

**21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**AUGUST 25, 2024**  
**“CREATED IN THE IMAGE AND LIKENESS OF GOD”**



**OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY**

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**Monday - Wednesday 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM**

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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 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, August 24, 2024, 6:00 PM**  
For teachers and school staff returning to work

**Sunday, August 25, 2024, 9:00 AM**  
**Joseph Ward** by Helen Lindstrom  
**Elizabeth Cassella** by Joseph Cassella  
**Edwina Magilligan, Rosemary Ackerman** by Rosemary Gutkaiss

**Monday, August 26, 2024, 5:00—6:30 PM**  
Eucharistic adoration

**Saturday, August 31, 2024, 6:00 PM**  
**James Morgan** by JoAnn, Jimmy, Kerry, Amanda, Hunter

**Sunday, September 1, 2024, 9:00 AM**  
**Steve Colvin** his football team and friends


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

**Holy Communion**  
Low gluten and gluten free hosts are available for anyone affected by Celiac disease. Please see Fr. Tom Zelker or Deacon Gary Riggi.

**We Pray**  
Our worship space is adorned with flowers and fruits of the season. The "Glory to God" is the simple "Gloria in excelsis Deo, Alleluia." Our response to the Hebrew Scripture is Psalm 118: *"This day was made by the Lord, let us rejoice, let us be glad; let us rejoice in salvation."* Our Gospel acclamation is the ancient chant "Laudate Dominum, laudate Dominum, omnes gentes Alleluia! (Praise the Lord, all you peoples, Alleluia!). Our Eucharistic songs are from "The Land of Rest", inspired by early American music. We sing out Mystery of Faith: "Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free." As Church Ordinary Time continues, we become extraordinary in our living out Christ's Love for all... forever!

**BEATITUDES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING**  
**"We must have charity towards ourselves. We must prove our love by fidelity to prayer." - Ven. Edel Quinn**

It is important to count our blessings and thank God in our prayers. We must share our blessings with others.

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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:**  
**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time: \$2360.00**

*Thank you for your generosity!*

# WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

<p><b>Saturday, August 24, 2024</b></p> <p><b>Greeters:</b></p> <p><b>Ushers and Seat Counters:</b> Robin Hazzard</p> <p><b>Lector:</b> Ringuette</p> <p><b>Altar Servers</b> Gabe and Elise Ringuette</p> <p><b>Eucharistic Ministers</b> Michele Cullam, Gail Borst</p> <p><b>Set-up/Shut down:</b> Robin Hazzard</p>	<p><b>Sunday, August 25, 2024</b></p> <p><b>Greeters:</b> Betty Karlau, Helen Lindstrom</p> <p><b>Ushers and Seat Counters:</b> John Conroy</p> <p><b>Lector:</b> Brynda Shultes</p> <p><b>Altar Servers</b> Sera Wargo</p> <p><b>Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down</b> Margaret Ostermann, Doreen Buzon</p> <p><b>Money counters:</b> John Borst, Brynda Shultes</p>
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<p><b>Saturday, August 31, 2024</b></p> <p><b>Greeters:</b> Jane Munger</p> <p><b>Ushers and Seat Counters:</b> Bill Kuehnle</p> <p><b>Lector:</b> Pat Costello</p> <p><b>Altar Servers</b> Arriette and Nathan Kuehnle</p> <p><b>Eucharistic Ministers</b> Michele Cullam</p> <p><b>Set-up/Shut down:</b> Jane Munger</p>	<p><b>Sunday, September 1, 2024</b></p> <p><b>Greeters:</b> Martha Conroy, Michele Finin</p> <p><b>Ushers and Seat Counters:</b> Stephanie and Bob Tinker</p> <p><b>Lector:</b> Denise Lloyd</p> <p><b>Altar Servers</b> Peter Sherer</p> <p><b>Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down</b> Brynda Shultes, Barb Valosin</p> <p><b>Money counters:</b> Denise Lloyd, Elizabeth Blackmur</p>
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## Pray For...

