

# **JANUARY 18, 2026: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jesus talked with the children one by one. Find the hidden pictures as  
**Jesus blesses the children:** dove (bird), baptism,  
commandments, love, and prayer.



## **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 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, January 17, 2026, 6:00 PM**  
Wanda Barr by Robin Hazzard

**Sunday, January 18, 2026, 9:00 AM**  
William Puotinen by Diane M. Puotinen

**Monday, January 19, 2025**  
5:00—5:30 PM the Holy Rosary  
5:30—6:30 PM quiet Adoration

**Wednesday, January 21, 2026, 9:00 AM**  
Adrienne Bartholomew by Tarcila + Ricky Patino

**Saturday, January 24, 2026, 6:00 PM**  
Rachel Woardell by Lynn Fileccia

**Sunday, January 25, 2026, 9:00 AM**  
s.Carolyn Nicolai, FSP by Buzon and Doyle Family

### 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.

### We Sing Winter Ordinary Time

In these weeks between Christmas and Ash Wednesday (and the beginning of Lent) our liturgies are simpler; our worship space centers around the people, pulpit, and Table of the Lord. Our Glory to God is the Taizé "Gloria in excelsis Deo, Alleluia!". The response to the Hebrew Scripture is Psalm 113: *Praised be the name of the Lord.* We sing of our God who transcends the earth and skies, yet cares intimately for each and every person. We stand during the Celtic Alleluia as the Gospel is proclaimed. When we gather around the Table and celebrate Christ in our midst we sing of our mystery: "When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup we proclaim your Death...." The Lord compels us to enter into the Cross of our world with new-found faith in the power of God's Love. There is nothing ordinary about that!

## Administration and Stewardship

### Offerings:

*The Baptism of the Lord Sunday Collection: \$3020.06*

*Thank you for your generosity!*

## WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**Saturday, January 17, 2026**

**Greeters:**  
Ringuette

**Ushers and Seat Counters:**  
Bill Kuehnle

**Lector:**  
Ringuette

**Altar Servers**  
Arrietta and Nathan Kuehnle

**Eucharistic Ministers**  
Gail Borst, Tom Valosin

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

**Sunday, January 18, 2026**

**Greeters:**  
Caroline Borst

**Ushers and Seat Counters:**  
Denise Lloyd, Sharon Riggi

**Lector:**  
Borst

**Altar Servers:**  
Sam Borst

**Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down**  
Jackie Guntert, Marcia Guntert

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

**Saturday, January 24, 2026**

**Greeters:**  
Mary Bailey

**Ushers and Seat Counters:**  
Bill Kuehnle

**Lector:**  
Stephanie Tinker

**Altar Servers**  
Arrietta and Nathan Kuehnle

**Eucharistic Ministers**  
Jane Munger, Gail Borst

**Set-up/Shut down:**  
Jane Munger

**Sunday, January 25, 2026**

**Greeters:**  
Betty Karlau, Martha Conroy

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

**Lector:**  
Brynda Shultes

**Altar Servers:**  
Sera Wargo

**Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down**  
Theresa Charland, Jim Buzon

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

### BEATITUDES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

**"One must see God in everyone."**

~ St. Catherine Labouré

We are so blessed with God's love and grace. His love for us is never-ending and He wants us to love each other as He loves us.



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, John VanDerwerke, Margaret Buzon, Marthe Therrien, Kelly and Caleb, Matt Nieminski, Angelo and Debbie DeMelfi, Fred Pomygalski, Debbie Donnelly, Dion Thomas, Sharon Wood, Jim Ault

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



**Growing in Faith Together (GIFT)  
Intergenerational Faith Formation  
and Religious Education**

Our next GIFT session will take place on Sunday, January 25 after our 9:00 AM Mass. We encourage you to stay after hospitality in the hall and re-discover with us the Catechism of the Catholic Church with the help of video presentations by Ascension Press. January Gift sessions include an adult program that centers on "Jesus and His Redemptive Mission". Our young disciples program will center around St. Clare and prayer.



**Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation:**

Small Group Session 3 (Oil – anointing, laying on of hands and being sealed): Sunday, February 1, 2026 at OLF Center.

**Becoming Catholic**

If you or someone you know are interested in joining our Church at Easter please contact Fr. Tom Zelker.

**Nothing Ordinary**

The goal of scriptural reflection for Jewish and Christian communities is to put it into practice in everyday life, serving as a guide, sustaining and nourishing our communities in our relationship with God, each other, and in our missions in/for/with the wider society. The readings of Ordinary Time for Roman Catholics are about that, about discipleship, about the meaning of following Jesus Christ in our lives and world with its many challenges and its many potentials. Starting with the beginnings of the public ministry of Jesus, his baptism, the call of the first disciples, his inaugural message about the coming reign of God, and the start of his impactful movement among the peoples of the Galilee, Ordinary Time calls us to participate in the mission and message of Jesus of Nazareth in our spheres of life.

The readings of Ordinary Time I also invite us to experience the energy of those early days of Jesus' galvanizing message and the transforming power of his mission among the people, to enter more deeply into his vision and "way" in a manner that makes a real-world practical difference. Together with the communal celebration of the Eucharist, the biblical texts call us to envision ourselves as participants in the stories, but more than that, as agents of Jesus' mission in/for/with the world. For its part, the Mass assures us that what we participate in and contribute to its not merely a human movement within its communities and institutions, but that this if from God. The Mass witnesses to the presence, work, and action of God in the world in and through us.

A way to live Ordinary Time through scripture is to rediscover the meaning of discipleship, to see ourselves as having been called to "follow me," to "seek first the kingdom of God and its righteousness," with all that it implies. For Christians are not only those who believe in Jesus Christ, but those who follow him by living, with the help of God's Spirit and grace, according to his teaching and indeed by his own example.

**Upcoming Events**

**Render unto Caesar...**

If you need contribution statement for your income taxes, please call our parish office.

**A Day of Healing and Hope**

**A Retreat for Women Experiencing Miscarriage, Stillbirth or Infant Loss.** January 24, 9:00 AM—4:00 PM, St. Clement's Church in Saratoga Springs, NY.

**Barn Dance and Country Chicken Picnic**

Sunday, January 25, 3:00 PM in Our Lady of the Valley Hall. Blue Grass music, square dancing, and line and country dancing.

**Support the Livestreaming of Mass**

We are expanding our livestreaming of the Mass to include both Facebook and YouTube to improve streaming quality and reach parishioners who do not have a Facebook account. We need at least 50 YouTube subscribers to be allowed to livestream on YouTube. Please subscribe to our YouTube channel at

<https://www.youtube.com/@OurLadyoftheValley-f2n>

**Ten Week Book Club**

"The Tears of Things" by Fr. Richard Rohr. We will read and discuss the Old Testament prophets and see how their message still resonates today. These books are being purchased by OLV Knights of Columbus.

**Invitation to Conversion**

- Please bring in any old palm fronds for burning as we prepare for Ash Wednesday.
- Pardon and Pancakes, Tuesday, February 17, 6:00 PM at Our Lady of Fatima. Reconciliation service followed by a Mardi Gras pancake dinner.

**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 the Iroquois Museum. 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.

**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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