

MARCH 30, 2025
4TH SUNDAY OF LENT



**JESUS, KEEP ME NEAR THE CROSS,
THERE A PRECIOUS FOUNTAIN, FREE TO ALL,
A HEALING STREAM FLOWS
FROM CALVARY'S MOUNTAIN.**

**IN THE CROSS, IN THE CROSS BE MY GLORY
EVER, 'TILL MY RAPTURED SOUL SHALL FIND,
REST BEYOND THE RIVER.**

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, March 29, 2025, 6:00 PM
Dorothy Ruth Cullam by Michele Cullam
Janet Mayer by Patty and Kitch Paser

Sunday, March 30, 2025, 9:00 AM
For Christians in areas of conflict

Monday, March 31, 2025, 5:00—6:30 PM
Quiet Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, April 2, 2025, 9:00 AM
For those persecuted because of their faith

Friday, April 4, 2025, 7:00 PM
Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 5, 2025, 6:00 PM
John Cullam Sr. by Michele Cullam
Rachel Wardell by the Kuehnle Family + Paul and Robin

Sunday, April 6, 2025, 9:00 AM
Eugene Paduano by the Pagano Family

An Amazing Grace

God's grace and mercy throws the whole reward and punishment system out the window. So sometimes I want to yell "noooooo" and reach as fast as I can to get it back. Forgiveness can sting when we don't feel "worthy" of it, when it seems like we are getting away with something.... As if feeling bad for what I have done is the same as being good, when in fact it is not.

What if we've already been forgiven for the ways we've hurt the people we love? What if we've already been forgiven for not being perfect parents? What if we've already been forgiven for the [stuff] we haven't even done yet? Maybe forgiving myself isn't something that happens at Mass or in Church, but is a daily option. Give us this day our daily forgiveness, even for ourselves.

According to our diocesan tradition, the annual collection to support Catholic Relief Services will be taken this weekend of March 29/30, 2025. The timing of this collection could not be more relevant given the current state of our world.



For many years, across the globe Catholic Relief Services has helped families facing wars, natural disasters, political strife, extreme poverty, and human trafficking. Historically, the CRS Collection helps to provide for basic humanitarian needs, protect vulnerable children, and reunite families. The reach of this Collection spans the globe helping families on every continent, with an array of ethnicities and backgrounds, addressing a myriad of needs. Thank you for supporting the ministry of our Church.

Administration and Stewardship

Offerings:

Third Sunday of Lent Collection: \$1836.28
Thank you for your generosity!



WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 29, 2025

Greeters:
Jane Munger

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Bill Kuehnle

Lector:
Patrick Costello

Altar Servers
Arriette and Nathan Kuehnle

Eucharistic Ministers
Jane Munger
Patrick Costello

Set-up/Shut down:
Jane Munger

Sunday, March 30, 2025

Greeters:
Caroline Borst
Joanne Coonrad
Ushers and Seat Counters:
John Conroy, Marcia Guntert

Lector:
Kate Katsur

Altar Servers
Sam Borst

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down
Jackie Guntert
Betty Karlau

Money counters:
Margaret Ostermann
Michele Borst

Saturday, April 5, 2025

Greeters:
Pat Costello

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Robin Hazzard

Lector:
Pat Costello

Altar Servers
Luna Pelton

Eucharistic Ministers
Katie Hagan
Gail Borst

Set-up/Shut down:
Robin Hazzard

Sunday, April 6, 2025

Greeters:
Joanne Coonrad
Marilyn Nolte

Ushers and Seat Counters:
John Conroy
Marcia Guntert

Lector:
Denise Lloyd

Altar Servers
Peter Sherer

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down
Brynda Shultes
Theresa Charland

Money counters:
Lloyd, Blackmur, Pagano

BEATITUDES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

"The secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for all that He, in His goodness, sends to us day after day."
~ St. Gianna Molla

We praise and glorify God's name and are grateful for His love for us in everything we do.



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, Ed Guntert, Arthur Barrett, John Lewis Simmons,
Lynn Fileccia, Nina Wayman

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)

The next preparation session for First Eucharist will be held on: Sunday, April 13th after the 9:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Valley.

The OLV GIFT session will held on March 30th after the 9:00 AM Mass at OLV and will focus on the Creed – We believe in the Holy Spirit.

Please pray for our young disciples preparing to celebrate their First Eucharist: Olivia Liuzzi, Mary McGrail, Gaia Pelton, Harper Risse, Dylan Ryan, Elizabeth Ryan, Piper Schulmerich.

Stations of the Cross for Children will be held on Friday, April 4th at OLV. The children will act out the Stations this year. Rehearsal will be announced.

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.

PARISH PRAYER, SERVICE AND FUN

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

Our next N.E.T. Dinner is Wednesday, April 9 at 5:00 PM.

Moms' Prayer Group

Upcoming meeting: Monday, March 31st. We start at 5:00 PM with Eucharistic Adoration in church, then meet in the hall at 5:30 for faith-filled conversation. Mothers of all ages are welcome!

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.

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: 14,550.00.

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.

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!

LENT 2025

WE GATHER, WE PRAY, WE SERVE

Stations of the Cross. Fridays of Lent at Our Lady of the Valley Church: Soup and sandwich at 6pm; prayer at 7pm.

Parables of Jesus: Stories of Boundless Love

Monday, March 31, 6pm at Our Lady of Fatima; Tuesday, April 1, 6pm at Our Lady of the Valley; An hour long discussion and sharing of Jesus' wit.

Reconciliation Service. Tuesday April 8, 6pm at Our Lady of the Valley Church.

Good Friday Flounder Fish Fry April 18, 4:00 to 6:00 PM at Our Lady of the Valley Hall. A take-out dinner: fish, coleslaw, and fries, all for only \$15.00. Cooked and served by our Knights of Columbus.

Adoration. Mondays at 5pm, Our Lady of the Valley Church: Quiet time in Christ.

Rice Bowls. We support the ministry of Catholic Relief Services here and throughout our world; feeding the poor and hungry, planting trees, and helping farm families. Your donations are needed more than ever in the face of government cut backs.

Our Church is open for quiet prayer, meditation walks, and peace.



Holy Week Prayer

Passion (Palm) Sunday Mass:

Saturday, April 12, 6:00 PM and Sunday, April 13, 9:00 AM.

Holy Thursday Mass:

April 17, 4:00 PM.

Good Friday

April 18

Middleburgh Stations of the Cross: 12 noon — outdoor walking prayer.

Women of Jerusalem prayer: 2:00 PM

(We need readers to assist in this inspiring drama — please call our office).

Passion of the Lord: 7:00 PM at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Delanson.

Holy Saturday

April 19

12 noon—Blessing of food.

7:30 PM—Easter Vigil Mass—fire, Word, Initiation, Eucharist

(there is no earlier Mass today).

EASTER SUNDAY

April 20

Mass: 9:00 AM at Our Lady of the Valley
11:15 at Our Lady of Fatima

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