

**September 10, 2023:**  
**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Let the whole world know of the Goodness of God.**



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

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

**Monday, September 11, 2023, 4:00—5:30 PM**  
Quiet adoration

**Saturday, September 16, 2023 5:45 PM**  
Joan Harmon by Mary and Kevin Harmon

**Sunday, September 17, 2023, 9:00 AM**  
For all grandparents



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

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**Summer Flowers**

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

**BEATITUDES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING**

"We must reach out our hand in friendship and dignity both to those who would befriend us and those who would be our enemy."  
~ Arthur Ashe, Jr.

We must always be kind, gentle, and caring to everyone in our families, circle of friends, our communities, and everyone that we meet.

**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 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

**Saturday, September 16, 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:**  
Robin Hazzard

**Sunday, September 17, 2023:**

**Greeters:**  
Doreen Buzon, Betty Karlau

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

**Lector:**  
Brynda Shultes

**Altar Servers**  
Sera Wargo

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

**Money Counters**  
Ernest Kuehl, Dolores DeMeyere



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

**Pope Francis, "A Christian prayer in Union with Creation"**

Father, we praise you with all your creatures.  
They came forth from your all-powerful hand;  
they are yours, filled with your presence and your tender love. Praise be to you!

Son of God, Jesus,  
through you all things were made.  
You were formed in the womb of Mary our Mother, you became part of this earth,  
and you gazed upon this world with human eyes. Today you are alive in every creature  
in your risen glory.  
Praise be to you!

Holy Spirit, by your light  
you guide this world towards the Father's love and accompany creation as it groans in travail. You also dwell in our hearts  
and you inspire us to do what is good.  
Praise be to you!

Triune Lord, wondrous community of infinite love, teach us to contemplate you  
in the beauty of the universe,  
for all things speak of you.

Awaken our praise and thankfulness  
for every being that you have made.  
Give us the grace to feel profoundly joined to everything that is.

God of love, show us our place in this world  
as channels of your love  
for all the creatures of this earth,  
for not one of them is forgotten in your sight.  
Enlighten those who possess power and money  
that they may avoid the sin of indifference,  
that they may love the common good, advance the weak, and care for this world in which we live.

The poor and the earth are crying out.  
O Lord, seize us with your power and light, help us to protect all life,  
to prepare for a better future,  
for the coming of your Kingdom  
of justice, peace, love and beauty.  
Praise be to you!  
Amen.

**Rosary Society Corner**



On September 16 is our meeting; it is also the date of saying the Rosary in Public, as asked by our Blessed Mother. All are welcome at 12:00 PM.

**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**

GIFT Fall Season brochure is now available. Please note that the first GIFT Learning Session is scheduled for September 10<sup>th</sup> after

the 4PM Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Hall. Please bring a dish to pass for this session.

Book Club discussion preparing for Advent will begin after the 9AM Mass on Sunday, September 24 at the Our Lady of the Valley. Book: Light of the World by Amy-Jill Levene. Sign-up sheets will be available in 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.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Parish Picnic**

Our annual Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 17 at Timothy Murphy Park, 11:00 AM. Hot-dogs, hamburgers, bring a salad or dessert to share, and games for the kids.

**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.

**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**

Fresh vegetables are available at our church entrance. Share what you can from your garden, take what you can eat.



**Bankruptcy Developments**

On Tuesday, September 12th, I'll be attending a meeting with other pastors and parish life directors to hear from lawyers about parish monetary responsibilities in setting abuse lawsuits against the Diocese of Albany. There are about 400 cases that have been filed. Please keep all survivors, their families, and our parishes in your prayer. I'll do my best to keep you informed.  
-Fr. Tom Zelker

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