

JANUARY 26, 2025
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
"Teach us the Wisdom of God."



OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY

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

Sunday, January 26, 2025, 9:00 AM
Noreen Flanagan by Betty Karlau
Doris Cumbee by Collen Lettieri
Peter Clifford Wilkinson by Viktoria Parvis

Monday, January 27, 2025, 5:00—6:30 PM
Quiet Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, January 29, 2025, 9:00 AM
Stanislaw Wisniewski by Laura Pelton

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

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

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

"True peace is not merely the absence of tension; it is the presence of justice."
~ Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Administration and Stewardship

Offerings:

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Collection: \$2418.00

Thank you for your generosity!



WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

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

Word of God Weekend

Pope Francis has asked that all parishes celebrate and honor the Word of God on January 25-26. Bibles will be blessed. 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 Deacon Gary Riggi and Sharon presenting a wonderful program on Sunday, January 12th

regarding their visit with Pope Francis. It was very informative and future meetings may be held in the next three to four months. Our next GIFT session will be held at on February 2nd at OLV after the 9AM Mass 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.

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.

THE WORD MADE FLESH

In the Gospel of Saint John we read:

The Word became flesh; he came to dwell among us... through him all things came to be; no single thing was created without him. All that came to be was alive with his life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines on in the dark, and darkness has never quenched it.

Look steadily at the darkness. It won't be long before you see the light. Gaze silently at all things. It won't be long before you see the Word.

The Word became flesh; he came to dwell among us...

It is distressing to see the frantic efforts of those who seek to change flesh into word again. Words, words, words.



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.

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.

Next N.E.T. Dinner

Wednesday, February 12, 5:00 –7:00 PM at Our Lady of the Valley Church Hall.

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.

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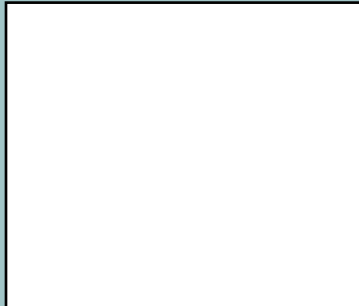
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