

MARCH 22, 2026: Fifth Sunday of Lent

Following Jesus

*Holy Spirit, come to us,
Kindle in us the fire of your Love.*

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OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY

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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.

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, March 21, 2026, 6:00 PM
The Baker Family by the Sherer Family

Sunday, March 22, 2026, 9:00 AM
Joan McCalip by the Fuchs Family

Monday, March 23, 2025, 2:00 PM and 3:00 PM Mass
at Kingsway Nursing Facility

Monday, March 23, 2025
5:00—5:30 PM Holy Rosary;
5:30—6:30 PM quiet Adoration

Wednesday, March 25, 2026, 9:00 AM
For all expecting moms

Friday, March 27, 2026
6:00 PM Soup + sandwich
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 28, 2026, 6:00 PM
Jean Collender by JoAnn Morgan

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, March 29, 2026, 9:00 AM

WE PRAY LENT

Our worship space is simple, stark, and prayerful. Purples remind us of our call to continual conversion. Reds beckon us to live as a holy sacrifice for others. Bold willow branches help us to look forward to eternal spring; their winding twigs lead us along our pilgrim journey. The waters of our Baptismal Font are stilled until Easter. Our Eucharist is a sacred conversation with God and a sacred conversation with each other. The Cross centers us in our mission. We reverently gather together asking our Lord to keep us ever near the healing, freedom giving Cross of Jesus; may the Glory of God uplift us in life giving faith. We acknowledge the sin and need for our own healing among us and the whole world. We invoke God's Spirit in chant: "Holy Spirit, come to us, kindle in us the fire of your love. Holy Spirit, come to us, Holy Spirit come to us." We trust that God lead us and accompany us as we follow Jesus as credible disciples of faith. Our response to the Hebrew Scriptures is Psalm 103: "Loving and forgiving are you O Lord; slow to anger, rich in kindness, loving and forgiving are you." We recall how our Creator has always been among us, sharing the Divine gifts of wisdom and peace; as Heaven soars above, so God's mercy abounds. We approach the Gospel in stillness, with wonder and awe, as we hear God's story unfold among us. The Lord invites us to gather around the Table to be renewed by Christ's real presence as food for our journey. We sing of our mystery: "We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again." We are empowered to embrace the Cross of our neighbors as a community of life. Our Eucharistic prayer engages us to be the sacrament of Christ in our whole world. We sing: "We are God's People, beloved in Christ." The Great Amen culminates our prayer of thanksgiving. After sharing Communion, we listen and hear God speak tenderly, gently to each one of us, "I have loved you with an everlasting love, I have called you and you are mine." We respond wholeheartedly, invigorated in hope and faith to go forth as beloved, yet humble people abounding in peace, compassion, and love for our world! And Christ is with you.

Administration and Stewardship

Offerings:

Fourth Sunday of Lent: \$2151.00

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 21, 2026

Greeters:
Mary Bailey

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Bill Kuehnle

Lector:
Patty Paser, Pat Costello

Altar Servers:
Arrietta and Nathan Kuehnle

Eucharistic Ministers:
Tom Valosin, Gail Borst

Set-up/Shut down:
Barb Valosin

Sunday, March 22, 2026

Greeters:
Joanne Coonradt, Helen Lindstrom

Ushers and Seat Counters:
John Conroy, John Millett

Lector:
Brynda Shultes, Deacon Gary

Altar Servers:
Sera Wargo, Mary McGrail

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down:
Theresa Charland, Joanne Coonradt

Money counters:
Shultes, Millett, Chirico

Saturday, March 28, 2026

Greeters:
Gabe Ringuette

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Bill Kuehnle

Lector:
Paser, Ringuette, Costello

Altar Servers:
Arrietta and Nathan Kuehnle

Eucharistic Ministers:
Gail Borst, Tom Valosin

Set-up/Shut down:
Barb Valosin

Sunday, March 29, 2026

Greeters:
Michele Finin, Helen Lindstrom

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Jackie Guntert, Marcia Guntert

Lector:
Katsur, Borst, Riggi, Lloyd

Altar Servers:
Sam Borst

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down:
Jim Buzon, Pattie Sainsbury

Money counters:
Denise Lloyd, Elizabeth Blackmur

BEATITUDES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

"Arise, soldiers of Christ, throw away the works of darkness and put on the armor of light."
~ St. Cecilia

Clothe oneself in Christ's virtues and live each day in the light of faith.



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 Filecchia, 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, John VanDerwerke, 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, Joseph Pelton, Joyce Montgomery, Debbie McCracken Benderski, Joan Wissert

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



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

Our next GIFT Session will be held on Sunday, March 22 after the 9AM Mass. Our program for adults and children will be centered on "The Eucharist". Our young disciples will have a special program about Easter. Continental breakfast will be provided. [All are welcome!](#)

For this session: Please write your gifts, talents and aspects of your personality on a puzzle piece given to you via email or in person. Blank puzzle pieces will be available at the handicapped entrance at OLV.



Please pray for our Confirmation candidates as they prepare to be confirmed on 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.

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
 Mass: Saturday, March 28, 6:00 PM
 Sunday, March 29, 9:00 AM

Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception
 Monday, March 30, 5:30 PM — Blessing of oils for the year.

Rosary and Quiet Prayer
 Monday, March 30, 5:00 PM—6:30 PM, OLV

April 2: Holy Thursday
 5:00 PM Covered dish supper ([please bring a covered dish, salad or dessert to share—sign-up sheet is located at the entrance](#)), sharing the Gospel story blessing of food for Easter, "The Chosen" *Last Supper* DVD.
 All in Our Lady of the Valley Hall.
 (7:00 PM Mass at Our Lady of Fatima in Delanson).

April 3: Good Friday
 12-noon Ecumenical Stations of the Cross, walking through Middleburgh. We begin at the corner of Main and Wells.
 2:30 PM [Women of Jerusalem. Faith stories encountering Jesus — Our Lady of the Valley Church.](#)
 4:00 PM [Fish Fry](#) sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of the Valley Hall.
 (7:00 PM Passion Service at Our Lady of Fatima Church).

April 4: Holy Saturday
Great Vigil Mass of Easter
 7:30 PM at Our Lady of the Valley Church
 (there are no earlier Masses).

April 5: EASTER SUNDAY
 9:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Valley Church
 (11:15 AM Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church).



Holy Week

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

- ◆ **Fridays of Lent: Soup and Stations:** 6PM soup/ sandwich 7 PM Stations of the Cross.
- ◆ **Mondays: Rosary and Quiet Adoration** 5PM – 6:30 PM.
- ◆ **N.E.T. Dinners:** Wednesday, March 25, chicken and mashed potatoes at St. Mark's Lutheran Church.
- ◆ **Women's Interfaith Bible Study**
 Thursdays: April 2, 16, 30; at 6:30 PM at "The Living Room", 289 Main Street, Schoharie. An open discussion of the Sunday Scriptures. For more information call Linda Godoy at 518-542-3530.
- ◆ **Rice Bowls:** We look outward to help the poor of our world. Return by **April 19**.

Our Church is open and lighted 24 hours a day for prayer, reflection, walking, and peace.

Diocesan Appeal

Thank you for your continued support. Offering envelopes are available in the pews. Please consider helping our parish to achieve our assessment.

Render unto Caesar...

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