

FEBRUARY 2, 2025
THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
“Christ, uplift us all in joy.”



OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY

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

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<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.

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.

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday, February 1, 2025, 6:00 PM
For the homeless

Sunday, February 2, 2025, 9:00 AM
For vocations to consecrated life

Monday, February 3, 2025, 5:00—6:30 PM
Quiet Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, February 5, 2025, 9:00 AM
For teachers and students

Saturday, February 8, 2025, 6:00 PM
For all engaged to be married

Sunday, February 9, 2025, 9:00 AM
Graham Nieminski, Barbara Walls by Mom, Dad,
Joey and Walt

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 Winter Ordinary Time Liturgies are simple, reverent, and faith-filled. Our "Gloria" sings "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will." The sung response to the Hebrew Scripture reading is Psalm 33: "Rain down your love on your people, rain down your love, God of life." Even through winter's snows, God's grace showers us all. Our Gospel acclamation joyfully proclaims: "Sing a new song unto the Lord, let your song be sung from the mountains high, singing Alleluia!" At Table, we sing of our living mystery; as we eat and drink we proclaim Christ's death until he comes again. We become the loving Christ for our world.

BEATITUDES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

"Christ made my soul beautiful with the jewels of grace and virtue. I belong to Him whom the angels serve."
~ Attributed to St. Agnes

We are so loved and truly blessed by Jesus. Show gratitude for His never-ending love for all of us.

Administration and Stewardship

Offerings:

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Collection: \$1446.00

Thank you for your generosity!



WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 1, 2025

Greeters:
Pat Costello

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Robin Hazzard

Lector:
Pat Costello

Altar Servers
Luna Pelton

Eucharistic Ministers
Michele Cullam,
Gail Borst

Set-up/Shut down:
Robin Hazzard

Sunday, February 2, 2025

Greeters:
Martha Conroy, Marilyn Nolte

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Stephanie and Bob Tinker

Lector:
Borst

Altar Servers
Peter Sherer

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down
Brynda Shultes
Theresa Charland

Money counters:
Margaret Ostermann,
Michele Borst

Saturday, February 8, 2025

Greeters:
Barb Valosin

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Bill Kuehnle

Lector:
Brynda Shultes

Altar Servers
Arriette and Nathan Kuehnle

Eucharistic Ministers
Gail Borst
Michele Cullam

Set-up/Shut down:
Barb Valosin

Sunday, February 9, 2025

Greeters:
Michele Finin, Helen Lindstrom

Ushers and Seat Counters:
John Conroy, Ed Guntert

Lector:
Denise Lloyd

Altar Servers
Peter Sherer

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down
Jackie Guntert
Marcia Guntert

Money counters:
Lloyd, Blackmur, Pagano

Please read Bishop Scharfenberger's letter to us regarding immigration, politics, and faith. Copies are available at our church entrances.



baby Zoey Nashville,
Ellen Wilford, Jodi Connors, Greg Filisko, Scott Troughton,
Claire Evans, Joseph Cassella

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)

Our next GIFT session is held this Sunday, February 2nd at OLV after the 9AM Mass and hospitality, and on February 9th at OLF at 9:30AM. This will focus on the Creed – I believe in the death and resurrection of Jesus and discussion of Holy Week. A special presentation, “The Butterfly – A Story of Transformation” will be performed prior to the GIFT session – All are welcome to attend.

Winter Spring Season brochure is now available out-lining GIFT sessions for January, February and April. 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: 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.

Our Discipleship in Jesus

God of life,
we pray to you for all people:

for all women who have been excluded from a full-fledged life for the only reason that it has been always like that.
Empower us to take all iniquity away.

for all people who are oppressed and abused
Empower us to take all iniquity away.

for all people whose freedom and dignity are denied by systems and authorities.
Empower us to take all iniquity away.

for all those who are driven away from their houses and their homes because of their conscience, their convictions, or violence.
Empower us to take all iniquity away.

for all those who are in search of the meaning of their life within their own culture and religion.
Empower us to take all iniquity away.

for all those who have to labor too hard for too small a salary.
Empower us to take all iniquity away.

for all those who—from sheer necessity -- have to sell their own body.
Empower us to take all iniquity away.

for those many desperate women and men who are at the mercy of the rich and the powerful.
Empower us to take all iniquity away.

for all those who suffer, we pray to you.
Empower us to take all iniquity away.

PARISH PRAYER, SERVICE AND FUN

Render unto Caesar...

If you need contribution statement for your income taxes, please call our parish office. Also, our church offering envelopes are here. Please pick yours up in the back pew of Church. Thank you!

“Souper Bowl” Collection

On the weekend of February 8-9, please bring a can of soup to Mass to share at our Food Pantries. Your kind support helps us reach our goal of feeding the hungry in our town.

Dinner and a Movie

Tuesday, February 4, at 5:00 PM in our Church Hall. We’ll be watching the movie “Cabrini” about Mother Frances Cabrini, Italian immigrant and American Saint. Please bring a favorite “ethnic” dish to share.

Next N.E.T. Dinner

Wednesday, February 12, 5:00 –7:00 PM at Our Lady of the Valley Church Hall. We’re serving goulash.

Discipleship Formation Winter Retreat Day w/ Deacon

Gary

Thursday, February 27th, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at St. Matthew’s Parish, 25 Mountain View St., Voorheesville. Cost \$20/person.

Old Palm Fronds

Please bring old palm fronds to church. We will burn them for ashes on Ash Wednesday, March 5.

California Fire Relief

To help our neighbors in California simply go online to Catholic Charities USA. It is easy and safe to donate.

Schoharie County Barn Dance

Sunday, February 23, 4:30—6:30 PM in our Church Hall. Live music: fiddles, guitar and banjo (Tom and Gerrie White, Hank Lamont + Mrs. Rosenberg) for line, square and country dancing. A real pro “caller” Paul Rosenberg will lead us. A country dinner will also be served. Come on down and kick up your heels!

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 so much for your generosity.

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.

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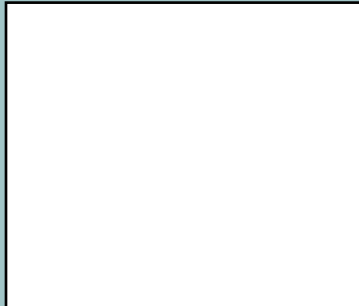
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