

**MAY 4, 2025**  
**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**



**OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY**

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**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, May 3, 2025, 6:00 PM**  
Daniel Slavinski by Mom and Dad  
John Cullam Jr. by Michele Cullam

**Sunday, May 4, 2025, 9:00 AM First Eucharist Celebration**  
For all our children

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

**Tuesday, May 6, 2025, 2:00 PM and 3:00 PM**  
Kingsway Nursing Facility Easter Masses

**Wednesday, May 7, 2025, 9:00 AM**  
For cardinals, bishops and all clergy

**Thursday, May 8, 2025, 10:00 AM VE DAY**  
Wreath laying prayer service

**Saturday, May 10, 2025, 6:00 PM**  
Carmela Ciaschetti by Robin Hazzard

**Sunday, May 11, 2025, 9:00 AM**  
For all mothers

### We Pray Easter

Our Church is alive with flowers, colors, aromas, and Easter faith during these 50 Days of Resurrection. Our music and song gather, inspire, and uplift. Each week we exclaim "Glory to God", singing of a new Creation. Our response to the Acts of the Apostles (our first reading during Easter) is Psalm 118: "Sing to the mountains, sing to the sea. Raise your voices, lift your hearts. This is the day the Lord has made. Let all the earth rejoice." We approach the Gospel with the exuberant Caribbean "Alleluia". Jesus is the way, the truth, the life. We renew our faith in a resounding "I do" to the Creedal questions. When we gather around the Lord's Table we sing of our mystery: "Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free." We are sent forth with an Alleluia in our heart witnessing to the unconditional love of God.

*Olivia Liuzzi, Mary McGrail, Gaia Pelton, Harper Risse,  
Dylan Ryan, Elizabeth Ryan, Piper Schulmerich,  
Welcome to the Lord's Table.*

This Sunday, May 4, we welcome seven young people to share our Eucharist for the first time. May their youthful ideals inspire us all.

### **BEATITUDES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING**

"Let us not forget that Jesus not only suffered, but also rose in glory; so, too, we go to the glory of the Resurrection by way of suffering and the Cross." ~ St. Maximillian Kolbe  
We give praise and glory to Jesus Christ, our Savior and thank us for our many blessings.

## Administration and Stewardship

### Offerings:

*Second Sunday of Easter Collection: \$1995.88  
Thank you for your generosity!*



## WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**Saturday, May 3, 2025**

### Greeters:

**Ushers and Seat Counters:**  
Robin Hazzard

**Lector:**  
Pat Costello

### Altar Servers

**Eucharistic Ministers**  
Michele Cullam, Pat Costello

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

**Sunday, May 4, 2025**

**Greeters:**  
Martha Conroy, Marilyn Nolte

**Ushers and Seat Counters:**  
John Conroy

**Lector:**  
Denise Lloyd

**Altar Servers**  
Peter Sherer

**Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down**  
Brynda Shultes, Jim Buzon

**Money counters:**  
Denise Lloyd, Elizabeth Blackmur, Linda Pagano

**Saturday, May 10, 2025**

**Greeters:**  
Barb Valosin

**Ushers and Seat Counters:**  
Bill Kuehnle

**Lector:**  
Stephanie Tinker

**Altar Servers**  
Arriette and Nathan Kuehnle

**Eucharistic Ministers**  
Barb Valosin, Tom Valosin

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

**Sunday, May 11, 2025**

**Greeters:**  
Michele Finin, Helen Lindstrom

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

**Lector:**  
Kate Katsur

**Altar Servers**  
Peter Sherer

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

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

### Thank you for your support.

Our parish today is financially stable; we are paying all of our bills in a timely fashion. We have \$88,000.00 invested. Our bank account serves to meet our daily operation expenses. Some money is restricted; only in reserve for dedicated parish projects. We are still striving to meet our Diocesan Appeal assessment; if you can help, please consider making a donation. Envelopes are in the pews. You are most appreciated.



*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, Nate Clements,  
Patrick Turano*

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)**

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.

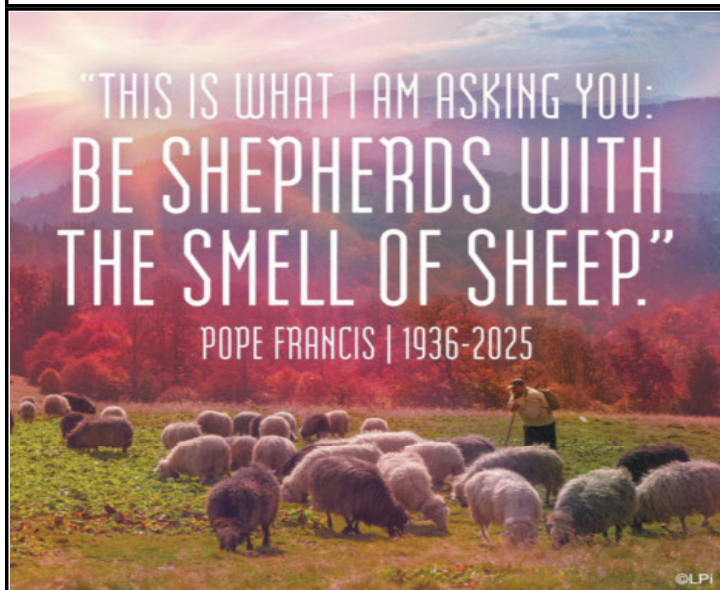
O wind that blows when and where it will.  
teach me to reverence the Wind of Heaven  
O mover of tree tops and tall grasses  
you who are the servant of no other forces,  
open me up to the mysterious Breath of God.

O Divine Wind, blowing with the Spirit's sweetness  
through a chant filled mosque in Arabia  
or causing a silent heart to dance  
In a hidden hermit's cave high in the Himalayas  
or caressing with compassion  
an abandoned packing crate in an urban slum,  
wherein sleeps a homeless drifter;  
let me feel your loving touch.

Life me up above my selfish interest,  
spreading my concerns wider than myself  
Exhale a gale of your grace into me  
and set me under full sail  
as your servant of life and of love

Remind me with your every movement  
that history has shown clearly  
how you are the private property of none,  
how great and passionate movements  
have lost touch with your breath of life  
And so have become empty of their youthful zeal..

Wind of Inspiration, Creative Spirit of God,  
teach me not to forget  
that you come always as gift.  
Remind me always to be ready  
to receive and romance and dance with joy  
wherever and whenever you visit  
or risk that you may move on without me.  
May I ever be sensitive to your gentle breezes  
and willing to soar with your wild winds



**PARISH PRAYER, SERVICE AND FUN**

**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.

**Mother's Day Brunch**

Sunday, May 11 after our 9:00 AM Mass. A delicious brunch being served by the Knights of Columbus to honor our moms, grandmothers, aunts and sisters—and all the holy women of our parish. Come on over to our hall and enjoy.

**Home Mass**

We gather to celebrate our Easter Eucharist at the home of Stephen and Joanne Coonrad, 153 Grove Street, Middleburgh, on Monday, June 2 at 6:00 PM. We come together as the early disciples did: simply, joyfully, and faithfully in their homes. Spring delights will be served after Mass.

**Parking Lot Justice**

If you have difficulty parking in our church lot, please let the Bowling Alley folks know. It is our parking lot; parishioners have exclusive rights during Mass or parish events.

**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.

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

Our next N.E.T. Dinner is Wednesday, May 14 at 5:00 PM at OLV.

**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.

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

**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 will lay wreaths in front of church 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. Our wreath laying prayer service in Thursday, May 8, 10:00 AM, in front of our Church.

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