

MAY 18, 2025
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY

111 WELLS AVE., PO BOX 311, MIDDLEBURGH, NY 12122
518.827.3301
olv2009@midtel.net

Bishop of Albany Diocese: Edward Scharfenberger

Pastor: Fr. Thomas Zelker

tomzelker@gmail.com

Deacon: Gary Riggi

Administrative Assistant: Laura Pelton

Religious Education Director: Sena Monaco

Parish Musician: Kathy Burgin

Liturgical Ministries Coordinator: AnneMarie Robinson
518-701-1575

Office Hours:

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.

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 17, 2025, 6:00 PM
Joseph Ragusa by Okayay Family
William Hind by Maryanne and Chris Kanyon

Sunday, May 18, 2025, 9:00 AM
Tom and Ginny Byrnes by Family
Evelyn Mack by Pattie Sainsbury
Joe Bozicevich by Linda Godoy and family

Monday, May 19, 2025, 5:00—6:30 PM
Quiet Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, May 21, 2025, 9:00 AM
For farmers

Saturday, May 24, 2025, 6:00 PM
Wanda Rogers, David Hazzard by Robin Hazzard

Sunday, May 25, 2025, 9:00 AM
For all our families

Monday, May 26, 2025, 9:00 AM at Middleburgh Cemetery
Memorial Day Mass

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.

BEATITUDES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

"Teach what it means to know Jesus Christ and to bear witness to our closeness to the Lord."
~ Pope Leo XIV

God blesses us every day with His love. We are called to show love and kindness to each other.

Administration and Stewardship

Offerings:

Fourth Sunday of Easter Collection: \$2097.00
Thank you for your generosity!



WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 17, 2025

Greeters:
Barb Valosin

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Bill Kuehnle

Lector:
Patty Paser

Altar Servers
Luna Pelton

Eucharistic Ministers
Katie Hagan, Tom Valosin

Set-up/Shut down:
Barb Valosin

Sunday, May 18, 2025

Greeters:
Betty Karlau, Doreen Buzon

Ushers and Seat Counters:
John Conroy, John Millett

Lector:
Brynda Shultes

Altar Servers
Sera Wargo

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down
Theresa Charland,
Jackie Guntert
Money counters:
Shultes, Millett, Chirico

Saturday, May 24, 2025

Greeters:
Gabe Ringuette

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Robin Hazzard

Lector:
Ringuette

Altar Servers
Arriette and Nathan Kuehnle

Eucharistic Ministers
Michele Cullam, Katie Hagan

Set-up/Shut down:
Robin Hazzard

Sunday, May 25, 2025

Greeters:
John Conroy, Michele Finin

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Denise Lloyd, Sharon Riggi

Lector:
Borst

Altar Servers
Sam Borst

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down
Brynda Shultes, Pattie Sainsbury

Money counters:
Jane Munger,
Bonnie Jorgensen



Hail, Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou amongst women
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.



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
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)

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 4th 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

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.

Life's Journey

God of many names,
my name is known to you.

I am held in the hand of your life,
and I do not know what you will make of me.

All I know is that I cannot make myself
any more than I could in my mother's womb.

But this I can do,
this I choose,

to give myself into the hand of your continuing creativity.

My past, with its joys and triumphs, its failures and regrets.

My present, with its struggles and accomplishments, its failures and regrets.

My future, with its fears and freedom, its pain and promise.

To loose and to bind, to stretch and to shape,
to become what I will,

trusting the hand that made the world
trusting the spirit that breathes life

trusting the love that will not let me go

trusting the promise of the Word made flesh.



Let's keep our Pope Leo XIV in our prayers.

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.

Communal Anointing of the Sick

Sunday, May 18, immediately after our 9:00 AM Mass. Anyone in need of Christ's tender healing is welcome to stay. Thank you Fr. Peter Chepaitis and Sr. Anna.

Memorial Day Mass

Monday, May 26, 9:00 AM at the lower level of Middleburgh Cemetery on Cottonhill Rd. Please bring a lawn chair. We honor and remember those whose lives were taken in the cause of freedom during war.

