

**22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**SEPTEMBER 1, 2024**

**"WE ARE GOD'S PEOPLE"**



**LOVING AND GENEROUS GOD,  
IT IS YOU WHO CALL US BY NAME  
AND ASK US TO FOLLOW YOU.  
HELP US TO GROW IN THE LOVE  
AND SERVICE OF OUR CHURCH  
AS WE EXPERIENCE IT TODAY.**

**GIVE US THE ENERGY AND  
COURAGE OF YOUR SPIRIT  
TO SHAPE ITS FUTURE.**

**GRANT US FAITH-FILLED  
LEADERS WHO WILL EMBRACE  
CHRIST'S MISSION  
OF LOVE AND JUSTICE.**

**BLESS THE CHURCH  
OF OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY  
BY RAISING UP DEDICATED AND  
GENEROUS LEADERS  
FROM OUR FAMILIES AND  
FRIENDS WHO SERVE  
YOUR PEOPLE AS  
SISTERS, PRIESTS, BROTHERS,  
DEACONS AND LAY MINISTERS.**

**INSPIRE US TO KNOW YOU  
BETTER AND OPEN OUR  
HEARTS TO HEAR  
YOUR CALL.  
AMEN.**

# Liturgy Schedule

**Saturday, August 31, 2024, 6:00 PM**  
**James Morgan** by JoAnn, Jimmy, Kerry, Amanda, Hunter  
*56th wedding anniversary Barbara and Tom Valosin*

**Sunday, September 1, 2024, 9:00 AM**  
**Steve Colvin** his football team and friends  
**Joe Bozicevich** by Family

**Monday, September 2, 2024, Labor Day**

**Wednesday, September 4, 2024, 9:00 AM**  
 For students.

**Saturday, September 7, 2024, 6:00 PM**  
**James Morgan** by Mary and Kevin Harmon

**Sunday, September 8, 2024, 9:00 AM**  
**Sean O'Rourke** by Colleen Lettieri  
**Nettie Spencer** by friend Betty  
**Pam Bolen Sinko** by Patty Paser

 **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**  
 Our worship space is adorned with flowers and fruits of the season. The "Glory to God" is the simple "Gloria in excelsis Deo, Alleluia." Our response to the Hebrew Scripture is Psalm 118: *"This day was made by the Lord, let us rejoice, let us be glad; let us rejoice in salvation."* Our Gospel acclamation is the ancient chant "Laudate Dominum, laudate Dominum, omnes gentes Alleluia! (Praise the Lord, all you peoples, Alleluia!). Our Eucharistic songs are from "The Land of Rest", inspired by early American music. We sing out Mystery of Faith: "Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free." As Church Ordinary Time continues, we become extraordinary in our living out Christ's Love for all... forever!

**BEATITUDES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING**  
**"Our God loves us—that is our comfort. We have every true consolation and must leave all to Him."**  
 ~ St. Elizabeth Ann Seton  
 God loves us so much and wants us to love, care, and be kind to each other in everything we do.

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[sites.google.com/view/gabriel-project-stamford](https://sites.google.com/view/gabriel-project-stamford)  
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*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.*

## Administration and Stewardship

**Offerings:**  
**21st Sunday in Ordinary Time: \$1977.50**

*Thank you for your generosity!*

# WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

<p><b>Saturday, August 31, 2024</b></p> <p><b>Greeters:</b> Jane Munger</p> <p><b>Ushers and Seat Counters:</b> Bill Kuehnle</p> <p><b>Lector:</b> Pat Costello</p> <p><b>Altar Servers</b> Arriette and Nathan Kuehnle</p> <p><b>Eucharistic Ministers</b> Michele Cullam</p> <p><b>Set-up/Shut down:</b> Jane Munger</p>	<p><b>Sunday, September 1, 2024</b></p> <p><b>Greeters:</b> Martha Conroy, Michele Finin</p> <p><b>Ushers and Seat Counters:</b> Stephanie and Bob Tinker</p> <p><b>Lector:</b> Denise Lloyd</p> <p><b>Altar Servers</b> Peter Sherer</p> <p><b>Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down</b> Brynda Shultes, Barb Valosin</p> <p><b>Money counters:</b> Denise Lloyd, Elizabeth Blackmur</p>
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<p><b>Saturday, September 7, 2024</b></p> <p><b>Greeters:</b> Barbara Valosin</p> <p><b>Ushers and Seat Counters:</b> Robin Hazzard</p> <p><b>Lector:</b> John Wood</p> <p><b>Altar Servers</b> Arriette and Nathan Kuehnle</p> <p><b>Eucharistic Ministers</b> Barbara Valosin, Tom Valosin</p> <p><b>Set-up/Shut down:</b> Robin Hazzard</p>	<p><b>Sunday, September 8, 2024</b></p> <p><b>Greeters:</b> Joanne Coonradt, Betty Karlau</p> <p><b>Ushers and Seat Counters:</b> Stephanie and Bob Tinker</p> <p><b>Lector:</b> Kate Katsur</p> <p><b>Altar Servers</b> Sera Wargo</p> <p><b>Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down</b> Brynda Shultes, Patty Sainsbury</p> <p><b>Money counters:</b> Jane Munger, Bonnie Jorgensen</p>
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## Pray For...

