

**JUNE 8, 2025**  
**PENTECOST SUNDAY**  
**SET OUR HEARTS ON FIRE WITH GOD'S HOLY LOVE**



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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.

**Devotions:**

Rosary First Sunday of the month at 8:20 AM

## Liturgy Schedule

**Saturday, June 7, 2025, 6:00 PM**  
Carmela Ciaschetti by Robin Hazzard

**Sunday, June 8, 2025, 9:00 AM**  
Peter Greisen, Lily Malone Mary + Kevin Harmon  
Anthony Astarita, Jerry Werner by Knights of Columbus #4475  
Noelle Simeon by Kathy Simeon

**Monday, June 9, 2025, 2:00 PM and 3:00 PM**  
Pentecost Masses at Kingsway Nursing Facility

**Monday, June 9, 2025, 5:00—6:30 PM**  
Quiet Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**Wednesday, June 11, 2025, 9:00 AM**  
For farmers

**Saturday, June 14, 2025, 6:00 PM**  
For our dads

**Sunday, June 15, 2025, 9:00 AM**  
For our dads



We gather together for Eucharist to celebrate Ascension at LaSalle Park, Schoharie.

### BEATITUDES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

"God, in His promises to hear our prayers, is desirous to bestow Himself upon us."

~ St. Augustine of Canterbury

Be kind, caring, and thankful for your blessings and love God with all your heart as He loves you.

### Administration and Stewardship

#### Offerings:

Sixth Sunday of Easter Collection: \$ 1956.50

Seventh Sunday of Easter Collection: \$2113.00



## WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### Saturday, June 7, 2025

**Greeters:**  
Barb Valosin

**Ushers and Seat Counters:**  
Robin Hazzard

**Lector:**  
Pat Costello

**Altar Servers**  
Luna and Gaia Pelton

**Eucharistic Ministers**  
Barb Valosin, Tom Valosin

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

### Sunday, June 8, 2025

**Greeters:**  
Martha Conroy, Marilyn Nolte

**Ushers and Seat Counters:**  
Jackie and Ed Guntert

**Lector:**  
Kate Katsur

**Altar Servers**  
Peter Sherer

**Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down**  
Jim Buzon, Theresa Charland

**Money counters:**  
Munger, Jorgensen

### Saturday, June 14, 2025

**Greeters:**  
Barb Valosin

**Ushers and Seat Counters:**  
Bill Kuehnle

**Lector:**  
Stephanie Tinker

**Altar Servers**  
Arrietta and Nathan Kuehnle

**Eucharistic Ministers**  
Michele Cullam, Gail Borst

**Set-up/Shut down:**  
Barb Valosin

### Sunday, June 15, 2025

**Greeters:**  
Michele Finin, Helen Lindstrom

**Ushers and Seat Counters:**  
John Conroy

**Lector:**  
Sharon Rigg

**Altar Servers**  
Peter Sherer

**Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down**  
Jackie Guntert, Marcia Guntert

**Money counters:**  
Jane Munger,  
Bonnie Jorgensen

### Yes, You Can!

We need you to share Eucharist as a Minister of Communion with our people at Mass or to our homebound parishioners at their residence. And yes you can do this important and vital ministry. Please see Fr. Tom Zelker or call our office. You are most appreciated.



baby Zoey Nashville,  
Ellen Wilford, Jodi Connors, Greg Filisko, Scott Troughton,  
Joseph Cassella, Jill Zullo,  
Debbie Calabrese, Andrea Virtuoso, Michele and Phil  
Smith, Ed Guntert, Arthur Barrett, John Lewis Simmons,  
Lynn Fileccia, Nina Wayman, Nate Clements,  
Patrick Turano, Anthony Chieco,  
Barbara St. George, Mary Harmon, Joan McCalip, Carol  
Hoffmann, Norma E. Rodriguez



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

Prayer cards are available in the OLV hall for those who would like to congratulate those young disciples who celebrated their First Eucharist Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at OLV. Their names are as follows:

Olivia Liuzzi, Mary McGrail, Gaia Pelton, Harper Risse, Dylan Ryan, Elizabeth Ryan, Piper Schulmerich.

Also our website is updated with GIFT information, 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.

Comfortable and well-worn are my daily paths  
whose edges have grown gray  
with constant use.

My daily speech is a collection of old words  
worn down at the heels  
by repeated use.

My language and deeds, addicted to habit,  
prefer the taste of old wine,  
the feel of weathered skin.

Come and awaken me, Spirit of the new.  
Come and refresh me, Creator of green life.  
Come and inspire me, Risen Son,  
you who make all things new:  
I am too young to be dead,  
to be stagnant in spirit.

High are the walls that guard the old,  
the tried and secure ways of yesterday  
that protect me from the dreaded plague,  
the feared heresy of change.  
For all change is a danger to the trusted order,  
the threadbare traditions that are maintained  
by the narrow ruts of rituals.

Yet how can an everlastingly new covenant  
retain its freshness and vitality  
without injections of the new,  
the daring, the untried?

Come, O you who are ever-new,  
wrap my heart in new skin,  
ever flexible to be reformed by your Spirit.  
Set my feet to fresh paths this day:  
inspire me to speak original and life-giving words  
and to creatively give shape to the new.

Come and teach me how to dance with delight  
whenever you send a new melody my way.

**PARISH PRAYER, SERVICE AND FUN**

**Pentecost Peace Doves**

Hand-made origami doves reminding us of God's dream of Peace for all are available at our church entrance. Be Peace for your world.

**Marathon for a Better Life**

Our mission is to provide support for any Schoharie County resident who finds themselves battling cancer. Please consider starting a team and participating in our annual signature event to be held Saturday, June 14 at SUNY Cobleskill campus.

**Pastoral Council Meeting**

Monday, June 16 at 6:30 PM in our Hall.

**Prayer for our High School Graduates**

**Baccalaureate Services**

**Middleburgh Central**

Sunday, June 22, 7:00 PM at Our Lady of the Valley.

**Schoharie Central**

Thursday, June 26, 7:00 PM at Schoharie Presbyterian Church.

Come support, and pray with our graduates: Tiaa Manakai, Brady Stemmler, Jax Sherer, Charlie Koller, Tyler Castle.

**Plant-a-Row**

As you till and plant your gardens, please consider adding on a row of vegetables to be shared at church and with our food pantries. Tomatoes, cucumbers, beans, and radishes are great to share. Thanks for your stewardship of our Earth.

**Rosary Society Raffle**

Tickets will be on sale starting the weekend of June 14 and 15. Drawing will be at Strawberry Festival.

**Upcoming Summer Events**

Pyramid Lake Nature Retreat with FTZ; Women's writers; Dorothy Day Cycling Weekend; Men's Weekend—online "Pyramid Life Center"

Middleburgh Day Camp, August 4—8 for kids grades 1-6, "Creation Care Camp".

Schoharie Valley Community Camp, July 14-18, kids pre-K—8.

**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: \$19,310.00.

**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 laid a wreath in front of church on May 8 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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