

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026
24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY

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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, September 12, 2026, 6:00 PM
Joan Harmon by Mary and Kevin Harmon

Sunday, September 13, 2026, 9:00 AM
Bill and Helen Vedder by their family

Monday, September 14, 2026
5:00—5:30 PM Rosary prayer
5:20—6:30 PM quiet Adoration

**Saturday, September 19, 2026, 6:00 PM (Anointing
of the sick after Mass)**
For all who seek God

Sunday, September 20, 2026, 9:00 AM
Ron Blackmur by wife Elizabeth

Sacramental Preparation Invitation

Families who feel called to begin preparation for **First Reconciliation and First Eucharist** (typically for children in Grade 2, ages 7–8) or **Confirmation** (typically for teens in Grade 10, ages 15–16) are warmly invited to contact the rectory at 518-827-3301 for more information. **We look forward to walking with your family on this beautiful journey of faith and growth in Christ.**



BEATITUDES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

"Pray, hope, and don't worry; God is merciful and will hear your prayer." — St. Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

And as we place our worries in His hands, His peace quietly fills the heart.

Administration and Stewardship

Offerings:

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Collection: \$T.B.A.

Thank you for your generosity!



Diocesan Appeal Report: Thank you!

You raised \$28,534.00 to continue the ministry of our Diocese. Our assessment was \$21,534.00. We'll be getting a rebate for our parish.

Our new assessment for 2026-2027 is \$21,369.00. This is a decrease of \$165.00.

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 12, 2026, 6:00 PM

Greeters:
Mary Bailey

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Robin Hazzard

Lector:
Pat Costello

Altar Servers:
Michael and Wesley Ortiz

Eucharistic Ministers:
Joyce O'Brien, Michele Cullam

Set-up/Shut down:
Robin Hazzard

Sunday, September 13, 2026, 9:00 AM

Greeters:
Michele Finin, Betty Karlau

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Denise Lloyd, Sharon Riggi

Lector:
Kate Katsur

Altar Servers:
Sam Borst

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down:
Margaret Ostermann, Rosemary Gutkaiss

Money counters:
Shultes, Borst

Saturday, September 19, 2026, 6:00 PM

Greeters:
Mary Bailey

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Bill Kuehnle

Lector:
Ringuette

Altar Servers:
Peter Sherer

Eucharistic Ministers:
Michele Cullam, Katie Hagan

Set-up/Shut down:
Barb Valosin

Sunday, September 20, 2026, 9:00 AM

Greeters:
Michele Finin, Helen Lindstrom

Ushers and Seat Counters:
John Conroy

Lector:
Denise Lloyd

Altar Servers:
Mary McGrail

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down:
Jackie Guntert, Pattie Sainsbury

Money counters:
Denise Lloyd, Elizabeth Blackmur

Our Church is open for quiet prayer, meditation walks, and peace.



baby Zoey Nashville, Jodi Connors, Greg Filisko, Scott Troughton, Joseph Cassella, Andrea Virtuoso, Michele and Phil Smith, Arthur Barrett, John Lewis Simmons, Lynn Fileccia, Anthony Chieco, Barbara St. George, Mary Harmon, Carol Hoffmann, Bob Troidl, Betty Karlau, 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, Laurie Kinnicutt, Grant Coastes, Ina Fusco, Bernard Jermyn, David Cullam, Jane Rothkopf, Sadie Dutcher, Nate Clements

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

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

Joshua Project Family Fun Day

This Sunday, September 13, noon to 4:00 PM at Wayward Lane Brewing, 255 Wayward Lane, Schoharie. Family games, crafts, food, tap room, corn hole tournament, and live entertainment. Come and support our county-wide Joshua Project.

Community Anointing of the Sick

Sunday, October 4, immediately after our 9:00 AM Mass. Anyone in need of healing — physical, emotional, spiritual — is welcome to stay for this prayer.

Off to College

Graduated from high school and now off to college, work or military service? We would like to keep in touch. Please get your mailing address, e-mail or phone number to our parish office. All the best for your future. Study hard, work with integrity, and enjoy life.

Summer flowers

Garden flowers are always welcome to enhance our worship.

Vegetable Exchange

Vegetables and fruits may be shared at the outdoor table at our parking lot entrance. Also, please remember our homebound neighbors and anyone in need.

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.

Parish Events

Low Bridge—From Albany to Buffalo **Erie Canal Boat Ride**

Sunday, September 27. Arrive at Erie Canal Cruises, 800 Mohawk St., Herkimer (right off Exit 30 of the Thruway) at 2:30 PM to board. Cost \$20. Call our office for reservations. We can car pool, if desired. There are dinner possibilities in Herkimer.



Ecumenical Prayer Service "The Fabric of Covenant."

Sunday, September 20, 1:00 PM at the "Nourish at Middleburgh" (formerly Middleburgh Methodist Church). On this Constitution Day, we strive to live our faith as citizens of the United States.

Diocesan Church Events

A Celebration of Convalidation is an opportunity for couples married outside of the Catholic Church to enter a marriage covenant in the Catholic tradition, be strengthened by God's grace, and be supported by His Church. A husband, wife, and God are like a three-ply chord—"...not easily broken" (Eccl 4:12).

The Roman Catholic Diocese will offer a Convalidation Ceremony on Sunday, November 29, 2026, at 2 PM, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Church, 125 Eagle Street, Albany. If you and your spouse desire holy matrimony in the Catholic Church, you are invited to convalidate your marriage through your parish at a date of your choosing **or** join Bishop Mark O'Connell together with other couples at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany on November 29. Please speak to your parish clergy, then register by calling the Office for Discipleship Formation at 518-453-6660. Families and friends are invited to attend! * **Please note:** the ceremony will include the Liturgy of the Word and the Celebration of Matrimony but is not a Mass.

Annual Diocesan Marriage Jubilee Mass

Sunday, 9/27, 3:00 PM at Christ Our Light Church in Loudonville.

Inquire at 518-453-6660 or
marriage.jubilee@rcda.org



A PSALM BEFORE BEGINNING WORK

My day begins, O Gracious God;
let all my work be done as prayer
as I do it one with you.
May I, like your son Jesus,
be Emmanuel, "God among us,"
here in this place of work.
May I carry your presence
as I respond to all with kindness and warmth,
with joy and humble service.
Grant me the grace to love Christ
in all who will share my life this day.
O God, grant me this gift.

A PSALM OF OFFERING MY WORK

As one of your priestly people, O Gracious God,
I offer up to you as my sacrifice
all the irritations and interruptions
that this day may contain.
I offer up the work of my hands
as an act of sacrificial prayer
performed in holy solidarity
with all in need of your presence and help
(especially today with: _____).
As this day begins, be at their side and at mine.

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