

DECEMBER 15, 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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<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 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

Monday, December 16, 2024, 5:00—6:30 PM
Quiet Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, December 18, 2024, 9:00 AM
Eileen Barrett by Margaret O'Connor

Saturday, December 21, 2024, 6:00 PM
Dave Cabano by Peggy and Steve Fields

Sunday, December 22, 2024, 9:00 AM
Arvona Paduno by the Pagano Family

Tuesday, December 24, 2024
4:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass Our Lady of Fatima
6:30 PM Christmas Eve Mass Our Lady of the Valley

Wednesday, December 25, 2024
9:00 AM Nativity of the Lord Mass at Our Lady of the Valley
11:00 AM Nativity of the Lord Mass at Our Lady of Fatima

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

"May we be in this world a ray of the light which shone forth from Bethlehem." ~ Pope Francis

Continue to be prayerful throughout Advent and prepare for the birth of Jesus with love and hope in our hearts.

Administration and Stewardship

Offerings:

2nd Sunday of Advent: \$T.B.A.
Thank you for your generosity!



WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 14, 2024

Sunday, December 15, 2024

Greeters:
Barb Valosin

Greeters:
Michele Finin, Joanne Coonradt

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Robin Hazzard

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Jackie and Ed Guntert

Lector:
Stephanie Tinker

Lector:
Kate Katsur

Altar Servers
Luna Pelton

Altar Servers
Peter Sherer

Eucharistic Ministers
Barb Valosin, Tom Valosin

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down
Jim Buzon, Betty Karlau

Set-up/Shut down:
Robin Hazzard

Money counters:
Jane Munger, Bonnie Jorgensen

Saturday, December 21, 2024

Sunday, December 22, 2024

Greeters:
Gabe Ringuette

Greeters:
John Conroy, Doreen Buzon

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Bill Kuehnl

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Marcia Guntert, Sharon Riggi

Lector:
Ringuette

Lector:
Borst

Altar Servers
Arriette and Nathan Kuehnl

Altar Servers
Sera Wargo

Eucharistic Ministers
Gail Borst
Tom Valosin

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down
Rosemary Gutkaiss,
Jackie Gunbert

Set-up/Shut down:
Barbara Valosin

Money counters:
Margaret Ostermann,
Michele Borst



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,
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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,
Ellen Wilford



**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.



**“Happy Birthday,
Jesus!”**

AN ADVENT PSALM

Awaken, my heart,
God’s reign is near; The Peaceable Kingdom
is in my hands.

If the wolf can be guest of the lamb,
and the bear and cow be friends,
then no injury or hate can be a guest
within the kingdom of my heart.

Eden’s peace and harmony will only return
when first, in my heart,
there hides no harm or ruin,
for the Peaceable Kingdom is in my hands.

Isaiah’s dream became Jesus’ vision:
“Come, follow me,” Emmanuel’s echo rings.
“Reform your life, recover Eden’s peace,”
for only then will salvation appear.

For Advent’s dream is the healing of earth,
when the eagle and bear become friends,
the child and the serpent playmates.

Arise, awaken, my heart,
the Peaceable Kingdom
is in your hands.



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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 5: \$25 Tony Chieco, \$15 Al Bisogne,
\$10 Mary Quandt

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.

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 CELEBRATION

MASS: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24,

4pm at Our Lady of Fatima

6:30pm at Our Lady of the Valley

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25,

9am at Our Lady of the Valley

11am at Our Lady of Fatima

FESTIVAL OF TREES at BLENHEIM- Monday, December 30: leaving OLV Parking lot at 11am...journeying to Lansing Manor and the Schoharie Visitor Center (Rte 30) to revel in the tree display, returning for a festive lunch at Our Lady of the Valley Hall

SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD (New Year’s 2025)

MASS: Tuesday, December 31, 4pm at Our Lady of the Valley

Wednesday, January 1st, 11am at Our Lady of Fatima.

Christmas Blessings

Cards may be sent to Fr. Tom Holmes, St. Mary’s Church, 163 Columbia Tpke, 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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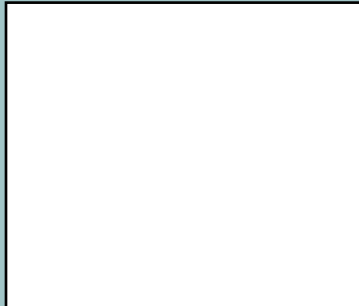
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