

**June 25, 2023:**  
**TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**“All are welcome.”**



**OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY**

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**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, June 24, 2023 5:45 PM**  
Kathleen Doyle by Eileen O’Leary

**James and Jimmy Morgan by JoAnn and Kerry and Family**

**Sunday, June 25, 2023, 9:00 AM**  
Thomas Buzon by Jackie and Ed Guntert



**Ed + Jackie Guntert 60th Wedding Anniversary**

**Monday, June 26, 2023, 5:00—6:30 PM** Quiet Adoration

**Wednesday, June 28, 2023, 9:00 AM**  
Elizabeth “Betty” Hass and Georgette Therrien by the Pagano Family

**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

**BEATITUDES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING**

**"We have always held to the hope, the belief, the conviction that there is a better life, a better world, beyond the horizon."**

**~ Franklin D. Roosevelt (32<sup>nd</sup> President of the United States)**

**Blessed are the peacemakers. We must all work to manifest peaceful lives and to share peace and friendship with others.**

Administration and Stewardship

Offerings:

*11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Collection: \$1635.00*

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

# WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**Saturday, June 24, 2023:**

**Greeters:**  
Jane Munger

**Ushers and Seat Counters:**  
Robin Hazzard

**Lector:**  
Anne Ringuette

**Altar Servers**  
Gabe and Elise Ringuette

**Eucharistic Ministers**  
Jane Munger, Michele Cullam

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

**Sunday, June 25, 2023:**

**Greeters:**  
Brynda Shultes, Helen Lindstrom

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

**Lector:**  
Kate Katsur

**Altar Servers**  
Sam and Caroline Borst

**Eucharistic Ministers/Shutdown**  
Michele Borst, Joann Coonrad

**Money Counters**  
Jane Munger, Bonnie Jorgensen

**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



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

**“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.

**A Summer Prayer**

May you breathe in the beauty of summer with its power of transformation.

May this beauty permeate all that feels un-beautiful in you.

*May the God of summer give us beauty.*

May you seek and find spaces of repose during these summer months. May these moments refresh and restore the tired places within you.

*May the God of summer give us rest.*

May you be open to times of celebration and recreation that are so much a part of summer. May you find happiness in these times of play and leisure.

*May the God of summer give us joy.*

May your eyes see the wonders of summer’s colors. May these colors delight you and entice you into contemplation and joy.

*May the God of summer give us inner light.*

May you feel energy of summer rains penetrating thirsty gardens, hay

fields, lawns and farmlands. May these rains remind you that your inner thirst needs quenching. May your inner self be refreshed, restored, and renewed.

*May the God of summer give us what we need for healing.*

May you savor fresh produce that comes to your table and enjoy the fruits of summer’s bounty.

*May the God of summer give us a sense of satisfaction in the works of our hands.*

May you find shelter when the stormy skies of summer threaten your safety.

*May the God of summer give us shelter when inner storms threaten our peace of mind and heart.*

May you enjoy the unexpected and find surprises of beauty and happiness as you travel the roads on long summer days.

*May the God of summer lead us to amazing discoveries as we travel the inner roads of our soul as well.*

(Summer began Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>)



**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**

**PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Pastoral Council meeting will be held on Mon, June 26th at 6:00 PM in the church hall.

**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.

**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.*

**Congratulations to all of our graduates!**

Charlene, Chris and little Tommy get ready to graduate kindergarten...1959.



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