

See what love God has bestowed on us
that we may be call the children of God



December 29, 2024 - Holy Family Sunday

Our Lady Of Fatima

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Saturday Vigil Mass - 4:00 PM
Sunday Mass - 11:00 AM
Tuesday - 9:00 AM
Office Hours:
Mon - Thurs 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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Liturgy Schedule

Saturday

December 28, 2024 - 4:00 PM

✠ Arthur Hanvey - By: Dorothy Britt

Sunday

December 29, 2024 - 11:00 AM

✠ William Tindale - By: Pat & Bud Van Slyck

✠ Robert McNally Jr. - By: Patricia Mason

Wednesday

January 1, 2025 - 11:00 AM

✠ Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God

Friday

January 3, 2024 - 2:00 & 3:00 PM

✠ Mass at Kingsway

Saturday

January 4, 2024 - 4:00 PM

✠ Dominick DeCocco - By: O L F Parishioners

Sunday

January 5, 2024 - 11:00 AM

✠ Bill Tindale - By: Kris & Bill Zedaker

Tuesday

January 7, 2024 - 9:00 AM

✠ Arthur Hanvey - By: Janet Ingro

Prayer Ministry prays for anyone in need of prayer. You can request prayers or join in this ministry. Call James Keller at (518) 295-7970 or at jamesakeller@msn.com. From our lips to God's ears. Give your concerns to God and join your parish family in faith.

Please Pray for our Sick and Homebound

Bella Stuart, Charlotte Marks, Joan Williams, Lorraine Duffy, Mary Brewer, Ken Chrinian, George Tallman, Paul Reveal, Ron Fagan, Jack Finn, Diane McCulloch and Gay Wolfgang

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This week at Our Lady of Fatima...			
Date	Event	Time	Place
12/30	Friendship Café	11:00 AM - 1:30 PM	Hall
1/1	Friendship Café	Closed	Hall
1/1	Mass	11:00 AM	Church
1/1	1st Day Hike	12:15 PM	Parking Lot
1/3	Friendship Café	11:00 AM - 1:30 PM	Hall
1/3	Mass	2:00 & 3:00 PM	Kingsway
1/4	Mass	4:00 PM	Church
1/5	Mass	11:00 AM	Church

Christmas

The liturgies of Christmas as set out in the Roman Missal and lectionary seek to express and shape the spirituality not of one person or of a single cultural community but of the entire ecclesial bodies of those baptized into the pasch of Jesus Christ. They set before us the powerful challenge of the Christmas child who is not our personal or communal past but the dawning future we share with all humanity. Advent has prepared us for the child of the Christmas texts. We have heard the prophets proclaim the One who is to come as child to lead us into the reign of God unfolding toward completion. (Is 9:6) We recognize him in the infant sung by angelic hosts as the one in whom peace is made for all humankind. But in all the liturgies of this joyful season, the angelic melody is sung in counterpoint to all the other texts recalling that our peace is made not through his clinging to childhood but through his growing into that fully divinized human glory on which the child was only the promise. It is through dark passages of suffering and death that the Christmas child shall lead us, stripping us of every hindrance we have gathered over the years, until we are set free to join him in that mature wholeness, as yet beyond our imaging.

When we assemble for liturgy in the season of Christmas, then, we are a Church haunted by a child with many faces. Each of us brings to the assembly the image of the child within, whether that child be possibility or prison. Each of our local communities brings the images wrought by our devotional arts, whether those images be of past childishness or future maturity. Gathered as Church, within the living tradition of faith that spans centuries and continents, we proclaim the Child in whom meet the eternal paradoxes of divinity and humanity, birth and death, innocence and suffering, of which is wrought the shared adulthood of the one Body into which we are baptized. Our personal and communal imagery of childhood enables us to recognize in this Child not a dogmatic abstraction but the genuine fulfillment of our nameless yearning for some elusive land long promised. Yet the Christmas Child is also a gauntlet thrown down before the potential possessiveness of our personal and devotional spiritualities, unwilling to relinquish the pleasantly undemanding images of childishness to which we have grown accustomed for the radically demanding journey across desert and mountain and river to reach the place where the true Child is born.

In the vulnerability of Christmas, the Child forever offers us Herod's choice. We can still our fear of the threat to our comfort by smothering the proclamation in the tight swaddling clothes of sentimental spiritualities. Or we can lay the gift of all our inadequate Images beside the gold, the frankincense and myrrh and bow the knee in worship. Then will the Child in whose image we are being made become our end...and our Beginning.

