

FEBRUARY 23, 2025
7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
"Jesus calls us back to our original innocence."



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 22, 2025, 6:00 PM
For all parishioners

Sunday, February 23, 2025, 9:00 AM
David Priest by The Charlands

Monday, February 24, 2025, 5:00—6:30 PM
Quiet Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, February 26, 2025, 9:00 AM
Four our youth

Saturday, March 1, 2025, 6:00 PM
Jerome L. O'Grady by His Family

Sunday, March 2, 2025, 9:00 AM
David Priest, Lawrence Risse by Denise Lloyd

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
"In God's will, there is great peace."
~ St. Josephine Bakhita

We are reminded that freedom in Christ and joy in all things is possible. God's love for us is everlasting.

Administration and Stewardship

Offerings:

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Collection: \$247.00

Thank you for your generosity!



WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 22 2025

Greeters:
Gabe Ringuette

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Robin Hazzard

Lector:
Ringuette

Altar Servers
Arriette and Nathan Kuehnle

Eucharistic Ministers
Barba Valosin
Michele Cullam

Set-up/Shut down:
Robin Hazzard

Sunday, February 23, 2025

Greeters:
Caroline Borst, Betty Karlau

Ushers and Seat Counters:
John and Angela Millett

Lector:
Brynda Shultes

Altar Servers
Sam Borst

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down
Margaret Ostermann
Patti Sainsbury

Money counters:
Shultes, Millett

Saturday, March 1, 2025

Greeters:

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Robin Hazzard

Lector:
Patty Paser

Altar Servers
Luna Pelton

Eucharistic Ministers
Michele Cullam,
Katie Hagan

Set-up/Shut down:
Robin Hazzard

Sunday, March 2, 2025

Greeters:
Martha Conroy, Marilyn Nolte

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Sharon Riggi, Denise Lloyd

Lector:
Borst

Altar Servers
Sam Borst

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down
Brynda Shultes,
Joann Coonradt

Money counters:
Margaret Ostermann,
Michele Borst



Ash Wednesday March 5

Liturgy of the Word and Ashes

- Our Lady of the Valley Church: 10:00AM, 2:30PM, 6:30PM.
- Our Lady of Fatima Church: 12:00PM, 2:30PM, 6:00PM.
- Schoharie Central School (Prospect St.): 2:30—3:00PM.
- Kingsway Nursing Home: 2:00PM and 3:00PM.



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

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 will be held on March 30th after the 9:00AM Mass at OLV and April 6th at OLF at 9:30AM. This will focus on the Creed – We believe in the Holy Spirit.

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.

Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,

may the *faith* you have given us

in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,

and the flame of *charity* enkindled

in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,

reawaken in us the blessed *hope*

for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us

into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos

in the sure expectation

of a new heaven and a new earth,

when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,

your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee

reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,

a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread

the joy and peace of our Redeemer

throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,

be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

During this year of Holy Pilgrimage, our Church doors are designated as "A Threshold of Hope". We go forth from this sacred space to witness to the sacred everywhere. Every time we come in, we remember that it is most important that we go out!... refreshed, invigorated, , uplifted, and committed to give birth to new hope in our world. For Christ's sake!

P.S. As you go through our Main Street doors, look up and see the hand-carved sign of hope. Smile and be someone's Good News.

PARISH PRAYER, SERVICE AND FUN

Render unto Caesar...

If you need contribution statement for your income taxes, please call our parish office.

"On the Margins"

Our Church in service to the world... beginning right here. This Sunday, February 23 after hospitality in our hall. Discussing our Christian faith with Sharon and Gary Riggi.

Moms' Prayer Group

Monday, February 24, 5:00—6:30 PM starting with Eucharistic Adoration in the Church. We pray, we talk, we support one another.

California Wild Fires Victim

An offering basket is at each entrance this week to accept your donations to support World Central Kitchen in their work of comfort and hope to our neighbors. Checks may be made out to "Our Lady of the Valley Church".

Catholic Singles Social

"Sacred Sparks", Saturday, March 1st, 12:00-4:00 PM, St. Thomas School Gym, Delmar. Contact: vincelettecasey@gmail.com to register.

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

Our next N.E.T. Dinner is Wednesday, March 12 at 5:00 PM in our Hall. Chicken Marsala is on the menu. Thanks for sharing desserts... they are so tasty.

Movie Rental

The stirring movie "Cabrini" is available for loan at our office.

Register and Be Counted

If you would like to "officially" register for our parish and be on our mailing list for parish information, *The Evangelist* Catholic newspaper, the Diocesan Appeal, etc., please fill out a form available at our Church entrances. Long time parishioners are invited to update their old census forms with a new one. Thank you.

Catholic Charities March Magic Raffle

Call our Cobleskill office for information 518-234-3581. Lots of great prizes.

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.

Old Palm Fronds

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

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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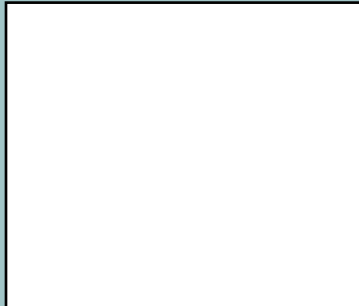
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