

**APRIL 20, 2025**  
**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**



**OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY**

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**Parish Website:**

<http://parishes.rcda.org/olvchurch/>

**Facebook page:**

<https://www.facebook.com/OurLadyoftheValleyParish/>

**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

### Holy Saturday, April 19, 2025.

12:00 PM blessing of food  
7:30 PM Easter Vigil

### Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025

**6:00 AM** Dawn Service Ecumenical Prayer at the Middleburgh Reformed Church lawn — breakfast in the fellowship hall following the service

**9:00 AM** Mass at Our Lady of the Valley Church, Middleburgh

**11:15 AM** Mass at Our Lady of Fatima, Delanson

### Monday, April 21, 2025, 5:00—6:30 PM

Quiet Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

### Saturday, April 26, 2025, 6:00 PM

**Daniel Slavinski** by Mom and Dad  
**Christopher Costello** by Costello Family

### Sunday, April 27, 2025, 9:00 AM

**Peter Monticelli** by Frank and Sena Monaco  
**Fr. Tom Holmes** by Jackie and Ed Guntert

### We Pray Easter

Our Church is alive with flowers, colors, aromas, and Easter faith during these 50 Days of Resurrection. Our music and song gather, inspire, and uplift. Each week we exclaim "Glory to God", singing of a new Creation. Our response to the Acts of the Apostles (our first reading during Easter) is Psalm 118: "Sing to the mountains, sing to the sea. Raise your voices, lift your hearts. This is the day the Lord has made. Let all the earth rejoice." We approach the Gospel with the exuberant Caribbean "Alleluia". Jesus is the way, the truth, the life. We renew our faith in a resounding "I do" to the Creedal questions. When we gather around the Lord's Table we sing of our mystery: "Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free." We are sent forth with an Alleluia in our heart witnessing to the unconditional love of God.

### In the Name of Christ... Welcome!

This Easter Vigil we embrace in faith and welcome to our Catholic Church Diana Cosarca, Elizabeth (Lisa) Whitman, and Dan Keese. May the waters of Baptism and the Spirit of Christ enflame our hearts with holy love.

### BEATITUDES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

"For Christ the Lord is Risen. Our Joy that hath no end."  
~ St. John of Damascus

We are so blessed with the love of Jesus Christ. We should share His love with everyone.

## Administration and Stewardship

### Offerings:

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



## WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### Holy Saturday Easter Vigil April 19, 2025

#### Greeters:

Doreen Buzon

#### Ushers and Seat Counters:

Bill Kuehnle

#### Lector:

Genesis: Sharon Riggi  
Exodus: Patrick Costello  
Prophetic: Patty Paser  
New Testament: Stephanie Tinker  
Universal Prayer: Anne Ringuette

#### Altar Servers

Arriette and Nathan Kuehnle

#### Eucharistic Ministers

Jim Buzon, Tom Valosin

#### Set-up/Shut down:

Barb Valsoin

### Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025

#### Greeters:

Anne Marie Robinson,  
John Conroy

#### Ushers and Seat Counters:

Sharon Riggi, Denise Lloyd

#### Lector:

Acts: Borst  
New Testament: Denise Lloyd  
Universal Prayer: Brynda Shultes

#### Altar Servers

Sera Wargo, Sam Borst

#### Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down

Marcia Guntert, Gail Borst

#### Money counters:

M. Ostermann  
Michele Borst

### Saturday, April 26, 2025

#### Greeters:

Elise Ringuette

#### Ushers and Seat Counters:

Robin Hazzard

#### Lector:

Patrick Costello

#### Altar Servers

Arriette and Nathan Kuehnle

#### Eucharistic Ministers

Michele Cullam

#### Set-up/Shut down:

Robin Hazzard

### Sunday, April 27, 2025

#### Greeters:

Martha Conroy, Betty Karlau

#### Ushers and Seat Counters:

John Millett, John Conroy

#### Lector:

Brynda Shultes

#### Altar Servers

Peter Sherer

#### Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down

Margaret Ostermann  
Jackie Guntert

#### Money counters:

Brynda Shultes, John Millett

*Olivia Liuzzi, Mary McGrail, Gaia Pelton, Harper Risse,  
Dylan Ryan, Elizabeth Ryan, Piper Schulmerich,  
Welcome to the Lord's Table.*

On Sunday, May 4, we welcome seven young people to share our Eucharist for the first time. May their youthful ideals inspire us all.

*Pray For...*

*baby Zoey Nashville,  
Ellen Wilford, Jodi Connors, Greg Filisko, Scott Troughton,  
Claire Evans, Joseph Cassella, Jill Zullo,  
Debbie Calabrese, Andrea Virtuoso, Michele and Phil  
Smith, Ed Guntert, Arthur Barrett, John Lewis Simmons,  
Lynn Fileccia, Nina Wayman*

Please contact the office to have someone prayed for/added to the list.



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

Please pray for our young disciples preparing to celebrate their First Eucharist on May 4th: Olivia Liuzzi, Mary McGrail, Gaia Pelton, Harper Risse, Dylan Ryan, Elizabeth Ryan, Piper Schulmerich.

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.

**A Psalm of Easter**

Before dawn, the great Passover meal having been prayed,

Jesus' empty cross awaits death's next victim,  
into the darkness of his lifeless body  
the finger of God's Spirit stirred in upward spirals  
as it had moved over the empty waters  
about to be pregnant with Creation.

We look up into the Easter skies,  
beyond the limits of this world,  
far beyond the boundaries of my  
mind.

Light radiates day and night...filling  
the universe.

Oh, beyond my frail comprehension,  
too vast for my mind

is the mystery of Resurrection,  
In the wonder and beauty of God's New Creation,  
filled with the Life giving Spirit of Christ  
to whom I belong forever.



*Alleluia! Happy Easter, everyone!*

**PARISH PRAYER, SERVICE AND FUN**

**Rice Bowls**

Please return all Rice Bowl donations by Monday, April 28. Your assistance keeps our Church vibrant in our ministry to the poor throughout our world.

**Next N.E.T. (Neighbors Eating Together) Dinner**

Our next N.E.T. Dinner is Wednesday,

**Visiting Homebound Neighbors**

If you know of anyone who is unable to come to Church and pray with us, please call our parish office. Our Mass is also available on our website.

**Middleburgh Food Pantries**

Food pantry needs: cereal, rice, pancake mix, crackers, cookies, fruit bars.

**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 very much for your generosity. So far we have collected:  
14,550.00.

**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.

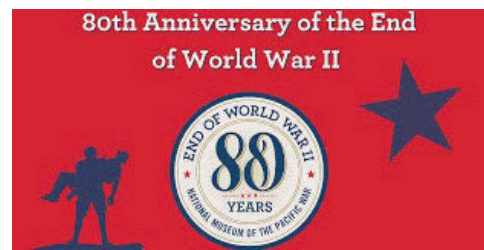
Our Church is open for quiet prayer, meditation walks, and peace.



**Honoring Those Who Served**

This year marks the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II in 1945. V-E Day (Victory in Europe) is May 8th; V-J Day (Victory in Japan) is August 15th).

We will lay wreaths in front of church to commemorate those days of victory, peace, mourning, sacrifice, and hope. In Church, we would like to remember anyone who served in any capacity during the War. Please bring to our office a 4x6 or 5x7 photograph of a loved one, neighbor or parishioner to be placed on our wall of holy remembrance.



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