

**October 8, 2023:**  
**Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

God our Creator, fill us with your Beauty;  
may the winds of your Spirit raise us up and send us forth.



**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, October 7, 2023 5:45 PM**

For farmers

**Sunday, October 8, 2023, 9:00 AM**

Patricia Bell by Colleen Lettreri  
Kenneth W. Brown by James & Linda Hayhurst

**Monday, October 9, 2023, 5:00—6:30 PM**

Quiet adoration

**Wednesday, October 11, 2023, 9:00 AM**

For good stewards of the Earth

**Saturday, October 14, 2023 5:45 PM**

Rudy Gandolfo by James & Linda Hayhurst  
Dominic Tebano by Robin Hazzard

**Sunday, October 15, 2023, 9:00 AM**

Mark deRoziere by Family



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

### BEATITUDES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

"Imagine what our real neighborhoods would be like if each of us offered, as a matter of course, just one kind word to another person." ~ Mr. Rogers

Each of us is loved by God and we are here on earth to make a difference in the world, through our family, friends, neighbors, and community. He calls upon us to love, care, and be kind to all people.

### 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.

### Administration and Stewardship

### Offerings:

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Collection: 1744.00

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

# WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**Saturday, October 7, 2023:**

**Greeters:**

Jane Munger

**Ushers and Seat Counters:**

Bill Kuehnle

**Lector:**

Pat Costello

**Altar Servers**

Arriette and Nathan Kuehnle

**Eucharistic Ministers**

Pat Costello, Jane Munger

**Set-up/Shut down:**

Jane Munger

**Sunday, October 8, 2023:**

**Greeters:**

John Conroy, Betty Karlau

**Ushers and Seat Counters:**

Jackie and Ed Guntert

**Lector:**

Denise Lloyd

**Altar Servers**

Sera Wargo, Luna Pelton

**Eucharistic Ministers/Shutdown**

Theresa Charland, Marcia Guntert

**Money Counters**

Denise Lloyd, Elizabeth Blackmur, Linda Pagano

**Saturday, October 14, 2023:**

**Greeters:**

Barb Valosin

**Ushers and Seat Counters:**

Robin Hazzard

**Lector:**

Ringuette

**Altar Servers**

Gabe and Elise Ringuette

**Eucharistic Ministers**

Barb and Tom Valosin

**Set-up/Shut down:**

Robin Hazzard

**Sunday, October 15, 2023:**

**Greeters:**

Joann Coonradt, Marilyn Nolte

**Ushers and Seat Counters:**

Stephanie and Bob Tinker

**Lector:**

Borst

**Altar Servers**

Caroline Borst

**Eucharistic Ministers/Shutdown**

Jackie Guntert, Betty Karlau

**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, 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

**GIFT**

Our next GIFT program is scheduled for October 15<sup>th</sup> after the 9:00 AM Mass. I look forward to seeing you there!



Please note the change of Book Club discussion times. Our second discussion will be held on Wednesday, October 18 at 6:30 PM at the OLV rectory. Light of the World books are available at \$5 per copy. Sign-up sheet is in the OLV 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.

**Psalm of the Feast of Autumn**

Tinted orange and yellow is the sunlight that pours through the stained glass window webwork of the countless gothic tree branches, as God's cosmic temple celebrates the feast of autumn.

The aroma of leaves fills every one of my pores, as clouds of autumn incense rise, amidst the tall, tree pillars of basilica earth.

"Holy, holy, holy are you, God of Creation, heaven and earth are full of your glory, holy, holy, holy are you."

In sacred dance, great hosts of brown leaves circle-turn before earth's altar, whirling around like brown-robed sufis, lost in the ecstasy of God.

Their voices whisper ancient chants of God's secret name:

"Ahhh, so beautiful!"

"Ahhh, so breathtaking!"

"Ahhh, yes, ahhh!" — whispering the name of God.

