

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 11th, 2024



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, February 10, 2024, 6:00 PM
For those called to religious life

Sunday, February 11, 2024, 9:00 AM
Theresa Jandrositz by Linda and James Hayhurst
Graham Nieminski by Mom, Dad, Joey and Walt
Steve Colvin by his Teammates and Friends

Monday, February 12, 2024, 5:00—6:30 PM
Quiet adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024
Prayer service with ashes
At Our Lady of the Valley Church
12:00 noon

2:45 PM for students & parents from Middleburgh Central.
3:25 PM (in the parking lot on Prospect Street) for students and parents from Schoharie Central.
6:30 Ecumenical prayer and ashes after the NET Dinner.

At Our Lady of Fatima Church
10:00 AM

2:50 PM for students and parents from Duanesburg Central
6:00 PM
(We also have services at Kingsway Nursing Facility at 2:00 PM and 3:00 PM)

Saturday, February 17, 2024, 6:00 PM
James Morgan by JoAnn, Jimmy and Family

Sunday, February 18, 2024, 9:00 AM
June Lang by Bob and Family

Christ's Two Commandments

How well do we love God and others? Do we love as Christ calls us to? In the Gospel of Matthew, Christ gives us Two Commandments: "He said to him, 'You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments'" (Mt 22:37-40)

Not sure what love is? St. Paul describes it for us in his Letter to the Corinthians. Is this how you love God and others? "Love is patient, love is kind. Love is not jealous, [love] is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails" (1 Cor 13:4-8).



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

BEATITUDES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

In Persona Christi

"Real holiness is never abstract, "pie-in-the-sky" or angelic. In fact, holiness is never realized separate from the "stuff" of our ordinary lives. Holiness can only be found in life as we find it—at this moment, in the circumstances in which we find ourselves, according to the "cards we have been dealt in life". We are always being called to be patient, generous, attentive, caring, compassionate, forgiving at this moment, with these people whom I see in front of me".

Mark O'Keefe, Order of St. Benedict

Administration and Stewardship

Offerings:

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time: \$2,133.52

Thank you for your generosity!



WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 10, 2024

Greeters:
Barbara Valosin

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Bill Kuehnle

Lector:
Beth Cunningham

Altar Servers
Gabe and Elise Ringuette

Eucharistic Ministers
Joanne Newsome, Tom Valosin

Set-up/Shut down:
Barbara Valosin

Sunday, February 11, 2024

Greeters:
Michele Finin, Marilyn Nolte

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Theresa Charland, Denise Lloyd

Lector:
Borst

Altar Servers
Caroline Borst

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down
Patti Sainsbury, Jim Buzon, Marcia Guntert

Money counters:
Margaret Ostermann, Michele Borst

Saturday, February 17, 2024

Greeters:
Marilyn Schulmerich

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Bill Kuehnle

Lector:
Patty Paser

Altar Servers
Arriette and Nathan Kuehnle

Eucharistic Ministers
Michele Cullam

Set-up/Shut down:
Marilyn Schulmerich

Sunday, February 18, 2024

Greeters:
Doreen Buzon, Helen Lindstrom

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Marcia Guntert, Sharon Riggi

Lector:
Kate Katsur

Altar Servers
Sera Wargo, Luna Pelton

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down
Joanne Coonradt, Rosemary Gutkaiss

Money counters:
Jane Munger, Bonnie Jorgensen



Danny Hardmin, Brian Collins, Bill Valosin, Patrick O'Grady, Irene Ostermann, Ed Masterson, Joan McCalip, Adrienne Bartholomew, Callie Shaw (baby), Joanne Snyder, Raymond Ceroalo, Jocelyn Ceroalo, Cathy Saccotto, 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, Thomas "Tucker" Hirsch, 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 Hudzik, 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, Steve Van Dyke

LENT THIS WEEK**Pardon and Pancakes**

Tuesday, February 13, 6:00 PM, Reconciliation Service at Our Lady of Fatima Church followed by a festive pancake and sausage dinner in our hall.

Ash Wednesday

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Fridays of Lent

Soup and Stations: 6:00 PM Soup and sandwiches in our Hall.

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross in Church.

We care for the poor of our world: Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls.

We help fight hunger here and around the world. Please return "bowl" by April 15.

Reading for the Season

- The Little Black Book—meditations on Passion of Jesus according to Luke.
 - The Word Among Us—daily prayer.
- Stations of the Cross—for your prayer in Church.

FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting (limiting the consumption of food) and abstinence (refraining from eating meat).

As a sign of our penance, there is also the custom of not eating meat on the Fridays of Lent. Therefore, all Catholics, 14 years of age and older are obliged to refrain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and the other Fridays of Lent. All Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting refers to the quantity of food eaten. Traditionally, fasting allows for eating only one full meal per day. Two additional, smaller meals may be eaten and there is no eating between meals.

By following these traditions, it is not intended that they be interpreted simply as laws or just a duty; but also as signs of our love and devotion as disciples of the Lord. They are ways of expressing our desire to be converted in our hearts, to be reconciled with each other, to love our neighbor. Furthermore, all we have or are, we do not possess, but instead they are gifts. It is helpful to remember that the ability to decide how much or little one will eat is in itself a gift.

**GIFT**

Join us and watch video clips and discuss a six-week study of "Rediscover Jesus" with Fr. Scott Vanderveer,

Pastor, St. Mary's Church in Glens Falls, during Lent: Starting Tuesdays, February 13th through March 19th at OLV Hall at 6:30 PM. A sign-up sheet is available in the 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.

PARISH PRAYER, SERVICE AND FUN**Mardi Gras Fun**

Saturday, February 10 and Sunday, February 11 we will party for Mardi Gras after Mass. It is also the Chinese Lunar New Year, so we will have lots of Oriental food to savor. This will be a fun mixture of New Orleans Cajun and the Far East. If you can, please bring some cookies to share.

There will be a ministry sign up sheet in our hall. Consider sharing your gifts with our parish community.

NET Dinner

Wednesday, February 14, 5:00 PM at Our Lady of the Valley Hall. We are serving an array of meatless soups and breads. After the meal, at 6:30 PM, we are hosting an Ecumenical Ash Wednesday Service. The Churches of Middleburgh are joining together in prayer as we begin the sacred season of Lent. Deacon Gary Riggi is representing our parish.

Fridays of Lent

Soup and Stations: 6:00 PM Soup and sandwiches in our Hall.

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross in Church.

Holy Thursday Seder Meal

Can you help? This is a great service to our parish. Please call our office.

Render unto Caesar...

If you need your contribution statement 2023 for your income tax, please call our office.

Cradle of Love

We're continuing to collect diapers and baby wipes for Community Maternity Services in the bassinets 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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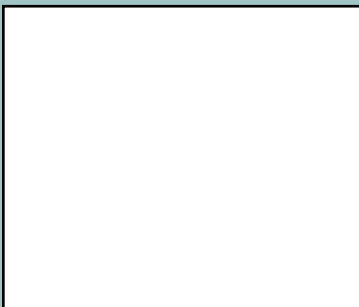
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