Beatitudes of Christian Living

"Pray, hope and don't worry." ~ St. Padre Pio

Embrace God's love for us and trust in His plan. Be a beacon of light, hope and love for family, friends and neighbors.

We Pray Christmas

Our lives are overwhelmed with joy as we celebrate God's Incarnation, the word made Flesh, the Birth of Jesus, the Dawn of a New Day.

We sing "Glory to God", echoing the sons of the angels to us. Our response to the Hebrew Scripture is the Canticle from St. Luke; "Today our Savior is born, this is the day!". Psalm 96 starts with all Creation the exuberance of our wondrous joy. We stand for the Gospel acclamation: "Halle, hallelujah, I am the high of the world." We gather around the Lord's Table and proclaim our mystery: "we are set free by Christ's Cross and Resurrection." In Christ we are forever saved. When we eat and drink that saving Love courses through us, our community. Christ is born today!



GIFT Our next session will be held January 5th at Our Lady of the Valley after the 9AM Mass and January 12th at Our Lady of Fatima at 9:30AM. Our topic: The Creed "We believe in the Communion of Saints".

Winter Spring Season brochure will be available soon out-lining GIFT sessions for January, February and April. Also our website is updated with GIFT information, prayer intentions by Pope Francis each month, links for parents, saint of the month links, weekly liturgy of the word and information regarding registering families for faith formation. The website: <https://olfgrowinginfaith.weebly.com> Kits are available for our young disciples to draw and color during the service. It includes first liturgy reflection and readings, art activities, coloring pages as well as a few jokes here and there! Please keep the papers and return bag and crayons Thank you.



All are sisters and brothers
in Christ

Thinking of You.

If you know of anyone in our parish or your family, that is in need of sunshine (Birthday, Get Well, Thinking of You) contact Barb Willoughby at (518) 469-4073. She will get a card out to them.

Christmas Season

Kingsway Mass

We will be having Mass at Kingsway on Friday, January 3rd at 2:00 & 3:00 PM. If you can help out please contact the office.

The Sacristy Lamp burns this week in memory of
Frank Williams
Requested by Joan Williams

Monday, Dec. 30 - Festival of Trees at Blenheim - leaving OLV parking lot at 11:00 AM Journeying to Lansing Manor and the Schoharie Visitor Center (Rte 30) to revel in the tree display, returning for a festive lunch at Our Lady of the Valley Hall.

Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God

Tuesday, Dec. 31 - Mass at 4:00 PM at Our Lady of the Valley

Wednesday, Jan. 1 - Mass at 11:00 AM at Our Lady of Fatima

Wednesday, Jan. 1 - First day Hike, 12:15 PM at Our Lady of Fatima parking lot. We begin the New Year, brimming with hope and a hike through the woods along the Schoharie.

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, Jan. 4 - Mass at 4:00 PM at Our Lady of Fatima
Mass at 6:00 PM at Our Lady of the Valley

Sunday, Jan. 5 - Mass at 9:00 AM at Our Lady of the Valley
Mass at 11:00 AM at Our Lady of Fatima

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Saturday, Jan. 11 - Mass at 4:00 PM at Our Lady of Fatima
Mass at 6:00 PM at Our Lady of the Valley

Sunday, Jan. 12 - Mass at 9:00 AM at Our Lady of the Valley
Mass at 11:00 AM at Our Lady of Fatima

(On, Monday, January 13, 2025 we begin Winter Ordinary Time until Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025)

Our Lady of Fatima Mission Statement

At Our Lady of Fatima, Delanson, we are God's people sharing a responsibility to witness God's unconditional love and to bring God's healing presence to our world through our service to our community and beyond.

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, Dec 28	Saturday, Jan 4
LECTOR Mary Ann Conway EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS Cindy Wright	LECTOR Jeannette Coppolo EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TBA
Sunday, Dec 29	Sunday, Jan 5
LECTOR James Keller EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS Raquel Okyay Sandi DiNicola Jose Flores COUNTERS Nancy Chrinian Joe Oehler Janine Dowling	LECTOR Pat Van Slyck EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TBA COUNTERS Fred Crisafulli Kathleen Mack

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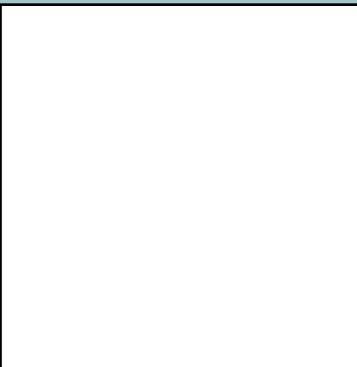
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