

OCTOBER 26, 2025
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
"Revel in each moment."



OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY

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Parish Website: <http://parishes.rcda.org/olvchurch/>

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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 Our Lady of the Valley in Middleburgh
9:00 a.m. Tuesdays at Our Lady of Fatima in Delanson.

DEVOTIONS

ROSARY: Mondays at 5:00 PM.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: Last Monday of the month 5:00 PM.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Mondays 5:30—6:30 PM.

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday, October 25, 2025, 6:00 PM
Joseph Howe by Patty and Kitchell

Sunday, October 26, 2025, 9:00 AM
June Keyser by Betty Karlau
Edith Buzon by the Buzon Family

Monday, October 27, 2025, 5:00—6:30 PM
5:00—5:30 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet
5:30—6:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, October 29, 2025, 9:00 AM
All the deceased from our Parish

Saturday, November 1, 2025, 6:00 PM
All Souls

Sunday, November 2, 2025, 9:00 AM
All Souls

Welcome!

We embrace and welcome with great joy our new Bishop, Mark O'Connell, who is called upon to serve all the people of our Albany Diocese. We uplift Bishop Mark with our prayer of love. We thank Bishop Edward Scharfenberger for his years of dedicated service.

Autumn Ordinary Time

We continue our Scripture Readings from the Prophets, St. Paul, and Luke. Our response to the Hebrew Scripture is Psalm 19: "Speak Lord, I love to listen to your voice. See Lord, here I am." Our hearts leap for joy as we hear God's Word for us. Our Gospel acclamation leads us to the completion of our liturgical year, as we sing out "Alleluia, opening our hearts to Him, Jesus is our King". Our Eucharist is uplifted by our sung "Mass of Creation". We go out to our world, nourished by the Word, Bread and Wine, to live in Christ every day.

Bereavement

We have a support group which meets every two weeks. If anyone has had a loss and needs support, please call our parish office, and leave your name and number, and someone will get back to you.

BEATITUDES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

"God loves everyone; evil will not prevail."

- Pope Leo XIV

We are so blessed to know God's love for us. God wants us to live our lives loving and caring for each other each and every day.

Administration and Stewardship

Offerings:

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Collection: \$2510.33



Thank you for your generosity!



WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 25, 2025

Greeters:
Mary Bailey

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Bill Kuehnle

Lector:
Patty Paser

Altar Servers
Arrietta and Nathan Kuehnle

Eucharistic Ministers
Tom Valosin, Gail Borst

Set-up/Shut down:
Barb Valosin

Sunday, October 26, 2025

Greeters:
Martha Conroy, Betty Karlau

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Marcia Guntert

Lector:
Sharon Riggi

Altar Servers
Mary McGrail

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down
Margaret Ostermann,
Pattie Sainsbury
Money counters:
Jane Munger,

Saturday, November 1, 2025

Greeters:
Mary Bailey

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Robin Hazzard

Lector:
Pat Costello

Altar Servers
Luna and Gaia Pelton

Eucharistic Ministers
Michele Cullam, Gail Borst

Set-up/Shut down:
Robin Hazzard

Sunday, November 2, 2025

Greeters:
AnneMarie Robinson, Marilyn Nolte

Ushers and Seat Counters:
John Conroy, John Millett

Lector:
Brynda Shultes

Altar Servers
Peter Sherer

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down
Margaret Ostermann, Betty Karlau

Money counters:
Shultes, Millett, Chirico

Confirmation classes schedule:
Small Group-Session 2 Light of the Holy Spirit:

Sunday, November 2 at OLV Hall 1PM

Confirmation Retreat: Oil and Bread,

Sunday, January 4, 2026: 1PM at OLF Hall.



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, Anthony Chieco, Barbara St. George, Mary Harmon, Joan McCalip, Carol Hoffmann, Joe S., Bob Troidl, Betty Karlau, Linda Quinn, Mundy Zullo, Linda Ballou, Bill Valosin, Brian Barbella, Marge Sainsbury, Annette Casano, Charlie Paduano, Paul Pagano, John VanDerwerke, Margaret Buzon, Adrienne Bartholomew, Marthe Therrien
Please contact the office to have someone prayed for/added to the list.



Growing In Faith Together (GIFT) Intergenerational Faith Formation

Reminder: Parishioners are invited to describe and illustrate their service experience over the summer at our GIFT sessions in October.

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.

REMADE FOR MISSION

Gathering together in faith that our Church flourish into our futures. Parish wide synod meeting — This Wednesday, October 29, 2025, 6—8 PM at Our Lady of the Valley Church hall.

Rooted in prayer, in God's love we invite all parishioners to come together and listen to each other, share insights for our hopes and dreams, and support one another through changes in our Church as we seek to sustain our mission. We will meet monthly beginning this week through March 2026.

This month's topic is: Our foundation and vision — how are we currently fulfilling the mission of our Church; we identify strengths and weaknesses—what are we doing well? ; what can we do better or change? How does the Gospel come alive in us? Please come to this important gathering. You are needed.

Understanding Remade for Mission

Check out the very good article by Fr. Brian Kelly in the October 9, 2025 issue of the *Evangelist* titled "Foundations for a Flourishing Future". He shares a readable vision of our faith journey.



Hiking along the Schoharie, we discovered lots of fossils from the ancient sea floor.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

The Apple of our Eye

Thanks to all the folks who helped make 146 pies and 550 apple crisps. Your support made \$4,613.50.

Coats for Kids

At St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Main Street, Middleburgh.
October 28, 29, 30: 5—7 PM.
November 6 and 7: 5—7 PM.
November 8: 9 AM—12-noon.

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are in the Church hall. Each box contains instructions for the type of gifts desired. Please return boxes Saturday /Sunday November 8th and 9th.

Collection for Schenectady City Mission

We are collecting small bars of soap and CLEAN old towels for City Mission. Drop of your donations at our church hall.

10 Week Club

The Knights of Columbus are selling raffle tickets after Mass, \$10/ticket.

Next N.E.T. Dinner

Wednesday, 11/ 12 at 5:00 PM at our Church Hall.

Happy Halloween

As always, candy will be given out at our rectory. If you would like to help, come on by... it'll be a howl.

All Souls

Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed: Saturday Mass 6:00 PM
Sunday Mass 9:00 AM .

We honor and remember our sisters and brothers in faith who have gone before us into the fullness of God's Love. Photos of any deceased loved ones may be placed on our Tree of Life for the month of November. All Souls' offerings will be shared with Nature Conservancy, Schoharie Community Maternity Services, and the Joshua Project. There is no All Saints Mass, Saturday, November 1st this liturgical year.

The eleventh hour, the eleventh day, the eleventh month

On Veterans' Day, Tuesday, November 11, 2025 we conclude our remembrance of the end of WWII in 1945. Our wreaths and photos will be put away but our hearts are forever thankful for our people's sacrifice.

Middleburgh Food Pantries

Food pantry needs: peanut butter, cereal, rice, soap, personal hygiene items. We also need help at our Food Pantry based at the Middleburgh Reformed Church. If you can assist, please call Russ Ryan at 518 817-1414.

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.

You Count!

Every October, our Diocese conducts the "official count" of Mass attendance in every parish. Your active participation in our Eucharist is vital and most important to continue the mission of Jesus Christ in our families,, community, and world today. We support each other, we embrace each other, and we go out together to be the Love of God for all people. Our prayer of Eucharist enthuses and empowers us to truly be the Body and Blood of Christ today. Don't ever think that you don't count, you don't matter, you are too insignificant — you do count, your life matters, and you make all the difference... as no one else can. For Christ's sake, remember that and live it!

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