

**Inch by inch, row by row, gonna make this garden
grow.**

**All it takes is a rake and a hoe and a piece of fertile
ground.**

**Inch by inch, row by row, someone bless the seeds
I sow.**

**Someone warm them from below till the rain
comes tumbling' down.**

**1. Pullin' weed, pickin' stones
We are made of dreams and bones.
Feel the need to grow my own
Cause the time is close at hand.
Grain for grain, sun and rain
Find my way in nature's chain
Tune my body and my brain
To the music from the land.**

**2. Plant your rows straight and long.
Temper them with prayer and song.
Mother Earth will make you strong
If you give her love and care.
An old crow watching hungrily
From his perch in yonder tree,
In my garden I'm as free
As that feathered thief up there.**

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday, July 15, 2023 5:45 PM
For farmers

Sunday, July 16, 2023, 9:00 AM
Betty Fain by Esther Due

Monday, July 17, 2023, 5:00—6:30 PM Quiet
Adoration

Wednesday, July 19, 2023

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

Saturday, July 22, 2023 5:45 PM
Elizabeth Malone by Mary and Kevin Harmon
Salvador Rivera Sr. by his children Salvador Rivera
and Yvonne Cuellar
Elbio and Myriam Pezzati by their daughter Rosina
Pezzati de Rivera

Sunday, July 23, 2023, 9:00 AM
Elsa and Joe Beganskas by Goddaughter

BEATITUDES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

"Life in general has taught me that if you're
kind to people, everything gets easier. Being a
decent person really smooths the way for you
and everyone else." ~ Alan Arkin
We must never lose sight of how important it is
to treat others with gentleness, kindness, and
understanding.

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:

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time Collection: \$2074.00
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Collection: \$2368.00
Thank you for sharing your treasure and for your generosity!

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 15, 2023:

Greeters:
Brynda Shultes

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Bill Kuehnle

Lector:
Patty Paser

Altar Servers
Arriette and Nathan Kuehnle

Eucharistic Ministers
Barb Valosin, Marilyn Schulmerich

Set-up/Shut down:
Robin Hazzard

Sunday, July 16, 2023:

Greeters:
Doreen Buzon, Jane Munger

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Theresa Charland, Marcia Guntert

Lector:
Kate Katsur

Altar Servers
Sam Borst

Eucharistic Ministers/Shutdown
Margaret Ostermann, Pattie Sainsbury

Money Counters
Jane Munger, Bonnie Jorgensen

Saturday, July 22, 2023:

Greeters:
Marilyn Schulmerich

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Robin Hazzard

Lector:
Patty Paser

Altar Servers
Gabe and Elise Ringuette

Eucharistic Ministers
M. Schulmerich, J. Newsome

Set-up/Shut down:
Robin Hazzard

Sunday, July 23, 2023:

Greeters:
Martha Conroy, Helen Lindstrom

Ushers and Seat Counters:
John Conroy

Lector:
Stephanie Tinker

Altar Servers
Shylia Singletary

Eucharistic Ministers/Shutdown
Jim Buzon, Bonnie Jorgensen

Money Counters
Kuehl & DeMeyere



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

Missionary Appeal

On the weekend of July 29—30, Fr. Absalom Fernandez Anthony from the Diocese of Punalur, Kerala, India will be among us to preside at Eucharist and break open God's Word. He will speak about the work of the missions in India. The **special second collection** will support their ministry. Thank you for your generosity; let us welcome Fr. Anthony with genuine Christian hospitality.



Also, during this time Fr. Tom Zelker will be resting in the Adirondacks... canoeing, fishing, caving, and wandering in the woods... and also helping at St. James Church, North Creek — their pastor Fr. John O'Kane covers four churches.

PRAYER FOR SUMMERTIME

Loving God, Creator of all times and places, we thank you for the gift of summertime, the days of light, warmth and leisure.

Thank you for the beauty that surrounds us everywhere we look: the multi-colored flowers, the deep blue of the sky, the tranquil surface of lakes, the laughter of children at play, people strolling in parks, families gathered around picnic tables and the more time to spend with family and friends.

As we open our eyes and ears to the landscape of nature and people, open our hearts to receive all as gift. Give us that insight to see you as the Divine Artist. Help us to realize and appreciate that you are laboring to keep all in existence. Warm our souls with the awareness of your presence.

Let all the gifts we enjoy this summer deepen our awareness of your love so that we may share this with others and enjoy a summertime of re-creation.

AMEN

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>

The **Diocesan Step Up Men's Conference 2023** is now only five weeks away and registrations are much lower than last year at this time.

Thank you very much for promoting the event thus far, but anything further would be greatly appreciated.

Personal invitations are critical – please personally invite as many men as possible!

Content for bulletin entries / announcements are below. Registration Page: <https://www.rcda.org/StepUp>



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 9am mass ending July 30th. If you would like to join the discussion, please contact Sena at 518-827-3301. 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

A Free! Evening of Fun and Excitement

This Sunday, July 16th, for kids 7 years old and up (plus parents): Muscle Motors Go Karts followed by Gobblers Knob Miniature Golf. Be at Muscle Motors by 5:00 PM (Route 145 between Cobleskill and everywhere else).



Community Free Lunch

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

Middleburgh Ecumenical Service

Sunday, July 23 at 11:00 AM on the front lawn of Middleburgh Central High School. Scripture, communal prayer, inspirational music. Guest speakers are Seminarians Gilbert Kimaro, Mike Gersner and Alex Turpin with Deacon Gary Riggi. Please bring a chair.

Take Me Out To The Ballgame

Tuesday, July 25 — Leaving Our Lady of Fatima and Our Lady of the Valley at 5:30 PM to watch the Amsterdam Mohawks play the Saugerties Stallions at Rag Family Stadium, Amsterdam. Cost \$3.00 per person. "Buy me some peanuts and crackerjacks", too!

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 "Our Lady of the Valley" and the refunds will be credited to OLV! (*Note: At this time the recycling center cannot accept half gallon drink containers).



Summer Flowers

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

Thank You

To all who helped make this past weekend so memorable, joyous, and faith-filled. May our love abound from hereto the ends of the Earth.
—Fr. Tom Zelker



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

Schoharie Valley Community
Day Camp
July 17-21, 2023
presented by Schoharie Reformed,
Schoharie Presbyterian, Christ the
Shepherd Lutheran Churches
(see website for options available for students
attending the Summer Enrichment program)

Info online:
<https://www.schoharie.reformedchurch.org/camp>



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