

**July 2, 2023:**  
**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



**OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY**

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**Monday - Friday 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM**

**Parish Website:**

<http://parishes.rcda.org/olvchurch/>

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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, July 1, 2023 5:45 PM**  
**Fran Schelen by Margaret O'Connor**

**Dorothy ruth Cullam on 16th anniversary by  
 Michele & Family**

**Sunday, July 2, 2023, 9:00 AM**  
**For farmers**

**Monday, July 3, 2023, 5:00—6:30 PM Quiet**  
**Adoration**

**Wednesday, July 5, 2023**

**No weekday Mass in July and August. We will  
 resume after Labor Day.**

**Saturday, July 8, 2023 5:45 PM**  
**John and Jennie Zelker  
 Anna and Michael Ziolkiewicz**

**Sunday, July 9, 2023, 9:00 AM**  
**Agnes Santoro by Rosemary Gutkaiss**

**BEATITUDES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING**

**"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live  
 in a nation where they will be judged not by the color of their  
 skin, but by the content of their character."**

**~ Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

**Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
 for they will be filled. We must always fight for equality and  
 justice for all.**

**"We Pray"**

As we continue Summer Ordinary time, our liturgies reflect the  
 beauty of the Season.

Psalm 113 is the response to the Hebrew Scriptures. We sing,  
 "Praised be the name of the Lord." The Gospel acclamation  
 celebrates the Wonder of God throughout all Creation: "Before  
 the sun burned bright and rivers flowed, I called you each by  
 name to share my home. No longer be afraid; I am your God. My  
 love will never end. Alleluia!"

During our Eucharistic Prayer, we sing our mystery: When we  
 eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O  
 Lord, until you come again." We enter into the cross of our  
 people, our world, as witnesses to Christ's life giving presence  
 among us all.

**Administration and Stewardship**

**Offerings:**

**12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Collection: \$ T.B.A.**

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

# WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**Saturday, July 1, 2023:**

**Greeters:**  
 Michele Cullam

**Ushers and Seat Counters:**  
 Bill Kuehnle

**Lector:**  
 Ringuette

**Altar Servers**  
 Arriette and Nathan Kuehnle

**Eucharistic Ministers**  
 Michele Cullam

**Set-up/Shut down:**  
 Jane Munger

**Sunday, July 2, 2023:**

**Greeters:**  
 Batty Karlau, Martha Conroy

**Ushers and Seat Counters:**  
 Jackie and Ed Guntert

**Lector:**  
 Borst

**Altar Servers**  
 Sam and Caroline Borst

**Eucharistic Ministers/Shutdown**  
 Rosemary Gutkaiss, Anne-Marie  
 Robinson, Brynda Shultes

**Money Counters**  
 Margaret Ostermann, Michele Borst

**Saturday, July 8, 2023:**

**Greeters:**  
 Barbara Valosin

**Ushers and Seat Counters:**  
 Bill Kuehnle

**Lector:**  
 Beth Cunningham

**Altar Servers**  
 Arriette and Nathan Kuehnle

**Eucharistic Ministers**  
 Joanne Newsome, Tom Valosin

**Set-up/Shut down:**  
 Barbara Valosin

**Sunday, July 9, 2023:**

**Greeters:**  
 Joann Coonradt, Marilyn Nolte

**Ushers and Seat Counters:**  
 John Conroy

**Lector:**  
 Brynda Shultes

**Altar Servers**  
 Caroline Borst

**Eucharistic Ministers/Shutdown**  
 Jackie Guntert, Marcia Guntert,,  
 Betty Karlau

**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, Diane Beyer, 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, Chris Strajn, Rick Connors, Annie Conneely, Francis  
 McKiernan, Barbara St. George, Pam Sinko, Jesse Lints, Robert  
 Tinker, Sherri Meschutt, Joseph Scolaro, Lisa Frangoulis, Davia  
 Fileccia, Jamie Howard, Tom Guilianelli, Deborah Lobo, Joseph  
 Pelton, Joseph Cassella, Paul Pagano, Terri Repscher, Donald  
 Gaffney Jr., Michele Eckland, Diane Czarro,  
 Bill Hudzik, Rick Stoddard, Carmen St. George, Tom Barr,  
 Helen Zebrowski

**The New Colossus**

Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,  
With conquering limbs astride from land to land;  
Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall  
stand

A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame  
Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name  
Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand  
Glow world-wide welcome; her mild eyes  
command

The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame.  
"Keep ancient lands, your storied pomp!" cries  
she

With silent lips. "Give me your tired, your poor,  
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,  
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.  
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,  
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

~ Emma Lazarus

**A Prayer for Faithful Citizenship**

Gracious and loving God, let your Spirit be  
with us today. Hear our prayers and increase  
in us the will to follow your Son Jesus. Help  
us to draw on the resources of our faith as  
we use the opportunities of our democracy to  
shape a society more respectful of the life,  
dignity, and rights of the human person,  
especially the poor and vulnerable. May we  
truly live our ideals. Let us be a beacon of  
hope for all people. Fill us with your peace. In  
the midst of all our struggles may our words  
be gentle and true, our actions be welcoming  
and noble, and our lives be joyful and life-  
giving.

Amen.

Your support of the Diocesan Appeal is not for the benefit of the Diocese as an entity itself - rather it is as a key mission & resource for your parish and the 125 others in our 14 counties. Diocesan Appeal funds enable the Diocese to provide support services and expertise to each parish in areas of liturgy, human resources, technology, health & safety, state and federal regulations, the behind-the-scenes components that help sustain each parish.

Beyond this underwriting support, your Diocesan Appeal gift also directly invests in the future of the Church by underwriting the complete religious formation for priests (currently 33 in formation & 10 in discernment), deacons and nuns.

Our priority is to lift up your parish to enable its focus on ministry to the faithful and to forge the future through increased vocations.  
Thank you.



**GIFT**

Join us as we spend a 4-Week Personal Retreat with the Female Doctors of the Church! We will be using the guide, "Set the World on Fire" by Vinita

Hampton Wright. When and Where: Our Lady of the Valley starting Sundays, July 9th through July 30<sup>th</sup> after the 9:00 AM mass. Sign-up sheets will be available during the month of June in the hall.

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**

**Summer Youth and Parish Possibilities**

- Amsterdam Baseball
- Muscle Speedway and Miniature Golf
- Park Theater Movie Night
- Cave exploration



**Church Ministry Anniversary Party**

Saturday, July 8th after our 5:45 PM Mass, we will have a fun hot-dog BBQ in our Hall. On July 9, 1983, Tom Zelker was ordained at our Cathedral of Immaculate Conception for presbyteral service in our Diocese as a parish priest. Let's come together and celebrate our mission as disciples of Jesus Christ (no gifts please).

**Venus Viewing—What a Creation!**

Friday evening, July 7, the planet Venus, our next door neighbor, will be the brightest in our lifetime. It will be so brilliant, it will cast shadows on Earth. Can you host a small outdoor gathering for viewing Venus in the Western sky? Call our Office to sign up.

**Strawberry Festival**



Our Rosary Society will hold annual Strawberry Festival on Friday, July 14th at 5:00 PM. Baked goods are being accepted until 4:30 PM the day of the festival.

**Plant a Row**

As you plant your garden, please consider planting an extra row of vegetables to be shared with faith neighbors here at church. The most popular vegetables include tomatoes, squash, and peppers.



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

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