

**November 19, 2023:**

**Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**I want to walk as a child of the Light. I want to follow Jesus.**



**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:**

4:00 p.m. Our Lady of Fatima in Delanson

6:00 p.m. 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, November 18, 2023 6:00 PM**  
Irene Gilmore by OLV Community

**Sunday, November 19, 2023, 9:00 AM**  
Joseph Bozicevich by OLV Community

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 3:00 PM

**Monday, November 20, 2023, 5:00—6:30 PM**  
Quiet adoration

**Tuesday, November 21, 2023, 2:00 and 3:00 PM**  
Kingsway Nursing Home Masses

**Wednesday, November 22, 2023, 6:00 PM**  
Thanksgiving Mass

**Saturday, November 25, 2023 6:00 PM**  
John Barr by Robin Hazzard

**Sunday, November 26, 2023, 9:00 AM**  
For peace in every nation

### All Souls Remembrance

You are invited to share a small photo of your loved one on our Tree of Life. All Souls' offerings are used to help the living: the Nature Conservancy, Ukrainian children, St. Jude's Hospital.



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

### 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.

### BEATITUDES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

"He loved us not because we are lovable, but because He is love." ~ C.S. Lewis

Our love for each other embodies God's love for us. We must embrace each other and ensure that our love shows in our thoughts, our actions, and our words.

### Administration and Stewardship

#### Offerings:

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Collection: \$F.B.A.

Thank you for sharing your treasure and for your generosity!

## WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**Saturday, November 18, 2023:**

**Greeters:**  
Marilyn Schulmerich

**Ushers and Seat Counters:**  
Bill Kuehnle

**Lector:**  
Beth Cunningham

**Altar Servers**  
Arriette and Nathan Kuehnle

**Eucharistic Ministers**  
Michele Cullam, Marilyn Schulmerich

**Set-up/Shut down:**  
Marilyn Schulmerich

**Sunday, November 19, 2023:**

**Greeters:**  
Doreen Buzon, Michele Finin

**Ushers and Seat Counters:**  
Theresa Charland, Marcia Guntert

**Lector:**  
Borst

**Altar Servers**  
Sam Borst

**Eucharistic Ministers/Shutdown**  
Joanne Coonradt, Rosemary Gutkaiss

**Money Counters**  
Margaret Ostermann,

**Saturday, November 25, 2023:**

**Greeters:**  
Joanne Newsome

**Ushers and Seat Counters:**  
Robin Hazzard

**Lector:**  
Patty Paser

**Altar Servers**  
Gabe and Elise Ringuette

**Eucharistic Ministers**  
Joanne Newsome, Michele Cullam

**Set-up/Shut down:**  
Robin Hazzard

**Sunday, November 26, 2023:**

**Greeters:**  
Martha Conroy, Helen Lindstrom

**Ushers and Seat Counters:**  
John Conroy

**Lector:**  
Brynda Shultes

**Altar Servers**  
Caroline Borst, Luna Pelton

**Eucharistic Ministers/Shutdown**  
Jim Buzon, Margaret Ostermann

**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 Saccetto, Mary Bixby, Ed August, Stephanie Coxen, Pam Raquet, Margaret M. Ostermann, Margaret Cameron, 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, Rick Conners, Annie Conneely, Francis McKiernan, Barbara St. George, Jesse Lints, Robert Tinker, Joseph Scolaro, Lisa Frangoulis, Davia Fileccia, Jamie Howard, Tom Guilianelli, Deborah Lobo, Joseph Pelton, Joseph Cassella, Paul Pagano, Donald Gaffney Jr., Michele Eckland, Diane Czarro, Bill Hudzik, Rick Stoddard, Tom Barr, Helen Zebrowski, Shane Stark, Nada Gaber Pitu, Joan Luhrs, Dick Kristel, Kate Mahoney, Chris & Karen Nieminski, Rose Ceroalo, the Scott Family, Karen Conners,

**A Psalm of Cosmic Communion**

May I join you, cosmic congregation of galaxies,  
as you dance with delight before our God.  
You spin and leap with brilliant bursts of light,  
never tiring of your sacred circle-play.  
May I join you, star-children of countless constellations,  
in the worship of our common Creator  
in your rotating rituals of nuclear energy  
as you sing cosmic chants of divine fire.  
May I join you, I who find my times of devotion  
so often flat and fireless, bound by routine and uninspired,  
stagnant due to their lack of zeal.  
May I join you, so that my prayers  
may also spin with sparkling splendor,  
spawning long tails of luminous devotion  
to carry my praise and adoration  
straight to the heart of my Beloved God.



