

APRIL 20, 2025
EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



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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

Holy Saturday, April 19, 2025.
12:00 PM blessing of food
7:30 PM Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025
6:00 AM Dawn Service Ecumenical Prayer at the Middleburgh Reformed Church lawn — breakfast in the fellowship hall following the service
9:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of the Valley Church, Middleburgh
11:15 AM Mass at Our Lady of Fatima, Delanson

Monday, April 21, 2025, 5:00—6:30 PM
Quiet Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, April 26, 2025, 6:00 PM
Daniel Slavinski by Mom and Dad
Christopher Costello by Costello Family

Sunday, April 27, 2025, 9:00 AM
Peter Monticelli by Frank and Sena Monaco
Fr. Tom Holmes by Jackie and Ed Guntert

We Pray Easter

Our Church is alive with flowers, colors, and Easter faith during these 50 Days of Resurrection. Our music and song gather, inspire, and uplift. Each week we exclaim “Glory to God”, singing of a new Creation. Our response to the Acts of the Apostles (our first reading during Easter) is Psalm 118: “Sing to the mountains, sing to the sea. Raise your voices, lift your hearts. This is the day the Lord has made. Let all the earth rejoice.” We approach the Gospel with the exuberant Caribbean “Alleluia”. Jesus is the way, the truth, the life. We renew our faith in a resounding “I do” to the Creedal questions. When we gather around the Lord’s Table we sing of our mystery: “Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.” We are sent forth with an Alleluia in our heart witnessing to the unconditional love of God.

In the Name of Christ... Welcome!

This Easter Vigil we embrace in faith and welcome to our Catholic Church Diana Cosarca, Elizabeth (Lisa) Whitman, and Dan Keese. May the waters of Baptism and the Spirit of Christ enflame our hearts with holy love.

BEATITUDES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

"For Christ the Lord is Risen. Our Joy that hath no end."
~ St. John of Damascus

We are so blessed with the love of Jesus Christ. We should share His love with everyone.

Administration and Stewardship

Offerings:

Palm Sunday Collection: \$T.B.A.
Thank you for your generosity!



WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil
April 19, 2025

Greeters:
Doreen Buzon

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Bill Kuehnle

Lector:
Genesis: Sharon Riggi
Exodus: Patrick Costello
Prophetic: Patty Paser
New Testament: Stephanie Tinker
Universal Prayer: Anne Ringuette

Altar Servers
Arriette and Nathan Kuehnle

Eucharistic Ministers
Jim Buzon, Tom Valosin

Set-up/Shut down:
Barb Valsoin

Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025

Greeters:
Anne Marie Robinson,
John Conroy

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Sharon Riggi, Denise Lloyd

Lector:
Acts: Borst
New Testament: Denise Lloyd
Universal Prayer: Brynda Shultes

Altar Servers
Sera Wargo, Sam Borst

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down
Marcia Guntert, Gail Borst

Money counters:
M. Ostermann
Michele Borst

Saturday, April 26, 2025

Greeters:
Elise Ringuette

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Robin Hazzard

Lector:
Patrick Costello

Altar Servers
Arriette and Nathan Kuehnle

Eucharistic Ministers
Michele Cullam

Set-up/Shut down:
Robin Hazzard

Sunday, April 27, 2025

Greeters:
Martha Conroy, Betty Karlau

Ushers and Seat Counters:
John Millett, John Conroy

Lector:
Brynda Shultes

Altar Servers
Peter Sherer

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down
Margaret Ostermann
Jackie Guntert

Money counters:
Brynda Shultes, John Millett

*Olivia Liuzzi, Mary McGrail, Gaia Pelton, Harper Risse,
Dylan Ryan, Elizabeth Ryan, Piper Schulmerich,
Welcome to the Lord's Table.*

On Sunday, May 4, we welcome seven young people to share our Eucharist for the first time. May their youthful ideals inspire us all.

 *Pray For...*

*baby Zoey Nashville,
Ellen Wilford, Jodi Connors, Greg Filisko, Scott Troughton,
Claire Evans, Joseph Cassella, Jill Zullo,
Debbie Calabrese, Andrea Virtuoso, Michele and Phil
Smith, Ed Guntert, Arthur Barrett, John Lewis Simmons,
Lynn Fileccia, Nina Wayman*

Please contact the office to have someone prayed for/added to the list.



Growing In Faith Together Religious Education Program for children, youth and their families (GIFT)

Please pray for our young disciples preparing to celebrate their First Eucharist on May 4th: Olivia Liuzzi, Mary McGrail, Gaia Pelton, Harper Risse, Dylan Ryan, Elizabeth Ryan, Piper Schulmerich.

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.

A Psalm of Easter

Before dawn, the great Passover meal having been prayed,

Jesus' empty cross awaits death's next victim,
into the darkness of his lifeless body

the finger of God's Spirit stirred in upward spirals
as it had moved over the empty waters
about to be pregnant with Creation.

We look up into the Easter skies,
beyond the limits of this world,

far beyond the boundaries of my
mind.

Light radiates day and night...filling
the universe.

Oh, beyond my frail comprehension,
too vast for my mind

is the mystery of Resurrection,

In the wonder and beauty of God's New Creation,
filled with the Life giving Spirit of Christ
to whom I belong forever.



Alleluia! Happy Easter, everyone!

PARISH PRAYER, SERVICE AND FUN

Rice Bowls

Please return all Rice Bowl donations by Monday, April 28. Your assistance keeps our Church vibrant in our ministry to the poor throughout our world.

Next N.E.T. (Neighbors Eating Together) Dinner

Our next N.E.T. Dinner is Wednesday,

Visiting Homebound Neighbors

If you know of anyone who is unable to come to Church and pray with us, please call our parish office. Our Mass is also available on our website.

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 very much for your generosity. So far we have collected:
14,550.00.

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.

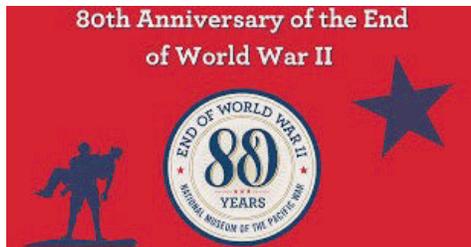
Our Church is open for quiet prayer, meditation walks, and peace.



Honoring Those Who Served

This year marks the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II in 1945. V-E Day (Victory in Europe) is May 8th; V-J Day (Victory in Japan) is August 15th).

We will lay wreaths in front of church to commemorate those days of victory, peace, mourning, sacrifice, and hope. In Church, we would like to remember anyone who served in any capacity during the War. Please bring to our office a 4x6 or 5x7 photograph of a loved one, neighbor or parishioner to be placed on our wall of holy remembrance.



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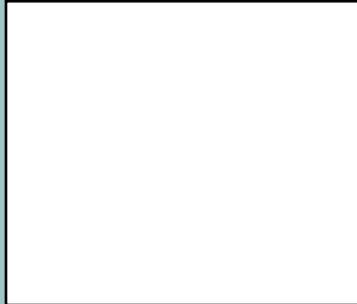
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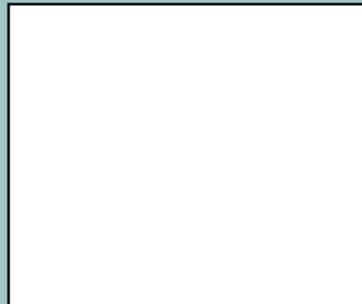
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