

## **2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024**



### **OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY**

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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 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, January 13, 2024, 6:00 PM**  
For immigrants and the victims of war

**Sunday, January 14, 2024, 9:00 AM**  
**Theresa Jandrositz**  
by daughter and son-in-law Stephanie and Bob  
Tinker

**Lorraine Lavieri and Jennifer Lavieri**  
by Joseph Lavieri

**Monday, January 15, 2024, 5:00—6:30 PM**  
Quiet adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**Wednesday, January 17, 2024, 9:00 AM**  
For the homeless

**Saturday, January 20, 2024, 6:00 PM**  
For all children

**Sunday, January 21, 2024, 9:00 AM**  
**Roger and Helga deRoziere** by the OLV Community



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

### BEATITUDES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

**"The ultimate tragedy is not the oppression and cruelty by the bad people, but the silence over that by the good people.**  
~ Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

We should be living for Jesus in this world and championing righteousness and justice for all. Our lives should exemplify all that the beatitudes praise.

## Administration and Stewardship

### Offerings:

**Holy Family Collection: \$ 2490.15**

**Epiphany Collection: \$1483.00**



*Thank you for your generosity!*

## WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**Saturday, January 13, 2024**

**Greeters:**  
Jane Munger

**Ushers and Seat Counters:**  
Bill Kuehnle

**Lector:**  
Beth Cunningham

**Altar Servers**  
Arriette and Nathan Kuehnle

**Eucharistic Ministers**  
Joanne Newsome, Gail Borst

**Set-up/Shut down:**  
Jane Munger

**Sunday, January 14, 2024**

**Greeters:**  
Joanne Coonradt, Marilyn Nolte

**Ushers and Seat Counters:**  
Stephanie and Bob Tinker

**Lector:**  
Borst

**Altar Servers**  
Sam Borst

**Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down**  
Jackie Guntert, Betty Karlau

**Money counters:**  
Margaret Ostermann, Michele Borst

**Saturday, January 20, 2024**

**Greeters:**  
Joanne Newsome

**Ushers and Seat Counters:**  
Bill Kuehnle

**Lector:**  
Patty Paser

**Altar Servers**  
Arriette and Nathan Kuehnle

**Eucharistic Ministers**  
Michele Cullam, Marilyn Schulmerich

**Set-up/Shut down:**  
Marilyn Schulmerich

**Sunday, January 21, 2024**

**Greeters:**  
Doreen Buzon, Martha Conroy

**Ushers and Seat Counters:**  
Stephanie and Bob Tinker

**Lector:**  
Borst

**Altar Servers**  
Sam Borst

**Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down**  
Jackie Guntert, Betty Karlau

**Money counters:**  
Margaret Ostermann, Michele Borst



Danny Hardmin, Brian Collins, Bill Valosin, Patrick O'Grady, Irene Ostermann, Jessica DeVietri, 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, Dennis Dailey (Afghan War veteran), 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 Conners, Annie Conneely, Francis McKiernan, Barbara St. George, Jesse Lints, Robert Tinker, Joseph Scolaro, Lisa Frangoulis, Davia Fileccia, Jamie Howard, Tom Guilianelli, Deborah Lobo, Joseph Pelton, Joseph Cassella, Paul Pagano, 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 Conners, P. J. D., Danny Vrooman, Natasha Samson, Amber Brate, Dianne Robinson

**Ordinary Time**

Wasted time is not a prized commodity in American society. We are a people ruled by the clock. Time is money because time is to be filled with purposeful controlled activity which is productive of things which can be sold. We are convinced that we must be in control of time. The last thing the productive American would want to do is waste time playing around with realities that do not produce a saleable commodity.

But the Creator of heaven and earth is described by the Scriptures as the original and the best of players. Creative activity is playful and creative people do not feel that what they do is a job. Creative people also have a sense that their creativity and all that they fashion in the creative spirit are gifts they have received. The Christian can speak of this and the contemplative vision which sees all reality as gift or grace. Our thankful response we call worship or eucharist.

We cannot speak of Ordinary Time without speaking of Sunday. The every seven-day celebration of the Lord's Day is the basic structure upon which the Church year is built. The great liturgical seasons of Advent-Christmas and Lent-Easter are more expansive celebrations of particular aspects of the one paschal mystery which we celebrate every Lord's Day.

These special seasons focus our attention upon critical dimensions of one mystery, a mystery so overwhelming that we are compelled to separate out its various elements for particular attention. These seasons in no way minimize the critical importance of the Sunday celebration throughout the rest of the year.

Ordinary Time is not very ordinary at all. Ordinary Time, the celebration of Sunday, is the identifying mark of the Christian community which comes together, remembering that on this first day of the week the Lord of Life was raised up and creation came at last to completion. Sunday as a day of play and worship is a sacrament of redeemed time. How we live Sunday proclaims to the world what we believe about redeemed time now and forever.

What happens in our churches every Sunday is the fruit of our week. What happens as the fruit of the week past is the beginning of the week to come. Sunday, like all sacraments, is simultaneously a point of arrival and departure for Christians on their way to the fullness of the Kingdom. This is not ordinary at all. This is the fabric of Christian living.

**We Pray Ordinary Time**

Our worship space and liturgies are simpler, in contrast to all the decorations and music of Christmas. Our response to the Hebrew Scriptures is Psalm 33: "The Lord fills the Earth with his love". Our faithful God continues to create, filling us all with life in abundance. God moves us to seek justice and to do what is right for all people. The Celtic Alleluia joyfully leads us to the Good News Proclamation. At the Lord's Table, we sing of our Holy Mystery: "When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death O Lord, until you come again." As People of Christ, we embrace the Cross of our sisters and brothers, witnesses of the Resurrection.



**GIFT**

Our next GIFT faith formation session is on Jan 21st after the 9:00 AM Mass. Our topic is The Ten Commandments. I look forward to

seeing you there!

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.

**PARISH PRAYER, SERVICE AND FUN**

**Prayer of Healing**

Communal Anointing of the Sick, Saturday, January 27, after the 4:00 PM Mass at Our Lady of Fatima and after the 6:00 PM Mass at Our Lady of the Valley. Anyone in need of healing, please avail yourself of Christ's compassionate embrace.

**Pastoral Council**

Our next meeting for wisdom sharing and discussion is Monday, January 22, 2024 at 6:30 PM in our church hall.

**Employment Opportunity**

Our Lady of the Valley is looking for a part-time bookkeeper who can do light office work such as answering the phones and taking messages. The hours are somewhat flexible. For a complete job description, please leave your resume and work history with the parish office. The position currently pays \$15.00 per hour.

**Home Visits**

If you know of anyone who is unable to join us for Eucharist at Church, please contact Fr. Tom Zelker. He makes continued home visits to homebound parishioners.

**Diocesan Appeal**

The 2023-2024 Appeal letters have gone out to all parishioners. If you did not receive one, offering envelopes are now available in the pews. Please make sure you put "Our Lady of the Valley" on the envelope. We do this together because we believe it is of vital importance to continue the ministry of Jesus in our 145 county Diocese... caring for the sick, educating our children, finding housing for the homeless, feeding the hungry, and training seminarians and parish leaders. This year our parish assessment is \$23,738.00; last year it was \$21,150.00. Thank you for your support!

**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.



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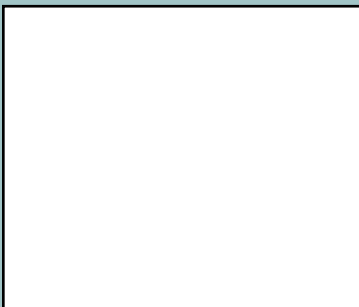
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