

AUGUST 3, 2025
18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
"WE ARE FAMILY"



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.

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday, August 2, 2025, 6:00 PM
Vincent Pagano by Don and Linda Pagano

Sunday, August 3, 2025, 9:00 AM
Evelyn Mack by the Rosary Society
Mark Costello by Jackie and Ed Guntert

Monday, August 4, 2025, 5:00—6:30 PM
5:00—5:30 PM Rosary
5:30—6:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday, August 9, 2025, 6:00 PM
Bonnie Ingraham by OLV Community

Sunday, August 10, 2025, 9:00 AM
The deceased members of the Knights of Columbus #4475

Summer Ordinary Time

Our worship space is simpler yet noble. Our prayer relaxes from the intensity of Easter. Yet we celebrate our sharing in the mission of Jesus, with God's Spirit enthusing us. Our Glory to God is the ancient chant "*Gloria in excelsis Deo, Alleluia*".

Our response to the Hebrew Scriptures is Psalm 118: "Whose love is forever, is forever more." God's Creative Spirit fills every acre, every molecule, each leaf, breeze, and person... and we respond with heartfelt appreciation. The joyous Celtic Alleluia leads us to the Gospel. And when we gather at Table we proclaim "When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again"/ As Church, the Sacred People of God, we seek to embrace the cross of the world, of our sisters and brothers, with faith in God's life-giving Love.

BEATITUDES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

"All things are possible for him who believes, more to him who hopes, even more to him who loves."

~ St. Lawrence of Brindisi

God is love. The more we love, the more we are like God. Live each day with love in our hearts.

Administration and Stewardship

Continuing On

Thank you for your ongoing support of our parish and our Christian ministries. Yet costs are rising. Please take care of your medical, food, heat and family needs. If you could help out each week with an extra dollar, or two, or even five, it would keep our parish stable and thriving.

Offerings:

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Collection: \$2661.00

Thank you for your generosity!



WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 2, 2025

Greeters:

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Robin Hazzard

Lector:
Pat Costello

Altar Servers

Eucharistic Ministers
Michele Cullam, Gail Borst

Set-up/Shut down:
Robin Hazzard

Sunday, August 3, 2025

Greeters:

Martha Conroy, Marilyn Nolte

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Jackie and Ed Guntert

Lector:
Kate Katsur

Altar Servers
Peter Sherer

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down
Theresa Charland, Betty Karlau

Money counters:
Jane Munger,
Bonnie Jorgensen

Saturday, August 9, 2025

Greeters:

Barb Valsoin

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Bill Kuehnle

Lector:
Stephanie Tinker

Altar Servers
Arriette and Nathan Kuehnle

Eucharistic Ministers
Barb Valosin, Tom Valosin

Set-up/Shut down:
Barb Valosin

Sunday, August 10, 2025

Greeters:

Michele Finin, Helen Lindstrom

Ushers and Seat Counters:
John Conroy, John Millett

Lector:
Patty Paser

Altar Servers
Peter Sherer

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down
Jackie and Ed Guntert

Money counters:
Margaret Ostermann,
William and Michelle Sherer

Yes, You Can!

We need you to share Eucharist as a Minister of Communion with our people at Mass or to our homebound parishioners at their residence. And yes you can do this important and vital ministry. Please see Fr. Tom Zelker or call our office. You are most appreciated.



baby Zoey Nashville,

Ellen Wilford, Jodi Connors, Greg Filisko, Scott Troughton, Joseph Cassella, Jill Zullo, Debbie Calabrese, Andrea Virtuoso, Michele and Phil Smith, Ed Guntert, Arthur Barrett, John Lewis Simmons, Lynn Fileccia, Nina Wayman, Nate Clements, Anthony Chieco, Barbara St. George, Mary Harmon, Joan McCalip, Carol Hoffmann, Norma E. Rodriguez, Joe S., Bob Troidl, Betty Karlau, Linda Quinn, Mundy Zullo, Linda Ballou

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



Growing In Faith Together (GIFT) Intergenerational Faith Formation

The Summer Season of Service brochure is now available. Families are invited to volunteer and illustrate their experience for our first GIFT session scheduled at OLV on Sunday, September 14 after the 9:00. Opportunities include volunteering to serve food at the Summer lunch programs at Middleburgh HS and Presbyterian Church in Schoharie, organize and/or deliver food to families through the backpack program or accompanying Frank and I with on Meals on Wheels.

Also there is a link to volunteer at the City Mission (for information, click on <https://citymission.com/volunteer/>)

Also our website is updated with GIFT information, links for parents, saint of the month links, weekly liturgy of the word and information regarding registering families for faith formation. The website: olfgrowinginfaith.weebly.com

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.

Utterly Mysterious - When Feeling Loss

How utterly mysterious, Creator Spirit,
is this existence you have placed us in.
If we were to despair of understanding it at all,
we could feel justified:
conflict and tragedy, pain and death surround us
but so does every kind of love,
with beauty and wisdom
in the make-up of every tree and star.
Astonishing revolutionary forces are measurably at work,
and there is evidence of genuine altruism among humans.
In addition, we find
your own mysterious ways gracious and surprising.
Be with us in making sense of it all,
In keeping up our trust — against so many countersigns—
that beneath everything is meaning, direction, and promise.
Amen.

Keep in Touch

Going off to college? Living on campus or residing at home, we'd like to keep in touch. Please get your address to Fr. Tom Zelker at our church office. Study well, open horizons, and enjoy life.



Bereavement



We have a support group which meets every two weeks. If anyone has had a loss and needs support, please call our parish office, and leave your name and number, and someone will get back to you.

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 laid a wreath in front of church on May 8 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.

SUMMER PRAYER AND FUN

Free Summer Lunch

- Schoharie Library—12 noon, Tuesdays and Fridays;
- Middleburgh High School Cafeteria — 12 noon, Monday through Friday.

Summer Lunch Program Volunteers

If you are having difficulty signing up online to help serve lunch at Middleburgh High School, we can help. Stop in at our parish office.

Vegetable Exchange

Share the bounty... take what you need. Fruits and vegetables may be left at the table at the side entrance of church. Together, we enjoy the harvest.

Flowers for church

May be dropped off anytime. They add heart to our prayer.

Creation Camp Vacation Bible School

August 4-8 at Middleburgh Reformed Church. Flyers are in Church.

Care packages for our homebound: We need travel tissue packages, playing cards, small snack bags, and lip balm. Please leave at the box in Church. The VBS children will put "care bags" together at camp.

Assumption Feast Day Mass and Picnic

Friday, August 15, 6:00 PM at Fox Creek Park, Schoharie. We celebrate the harvest of God. Hot-dog BBQ, too. Please bring a salad or a dessert to share.

Pyramid Lake Retreat

I'll be at our Diocesan Camp in the Adirondacks from Sunday evening August 17 to Friday, August 22.—F.T.Z.

Missionary Weekend

Sat - Sun, August 30-31. We support the work of our Church in Haiti.

Summer Savoring Walk

Friday, September 12, 5:30 PM at Landis Arboretum, Esperance. A leisurely walk along ponds, woods, and unique trees.

Middleburgh Food Pantries

Food pantry needs: cereal, rice, soap, personal hygiene items.

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.

Diocesan Marriage Jubilee

Sunday, September 14, 2025, 3:00 PM Mass at Christ Our Light Church, Loudonville. For couples celebrating their 1st, 25th, 50th or **any** special anniversary. Call the Diocese at 518-453-6660 TO REGISTER. You are always welcome to renew vows at our own church.



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