

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 7, 2024

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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:

4:00 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, April 6, 2024, 6:00 PM
Dorothy Ruth Cullam, John C. Cullam Sr., Annebelle Theresa Rivenburgh by Michele Cullam


Sunday, April 7, 2024, 9:00 AM
Karen Coons, Norma Berkner by Mary and George

Monday, April 8, 2024, 5:00—6:30 PM
 Quiet adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, April 10, 2024, 9:00 AM

Saturday, April 13, 2024, 6:00 PM
Dick Barr, Peter Rogers by Robin Hazzard

Sunday, April 14, 2024, 9:00 AM
Anne Hallock by OLV Community


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

We Pray Easter

Our worship environment, our songs, our countenance proclaims joy, hope, and sacredness of life. We sing of God's Glory as we enter into our liturgies. The response to the first reading, now from the Acts of the Apostles, is Psalm 66: "May a joyful sound to God all the earth sing to Thee Glory of God's name!" The Gospel acclamation returns with exuberance as we sing "Alle, Alle!" when we gather at the Lord's Table we proclaim our freedom through Christ's Cross and Resurrection. Sent forth to live as God's People we sing out once more: "Thanks be to God, Alleluia!" Our lives are

BEATITUDES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING
"We can only learn to know ourselves and do what we can, namely, surrender our will and fulfill God's will in us." ~ St. Teresa of Ávila

We must live as God's sons and daughters every moment of every day of our lives.

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If you have experienced the pain of miscarriage, please know that you are in the prayers of our community. Your struggles and sorrows may present a unique cross in your life of faith that may be difficult for friends and family members to understand, but the Church is here to support you.

Administration and Stewardship

Offerings:
Palm Sunday: \$1988.50
Easter Sunday: \$6757.96
Thank you for your generosity!





WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

<p>Saturday, April 6, 2024</p> <p><u>Greeters:</u> Jane Munger</p> <p><u>Ushers and Seat Counters:</u> Bill Kuehne</p> <p><u>Lector:</u> Pat Costello</p> <p><u>Altar Servers</u> Arriette and Nathan Kuehne</p> <p><u>Eucharistic Ministers</u> Pat Costello, Michele Cullam</p> <p><u>Set-up/Shut down:</u> Jane Munger</p>	<p>Sunday, April 7, 2024</p> <p><u>Greeters:</u> Michele Finin, Doreen Buzon</p> <p><u>Ushers and Seat Counters:</u> Denise Lloyd, Sharon Riggi</p> <p><u>Lector:</u> Brynda Shultes</p> <p><u>Altar Servers</u> Luna Pelton</p> <p><u>Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down</u> Marcia Guntert, Jim Buzon</p> <p><u>Money counters:</u> Ernest Kuehl, Dolores DeMeyere</p>
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<p>Saturday, April 13, 2024</p> <p><u>Greeters:</u> Barb Valosin</p> <p><u>Ushers and Seat Counters:</u> Robin Hazzard</p> <p><u>Lector:</u> Beth Cunningham</p> <p><u>Altar Servers</u> Gabe and Elise Ringuette</p> <p><u>Eucharistic Ministers</u> Joanne Newsome, Tom Valosin</p> <p><u>Set-up/Shut down:</u> Barb Valosin</p>	<p>Sunday, April 14, 2024</p> <p><u>Greeters:</u> Joanne Coonradt, Marilyn Nolte</p> <p><u>Ushers and Seat Counters:</u> John Conroy</p> <p><u>Lector:</u> Borst</p> <p><u>Altar Servers</u> Sam Borst, Peter S.</p> <p><u>Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down</u> Jackie Guntert, Martha Conroy</p> <p><u>Money counters:</u> Borst, Shultes</p>
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Pray For...

Keep in prayer our former pastor, Fr. Tom Holmes, who has been diagnosed with ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease). He is still ministering in his parishes. Cards of support, love, and prayer may be sent to him at St. Mary's Church,
 163 Columbia Turnpike, Rensselaer, N.Y. 12144



Danny Hardmin, Brian Collins, Patrick O'Grady, Irene Ostermann, 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, Marsia Ferguson, Anjaine, Jack Robinson, Jim Crum, the Simeon Family, Debbie Lints, Mary Carlson, Nora and Joe Dougherty, Matt Nieminski, Joyce Montgomery, Eileen Scanlon, Tina Welman, Rick Connors, Annie Conneely, Francis McKiernan, Barbara St. George, Jesse Lints, Robert Tinker, Joseph Scolaro, Lisa Frangoulis, Davia Fileccia, Jamie Howard, Tom Guilianelli, Deborah Lobo, Joseph Cassella, Donald Gaffney Jr., Michele Eckland, Diane Czarro, Bill Valosin, 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 Connors, P. J. D., Danny Vrooman, Natasha Samson, Amber Brate, Dianne Robinson, Ed Guntert, Steven Van Dyke, Megan Gersch, William Pelton, Sr. Louise Ann Fritz, Susan G., Stephanie L. Paduano, Dawn Schweikert.

