

December 10, 2023:
Second Sunday of Advent

And there will dawn a new Heaven and a new Earth...and let it begin with me...today.

World Peace Prayer

Lead us from death to life, from false-hood to
truth,
From despair to hope, from fear to trust.
Lead us from hate to love,
From war to peace;
Let peace fill our hearts, let peace fill our world,
Let peace fill our universe.



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

11:00 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, December 9, 2023 6:00 PM
Elizabeth Malone by Mary and Kevin Harmon

Sunday, December 10, 2023, 9:00 AM
Donald Quinn by Borelli, Conway, Lindstrom Families

Monday, December 11, 2023, 5:00—6:30 PM
Quiet adoration

Wednesday, December 13, 2023, 9:00 AM
For the blind and vision-impaired

Saturday, December 16, 2023 6:00 PM
For those who are lonely and homebound

Sunday, December 17, 2023, 9:00 AM
For enthusiastic joy in our parish



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

We Pray

We enter into our prayer in quiet, candles are lit and light grows within us. We are reassured of God's boundless mercy and hope for us all in our sung Kyrie. We sing out, "Rejoice, rejoice Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel." We attentively listen to hear how God is always among us... Our response the Hebrew Scripture is Psalm 25: "To you, O God, I lift up my soul; lift up my spirit to my Lord. To you I lift up my soul."

As we rise for the Gospel, we sing with exuberance: "Soon and very soon, Alleluia!" Our hearts abound in joy at the Word of God among us.

We then come to the Table to remember and celebrate Christ's abiding presence within and among us. We sing of this mystery: "We proclaim your death O Lord and profess your Resurrection until you come again."

With living faith we can enter into the Cross of our world as people of Hope. We conclude with the World Peace Prayer leading us into the Reign of God today.

BEATITUDES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

"As much as we need a prosperous economy, we also need a prosperity of kindness and decency." ~ Caroline Kennedy

In this time of Advent, we prepare for the birth of Jesus. It's important to receive the blessings of the Lord and to show our love for each other. Take time to give and receive friendship, kindness, and love.

Administration and Stewardship

Offerings:

1st Sunday of Advent Collection: \$1865.50

Thank you for sharing your treasure and for your generosity!

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 9, 2023:

Greeters:
Barb Valosin

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Bill Kuehnle

Lector:
Ringuette

Altar Servers
Gabe and Elise Ringuette

Eucharistic Ministers
Joanne Newsome, Tom Valosin

Set-up/Shut down:
Barbara Valosin

Sunday, December 10, 2023:

Greeters:
Joanne Coonradt, Marilyn Nolte

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Stephanie and Bob Tinker

Lector:
Borst

Altar Servers
Sera Wargo

Eucharistic Ministers/Shutdown
Jackie Guntert, Betty Karlau

Money Counters
Kuehl and DeMeyere

Saturday, December 16, 2023:

Greeters:
Marilyn Schulmerich

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Bill Kuehnle

Lector:
Beth Cunningham

Altar Servers
Arriette and Nathan Kuehnle

Eucharistic Ministers
Michele Cullam, Marilyn Schulmerich

Set-up/Shut down:
Marilyn Schulmerich

Sunday, December 17, 2023:

Greeters:
Doreen Buzon, Martha Conroy

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Theresa Charland, Marcia Guntert

Lector:
Brynda Shultes

Altar Servers
Sam Borst

Eucharistic Ministers/Shutdown
Joanne Coonradt, Rosemary Gutkaiss

Money Counters
Denise Lloyd, Elizabeth Blackmur



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, 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, Tom Barr, Helen Zebrowski, Shane Stark, Nada Gaber Pitu, Joan Luhrs, Dick Kristel, Kate Mahoney, Chris & Karen Nieminski, Rose Ceroalo, the Scott Family, Karen Conners, P. J. D., Danny Vrooman

Advent

Calendars, Little Blue Books and *optatek* are available. **Giving Tree gifts**, wrapped with a tag attached, are due back by **December 16th**.

Saturday, December 9th and Sunday, December 10th before and after Mass Rosary Society Bazaar at OLV Hall.

Tuesday, December 12th, 6:00 PM Communal Reconciliation and Mexican Fiesta (Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast) at Our Lady of Fatima.

Wednesday, December 13th, NET Dinner at OLV 5:00 – 7:00 PM: stuffed shells Italian Festa.

Thursday, December 21st, 6:00 PM – Winter solstice fire and hot dog BBQ at Fox Creek Park, Schoharie.

Thursday, December 21st, 7:00 PM Blue Christmas Prayer Service, Middleburgh Reformed Church: a time for support, healing, and encouragement.



Christmas Mass

Sunday, December 24th, 6:30 PM Our Lady of the Valley, followed by festive wine and cheese, and snacks in the Hall.

Monday, December 25th, 9:00 AM Our Lady of the Valley.



Happy Birthday, Jesus! party



GIFT

Winter/Spring GIFT schedule brochure will be available soon.

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.

PARISH PRAYER, SERVICE AND FUN

Visit to Robinson Terrace Assisted Living Center

Monday, December 11th, 2:00—3:30 PM. Live entertainment, snacks and visiting parishioners. Sponsored by our Rosary Society. 1 Buntline Drive, Stamford, NY.

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas...

We need your help: Sunday, December 17th, right after our 9:00 AM Mass. We'll be setting up the Christmas trees, changing banners, and putting lights on the trees. Can you assist for half an hour? Please... and thank you!

Community Christmas Caroling

Sunday, December 17th, 6:30 PM at the Middleburgh Reformed Church, 178 River Street. All are welcome. Come and be uplifted by songs of the season; refreshments, too!

Diocesan Appeal

The 2023-2024 Appeal letters have gone out to all parishioners. If you did not receive one, offering envelopes are now available in the pews. Please make sure you put "Our Lady of the Valley" on the envelope. We do this together because we believe it is of vital importance to continue the ministry of Jesus in our 145 county Diocese... caring for the sick, educating our children, finding housing for the homeless, feeding the hungry, and training seminarians and parish leaders. This year our parish assessment is \$23,738.00; last year it was \$21,150.00. Thank you for your support!

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.

Knights of Columbus #4475 Ten Week Club Winners

Week 5: \$25 Kathy Gallman,
\$15 Dolores DeMeyere,
\$10 Mark Wainwright.



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