

**September 24, 2023:**  
**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Created in the image and likeness of God**



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**Parish Website:**

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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 23, 2023 5:45 PM**  
**James Morgan 1st anniversary**  
 by James and Linda Hayhurst

**Sunday, September 24, 2023, 9:00 AM**  
**The deceased members of the vanEekeren Family**  
 by the Vedder Family  
**Robert Scolaro** by Mimi Scolaro

**Monday, September 25, 2023, 2:00PM and 3:00 PM**  
 Kingsway Nursing Home

**4:00—5:30 PM**  
 Quiet adoration

**Wednesday, September 27, 2023, 9:00 AM**  
 For teachers

**Saturday, September 30, 2023 5:45 PM**  
**Bobby Brown** by Margaret O'Connor

**Sunday, October 1, 2023, 9:00 AM**  
**Arvona Paduano** by The Pagano Family  
**Jean Ann Sanders** by Linda Pagano  
**Richard Kubler** by Donna Gammarato



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

## BEATITUDES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

"We are here to love each other. That is why you are alive. That is what life is for." ~ Maya Angelou

God's love for us is forever. We must always remember that we have choices in life and those choices should always bring us back to our love for God and all of humanity.

### 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:

**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Collection: \$1316.35**

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

# WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**Saturday, September 23, 2023:**

**Greeters:**  
 Joanne Newsome

**Ushers and Seat Counters:**  
 Robin Hazzard

**Lector:**  
 Brynda Shultes

**Altar Servers**  
 Gabe and Elise Ringuette

**Eucharistic Ministers**  
 Brynda Shultes, Joanne Newsome

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

**Sunday, September 24, 2023:**

**Greeters:**  
 Michele Finin, Helen Lindstrom

**Ushers and Seat Counters:**  
 John Conroy

**Lector:**  
 Sharon Riggi

**Altar Servers**  
 Caroline Borst

**Eucharistic Ministers/Shutdown**  
 Jim Buzon, Bonnie Jorgensen

**Money Counters**  
 Jane Munger, Bonnie Jorgensen

**Saturday, September 30, 2023:**

**Greeters:**  
 Michele Cullam

**Ushers and Seat Counters:**  
 Bill Kuehnle

**Lector:**  
 Pattie Paser

**Altar Servers**  
 Arriette and Nathan Kuehnle

**Eucharistic Ministers**  
 Michele Cullam

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

**Sunday, October 1, 2023:**

**Greeters:**  
 Martha Conroy, Betty Karlau

**Ushers and Seat Counters:**  
 Bob and Stephanie Tinker

**Lector:**  
 Kate Katsur

**Altar Servers**  
 Sam Borst

**Eucharistic Ministers/Shutdown**  
 Martha Conroy, 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 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

**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.

**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).



Our parish picnic....good food, friendship, and fun!



**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!

Book Club discussion preparing for Advent will begin after the 9:00 AM Mass on Sunday, September 24 at the Our Lady of the Valley.  
Book: Light of the World by Amy-Jill Levine. Sign-up sheets are 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**

**Pastoral Council Meeting**

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



**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!

**Apple Cider Making**

Friday, October 6, beginning at 2:00 PM and going through the evening in Our Lady of the Valley parking lot. Bring your own apples and bottles to make some fresh, great tasting, unpasteurized cider. We will also have donuts and hot dogs, and a corn hole contest. And at 7:00 PM, we will have our **St. Francis of Assisi Blessing of Pets and Farm Animals**. We will gather at the front lawn of the church.



**The Knights of Columbus #4475**

**NEWS**

Thank you for your support of our summer activities: BBQ, Craft Fair, Garage Sale, and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday. Proceeds have been directed towards Prison Ministry, OLV Youth Activities, Seminarian Support, and, in partnership with the Joshua Project and the Salvation Army- Coats for Kids.



**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> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at 7 p.m.

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