

September 3, 2023:

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

See what Love God has bestowed on us in calling us the children of God.



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, September 2, 2023 5:45 PM
James Morgan by JoAnn, Jimmy and Family

Sunday, September 3, 2023, 9:00 AM
For the homeless

Saturday, September 9, 2023 5:45 PM
For Peace in the World

Sunday, September 10, 2023, 9:00 AM
For victims of hatred and violence



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

Summer Flowers

Please feel welcome to bring in fresh flowers from your garden to grace our worship space.

BEATITUDES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

"One child, one teacher, one book, one pen can change the world." ~ Malala Yousafzai

With Jesus Christ as our teacher, we can see what a difference we can make in the world. Show your love for God and Jesus Christ in everything that you do.

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:

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Collection: \$1567.00

Thank you for sharing your treasure and for your generosity!

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 2, 2023:

Greeters:
Michele Cullam

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Bill Kuehnle

Lector:
Pat Costello

Altar Servers
Arriette and Nathan Kuehnle

Eucharistic Ministers
Michele Cullam, Jane Munger

Set-up/Shut down:
Jane Munger

Sunday, September 3, 2023:

Greeters:
John Conroy, Martha Conroy

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Jackie and Ed Guntert

Lector:
Denise Lloyd

Altar Servers
Sam Borst

Eucharistic Ministers/Shutdown
Theresa Charland, Marcia Guntert

Money Counters
Lloyd, Blackmur, Pagano

Saturday, September 9, 2023:

Greeters:
Barbara Valosin

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Robin Hazzard

Lector:
Ringuette

Altar Servers
Gabe and Elise Ringuette

Eucharistic Ministers
J. Newsome, T. Valosin

Set-up/Shut down:
Barbara Valosin

Sunday, September 10, 2023:

Greeters:
Joanne Coonradt, Marilyn Nolte

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Stephanie and Bob Tinker

Lector:
Borst

Altar Servers
Caroline Borst, Luna Pelton

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, Pam Sinko, 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, Carmen St. George, Tom Barr, Helen Zebrowski, Shane Stark, Nada Gaber Pitu, Joan Luhrs, Dick Kristel, Kate Mahoney, Chris & Karen Nieminski

Summer is winding down, but the need for Sabbath continues.

Summer is winding to a close, before long. While we know that technically the season continues until the fall equinox, around September 21, summer *feels* like it ends at the end of August – or perhaps through Labor Day weekend. How has your Summer of Sabbath been? Have you had an opportunity to unplug, to reset, to step into the margins of your schedule a bit? Even if it’s just a day or a portion of a day – even a stolen brief hour or cluster of minutes – it makes a difference. I hope that you have had some time for rest, for refreshment, for reconnection.

Perhaps it has been a busy time for you, though, or there are people or systems who depend on you in ways that make it difficult to step away, even briefly. There is still time. Even when summer ends, our need for sabbath time continues, but we do still have at least two weeks to find opportunities to stop, take a breath, and do something restorative (sleep, read, play, sing, draw, travel – or just pause).

These in-between times of sabbath are like margins in our lives, the spaces that keep everything else in order. Sometimes we do draw our margins very thinly – or accept the thin margins that others have drawn for us – sometimes out of necessity, or at least what seems to be necessity at the time. Stopping and pausing helps renew those margins, review those margins, and can give us the chance to redraw our margins. Sabbath can be a constructive act towards wholeness and health, even though it may look like a nap, a break, a diversion.

Sabbath is also a witness to others that busy-ness and productivity are not the ultimate purposes of our life, of our calling. We are made in the image of God, who is loving, just, merciful, creative, life-giving, but also the one who rested on the seventh day and who calls us to rest, to reset, to be restored. God renews our own creation when we rest; God invites us to be made new. There is still time – there is always time – to find that sabbath moment.

O God, in the course of this busy life, give us times of refreshment and peace; and grant that we may so use our leisure to rebuild our bodies and renew our minds, that our spirits may be opened to the goodness of your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Rosary Society Corner

We will be meeting on September 16th at 12:00 noon in the Church hall. A light lunch will be provided. New members are welcome! We have a busy season planned!

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).



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>



GIFT

The GIFT fall schedule is here! Please pick up a brochure!

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

Parish Picnic

Our annual Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 17 at Timothy Murphy Park, 11:00 AM. Details to follow.



Schoharie Scarecrows

Our parish is participating in the Middleburgh Scarecrow Contest this autumn. We will have one “official” entry. But others are invited to join in the fun and put together “happy” scarecrows on our church property. Your art can be as creative as possible. The scarecrow season begins on September 10. Please call our office if you would like to share your talents.

Weekday Mass

Our Wednesday 9:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Valley returns on September 20. Eucharist is also celebrated on Tuesdays at 9:00 AM at Our Lady of Fatima Church.

Keep Paddlin’!

Congratulations to Cindy Wright of Delanson, an active parishioner at Our Lady of Fatima Church, who won the kayak in our raffle. She and her family should have terrific times on the water. \$470.00 was donated by ticket purchases to support our food pantries and youth ministry.

Be safe, beware

Fr. Tom Zelker does not solicit donations, funds, or any money through texts or email. If you receive any, they are frauds. Do not respond to them. All of our communication is through the Parish.

Pastoral Council Meeting

Monday, September 25 at 6:30 PM in our church hall.

Vegetable Sharing

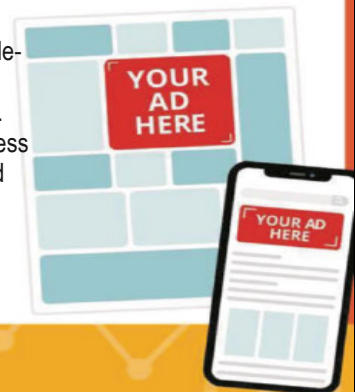
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