I come like a pagan, unbaptized, an outsider standing on holy ground, with shoes still on, yearning to be converted to this most primal worship, the awesome adoration of the feast of autumn. O God, grant me the gift of conversion.

**The Knights of Columbus #4475 TEN WEEK CLUB**



Tickets are now available for the Ten Week Club. First Drawing on Columbus Day. \$10. Per ticket with 30 chances to win weekly prizes of \$25, \$15, \$10 and Grand prizes \$200, \$100, \$50. See any Knight for tickets.

New members are welcome at our meetings the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at 7 p.m.

**REGISTER NOW FOR THE NYS EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS:**

Catholics from across New York State are planning to come together at Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine in Auriesville on October 20-22, 2023 to celebrate the real presence of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. The Congress will feature inspiring talks, Mass, Eucharistic adoration, opportunities for confessions, inspiring music and more. For details and to register (**EVERYONE ATTENDING MUST REGISTER**), log onto

<https://nyseucharisticcongress.org>

**Recycle for OLV**

Collect your 5¢ deposit plastic and glass drink bottles and cans\*, and drop them off at the RIGGI Recycling Center in Middleburgh across from the Valley Market. Mark your bag "Our Lady of the Valley" and the refunds will be credited to OLV! (\*Note: At this time the recycling center cannot accept half gallon drink containers).



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Suicide Prevention Walk**

Walk with us to prevent suicide this Sunday, October 8th, 11:00 AM—1:00 PM at Middleburgh Central High School.

**You Count!**

Every October, our Diocese counts every person in every pew in every church at every Mass. This helps in planning wisest use of our resources and how best we can worship together.



**Community Church Picnic**

Sunday, October 8 at 4:00 PM at the Middleburgh Reformed Church. We gather with our Christian neighbors for food and fellowship. A short evening prayer will follow at 6:00 PM. Please bring a dish to pass.

**Neighbors Eating Together**

Our first dinner is Wednesday, October 11, 5:00—7:00 PM in our church hall. A delicious roast pork dinner will be served. Invite a friend.... All are welcome!

Our monthly NET dinner schedule is:

- 2nd Wednesday of each month — Our Lady of the Valley
- 3rd Wednesday of each month—Middleburgh Reformed Church
- 4th Wednesday of each month—St. Mark's Lutheran Church



**Pie time!**

Looking for all peelers, slicers, and rollers. We will be making pies the weekend of Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> and the 21<sup>st</sup>. From 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM. We will take orders the weekend of Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> and Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>. All pies need to be pre-ordered. They will be \$13.00 each:

Apple, Apple/Cranberry, Sugar Free Apple & Sugar Free Apple/Cranberry. All unbaked. Any questions, please call or see Robin 518-368-8923 or Marie 5180-295-7420. Thank you.



**Adoration and Prayer**

On Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup> after Quiet Adoration, we will pray Divine Mercy Devotion at 6:30 PM. May Christ's love abound in us all.

**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.

**Saturday Mass**

With consensus in our Pastoral Council, beginning Saturday, November 4th, 2023, our Mass will begin at **6:00 PM**. This will allow safer, less hurried driving between churches and give more time for conversation and sharing after the 4:00 PM Mass at Our Lady of Fatima and before our Mass at Our Lady of the Valley.

**Night Terror Haunted House**

Route 7, Schoharie, Friday, October 20th. We will meet in the parking lot at 7:30 PM for a frightfully fun evening. All ages welcome—cost \$5.



**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.



**Operation Christmas Child**

Please join us in support of Operation Christmas Child by picking up your shoebox on Saturday 10/14 or Sunday 10/15 after Mass in the hall. A detailed list of donations will be found in each box. Thank you for your support of needy children worldwide. Drop-off will be the weekend of 11/11/ and 11/12.



**It's beginning to look a lot like.. Our Christmas schedule**

**Sunday, December 24**

4:00 PM Mass at our Lady of Fatima  
6:30 PM Mass at Our Lady of the Valley  
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**Monday, December 25**

9:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Valley  
11:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of Fatima

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