

**MAY 3, 2026**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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**OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY**

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<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  
11:15 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, 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

**Monday, May 4, 2026**  
5:00—5:20 PM Holy Rosary  
5:20—6:30 PM quiet Adoration

**Wednesday, May 6, 2026, 9:00 AM**  
For our national and local leaders

**Saturday, May 9, 2026, 6:00 PM**  
all mothers

**Sunday, May 10, 2026, 9:00 AM**  
all mothers

### BEATITUDES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

"Only in the heart of Jesus do we find the deep strength  
our soul needs." ~ Servant of God Elisabeth Leseur

When we anchor our lives together in His heart, we become a  
community strengthened by grace, steady in hope, and ready  
to carry His love into the world.

### 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:

4th Sunday of Easter Collection: \$1485.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

## WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**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

**Saturday, May 9, 2026, 7:30 PM**

### Greeters:

Barb Valosin

### Ushers and Seat Counters:

Bill Kuehnle

### Lector:

Patty Paser

### Altar Servers:

Arietta and Nathan Kuehnle

### Eucharistic Ministers:

Katie Hagan, Tom Valosin

### Set-up/Shut down:

Barb Valosin

**Sunday, May 10, 2026, 9:00 AM**

### Greeters:

Michele Finin, Marilyn Nolte

### Ushers and Seat Counters:

Stephanie and Bob Tinker

### Lector:

Stephanie Tinker

### Altar Servers:

Mary McGrail

### Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down:

Pattie Sainsbury, Jim Buzon

### Money counters:

Denise Lloyd, Elizabeth 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!

- ◆ **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 + music from the Old Southwest by Peter. 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.
- ◆ **Kingsway Mass for Pentecost**: Tuesday, May 19, 2:00 and 3:00 PM.
- ◆ **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.

**YOUR LOVE FILLS THE EARTH**

God our Father, you who tell us that your love fills the earth and that your tenderness is for each person that of a father for his children, we pray to you:

Make your light shine in our hearts so that we can recognize that your Word is true, and that your love rests upon each of us when you give us your only son, Jesus Christ.

Give us the grace, Lord, to look for you in the love of our

brothers and sisters, to discover your name in their faces, to meet you in the heart of our life, and to reveal to all people that you wish to fill them with your joy and peace, in your home, your heart, you have room for us all. May our lives be home for anyone at our door. In Christ Jesus, your Son, our Savior and our brother. Amen.



**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 congratulate Jane Jenkins who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation this past Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. Cards are available in the hall to share a message, prayer or congratulations note.

**Confirmation schedule: Small Group Session 5: (Mystagogy): Sun, May 31 at 1PM at Our Lady of Fatima.**

**Welcome to the Lord's Table!**

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**  
**Moms' Prayer Group**

Meeting Monday, May 4, 5:30 Pm—7:00 PM, starting with quiet Adoration.

**Rosary Society Meeting**

OLV Rosary Society is resuming their monthly meetings, this coming Saturday, May 9 at 10:00 AM.

**Mother's Day—Sunday, May 10—Brunch**

To honor our moms and all the women of our families, the Knights of Columbus are hosting a "frittata brunch" after Mass. Come on over to our hall and enjoy a meal prepared with love for you.

**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.  
[rachelsvineyardalbany@yahoo.com](mailto:rachelsvineyardalbany@yahoo.com)

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