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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.

Devotions:

Rosary First Sunday of the month at 8:20 AM

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday, June 21, 2025, 6:00 PM
Eleanor Cunningham by Robin Hazzard

Sunday, June 22, 2025, 9:00 AM
VanEekeren Family by Family

Monday, June 23, 2025, 5:00—6:30 PM
Quiet Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, June 25, 2025, 9:00 AM
(last weekday Mass until September)
For Christians everywhere

Saturday, June 28, 2025, 6:00 PM
Dorothy Ruth Cullam by Michele Cullam

Sunday, June 29, 2025, 9:00 AM
Rosemarie Moynihan by Joan McCalip

Summer Ordinary Time

Our worship space is simpler yet noble. Our prayer relaxes from the intensity of Easter. Yet we celebrate our sharing in the mission of Jesus, with God's Spirit enthusing us.

Our Glory to God is the ancient chant "*Gloria in excelsis Deo, Alleluia*".

The response to the Hebrew Scripture is Psalm 34: "Taste and see, O taste and see the goodness of God". The Word of the Lord nourishes us in boundless faith. The joyous Celtic Alleluia leads us to the Gospel. And when we gather at Table we proclaim "When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again"/ As Church, the Sacred People of God, we seek to embrace the cross of the world, of our sisters and brothers, with faith in God's life-giving Love.

BEATITUDES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

"God did not tell us to follow Him because He needed our help, but because He knew that loving Him would make us whole." ~ St. Irenaeus

Keep God in the center of everything you do and help others see His love and grace.

Administration and Stewardship

Offerings:

Most Holy Trinity Sunday Collection:
\$1774.12

Thank you for your generosity!



WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 21, 2025

Greeters:
Barb Valosin

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Bill Kuehnle

Lector:
Patty Paser

Altar Servers
Arriette and Nathan Kuehnle

Eucharistic Ministers
Gail Borst, Tom Valosin

Set-up/Shut down:
Barb Valosin

Sunday, June 22, 2025

Greeters:
AnneMarie Robinson,
Doreen Buzon

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Stephanie and Bob Tinker

Lector:
Sharon Riggi

Altar Servers
Sera Wargo, Mary McGrail

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down
Rosemary Gutkaiss,
Betty Karlau

Money counters:
Lloyd, Blackmur, Pagano

Saturday, June 28, 2025

Greeters:
Gabe Ringuette

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Robin Hazzard

Lector:
Ringuette

Altar Servers
Arriette and Nathan Kuehnle

Eucharistic Ministers
Michele Cullam, Gail Borst

Set-up/Shut down:
Robin Hazzard

Sunday, June 29, 2025

Greeters:
John Conroy, Betty Karlau

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Sharon Riggi, Marcia Guntert

Lector:
Denise Lloyd

Altar Servers
Sam Borst

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down
Joanne Coonradt,
Pattie Sainsbury
Money counters:
Margaret Ostermann,
Michele Borst

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, Joe S.



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

The Summer Season of Service brochure is now available. Families are invited to volunteer and illustrate their experience for our first GIFT session scheduled at OLV on Sunday, September, 14 after the 10AM Mass and at OLF on Sunday, September 21. Opportunities include volunteering to serve food at the Summer lunch programs at Middleburgh HS and Presbyterian Church in Schoharie, organize and/or deliver food to families through the backpack program or accompanying Frank and I with on Meals on Wheels. Emails will be sent out to families to volunteer shortly.

Also there is a link to volunteer at the City Mission (for information, click on <https://citymission.com/volunteer/>)

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

Kits are available for our young disciples to draw and color during the service. It includes first liturgy reflection and

Understanding the Word

Paul recites the Lord's Supper tradition to the Corinthians because the rich elite members of the community were keeping this sacred practice in a manner that neglected and shamed the poorer members. Because this contravenes the unifying power of Jesus' death commemorated by the Eucharist, Paul has to, so to speak, get back to Basics with them. Since Paul's letters predate the Gospels, this passage is or earliest attestation of Jesus' words at the Last Supper. Paul was not there, so this was a tradition Paul received via apostolic transmission and passed on to the Corinthians. While blessing bread and sharing it at a meal was a typical Jewish practice, the Christian ritual connected this practice to Jesus' death. Jesus' words thus identify the bread as "my body that is for you." The cup is "the new covenant in my blood", recalling Jeremiah 31: 31-34, in which the new covenant brings a transformed relationship with God and forgiveness of sin. Paul interprets the celebration of the Lord's Supper as a proclamation of Jesus' death to be practiced until Jesus' return. Luke's version of the feeding of the five thousand (plus women and children) provides a lesson to all Catholics as well as to church leaders. The disciples have good reasons for suggesting that the crowds be dismissed: they lack enough to feed them and are in a deserted place without edible resources. Perhaps the disciples' awareness of the time of day shows their pastoral sense by wishing to grant the people enough daylight hours to get to the nearest town, which is Bethsaida. Nevertheless, Jesus bluntly tells them, "Give them some food yourselves." To become true shepherds of the people, the disciples must take responsibility for their flock. The narration of the feeding itself has clear Eucharistic overtones: Jesus takes bread (and fish), blesses and breaks it, and has the disciples distribute it. That the leftovers fill twelve baskets suggests for Luke's audience that abundant nourishment comes from Jesus.

PARISH PRAYER, SERVICE AND FUN

Parking Lot on Main Street

The parking lot on Main Street is owned by Our Lady of the Valley (OLV) Church. We have generously entered into an agreement with Olé Restaurant, permitting their patrons to use the lot exclusively when no Mass or church events are scheduled. In return, Olé Restaurant will contribute to snow plowing costs during winter. This agreement has been coordinated with the Diocese, and Fr. Tom is responsible for its enforcement. For any questions, please contact the Rectory.

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.

Rosary Society Raffle

Tickets are on sale this weekend. Drawing will be at Strawberry Festival.

Patriotic Sing-a-long

Saturday, July 5 and Sunday, July 6 — right before Mass. We celebrate our nation's 249th birthday — July 4, 1776.

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.

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.

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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