**GIFT**

Our next and final book club discussion will be held on December 6th at 6:30 pm at the OLV rectory. We will be discussing Session 4 of "Light of the World" by Amy-Jill Levine.

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.

**PARISH PRAYER, SERVICE AND FUN**

**The Joshua Project Thanksgiving Baskets Project**

The Joshua Project is looking for donations of non-perishable foods for their Thanksgiving baskets: instant potatoes, cranberry sauce, can gravy, can vegetables, can yam, box stuffing. Please no glass jars. Monetary donations are accepted. Pick-up of goods on Monday, Nov. 13th. Call 518-763-5800 with questions or to arrange pickup. Thank you!

**Thanksgiving Service Change!**

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service, Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 PM at St. Mark's Lutheran Church.  
Mass, Wed, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6:00 PM at Our Lady of the Valley Church.  
Mass, Thu, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9:00 AM at Our Lady of Fatima Church.

**N.E.T. Dinner**

Next N.E.T. Dinner is at St. Mark's Lutheran Church on Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 5:00—7:00 PM.

**Pastoral Council Meeting**

Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM in our church hall.

**Veterans' Needs**

Last call... stick deodorant, disposable razors, body wash, sneakers and T-shirts. Our collection basket is in our hall.

**Dreidels and Latkes**

Please join us for an evening of fun on November 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM in Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall when a Leader of a local Jewish Community will share the history, traditions and celebration of Chanukah (Festival of Lights). We will also learn and play the dreidel game, sing songs and enjoy delicious Latkes (potato pancakes). Chanukah begins on the evening of December 7<sup>th</sup> this year.

**Diocesan Appeal**

Contribution forms and envelopes have been mailed out to parishioners. This is for the new Appeal which begins right now. Thank you for your generosity.

**Cradle of Love**

We're continuing to collect diapers and baby wipes for Community Maternity Services in the bassinet in the hall. Please no toys or baby furniture, diapers and wipes only. Thank you for your continued support of this important need in our community.

**The Giving Tree**

The Giving Tree with tags for the Adopt a Family program is ready this weekend. Thank you for participating in this project. Contact Stephanie Tinker with any questions (518-231-3221)

**Ten Week Club Winners**

Week 3: \$25 Nathan Kuehnle , \$15 Linda Connors  
\$10 Nancy Andrino

Thank you for supporting Knights of Columbus Programs.



*Unleashing Love*

**Diocesan Women's Conference**

*Awakening our hearts to share God's love.*

**When:** Saturday, December 9, 2023

**Time:** Check-in and Continental Breakfast at 8:30 AM

Event runs from 8:30 AM to 4 PM

**Location:** St. Pius X Church, 23 Crumitie Rd., Loudonville, NY

**Speakers:** Fr. Chris Alar, MIC; Mary DeTurris Poust; Anne Costa

**Conference includes:** Presentations, Reconciliation, Adoration with worship music by the Sisters of Life, Rosary, Mass with Bishop Scharfenberger, box lunch, and beverages.

**Register Here:** <https://www.rcda.org/UnleashingLove>

**Come and Join Us**



Community Brunch for all those who serve in our communities!

- **Date:** Sunday, November 19th
- **Place and Time:** Our Lady of the Valley Hall from 10 am to 11:30 am
- **Our Lady of Fatima Hall** from 12 pm to 1:30 pm

*Menu: Pancakes and sausage, egg dishes, fruit, coffee cake, muffins, juice and coffee.*

*Sponsored by our families in faith formation at Our Lady of Fatima and Our Lady of the Valley*

Prayer with Veterans at NET Dinner



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