valosin

Set-up/Shut down:
Marilyn Schulmerich
Joanne Newsome

Sunday, September 22, 2024

Greeters:
Martha Conroy, Doreen Buzon

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Marcia Guntert, Sharon Riggi

Lector:
Brynda Shultes

Altar Servers
Peter Sherer, Luna Pelton

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down
Margaret Ostermann,
Jackie Guntert

Money counters:
D. Lloyd, Liz Blackmur,
L. Pagano

Saturday, September 28, 2024

Greeters:
Jane Munger

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Bill Kuehnle

Lector:
Stephanie Tinker

Altar Servers
Arriette and Nathan Kuehnle

Eucharistic Ministers
Joanne Newsome, Gail Borst

Set-up/Shut down:
Jane Munger

Sunday, September 29, 2024

Greeters:
Betty Karlau, Helen Lindstrom

Ushers and Seat Counters:
John Conroy

Lector:
Borst

Altar Servers
Caroline Borst

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down
Rosemary Gutkaiss, Jim Buzon

Money counters:
Margaret Ostermann,
Michele 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, 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, Michele Eckland, Diane Czarro, Bill Valosin, Rick Stoddard, Tom Barr, Helen Zebrowski, 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, Jacqui Owens, Loretta Bodisch, Peter D'Arco, K + A Pagano, Marthe Therrien, Claire Evans, Margaret Casey Sprinkle, Douglas Bailey,



**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 olfgrowinginfaith.weebly.com 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.

Our first GIFT sessions will be held on Sunday, October 6th at Our Lady of the Valley Hall after the 9:00 AM Mass and Sunday, October 20th at Our Lady of Fatima Hall at 9:30 AM.

Save the date: Join us for pizza and soda at OLV Hall on Saturday afternoon, October 19th at 1:00 PM. We will watch "Heaven Is For Real", a little boys' encounter with Jesus.

Kits are available for our young disciples to draw and color during the service. It includes a 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 2nd grade, please call our office.



Please pray for our young people who will be celebrating Confirmation at St. Madeleine Sophie Catholic Church in Schenectady on Monday, November 4 at 6:30 PM.

- Caroline Borst
- Jane Koller
- Connor Kropp
- Tiaa Manikai
- Allison Okyay
- Maria Patino
- Josh Ringuette
- Brady Stemmlé
- Robby Stemmlé



Welcome, Autumn, arms full of summer's blessings, carrying the seeds of life for next year's planting. Come, enter my home with your golden wisdom; be my guest and share my table.



Welcome, Old Wise One, may I be your student in the school of gratitude. Guide me in reflecting upon the summer now gone, that I might give thanks for all its many gifts that have enriched me in that season of growth.

I greet you, spirits of darkness that dwell in the night and within me. While you are frightening, you are also a source of power; may I not fear you but learn to live in holy harmony with you; you are not evil unless you dominate me. Night within me, I welcome you as well; may all your spirits that reside in me live in harmony with the Spirit of the Holy. Amen+

Autumn begins this Sunday, September 22 at 8:44 a.m.

Good food, bonds of faith and friendship in the Schoharie Valley!



PARISH PRAYER, SERVICE AND FUN

Apples, Animals, and Donuts

Friday, October 4, 3:30 PM—5:30 PM at our Church Hall. Cider making (bring any apples!), donuts and St. Francis of Assisi Day Blessing of animals, pets and children at 5:30 PM. Come, hang out and learn how to make apple cider. Please bring in bottles and jugs for the cider.



Annual Apple Pie Fundraiser

We'll be making pies on October 4th and 5th. This year, the proceeds from our annual apple pie fundraiser will go towards the Kitchen renovation and the Young Family Services (Schoharie Catholic Charities). The pies will be \$13.00 and freezer ready (not baked). Choices are as follows: homemade apple pie, homemade apple/cranberry, sugar-free apple pie, sugar-free apple/cranberry. Order are taken until 9/28. The pies will be available for pick up on Saturday, 10/5 between 1:00 and 5:00 PM.



**We Gather Together
Neighbors Eating Together**



Our first NET Dinner of the Fall Season will be Wednesday, October 9, 2024 at 5:00 PM in Our Lady of the Valley Hall. Our menu for this free dinner is roast pork, mashed potatoes, cabbage, vegetables, and rolls. Please bring a dessert to share. All are always welcome.

300 Years of Christian Faith

Monday, October 21, 6:00 PM in Our Lady of the Valley hall viewing the movie "Black Robe", an action film about the Native Americans and their interactions with the French Jesuit missionaries. We will be served a *Colonial quebecois* dinner including porc frais, poutine, corn and turkey cascade. Please bring a dessert to share.



Community Scarecrows



Anyone wishing to put up a "happy scarecrow" on our parish property is welcome to celebrate this harvest season. Please call our office.

Vegetable exchange

Share the bounty of our beautiful valley. Vegetables can be dropped off on the west lawn, under the shade of the trees of our church. Take what you need; share with others. Extra vegetables will go to our food pantries.



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.

Consider Your Gifts

Beginning the weekend of Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 31st—September 1st, the Diocese of Albany will begin to implement a renewed *Called by Name* program to foster priestly vocations.

As pastors, administrators, a sacramental ministers we know our parish communities, the specific needs of the people and the ministerial demand that we work tirelessly to provide day after day. A single or few ministers alone are being stretched more and more to continue to be present to the people, take on additional ministries and witness to Christ to them in the way that they need when we are called upon.

It's time for us to ask for help! It's time for us to ask the people for a specific type of coworker in the vineyard. "Many hands make light work" as they say, however the role of the priest is unique in our Catholic Church. Please pray and think about people who might consider serving our parish communities. Remember, we are all God's People; we each have important roles to play as the Body of Christ. May God's Love abound in us all.

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