

**JANUARY 19, 2025**  
**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**In Christ, we are all the Children of God.**



**OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY**

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**Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM**

**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.

## Liturgy Schedule

**Saturday, January 18, 2025, 6:00 PM**  
For newborn babies everywhere

**Sunday, January 19, 2025, 9:00 AM**  
Diane Becker by Jackie and Ed Guntert

**Monday, January 20, 2025, 5:00—6:30 PM**  
Quiet Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**Wednesday, January 22, 2025, 9:00 AM**  
For unborn babies

**Saturday, January 25, 2025, 6:00 PM**  
Wanda Rogers by Robin Hazzard

**Sunday, January 26, 2025, 9:00 AM**  
Noreen Flanagan by Betty Karlau

### 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 sin 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

**"All blessings come to us through our Lord. He will teach us, for in beholding his life we find that he is the best example."**  
~ St. Teresa of Ávila

We thank God for our many blessings. We must always show love and kindness to each other as Jesus has taught us.

## Administration and Stewardship

### Offerings:

*The Baptism of the Lord Collection: \$2549.00*

*Thank you for your generosity!*



## WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**Saturday, January 18, 2025**

**Greeters:**  
Gabe Ringuette

**Ushers and Seat Counters:**  
Bill Kuehnle

**Lector:**  
Patty Paser

**Altar Servers**  
Arriette and Nathan Kuehnle

**Eucharistic Ministers**  
Gail Borst  
Michele Cullam

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

**Sunday, January 19, 2025**

**Greeters:**  
John Conroy, Doreen Buzon

**Ushers and Seat Counters:**  
Marcia Guntert, Sharon Riggi

**Lector:**  
Stephanie Tinker

**Altar Servers**  
Sera Wargo

**Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down**  
Rosemary Gutkaiss,  
Jackie Guntert

**Money counters:**  
Margaret Ostermann,  
Michele Borst

**Saturday, January 25, 2025**

**Greeters:**  
Marilyn Schulmerich

**Ushers and Seat Counters:**  
Robin Hazzard

**Lector:**  
Ringuette

**Altar Servers**  
Arriette and Nathan Kuehnle

**Eucharistic Ministers**  
Joanne Newsome,  
Gail Borst

**Set-up/Shut down:**  
Robin Hazzard

**Sunday, January 26, 2025**

**Greeters:**  
Caroline Borst, Betty Karlau

**Ushers and Seat Counters:**  
J. Conroy,  
Millett

**Lector:**  
Sharon Riggi

**Altar Servers**  
Sam Borst

**Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down**  
Margaret Ostermann,  
Patti Sainsbury

**Money counters:**  
Shultes, Millett

### Word of God Weekend

Pope Francis has asked that all parishes celebrate and honor the Word of God on January 25-26. **Please bring a Bible to Mass** for a prayer of blessing. Let us always remember that Jesus Christ, God's Word, is forever living among us.



*baby Zoey Nashville,  
Ellen Wilford, Jodi Connors, Greg Filisko, Scott Troughton,  
Claire Evans, Gwen Walker*

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)**

Many thanks to OLF families for adjusting your schedule to attend GIFT on January 5<sup>th</sup> at OLV so that on January 12<sup>th</sup>, you could attend the meeting with Deacon Gary Riggi and Sharon Riggi about their journey to the Vatican at OLV at 10:00 AM.

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](http://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.

I believe, Lord,  
that everything good in the world  
comes from you.  
I believe in your great love for all people.  
I believe that, because you preached love,  
freedom and justice,  
you were humiliated,  
tortured and killed.

I believe that you continue,  
to suffer in your people...  
I believe that you call me,  
to defend your cause,  
but I also believe that you accompany me  
in the task of transforming this world,  
into a different one  
where there is no suffering or weeping;  
a world where there is a gigantic table,  
set with free food  
where everyone is welcome.

I believe that you accompany us  
in waiting for the dawning of a new day.  
I believe that you will give us strength  
so that death does not find us  
without having done enough,  
and that you will rise  
in those who have died seeking a different world.



**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!

**NET Dinner**

Wednesday, January 22, 5:00—7:00 PM at St. Mark's Church. Soup and sandwiches being served. Also, if you want to share your own award-winning soup for a fun tasting competition, go ahead a cook up a storm.

**"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.

**Moms' Prayer Group**

Moms of all ages are meeting on the last Monday of the month, January 27th, starting with Eucharistic Adoration at 5:00 PM. We meet to support one another in conversation and prayer.

**Pastoral Council Meeting**

Mon, January 27 at 6:30 PM in the Rectory meeting room.

**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.

**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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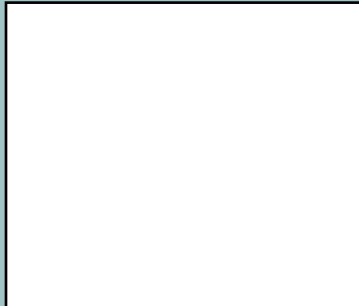
  
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