Next N.E.T. Dinner

Wednesday, May 28, 5:00 PM at St. Mark's.

Ascension Thursday Mass

May 29, 6:00 PM at LaSalle Park pavilion (Spring St.), Schoharie. A pasta picnic will be served by the Knights of Columbus from Our Lady of Fatima. Desserts are welcome.

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.

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.

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 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.

MJS
LAW OFFICE OF
MICHAEL J. SHULTES
 LLC
 CRIMINAL DWI • VEHICLE & TRAFFIC
 REAL ESTATE • ESTATES & WILLS
518-234-2317
 523 WEST MAIN ST. COBLESKILL, NY

Value Village
 Wine & Liquors
"Home of Happy Wednesday"
 107-1 Railroad Avenue, Middleburgh, NY 12122
Randy Wood, Owner
 518-827-5227
 WE'RE OPEN ON SUNDAYS!
 FROM 12:00 Noon - 5:00PM

NOLAN
PROPANE
 & SONS
24/7 EMERGENCY SERVICE
 Keep your family warm with Nolan
 Propane for all of your heating needs.
518-756-2010
 54 Mountain Road, Ravenna
CHURCH VENDOR

MIDDLEBURGH DINER
"The Place for Family Dining."
 Call Ahead and Tell Us What You Would Like!
Daily Specials • Take-outs
Great Food, Great Service, Great Prices
 Full Menu - Breakfast, Lunch,
 Dinner & Fine Desserts
Reservations for
Banquets Welcome
 Open 7 Days a Week
518-827-5182
 122 Main Street, Middleburgh

NEW YORK LIFE
 Life Insurance
 Retirement Income
 Investments
 Long Term Care Insurance
 Denise M. Lloyd, LUTCF®, CLTC®, RICP®, Agent
 New York Life Insurance Company
 167 Amelia Lane, Middleburgh, NY 12122
 518-231-7081 • dmlloyd@ft.newyorklife.com
 Registered Representative offering securities through NYLIFE Securities LLC (Member FINRA/SIPC).
 A Licensed Insurance Agency And New York Life Company

SCHOHARIE
MECHANICAL SERVICES
845-701-6185
PLUMBING, HEATING AND
AIR CONDITIONING
 Boilers • Furnaces • Water Heaters • Central Air
 Ductless Air • Service & Installations
 Oil, Gas, Geothermal, Solar • High Efficiency Specialist

Live Well Designs
Interior Design • Home Staging
Window Treatments
Wendy Valente
 Interior Designer/Owner
 Over 10 Years Experience • Price Friendly
518-506-5049
 wendy.livewelldesigns@gmail.com
 www.livewelldesigns.net

Lisa Tenneson
Licensed Broker/Owner
Four Star Realty Group Inc.
 308 Main Street
 Middleburgh, NY 12122
518-940-HOME(4663)
Cell: 518-209-5369
 Lisa@fourstarrealtygroup.com

LENNY'S
TIRE SERVICE
Tires • Auto Repair
Auto Service
 4530 State Route 30
 Middleburgh, NY 12122
518.827.4263
 lennystireservice.com

Wright-Way Roofing
Siding & Custom Trim
ROOFING - SHINGLES & METAL
DECKS • REMODELING
SIDING • GUTTERS & MORE...
"ONE CALL- WE DO IT ALL"
518-698-3132 • 518-872-2893

The Mountain Eagle
 and **SCHOHARIE NEWS**
BRINGING THE NEWS OF
MIDDLEBURGH AND SCHOHARIE

LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS
 Place Your Ad Here
 and Support Our Parish!
CONTACT ME
Gary Zakrzewski
gzakrzewski@4LPi.com
(800) 477-4574 x6413

PROVOST BROS. INC.
THE WATER PEOPLE
 Since 1912
 • Expert Well & Pump
 • Sales & Service
 • 4th Generation
 • Gould & Sta-Rite
 Pump Dealer
 • Year Round Service
Our 112th Year
 N.Y.S. DEC CERTIFIED VISA/MasterCard
518-868-2126 • SLOANVILLE, NEW YORK

SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS!