

DECEMBER 1, 2024

**“And there will dawn a new Heaven and new Earth
May peace be ours today”**



World Peace Prayer

**Lead us from death to life, from false-hood to truth,
From despair to hope, from fear to trust.
Lead us from hate to love,
From war to peace;
Let peace fill our hearts, let peace fill our world,
Let peace fill our universe.**

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY

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<http://parishes.rcda.org/olvchurch/>

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<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:

4:00 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, December 7, 2024, 6:00 PM

Dave Cabano by Mary Power, Eileen Power, Dennis Harrigan

Sunday, December 8, 2024, 9:00 AM

Rose Ceroalo by Frank Ceroalo and Family

Monday, December 9, The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12:00 PM Mass at Our Lady of Fatima

6:00 PM Mass at Our Lady of the Valley

Tuesday, December 10, 2024, 2:00 and 3:00 PM

Advent Masses at Kingsway Nursing Facility

Wednesday, December 11, 2024, 9:00 AM

Maciej Gutowski by Laura Pelton

Saturday, December 14, 2024, 6:00 PM

Elizabeth Malone by Mary and Kevin Harmon

Sunday, December 15, 2024, 9:00 AM

Pasterczyk, Michalski and Metz families by Family

daughter MaryJo 10 year anniversary by Betty Karlau



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 Advent

We enter into our prayer in quiet, with familiar tunes of hope inviting us in. Candles are lit as Christ's light and flames our faith. We are reassured of God's boundless mercy, trust, and hope for us all in our sung Kyrie. We sing out, "Rejoice, rejoice Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel." We listen to how God has always been among us through the ages. Our response to the Hebrew Scripture is Psalm 25: "To you, O God, I lift up my soul; Lift up my spirit to my Lord. To You I lift up my soul." As we rise for the Gospel, we sing "Soon and very soon, Alleluia!" Our hearts abound in joy at the sound of God's Word among us... anticipation swells our souls. We come to the Table to remember and celebrate Christ's abiding presence within and among us. We sing of this mystery: "We proclaim your death O Lord and profess your Resurrection until you come again". With Resurrection faith we can enter into the Cross of our world as people of Hope. We join together in the melodic Lord's Prayer, letting Jesus' own words change all of us. In sacred stillness, after Communion, we invite God's Peace into our lives and the whole world... in the midst of all the anger, the brokenness, wars, and darkness in our people we pray that we might not simply long for Peace, but that we might Be Peace. Today, lead us beyond ourselves... may Peace fill our hearts and the whole universe! We are sent forth in quiet to faithfully remember our role in the world as disciples of Jesus Christ.

BEATITUDES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

"The giver of every good and perfect gift has called upon us to mimic His giving by grace, through faith, and this is not of ourselves." ~ St. Nicholas

Live each day with Jesus at the center of our hearts and help others see His love and grace.

Administration and Stewardship

Offerings:

34th Sunday in Ordinary Time: \$5796.00

1st Sunday of Advent: \$2419.00

Thank you for your generosity!



WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 7, 2024

Greeters:

Elise Ringuette

Ushers and Seat Counters:

Bill Kuehnle

Lector:

Patty Paser

Altar Servers

Arriette and Nathan Kuehnle

Eucharistic Ministers

Michele Cullam, Joanne Newsome

Set-up/Shut down:

Marilyn Schulmerich

Sunday, December 8, 2024

Greeters:

Caroline Borst, Marilyn Nolte

Ushers and Seat Counters:

Stephanie and Bob Tinker

Lector:

Denise Lloyd

Altar Servers

Peter Sherer

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down

Brynda Shultes, Joanne Coonradt

Money counters:

Lloyd, Blackmur, Pagano

Saturday, December 14, 2024

Greeters:

Barb Valosin

Ushers and Seat Counters:

Robin Hazzard

Lector:

Stephanie Tinker

Altar Servers

Luna Pelton

Eucharistic Ministers

Barb Valosin, Tom Valosin

Set-up/Shut down:

Robin Hazzard

Sunday, December 15, 2024

Greeters:

Michele Finin, Joanne Coonradt

Ushers and Seat Counters:

Jackie and Ed Guntert

Lector:

Kate Katsur

Altar Servers

Peter Sherer

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down

Jim Buzon, Betty Karlau

Money counters:

Jane Munger, Bonnie Jorgensen



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, 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, Tina Welman, Rick Connors, Annie Conneely, Francis McKiernan, Barbara St. George, Jesse Lints, Robert Tinker, Joseph Scolaro, Davia Fileccia, Deborah Lobo, Joseph Cassella, Michele Eckland, Diane Czarro, Bill Valosin, Rick Stoddard, Tom Barr, Helen Zebrowski, Nada Gaber Pitu, Joan Luhrs, Kate Mahoney, Chris & Karen Nieminski, the Scott Family, Karen Connors, Danny Vrooman, Natasha Samson, Dianne Robinson, Ed Guntert, Steven Van Dyke, Megan Gersch, Sr. Louise Ann Fritz, Susan G., Dawn Schweikert, Pauline Bjornholm, Diane Williams, Jessica Divietri, Jacqui Owens, Loretta Bodisch, Marthe Therrien, Claire Evans, Margaret Casey Sprinkle, Douglas Bailey, Michelle Palmieri, Jill G. Zullo, Linda Brennan, Stephen Anka, Stephen Petko, baby Zoey Nashville



**Growing In Faith Together
Religious Education Program for
children, youth and their families
(GIFT)**

Please note: Fall Season brochure is now available outlining GIFT sessions

for October, November and December. Also, our website is updated with GIFT information, prayer intentions by Pope Francis each month, links for parents, saint of the month links, weekly liturgy of the word and information regarding registering families for faith formation. The website: <https://olfgrowinginfaith.weebly.com/>

Kits are available for our young disciples to draw and color during the service. It includes first liturgy reflection and readings, art activities, coloring pages as well as a few jokes here and there! Please keep the papers and return bag and crayons. Thank you.

PSALM OF AN EMERGING EMMANUEL

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel,"

I pray with upraised eyes.

Drop down, O Dew of Heaven,
that God might walk and talk on earth,
might heal and feed our sin-soaked world.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel,
my prayers like searchlights
comb the starry winter skies.

Descend from the black hole of some neighboring galaxy
to green with your grace
our barren earth.

Such an Advent waiting prayer
can be a lifelong profession of patient longing,
unless I know, with all my heart
that Emmanuel not only comes down
but also comes forth and emerges.

O Come, O Come Emmanuel,
come forth from deep within me
with Christmas luminous beauty.
For my heart has become the sacred crib,
the birthing place of God-among-us.

Peace on earth and justice for all
will only become manifest in our lives
when enough of your sons and daughters
awaken to your divine design
that has made each of us
an emerging Emmanuel.



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sites.google.com/view/gabriel-project-stamford



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.

PARISH PRAYER, SERVICE AND FUN

Knights of Columbus

Ten Week Club winners:

Week 3: \$25 Michael Lang, \$15 Pat De Meyere,
\$10 Mary Quandt

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\$10 Brenon Costello

Young Adult Semi-formal Epiphany Ball

Saturday, January 11, 2025, 6:00—10:00 PM, St. Mary's Church Hall, Crescent, NY. Cost \$30. Call our Diocese at 518-453-6625 for info.

Middleburgh Food Pantries

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

Diocesan Appeal

Our parish assessment for 2024-2025 is \$23,223.00. Donation envelopes are available in Church or at our office. Please make sure your contribution envelope states Our Lady of the Valley.

Thank you so much for your generosity.

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.

ADVENT

We serve, we pray, we support

THE WORD AMONG US- reflections from Biblical Prophets
CHURCH CALENDARS- a year of Grace

QUIET ADORATION- Mondays, 5pm-6:30pm at Our Lady of the Valley

OPEN DOORS-Our Church is always open for meditation, walking, and prayer

THE GIVING TREE-purchase the gift, wrap it, tape tag securely, return gift by 9am Sunday, December 15.

COMMUNITY CAROLING AND CONCERT Sunday, Dec 8, 6:30pm, Middleburgh Reformed Church: music, singing, and fun
SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION -Monday, December 9 MASS: 12 noon at Our Lady of Fatima; 6pm at Our Lady of the Valley

JEWISH ROOTS AND TRADITIONS- Tuesday, December 10, 6pm at Our Lady of Fatima Hall: A local Jewish leader explains their religious year, the Feast of Lights (Hanukkah) and shares a potato pancake dinner.

NET DINNER- Wednesday, December 11, 5pm, OLV HALL
COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION SERVICE CELEBRATING OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE FEAST- Thursday, December 12, 6pm at Our Lady of Fatima Church, followed by a Mexican taco fiesta in the Hall.

BREAKFAST WITH SAINT NICK! – Sunday, December 15, 12:15pm at Our Lady of Fatima Hall: Sit with the Saint and enjoy brunch.

WINTER SOLSTICE FIRE AND BBQ- Friday, December 20, 6pm at Fox Creek Park, Schoharie: We welcome Winter with fire's warmth, tasty hot dogs, and hot chocolate.

Christmas Blessings



Cards may be sent to Fr. Tom Holmes, St. Mary's Church, 163 Columbia Turnpike, Rensselaer, N.Y. 12144.

Cards of thanks and well wishes may be written for Linda Connors and dropped off at Church. They will be delivered to her personally.

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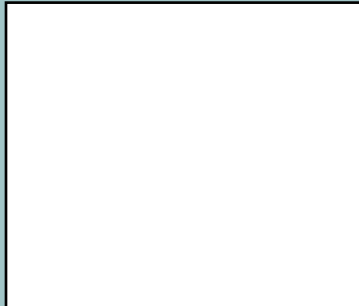
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