

**SEPTEMBER 7, 2025**  
**23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**"WE ARE FAMILY"**



**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 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, September 6, 2025, 6:00 PM**  
Missionary workers

**Sunday, September 7, 2025, 9:00 AM**  
Sister Alice O'Shaughnessy by Helen Lindstrom

**Monday, September 8, 2025, 5:00—6:30 PM**  
5:00—5:30 PM Rosary  
5:30—6:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration

**Saturday, September 13, 2025, 6:00 PM**  
All the victims of senseless violence

**Sunday, September 14, 2025, 9:00 AM**  
Joan Harmon by Mary and Kevin Harmon  
Douglas Bartholomew Jr. by Rose Kaufman

### 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*".

Our response to the Hebrew Scriptures is Psalm 118: "Whose love is forever, is forever more." God's Creative Spirit fills every acre, every molecule, each leaf, breeze, and person... and we respond with heartfelt appreciation. 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

**"He who called you will not desert you, but the moment you are in need He will stretch out His saving hand."**

~ St. Angela Merici

We are so loved and truly blessed by Jesus. His love for us is never-ending.

## Administration and Stewardship

### Continuing On

Thank you for your ongoing support of our parish and our Christian ministries. Yet costs are rising. Please take care of your medical, food, heat and family needs. If you could help out each week with an extra dollar, or two, or even five, it would keep our parish stable and thriving.

### Offerings:

*22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Collection: \$*

*Thank you for your generosity!*



## WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**Saturday, September 6, 2025**

### Greeters:

**Ushers and Seat Counters:**  
Robin Hazzard

**Lector:**  
Pat Costello

**Altar Servers**  
Luna and Gaia Pelton

### Eucharistic Ministers

Michele Cullam,  
Katie Hagan

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

**Sunday, September 7, 2025**

### Greeters:

Martha Conroy,  
Marilyn Nolte

**Ushers and Seat Counters:**  
John Conroy,  
John Millett

**Lector:**  
Brynda Shultes

**Altar Servers**  
Sam Borst

### Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down

Theresa Charland,  
Betty Karlau

**Money counters:**  
Shultes, Millett, Chirico

**Saturday, September 13, 2025**

### Greeters:

**Ushers and Seat Counters:**  
Bill Kuehnle

**Lector:**  
Patty Paser

**Altar Servers**  
Arriette and Nathan Kuehnle

**Eucharistic Ministers**  
Tom Valosin, Katie Hagan

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

**Sunday, September 14, 2025**

### Greeters:

Michele Finin, Helen Lindstrom

**Ushers and Seat Counters:**  
Marcia Guntert, Denise Lloyd

**Lector:**  
Borst

**Altar Servers**  
Peter Sherer

**Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down**  
Jackie and Ed Guntert

**Money counters:**  
Margaret Ostermann,  
Sherer

### We Need You!

Yes you can be a reader, greeter, server, or Minister of Communion at Mass. Please consider helping our community. Call our office today. Thank you!

### Keep in Touch

Going off to college? Living on campus or residing at home, we'd like to keep in touch. Please get your address to Fr. Tom Zelker at our church office. Study well, open horizons, and enjoy life.



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, Norma E. Rodriguez, Joe S., Bob Troidl, Betty Karlau, Linda Quinn, Mundy Zullo, Linda Ballou, Bill Valosin, Brian Barbella, Marge Sainsbury, Annette Casano, Brian Baker

Please contact the office to have someone prayed for/added to the list.





### **Growing In Faith Together (GIFT) Intergenerational Faith Formation**

As a start to our GIFT program this year, we will be holding a **"Paint with a Saint"** event at Our Lady of the Valley on Sunday, September 28th at 10:30 AM! A couple of years ago we painted portraits of St. Francis of Assisi. This year parishioners are invited from OLV and OLV to paint St. Clare, a follower of St. Francis. We need 20 Painters! Price is \$15 per person. Please contact either OLV rectory at 518-827-3301 or OLV rectory at 895-2788. Come join the fun!

All parishioners are invited to volunteer and illustrate their service experience for our first official GIFT session scheduled at OLV on Sunday, October 19 in OLV hall after the 9AM Mass. 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 to deliver Meals on Wheels.

**There is a link to volunteer at the City Mission (for information, click on <https://citymission.com/volunteer/>)  
We have only 1 week left for service for the Summer, 2025!**

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](http://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.



**If anyone is interested in having their young disciple celebrate First Reconciliation/First Eucharist or teen celebrate Confirmation, please contact OLV rectory at 518-827-3301.**



### **A Summer Sunset Psalm**

O Beloved Friend and Earth Designer,  
this day's light is seeping away,  
and dark night crouches  
beneath the amber horizon.

I am tired from the work of this warm day,  
but not so weary that I can forget  
this day's rich harvest of gifts.

I lift up my heart to you,  
singing a sunset song of gratitude.  
I praise you for the blessings that fill my life,  
for the gifts I can recall  
and for treasures I take for granted.

Gently refresh me now  
with your evergreen pardon  
for my failure to drink deeply of your love,  
hidden cleverly in each gift  
that has come my way today.

Forgive my rushing past  
the countless visions of you, unique to this day,  
held so tenderly in the beauty of your love.  
Forgive my absent-mindedness, the deafness of my ears,  
my senses blinded by my busyness today.

Blessed are you, Holy Parent,  
who will soon wrap me in sleep  
and cradle me in the womb of your peace.



### **SUMMER PRAYER AND FUN**

#### **Summer Savoring Walk**

Friday, September 12, 5:30 PM at Landis Arboretum, Esperance. A leisurely walk along ponds, woods, and unique trees.

#### **Joshua Project Family Fun Day**

Sunday, September 14, 12-noon—4:00 PM, Wayward Lane Brewing, Schoharie.

#### **Our Lady of the Valley Picnic**

Sunday, September 21, 12 noon—?, Baker Ave Park, Middleburgh. A fun BBQ along the Schoharie. Games and witty conversation. Please bring a salad or dessert to share.

#### **Wednesday Morning Mass**

We begin on September 24 at 9:00, Our Lady of the Valley Church.

#### **Vegetable Exchange**

Share the bounty... take what you need. Fruits and vegetables may be left at the table at the side entrance of church. Together, we enjoy the harvest.

#### **Flowers for church**

May be dropped off anytime. They add heart to our prayer.

#### **First N.E.T. Dinner of the Season**

Wednesday, October 15 at 5:00 PM, OLV.

#### **Middleburgh Food Pantries**

Food pantry needs: cereal, rice, soap, personal hygiene items.

#### **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.

#### **Diocesan Marriage Jubilee**

Sunday, September 14, 2025, 3:00 PM Mass at Christ Our Light Church, Loudonville. For couples celebrating their 1st, 25th, 50th or any special anniversary. Call the Diocese at 518-453-6660 TO REGISTER. You are always welcome to renew vows at our own church.



#### **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.



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