

**November 26, 2023:**

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

**“But when did I see you hungry or homeless, ill or in prison?”**



**OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY**

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**Monday - Friday 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM**

**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 25, 2023 6:00 PM**

John Barr by Robin Hazzard  
Pam Bolen Sinko by Patty Paser

**Sunday, November 26, 2023, 9:00 AM**

Loretta Bolen by Patty Paser

**Monday, November 27, 2023, 5:00—6:30 PM**

Quiet adoration

**Wednesday, November 29, 2023, 9:00 AM**

President John F. Kennedy 60th Anniversary

**Saturday, December 2, 2023 6:00 PM**

For new beginnings

**Sunday, December 3, 2023, 9:00 AM**

For peace in our world

**All Souls Remembrance**

All Souls' offerings are used to help the living: the Nature Conservancy, Ukrainian children, St. Jude's Hospital. \$160 were donated.



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**

"Jesus heals. Only Jesus. I am only his instrument. You must open yourself to Jesus, and let him do the work he wants to do in you". ~ Fr. Ubald

In this time of giving, we must always remember that service to others is more important than the material gifts we may give. Giving of our time, talents, and genuine care to our community, neighbors, and those in need is what God asks us to do.

**Administration and Stewardship**

**Offerings:**

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Collection: \$1926.00

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Collection: \$ 5 .B.A.

Thank you for sharing your treasure and for your generosity!

**WEEKEND  
MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**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

**Saturday, December 2, 2023:**

**Greeters:**

Pat Costello

**Ushers and Seat Counters:**

Bill Kuehnle

**Lector:**

Pat Costello

**Altar Servers**

Arriette and Nathan Kuehnle

**Eucharistic Ministers**

Pat Costello, Michele Cullam

**Set-up/Shut down:**

Robin Hazzard

**Sunday, December 3, 2023:**

**Greeters:**

John Conroy, Betty Karlau

**Ushers and Seat Counters:**

Jackie and Ed Guntert

**Lector:**

Sharon Riggi

**Altar Servers**

Sera Wargo, Luna Pelton

**Eucharistic Ministers/Shutdown**

Theresa Charland, Marcia Guntert

**Money Counters**

Jane Munger, Bonnie Jorgensen



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, P. J. D.,



**LIFE'S JOURNEY**

God of many names,  
my name is known to you.

I am held in the hand of your life,  
and I do not know what you will make of me.

All I know is that I cannot make myself  
any more than I could in my mother's womb.

But this I can do,  
this I choose, to give myself into the hand of your  
continuing creativity.

My past, with its joys and triumphs, its failures and  
regrets.

My present, with all its struggles and  
accomplishments, its failures and regrets.  
My future, with its fears and freedom, its pain and  
promise.

To loose and to bind, to stretch and to shape,  
to become what I will, trusting the hand that made  
the world trusting the spirit that breathes life  
trusting the love that will not let me go  
trusting the promise of the Word made flesh.



**GIFT**

**Happy Birthday Jesus Party** will be held  
Saturday, December 2nd at 5:00 PM in Our Lady  
of Fatima Church Hall. Wreath making, games  
and food. We are collecting toddler clothing for Catholic Charities.

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**

**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.

**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.

**Diocesan Appeal**

The 2023-2024 Appeal letters have gone out to all parishioners.  
If you did not receive one, offering envelopes are now available  
in the pews. Please make sure you put "Our Lady of the Valley"  
on the envelope. We do this together because we believe it is of  
vital importance to continue the ministry of Jesus in our 145  
county Diocese... caring for the sick, educating our children,  
finding housing for the homeless, feeding the hungry, and  
training seminarians and parish leaders. This year our parish  
assessment is \$23,738.00; last year it was \$21,150.00. Thank  
you for your support!

**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  
here. Thank you for participating in this project. Contact  
Stephanie Tinker with any questions (518-231-3221). Gifts need  
to be returned by December 16th.

You will find "grateful hearts" at our church entranceways.  
Write down in simple words what you are thankful for this  
year to share the attitude of gratitude with our parish and  
community.



**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>

**Thank you!**

We made 203 pies and 455 apple crisps, and we  
collected \$3,900.00 towards the fuel bill and  
Community Maternity Services. Great job!



**Rosary Society Corner**

Our Christmas Bazaar will be on the  
weekend of December 9th and 10th  
before and after Mass. Cookie  
donations can be dropped off at the  
church hall on 12/9 after 10:00 AM.  
Thank you!



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