

**May 28, 2023:  
PENTECOST SUNDAY**

**“Today we are sent forth as a New Creation. Today our lives are ablaze with the Peace, Joy, and Boundless Love of Jesus Christ Crucified and Risen! Alleluia!”**



**OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY**

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**Parish Website:**

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

**Facebook page:**

<https://www.facebook.com/OurLadyoftheValleyParish/>

**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 27, 2023 5:45 PM**  
**Steven Cardinale by Mary Cook**  
**Theresa Fagnani by OLV Parish**

**Sunday, May 28, 2023, 9:00 AM**  
**Helga deRoziere by Sue and Robin**

**Monday, May 29, 2023,**  
**9:00 AM: Memorial Day Mass at**  
**Middleburgh Cemetery**  
**5:00—6:30 PM: Quiet Adoration**

**Wednesday, May 31, 2023, 9:00 AM**  
**For farmers**

**Saturday, June 3, 2023 5:45 PM**  
**Peter Greisen by Mary and Kevin**  
**Harmon**  
**Helen Robinson by Robin Hazzard**

**Sunday, June 4, 2023, 9:00 AM**  
**Tom Nevins by Margaret O'Connor**

## **BEATITUDES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING**

"We cherish, too, the poppy red  
 That grows on fields where valor led;  
 It seems to signal to the skies  
 That blood of heroes never dies,  
 But lends a lustre to the red  
 Of the flower that blooms above the dead  
 In Flanders field"

~ *Moina Michael*

(excerpt from "We Shall Keep the Faith")

## Administration and Stewardship

### Offerings:

**7th Sunday of Easter Collection: \$1615.00**

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

### Saturday, May 27, 2023:

#### Greeters:

Marilyn Schulmerich

#### Ushers and Seat Counters:

Robin Hazzard

#### Lector:

Ringuette

#### Altar Servers

Gabe and Elise Ringuette

#### Eucharistic Ministers

Michele Cullam, Tom Valosin

#### Set-up/Shut down:

Marilyn Schulmerich

### Sunday, May 28, 2023:

#### Greeters:

Brynda Shultes, John Conroy

#### Ushers and Seat Counters:

Marcia Guntert, Ed Guntert

#### Lector:

Kate Katsur

#### Altar Servers

Shylia Singletary

#### Eucharistic Ministers/Shutdown

Brynda Shultes, Martha Conroy

#### Money Counters

Ernest Kuehl and Dolores DeMeyere

### Saturday, June 3, 2023:

#### Greeters:

Michele Cullam

#### Ushers and Seat Counters:

Bill Kuehnle

#### Lector:

Pat Costello

#### Altar Servers

Arriette and Nathan Kuehnle

#### Eucharistic Ministers

Michele Cullam, Pat Costello

#### Set-up/Shut down:

Robin Hazzard

### Sunday, June 4, 2023:

#### Greeters:

Joann Coonradt, Michele Finin

#### Ushers and Seat Counters:

Jackie and Ed Guntert

#### Lector:

Brynda Shultes

#### Altar Servers

Shylia Singletary

#### Eucharistic Ministers/Shutdown

M. Ostermann, B. Jorgensen, M. Conroy

#### Money Counters

J. Borst, S. Shultes, L. Pagano

### For Anyone who ministers and helps...

You do so much to help our parish and community in so many ways, please let us honor you in prayer and fellowship on Tuesday, June 13, in Our Lady of Fatima Church, starting at 6:00 PM.

We will begin with a prayer service and follow it with some lite fare and baked goodies. It is a place to meet and enjoy the company of other like-minded helpers to our community.

Please come and join us.

Sponsored by Works of Mercy in Schenectady County.



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

**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...

**A Prayer for our Pentecost**

*O wind that blows when and where it will,  
teach me to reverence the Wind of Heaven.*

*O mover of tree tops and tall grasses,  
you who are the servant of no other forces  
open me up to the mysterious Breath of God.*

*O Divine Wind, blowing with the Spirit’s sweetness  
through a chant-filled mosque in Arabia,  
or causing a silent heart to dance  
in a hidden hermit’s cave high in the Himalayas,  
rising with incense in an ancient cathedral  
or caressing with compassion  
an abandoned packing crate in an urban slum,  
wherein sleeps a homeless drifter;  
let me feel your loving touch.*

*Lift me up above my selfish interests,  
spreading my concerns wider than myself.  
Exhale a gale of your grace into me  
and set me under full sail  
as your servant of life and of love.*

*Remind me with your every movement  
that history has shown clearly  
how you are the private property of none,  
how great and passionate movements  
have lost touch with your breath of life  
and so have become empty of their youthful zeal.*

*Wind of inspiration, Creative Spirit of God,  
teach me not to forget  
that you come always as gift.  
Remind me always to be ready  
to receive and romance and dance with joy  
wherever and whenever you visit,  
or risk that you may move on without me.  
May I ever be sensitive to your gentle breezes  
and willing to soar with your wild winds.*



Ascension Thursday: We celebrated the Eucharist and continued the feast with a delicious pasta picnic thanks to the Knights of Columbus.



**GIFT**

**Please congratulate our candidates who celebrated their First Eucharist on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>: Aubree Arnold,**

**Addison Harrington, Gianna Liuzzi, Henry McGrail, Luna Pelton, and Josephine Schulmerich. Cards are 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.**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Memorial Day Mass**

Monday, May 29, 9:00 AM at Middleburgh Cemetery (lower level on Cotton Hill Road). Please bring a lawn chair. We remember those whose lives were taken and sacrificed in the cause of liberty and freedom and peace.

**Help with linens needed**

Any Parishioners who could assist with cleaning the linens, please contact Marilyn Schulmerich at 518-827-7402.

**An Adopt-a-Highway cleanup**

Mark your calendars for an all parish event! Join in the fun and wear those snazzy construction worker helmets and vests to help clean up a portion of Rt. 7! Our Lady of Fatima has an Adopt-A-Highway section of Route 7 in Delanson. Clean up is scheduled for Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> after the 11:00 AM Mass. This is appropriate for families with children 12 years and up with parent supervision. It is recommended that you wear long pants and appropriate shoes. Helmets and vests must be worn as required by DOT. Clothing along with refreshments will be provided at the OLF hall.

**Welcome to our “Summer Seminarian”**

Louis Namugera, a second theology student at St. Mary’s Seminary in Baltimore, will be with us for the summer, working and ministering in our Parish. Louis, a native of Uganda, will be residing in the rectory at Our Lady of Fatima. Let us welcome Louis with our generous Schoharie hospitality. He is praying to be a priest in our Albany Diocese.

**Youth Ministry**

All kids grade 7-12 are invited and welcome to our gathering: Sundays 6:00—8:00 PM at Our Lady of Fatima Parish Center, Delanson (in back of the rectory).

**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](http://www.rcda.org/reorganization)

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