

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 21st, 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, January 20, 2024, 6:00 PM
For all children

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

Monday, January 22, 2024, 5:00—6:30 PM
Quiet adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, January 24, 2024
No Mass

Saturday, January 27, 2024, 6:00 PM
John Trumbull by Ann Kabei

Sunday, January 28, 2024, 9:00 AM
Bonnie Morton by Frank and Sena Monaco

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.



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

BEATITUDES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

"I can't think of a better way to spend a life than helping people."
~ Willie Pearl Mackey King

Each and every day, God calls on us to take care of each other, love one another, and ensure that every person lives and thrives in God's plan for us.

Administration and Stewardship

Offerings:

2ns Sunday in Ordinary Time: \$ 2954.00



Thank you for your generosity!

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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:
Theresa Charland, Marcia Guntert

Lector:
Denise Lloyd

Altar Servers
Caroline Borst

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down
Joanne Coonradt, Rosemary Gutkaiss

Money counters:
Denise Lloyd, Elizabeth Blackmur

Saturday, January 27, 2024

Greeters:
Barbara Valosin

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Robin Hazzard

Lector:
Ringuette

Altar Servers
Gabe and Elise Ringuette

Eucharistic Ministers
Barbara and Tom Valosin

Set-up/Shut down:
Robin Hazzard

Sunday, January 28, 2024

Greeters:
Brynda Shultes, Helen Lindstrom

Ushers and Seat Counters:
John Conroy, Sharon Riggi

Lector:
Brynda Shultes

Altar Servers
Sera Wargo

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down
Jim Buzon, Martha Conroy

Money counters:
John Borst, Brynda Shultes



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, Marsia Ferguson, Anjaime, 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, 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

A Winter Evening Prayer

Our earth has turned once again toward the endless limits of space, as a thousand stars come out to play. I come before you in adoration and in wonder at the vastness

of your creation, which spans thousands of billions of miles. I descend now with devotion into the tiny cave of my heart to be one with you in silent prayer.

O Beloved, your song of love is a silent one, heard only by the ears of the heart.

Look with compassion upon my feeble efforts to still my ever-restless heart and my desire to listen to your eternal whisper.

Look with affection upon my words, as I now proclaim my love for you.

I pray to you, aware that my prayer is never private, even if I pray alone. For my prayer is but a single thread

in the great weaving of this world's prayers which rise up to you from every part of this planet.

My friends and my family are dear to me, and so I ask that you care for them this night.

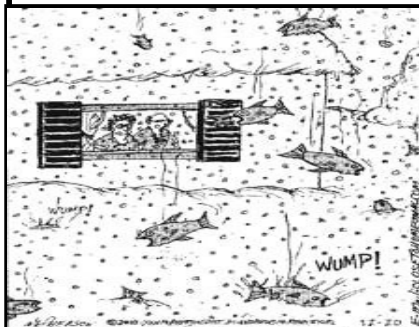
In your providence especially watch over: _____
Care for and protect those who on this winter night are without lodging and food.

And grant that the children of this earth may look upon all who are in need as their brothers and sisters.

Grant a peaceful night, O God, not only to my body but also to my mind and soul.

May the sacrament of sleep refresh my whole being this night.

O Guardian of galaxies,
Mother of the cosmos and
Father of stars beyond counting,
may I sleep in you tonight.



Every time it snows, I get a "haddock".



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

Pastoral Council

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

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.

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.

Render unto Caesar...

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

Old Palm Frons

Please bring in your old palms by Sunday, February 11 so we can burn them to make ashes as we begin Lent.

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 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.

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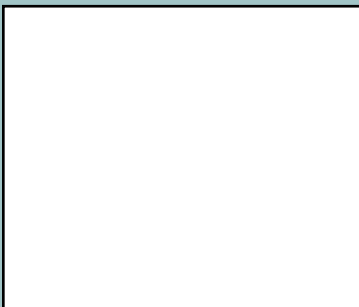
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