

**August 20, 2023:**

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

See what Love God has bestowed on us in calling us the children of God.



**OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY**

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**Parish Website:**

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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:**

4:00pm, Our Lady of Fatima in Delanson

5:45pm, 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 at

Our Lady of the Valley in Middleburgh

9:00 a.m. Tuesdays at Our Lady of Fatima in

Delanson.

**Devotions:**

Rosary First Sunday of the month at 8:20 AM

# Liturgy Schedule

**Saturday, August 19, 2023 5:45 PM**  
**Remembering how the whole community  
 worked together after the flood.**

**Sunday, August 20, 2023, 9:00 AM**  
**Bill and Helen Vedder by Family**

**Saturday, August 26, 2023 5:45 PM**  
**James Morgan by Mary and Kevin Harmon**

**Sunday, August 27, 2023, 9:00 AM**  
**John and Jennie Zelker by Tom and Barbara**



Our church is always open for quiet prayer, reflection, adoration, and contemplative walking.

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**Summer Flowers**

Please feel welcome to bring in fresh flowers from your garden to grace our worship space.

**BEATITUDES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING**

**"You know well enough that the Lord does not look so much on the greatness of our actions, nor even at their difficulty, but at the love with which we do them." ~ St. Therese Lisieux**

God loves us so much! Our love for Him should show through our actions and our words. We must be loving, caring, gentle, and kind in everything that we do.

**We Pray**

Our response to the Hebrew Scriptures is Psalm 118: "Whose love is forever, whose love is forever, whose love is forever more!"

We sing with all of Creation, thanking God for God's life-giving presence every step of life's journey.

