

**AUGUST 10, 2025**  
**19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**"WE ARE FAMILY"**



**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.

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

**Sunday, August 10, 2025, 9:00 AM**  
Nettie Spencer by friend Betty  
The deceased members of the Knights of Columbus #4475

**Monday, August 11, 2025, 5:00—6:30 PM**  
5:00—5:30 PM Rosary  
5:30—6:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration

**Tuesday, August 12, 2025, 2:00 PM and 3:00 PM**  
Kingsway Nursing Facility Assumption Masses

**Saturday, August 16, 2025, 6:00 PM**  
Barbara Barr by Robin Hazzard

**Sunday, August 17, 2025, 9:00 AM**  
Claire Evans by sister Stephanie Tinker + Bob

### 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

"We must pray without tiring, for the salvation of mankind does not depend upon material success, but on Jesus alone."

~ St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

Be grateful for our many blessings and thank Jesus in our prayers.

## 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:

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Collection: \$T.B.A.

Thank you for your generosity!



## WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### 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

### Saturday, August 16, 2025

**Greeters:**  
Barb Valosin

**Ushers and Seat Counters:**  
Bill Kuehnle

**Lector:**  
Patty Paser

**Altar Servers**  
Arrietta and Nathan Kuehnle

**Eucharistic Ministers**  
Katie Hagan, Tom Valosin

**Set-up/Shut down:**  
Barb Valosin

### Sunday, August 17, 2025

**Greeters:**  
Joann Coonradt, Doreen Buzon

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

**Lector:**  
Denise Lloyd

**Altar Servers**  
Sera Wargo

**Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down**  
Marcia Guntert, Jim Buzon

**Money counters:**  
Elizabeth Blackmur,  
Denise Lloyd, Linda Pagano

### 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, Bill Valosin

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](http://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.

### **Change the world by changing 'Me'**

The old priest says this about himself: "I was a revolutionary when I was young and all my prayer to God was: 'Lord give me the energy to change the world.'"

"As I approached middle age and realized that half my life was gone without my changing a single soul, I changed my prayer to: 'Lord, give me the grace to change all those who come in contact with me. Just my family and friends, and I shall be satisfied.'"

"Now that I am an old man and my days are numbered, I have begun to see how foolish I have been. My one prayer now is, 'Lord, give me the grace to change myself.' If I had prayed for this right from the start I should not have wasted my life."

Everybody thinks of changing humanity.  
Hardly anyone thinks of changing himself.

### **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.

### **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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