

APRIL 26, 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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
11:15 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, April 25, 2026, 6:00 PM
Jimmy Spartman by Robin Hazzard

Sunday, April 26, 2026, 9:00 AM
Milie Rossmann by the Borelli Family

Monday, April 27, 2026
5:00—5:20 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet;
5:20—6:30 PM quiet Adoration

Wednesday, April 29, 2026, 9:00 AM
Claire Evans by sister Stephanie + Bob Tinker

Saturday, May 2, 2026, 6:00 PM
Joseph Pelton by the Pelton Family

Sunday, May 3, 2026, 9:00 AM
Tom + Ginny Byrnes by the Vedder Family

BEATITUDES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

"Every day, I am happier in my complete abandonment into His Hands. I see His will, even in the most insignificant and tiny things that happen." ~ St. Rafael Arnáiz Barón

May we, like St. Rafael, learn to surrender each day into God's loving hands, discovering His gentle will even in life's smallest moments, and find there a deeper joy than we ever imagined.

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.



Bishop Mark O'Connell Visit

Our new Bishop will be here at Our Lady of the Valley Church on Saturday, June 27 to preside at our 6:00 PM Mass. Afterwards, we will have a meal and discussion with our Bishop in the Hall. All are invited.

Administration and Stewardship

Offerings:

3rd Sunday of Easter Collection: \$2983.00

Thank you for your generosity!

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 25, 2026, 7:30 PM

Greeters:
Mary Bailey

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Bill Kuehnle

Lector:
Patty Paser

Altar Servers:
Arriette and Nathan Kuehnle

Eucharistic Ministers:
Tom Valosin, Gail Borst

Set-up/Shut down:
Barb Valosin

Sunday, April 26, 2026, 9:00 AM

Greeters:
Caroline Borst, Marilyn Nolte

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Denise Lloyd, Sharon Riggi

Lector:
Borst

Altar Servers:
Sam Borst

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down:
Jackie Guntert, Marcia Guntert

Money counters:
Borst & Sherer

Saturday, May 2, 2026, 7:30 PM

Greeters:
Mary Bailey

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Robin Hazzard

Lector:
Pat Costello

Altar Servers:
Luna and Gaia Pelton

Eucharistic Ministers:
Michele Cullam, Pat Costello

Set-up/Shut down:
Robin Hazzard

Sunday, May 3, 2026, 9:00 AM

Greeters:
John Conroy, Doreen Buzon

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Stephanie and Bob Tinker

Lector:
Denise Lloyd

Altar Servers:
Peter Sherer

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down:
Pattie Sainsbury, Jim Buzon

Money counters:
Lloyd, Blackmur



baby Zoey Nashville, Jodi Connors, Greg Filisko, Scott Troughton, Joseph Cassella, Andrea Virtuoso, Michele and Phil Smith, Ed Guntert, Arthur Barrett, John Lewis Simmons, Lynn Fileccia, Anthony Chieco, Barbara St. George, Mary Harmon, Carol Hoffmann, Joe S., Bob Troidl, Betty Karlau, Linda Quinn, Mundy Zullo, Linda Ballou, Bill Valosin, Brian Barbella, Marge Sainsbury, Annette Casano, Charlie Paduano, Margaret Buzon, Marthe Therrien, Kelly and Caleb, Matt Nieminski, Angelo and Debbie DeMelfi, Fred Pomygalski, Sharon Wood, Jim Ault, Linda Pagano, Tom Barr, Mary Hazzard, Helen Zebrowski, Joyce Montgomery, Joan Wissert, Winnie Koontz, Laurie Kinnicutt, Grant Coastes, Ina Fusco, Bernard Jermyn

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

EASTER: 50 DAYS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Ever since the very beginning, disciples of the Way...disciples of Jesus Christ would gather and recall the mysteries of redemption. That somehow through the workings of the Spirit, the faithful would remember and celebrate that the boundless Love of God would be made present to people of every age and place...that there was no confining, deadening, or entombing the Life of Christ among us. Our faith is sacramental...not just remembered as a past event or a history to be recounted...but as an ongoing story that gives life...The Resurrection happens among, within, and through us...we are bold witnesses to the New Creation for all people. God's dream is our work. Each person makes a difference! We are always sent forth to embody Christ's love, Christ's justice, Christ's healing, and Christ's presence in every aspect of our life and the life of our world community. Never say, "I don't matter." because you do! You make all the difference in the world. Remember that our faith is not self-centered...we are selfless...going out of ourselves to witness to the beauty, wonder, and sacredness of all life. May the restless Spirit of Resurrection within you never settle for less, the uninspired, the tired, the routine, the negative, or the untrue...but may you always seek to live the ideal, the truly creative, the most unsettling, the wildly adventurous, with the deepest respect and highest love for all people. The stone has been rolled away...let us journey forth...together!