**Administration and Stewardship**

**Offerings:**

*The Transfiguration of the Lord Collection: \$2014.00*

*Thank you for sharing your treasure and for your generosity!*

# WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**Saturday, August 19, 2023:**

**Greeters:**  
 Joanne Newsome

**Ushers and Seat Counters:**  
 Bill Kuehnle

**Lector:**  
 Patty Paser

**Altar Servers**  
 Arriette and Nathan Kuehnle

**Eucharistic Ministers**  
 Marilyn Schulmerich, Michele Cullam

**Set-up/Shut down:**  
 Robin Hazzard

**Sunday, August 20, 2023:**

**Greeters:**  
 Doreen Buzon, Joann Coonradt

**Ushers and Seat Counters:**  
 Theresa Charland, Marcia Guntert

**Lector:**  
 Sharon Riggi

**Altar Servers**  
 Sam Borst

**Eucharistic Ministers/Shutdown**  
 Joanne Coonradt, Patti Sainsbury

**Money Counters**  
 Kuehl and DeMeyere

**Saturday, August 26, 2023:**

**Greeters:**  
 Marilyn Schulmerich

**Ushers and Seat Counters:**  
 Robin Hazzard

**Lector:**  
 Beth Cunningham

**Altar Servers**  
 Gabe and Elise Ringuette

**Eucharistic Ministers**  
 M. Schulmerich, J. Newsome

**Set-up/Shut down:**  
 Marilyn Schulmerich

**Sunday, August 27, 2023:**

**Greeters:**  
 Michele Finin, Helen Lindstrom

**Ushers and Seat Counters:**  
 Stephanie and Bob Tinker

**Lector:**  
 Brynda Shultes

**Altar Servers**  
 Caroline Borst

**Eucharistic Ministers/Shutdown**  
 Michele Borst, M. Ostermann

**Money Counters**  
 Brynda Shultes, John Borst



Danny Hardmin, Brian Collins, Bill Valosin, Patrick O'Grady, Irene Ostermann, Jessica DeVietri, Ed Masterson, Joan McCalip, Adrienne Bartholomew, Callie Shaw (baby), Joanne Snyder, Raymond Ceroalo, Jocelyn Ceroalo, Cathy Saccento, Mary Bixby, Ed August, Stephanie Coxen, Pam Raquet, Margaret M. Ostermann, Margaret Cameron, Beverly Dyer, Lee and Finn, Frank Ceroalo, Kyle and Katie Collazo O'Connor, Dennis Dailey (Afghan War veteran), Marsia Ferguson, Anjaine, Jack Robinson, Jim Crum, the Simeon Family, Debbie Lints, Mary Carlson, Nora and Joe Dougherty, Matt Nieminski, Joyce Montgomery, Eileen Scanlon, Thomas "Tucker" Hirsch, Tina Welman, Rick Conners, Annie Conneely, Francis McKiernan, Barbara St. George, Pam Sinko, Jesse Lints, Robert Tinker, Joseph Scolaro, Lisa Frangoulis, Davia Fileccia, Jamie Howard, Tom Guilianelli, Deborah Lobo, Joseph Pelton, Joseph Cassella, Paul Pagano, Donald Gaffney Jr., Michele Eckland, Diane Czarro, Bill Hudzik, Rick Stoddard, Carmen St. George, Tom Barr, Helen Zebrowski, Shane Stark, Nada Gaber Pitu, Joan Luhrs, Dick Kristel

**An Evening Psalm of Inventory**

As Earth turns outward into space  
and the light fades into turquoise,  
I step aside to inventory  
the thoughts, words and deeds of my day.

I carefully scan today in the light  
of the far-flung dimensions of the universe.  
Have I failed this day by shrinking its vastness  
to the narrow limits  
of my life, my needs and desires.  
Has the smallness of that space  
caused my heart to contract as well?

Have I failed to view my work  
against the cosmic background of my mission  
as a co-explorer and co-creator with God?  
Has my limited view of the scope of life  
given me permission to fill my time  
with negative thoughts and careless assumptions?  
Have I judged as insignificant  
the needs of other members of our earth-ship crew?

Guided by a wider vision of my responsibilities,  
as well as our common duties and destination,  
I now take inventory of this completed day  
assisted by your Spirit, O God.

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Mindful that you have already forgiven and pardoned  
me  
the very moment I had forgotten who I am,  
The moment I had forgotten who we are  
and where we are travelling together,  
I give you thanks, O Sacred Mystery,  
Gracious God who forgives so  
unconditionally.

**Rosary Society Corner**

**We will be meeting on September 16th at  
12:00 noon in the Church hall.  
A light lunch will be provided.  
New members are welcome! We  
have a busy season planned!**



**REGISTER NOW FOR THE NYS EUCHARISTIC  
CONGRESS:**

Catholics from across New York State are planning to  
come together at Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine in  
Auriesville on October 20-22, 2023 to celebrate the real  
presence of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the  
Eucharist. The Congress will feature inspiring talks,  
Mass, Eucharistic adoration, opportunities for  
confessions, inspiring music and more. For details and  
to register (**EVERYONE ATTENDING MUST  
REGISTER**), log onto  
<https://nyseucharisticcongress.org>



**GIFT**

Discussion surrounding the  
book, "Set the World on Fire" by  
Vinita Wright have begun at Our  
Lady of the Valley every Sunday  
after the 9:00 AM Mass ending July 30<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to  
join the discussion, please contact Sena at 518-827-3301.

The GIFT fall schedule will be out shortly.

Please note that the Liturgy of the Word newsletter is available  
for our young disciples grades 1 – 5. They are in plastic bags  
with crayons that can be used during Mass. Please return  
plastic bags and crayons, and take the newsletter home to go  
over with your children to review each Sunday's Mass  
message.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Community Free Lunch**

Mon—Fri 12:00 noon—1:00 PM in the  
cafeteria at Middleburgh Central High  
School.



**Kayak Raffle**

\$1.00 a chance for a "Journey 10 Sundolphin" 1  
person sit-on-top kayak (with interior chains, padded  
backrest, storage bins) and paddle.  
The drawing will be at the end of our  
11:00 AM Mass on August 27<sup>th</sup>.  
Proceeds support our Youth Ministry  
and Food Pantry.



**Recycle for OLV**

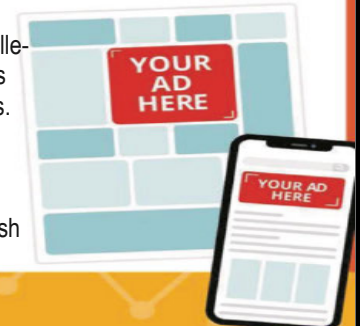
Collect your 5¢ deposit plastic and glass drink bottles and  
cans\*, and drop them off at the RIGGI Recycling Center in  
Middleburgh across from the Valley Market. Mark your bag  
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