

May 7, 2023:
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
“Jesus’s Exaltation is ours in Christ”



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:

4:00pm, 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, May 6, 2023 5:45 PM
Lawrence Manganello by the Zuefle Family
Ronald Becker by JoAnn Morgan

Sunday, May 7, 2023, 9:00 AM
Eileen McKeon by the McGrail Family
For all our children

Monday, May 8, 2023, 5:00—6:30 PM
Quiet Adoration

Wednesday, May 10, 2023, 9:00 AM
Kathleen O'Connor by Margaret O'Connor

Saturday, May 13, 2023 5:45 PM
For all our mothers

Sunday, May 14, 2023, 9:00 AM
For all our mothers



Ascension Thursday
May 18, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Outdoor Mass and Pasta Picnic at Lasalle Park, off Spring Street, Schoharie. Our Lady of Fatima Knights of Columbus are serving a pasta dinner. Please bring a simple dessert to share.

Administration and Stewardship

Offerings:

4th Sunday of Easter Collection: \$1782.25

Thank you for sharing your treasure and for your generosity!

Saturday, May 6, 2023:

Greeters:
 Michele Cullam

Ushers and Seat Counters:
 Robin Hazzard

Lector:
 Ringuette

Altar Servers
 Gabe and Elise Ringuette

Eucharistic Ministers
 Michele Cullam, Jane Munger

Set-up/Shut down:
 Jane Munger

Sunday, May 7, 2023:

Greeters:
 Martha Conroy, John Conroy

Ushers and Seat Counters:
 Jackie and Ed Guntert

Lector:
 Brynda Shultes

Altar Servers
 Sam and Caroline Borst

Eucharistic Ministers/Shutdown
 Margaret Ostermann, Barbara Valosin

Money Counters
 John Borst, Brynda Shultes

Saturday, May 13, 2023:

Greeters:
 Barbara Valosin

Ushers and Seat Counters:
 Robin Hazzard

Lector:
 Stephanie Tinker

Altar Servers
 Arriette and Nathan Kuehnle

Eucharistic Ministers
 M. Schulmerich, J. Newsome

Set-up/Shut down:
 Barbara Valosin

Sunday, May 14, 2023:

Greeters:
 Anne Marie Robinson, Jane Munger

Ushers and Seat Counters:
 Stephanie and Bob Tinker

Lector:
 Denise Lloyd

Altar Servers
 Shylia Singletary

Eucharistic Ministers/Shutdown
 Michele Borst, Jackie Guntert

Money Counters
 Denise Lloyd, Elizabeth Blackmur,
 Linda Pagano

BEATITUDES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

"Peace is necessary. For justice, it is necessary. For hope, it is necessary, for our future."

~ Harry Belafonte

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. We must manifest a peaceful life and share peace and friendship with each other.



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, Helen Robinson, 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

YOUR LARGER STORY

Albert Einstein once wrote: “A human being is a part of a whole, something called by us a universe, a part limited in time and space. He experiences himself, his thoughts and feelings, as something separated from the rest, [which is] a kind of optical delusion of his consciousness. This delusion is a kind of prison for us, restricting us to our personal desires and to affection for a few persons nearest to us. Our task must be to free ourselves from this prison by widening our circle of compassion to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature in its beauty.”

A famous Buddhist meditation accomplishes this, summoning up first compassion for someone very dear to us, then spreading that feeling to a wider circle of acquaintances, and finally widening the circle of compassion to include the whole earth community.

All this spirituality may be delusional if we live essentially in isolation from the human race, as do many of the safely cloistered clergy and the overly privileged in select communities. Evolution moves us instead toward community and communion, and we cooperate best with its energies when we honor the less privileged by living where they live, knowing their stories, taking their side in political struggles, and respecting and responding to their needs. This is nothing more than the golden rule: doing unto others as we would have them do unto us, a moral principle known in every single religion on earth.

50 Days That Make a Difference

God frees us in Jesus—Crucified and Risen—to live in the presence of Love Eternal today. Alive in God’s Spirit of Resurrection no tomb, no evil, no negativity has sway over us.

Live fully as if you make a difference—because you do! Eternally! So today break free, encounter wonder, restore and give hope! Take a hike through a CCC forest, enjoy a waterfall, watch clouds, listen to birds, plant a tree, visit homebound neighbors, witness to peace, speak up for human dignity, forgive and say I’m sorry, help the food pantry, smile at Mass, encourage a kid, thank a teacher, address racism and hate, pray for our conversion journey. Fifty Days of Easter is a good start...



The Easter Bunny, a young goat, and the rest.



GIFT

Please congratulate our candidates who celebrate First Eucharist this Sunday, May 7th: Aubree

Arnold, Addison Harrington, Gianna Liuzzi, Henry McGrail, Luna Pelton, and Josephine Schulmerich. Cards will be available in the hall of the church, if you would like to share a prayer or special message for them.

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.



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Home Masses

We gather together, much as the early disciples of Jesus during the formative era of our Church, to pray to pray for each other, share insights and challenges from the living Word of God, and Break Bread around the Table of the Lord. These home Masses inspire us to grow closer as a Community of Faith. You are most invited to come to our neighbors’ homes. Snacks will be served, too.

- **Monday, May 15th, 6:00 PM at Ed and Jackie Guntert’s 138 Union St., Middleburgh.**
- **Tuesday, May 23, 6:00 PM at Mark and Chris Quandt’s 264 Schoharie Hill Road, Schoharie.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

“Sing of Mary: A concert devoted to our Blessed Mother”

Christ the King Church, 20 Sumter Ave., Westmere (right off Rte 20), Sunday, May 7th at 4:00 PM. Singing new and familiar songs and hearing Bible stories.

NET Dinner

Wednesday, May 10th at 5:00 PM is our last NET Dinner . We’ll have a Spring BBQ.

Chicken & Ribs BBQ: Saturday, May 20, 2023

The Knights of Columbus Council 4475 will hold a Chicken & Ribs BBQ On Saturday, May 20, 2023 at Noble Ace Hardware, Main Street Cobleskill NY beginning at 10 a.m. until sold out. Chicken Dinner at \$15 and Rib Dinners at \$16. Dinners include coleslaw, baked potato and a roll. BAR-B-QUE DELIGHTS will cook. Proceeds will support the youth ministry at Our Lady of the Valley Church and a local seminarian.

Plant a Row

As you plan your spring gardening, 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.

For more information on Diocesan Bankruptcy,

reorganization, and safe environment see Albany Diocese’s website: www.rcda.org/reorganization

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

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