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 Conners, Annie Conneely, Francis McKiernan, Barbara St. George, Jesse Lints, Robert Tinker, Joseph Scolaro, Lisa Frangoulis, Davia Fileccia, Jamie Howard, Deborah Lobo, Joseph Cassella, Michele Eckland, Diane Czarro, Bill Valosin, Rick Stoddard, Tom Barr, Helen Zebrowski, Nada Gaber Pitu, Joan Luhrs, Dick Kristel, Kate Mahoney, Chris & Karen Nieminski, the Scott Family, Karen Conners, Danny Vrooman, Natasha Samson, Amber Brate, Dianne Robinson, Ed Guntert, Steven Van Dyke, Megan Gersch, Sr. Louise Ann Fritz, Susan G., Dawn Schweikert, Amber Hazzard, Pauline Bjornholm, Diane Williams, Jessica Divietri, Robert Malin, Jacqui Owens, Loretta Bodisch, Peter D'Arco, K + A Pagano, Marthe Therrien, Claire Evans, Margaret Casey Sprinkle



**GIFT**

GIFT sessions will begin on September 8<sup>th</sup> after the 9AM mass. Registration will be reviewed and/or completed and Circle of

Grace packets will be distributed to families to complete for our next GIFT session. Projects for the Summer Season are also due at this time. I have copied the suggested ideas for projects below:

**Families:** Children of our young families are to complete a project each season. Projects can be created however you are inspired: Slide show, collage, video, cartoon, writing, etc. These will be presented at our first GIFT/Registration program on September 15th at 9:30AM at OLF and on Sunday, September 8th, after the 9AM Mass at OLV. Choice themes:

- Create a reflection of the workings of the Holy Spirit in your life.
- Create your own reflection of your participation in one of the service projects in July and August.

I look forward to seeing you there!

Please note that the Liturgy of the Word newsletter is available for our young disciples grades 1 – 5. I encourage all to review stories, questions and helpful suggestions for parents, and prayers and Saints section. 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.

Please pray for our confirmands who will be celebrating Confirmation at St. Madeleine Sophie Catholic Church in Schenectady.

- Caroline Borst
- Jane Koller
- Allison Okyay
- Maria Patino
- Josh Ringuette
- Brady Stemle
- Robby Stemle



**A Better Kind of Politics**

A polarized Church. A divided nation. Pope Francis calls for "a better kind of politics." How will you respond?

As Catholics, we take to heart Jesus' invitation to follow the example of the Good Samaritan, who challenges us to "become neighbors to all" (no. 80). As a Church and a nation, we are polarized and divided. But as Pope Francis writes in *Fratelli Tutti*, we can seek "a better kind of politics, one truly at the service of the common good" (no. 154). We can see ourselves as members of one family. We can seek to encounter and to grow. We can identify common values. We can listen to understand. We can seek the truth together. We can jointly come up with creative solutions to the problems that face our world.

Go to: <https://www.usccb.org/civilizeit>

**Kindness Matters**

"Kindness Matters" is the 2024 diocesan evangelization initiative utilizing lawn signs to encourage people to step up and be kinder to one another. Showing kindness is a way to follow Jesus' command to love our neighbors. The sign will direct people to a website providing resources and ideas to help us be kinder. This initiative will gain momentum one person at a time and one small act of kindness at a time.

**PARISH PRAYER, SERVICE AND FUN**

Going off to college?

We'd like to keep in touch. So please get your college address to our parish office. Remember, wherever you are in life, you have a home in our Church, your faith community.

The Joshua Project Summer Lunch Program

Thank you to all the parishioners who responded to my requests and prepared salads to have each day at the summer lunch program here in Middleburgh. You are very appreciated.

~Stephanie Tinker

Summer Square Dance

Tuesday, August 27, 6:30 PM in our church hall. Come and enjoy some good country fiddling' music, kick up your heels (if you wish), and have some Schoharie snacks. Our special square dance caller is Tom "Saddlesore" Zelker. Bring a cowboy hat, straw hat, colonial tri-corner, and bandanas. Also... if you have a dessert to share.

Parish Picnic

Sunday, September 15, Timothy Murphy Park, Middleburgh. Burgers and hot-dogs; bring a salad or dessert to share.

Beginning at 12 noon, this is always a fun community day along the Creek.

Vegetable exchange

Share the bounty of our beautiful valley. Vegetables can be dropped off on the west lawn, under the shade of the trees of our church. Take what you need; share with others. Extra vegetables will go to our food pantries.

Middleburgh Food Pantries

Food pantry needs: cereal, rice, pancake mix, crackers, cookies, fruit bars.

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.

Moms' Faith Sharing Group

Upcoming meeting: Monday, August 26. We start with Eucharistic Adoration between 5:00 and 5:30, then meet in the hall. Our goal is to pray together and support each other in our vocation.



We gathered along the banks of the Fox and Schoharie to celebrate the harvest festival of the Assumption of Mary. We feasted at our Eucharist and the hot dog picnic.

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