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, 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, Tina Welman, Rick Conners, Annie Conneely, Francis McKiernan, Barbara St. George, Jesse Lints, Robert Tinker, Joseph Scolaro, Lisa Frangoulis, Davia Fileccia, Jamie Howard, Deborah Lobo, Joseph Cassella, Michele Eckland, Diane Czarro, Bill Valosin, Rick Stoddard, Tom Barr, Helen Zebrowski, Nada Gaber Pitu, Joan Luhrs, Dick Kristel, Kate Mahoney, Chris & Karen Nieminski, the Scott Family, Karen Conners, Danny Vrooman, Natasha Samson, Amber Brate, Dianne Robinson, Ed Guntert, Steven Van Dyke, Megan Gersch, Sr. Louise Ann Fritz, Susan G., Dawn Schweikert, Amber Hazzard, Pauline Bjornholm, Diane Williams, Jessica Divietri, Robert Malin, Jacqui Owens, Loretta Bodisch, Peter D'Arco, K + A Pagano, Marthe Therrien, Claire Evans, Margaret Casey Sprinkle, Douglas Bailey,



**GIFT**

GIFT sessions will begin on September 8<sup>th</sup> after the 9AM mass. Registration will be reviewed and/or completed and

Circle of Grace packets will be distributed to families to complete for our next GIFT session. Projects for the Summer Season are also due at this time. I have copied the suggested ideas for projects below:

**Families:** Children of our young families are to complete a project each season. Projects can be created however you are inspired: Slide show, collage, video, cartoon, writing, etc. These will be presented at our first GIFT/Registration program on September 15th at 9:30AM at OLF and on Sunday, September 8th, after the 9AM Mass at OLV. Choice themes:

- Create a reflection of the workings of the Holy Spirit in your life.
- Create your own reflection of your participation in one of the service projects in July and August.

I look forward to seeing you there!

Please note that the Liturgy of the Word newsletter is available for our young disciples grades 1 – 5. I encourage all to review stories, questions and helpful suggestions for parents, and prayers and Saints section. 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.

**Preparation for First Communion:**

If you have a child in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, please call our office.



Please pray for our young people who will be celebrating Confirmation at St. Madeleine Sophie Catholic Church in

- Schenectady.
- Caroline Borst
- Jane Koller
- Connor Kropp
- Tiaa Manikai
- Allison Okyay
- Maria Patino
- Josh Ringuette
- Brady Stemmler

**A Better Kind of Politics**

A polarized Church. A divided nation. Pope Francis calls for “a better kind of politics.” How will you respond?

As Catholics, we take to heart Jesus’ invitation to follow the example of the Good Samaritan, who challenges us to “become neighbors to all” (no. 80). As a Church and a nation, we are polarized and divided.

But as Pope Francis writes in *Fratelli Tutti*, we can seek “a better kind of politics, one truly at the service of the common good” (no. 154).

We can see ourselves as members of one family. We can seek to encounter and to grow. We can identify common values. We can listen to understand. We can seek the truth together. We can jointly come up with creative solutions to the problems that face our world.

Go to: <https://www.usccb.org/civilizeit>

**Kindness Matters**

“Kindness Matters” is the 2024 diocesan evangelization initiative utilizing lawn signs to encourage people to step up and be kinder to one another. Showing kindness is a way to follow Jesus’ command to love our neighbors. The sign will direct people to a website providing resources and ideas to help us be kinder. This initiative will gain momentum one person at a time and one small act of kindness at a time.

**PARISH PRAYER, SERVICE AND FUN**

**Weekday Masses**

Our Wednesday 9 AM Mass begins again this Wednesday, September 4. All are also welcome on Tuesdays at 9:00 at Our Lady of Fatima.

**Joshua Project Summer Programs**

A big! Thank you to all the good folks who helped out at the Backpack Project and the summer Lunch Program at Middleburgh Central. Our deepest appreciation to all the cooks, servers, cleaners, food packers, and driver-deliverers, and organizers. A lot of people were fed good food and enjoyed fellowship and tender care.



**Community Scarecrows**

Anyone wishing to put up a “happy scarecrow” on our parish property is welcome to celebrate this harvest season. Please call our office.

**Going off to college?**

We’d like to keep in touch. So please get your college address to our parish office. Remember, wherever you are in life, you have a home in our Church, your faith community.

**Parish Picnic**

Sunday, September 15, Timothy Murphy Park, Middleburgh.

Burgers and hot-dogs; bring a salad or dessert to share.

Beginning at 12 noon, this is always a fun community day along the Creek.

**Vegetable exchange**

Share the bounty of our beautiful valley. Vegetables can be dropped off on the west lawn, under the shade of the trees of our church. Take what you need; share with others. Extra vegetables will go to our food pantries.

**Middleburgh Food Pantries**

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

**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.

**Consider Your Gifts**

Beginning the weekend of Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 31<sup>st</sup>—September 1<sup>st</sup>, the Diocese of Albany will begin to implement a renewed *Called by Name* program to foster priestly vocations.

As pastors, administrators, an sacramental ministers we know our parish communities, the specific needs of the people and the ministerial demand that we work tirelessly to provide day after day. A single or few ministers alone are being stretched more and more to continue to be present to the people, take on additional ministries and witness to Christ to them in the way that they need when we are called upon.

It’s time for us to ask for help! It’s time for us to ask the people for a specific type of coworker in the vineyard. “Many hands make light work” as they say, however the role of the priest is unique in our Catholic Church. Please pray and think about people who might consider serving our parish communities. Remember, we are all God’s People; we each have important roles to play as the Body of Christ. May God’s Love abound in us all.



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