- ◆ **Easter Labyrinth** Saturday, April 25, 2:00 PM—6:00 PM and Sunday, April 26 10:00 AM—2:00 PM at Our Lady of Fatima Hall. As today's disciples of the Risen Christ, we walk the pilgrim journey with hearts filled with love.
- ◆ **Quesadilla Nite**, Tuesday, May 5, 5:00 PM in our Hall. A fiesta of Schoharie-Mexican delights: salads, rice, chicken and beef quesadillas, and Mariachi music. Please bring a dessert to share.
- ◆ **N.E.T. Dinner**, Wednesday, May 13, 5:00 PM at OLV Hall. Hamburgers, hot-dogs, chicken BBQ. Please bring a dessert to share.
- ◆ **Ascension Thursday**, May 14, 5:30 PM at LaSalle Park, Schoharie. Mass followed by a "submarine sandwich picnic. Please bring a salad or dessert to share.
- ◆ **Vacation Bible School**: "Creation Camp", August 3-7. God at work in all.
- ◆ **Knights of Columbus**—Hey guys... we need you! Fellowship, fun, and service to our parish. Thursday evenings. Call our office for details.

The Lost Sheep

A parable for religious people

A sheep found a hole in the fence and crept through. He was so glad to get away. He wandered far and lost his way back. And then he realized that he was being followed by a wolf. He ran and ran, but the wolf kept chasing him, until the shepherd came and rescued him and carried him lovingly back to the fold. And in spite of everyone's urgings to the contrary, the shepherd refused to nail up the hole in the fence.



GIFT
(Growing in Faith Together): Intergenerational Faith Formation Program

To celebrate 50 days of Easter, parishioners are asked to color **butterflies** that will be taped onto our large wooden cross and then placed at the entryway. Copies of butterflies are available at the side entrance at Our Lady of the Valley. Let's make at least 50 for the 50 days of Easter!



Please pray for our Confirmation candidates as they celebrate this Sacrament this Sunday, April 26 at 2:00 PM Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany: Jack Mormando, Fletcher Mormando, Maya Murphy, Collin Castle, Jane Jenkins, Elise McDonald.

Welcome to the Lord's Table!

Mia Flores-Seibert, Ben Barbato, Michael Ortiz, Mackenzie Sinatra, Mae Jenkins will celebrate their **First Eucharist** with us on Sunday, May 17.



We gather, we pray, and we serve
Our Lady of the Valley Parish

The Joshua Project Collection

Our Special Second Collection to support The Joshua Project—our county-wide charity—is Saturday, April 25 and Sunday, April 26. Thank you for your generosity.

The Joshua Project Craft/Bake Sale

The Joshua Project is having a craft and bake sale at OLV Hall, Saturday, May 2 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Donated baked goods are needed. Can be dropped off in the hall any time on Fri., May 1st.

Diocesan Appeal Update

We have collected \$8,168.00 up to date. Our assessment is \$21,534.00, June 30th, 2026 being the **deadline**. Please consider helping our parish to achieve our goal.

Our Home-bound people

If you know of someone or can think of someone home-bound, please call our church office.

Change Our World

In our hall is a container to collect all that pocket change that seems to lurk everywhere. All donations will be given to local charities. Our recipient will be our local Girl Scouts. All pennies, nickels, dimes, etc. are accepted.

Middleburgh Food Pantries

Food pantry needs: **chunky soups, peanut butter, cereal, rice, soap, cleaning supplies (detergents), 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.

Rachel Vineyard Retreat

Hope and Healing after Abortion

May 29-31 at Dominican Retreat Center, Niskayuna.

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