A PSALM OF THE RESURRECTION

Before dawn, the great Seder celebration having passed,
 his empty cross awaiting death's next meal,
 into the darkness of his lifeless body
 the finger of God's Spirit
 stirred in slowly spiraling circles
 as once it had moved
 over the deep and empty waters
 about to be pregnant with creation.

From the blast of the birthing
 of ten thousand galaxies,
 Jesus, son of Joseph and Mary
 and son of God,
 exploded outward from his tomb
 in radiant light and love
 to fill the earth and the whole cosmos
 with the fullness of divine life.

Paul of Tarsus penned it well
 in a letter to his Ephesian friends:
 "God has put all things under Christ's feet
 and made him head of the Church. His body;
 the fullness of him
 who fills the universe in all its parts."

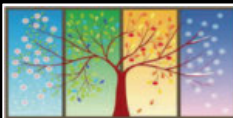
I look up into the Easter sky,
 beyond the limits of this small galaxy—
 far beyond the boundaries of my mind—
 into the billions of galaxies that glow
 like flaming Easter flowers
 filling the garden of the universe.

Light travels 5,787 trillion miles a year;
 and to cross, just once at the speed of light,
 this universe whose every starry body
 contains the fullness of the Risen Christ
 would take all of twenty billion years.

Oh, beyond comprehension,
 too vast for my little mind,
 is the mystery of the Resurrection,
 is the wonder of the Easter nighttime sky,
 the body of the Risen Christ,
 the whole and holy Church to which I belong.

**The Joy of Easter's Resurrection
 is Timeless**

Thanks to all who minister together
 to make our Triduum and Easter
 Season prayer so faith filled and
 inspiring: our decorators and
 cleaners; altar servers; fire starters;
 Seder preparers; lectors;
 musicians and singers; Ministers of
 Communion; ushers and greeters;
 money counters; and snow
 shovellers! And deepest
 appreciation to all of our parishioners for your active
 participation during our gatherings. (Barbara and Tommy
 getting ready for Easter Sunday Mass ...1960).



GIFT

Please pray for the following young
 disciples who will celebrate First
 Eucharist on Sunday, May:

**Charles Boniello, Cora Bouck, Hunter Gabriel Cosarca,
 Freyr Heitkamp, Massari Battisti, Joseph Oliver Nieminski,
 Lorelai Risse. Also, please pray for Maria Patino who will
 celebrate her First Eucharist on Sunday, April 21.**

**Celebrate 50 days of Easter and join in the
 fun! There will be an Easter Egg Hunt at
 Our Lady of Fatima on Sunday, April 7th
 after the 11:00 AM Mass. Hessian Farms
 will be hosting a petting ZOO and
 activities with their sheep herding dogs. Hope to see you
 there!**



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

Divine Mercy Prayer

Saturday, April 6 at noon in Our Lady of the Valley Church. All are
 welcome.

Easter Labyrinth of Resurrection

Saturday, April 6, 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM and Sunday, April 7, 9:30 AM
 to 2:00 PM at Our Lady of Fatima, Delanson.

NET Dinner

Wednesday, April 10 at 5:00 at OLV: Brisket and turkey on the menu.

Home Masses

John + Gail Borst home on Mix Lane, Schoharie,
 Tuesday, May 7 at 5:00 PM, followed by a simple macaroni and
 cheese dinner. All are welcome!

Middleburgh Food Pantries

There is a great need for pasta, rice, oatmeal, coffee, graham
 crackers, and granola bars. Shopping bags can always be used.
 Donations may be left in the shopping basket at the Main St. entrance
 of our church.

Community Concert

Sunday, June 2, 7:00 PM, Middleburgh Reformed Church. Come
 and share your musical talents with our neighbors.

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.

Diocesan Appeal

Our assessment this year is \$23,738.00.
 So far we collected \$7,423.33, the remaining amount to raise is
 \$16,314.67.

Thank you very much! Let us continue the ministry and good works of
 Jesus throughout our 14 county Diocese. Envelopes are in the pews.

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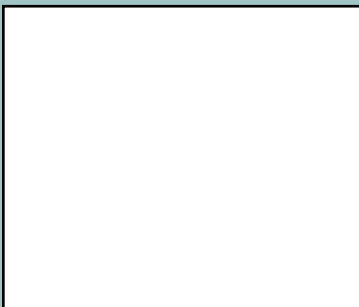
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