

AUGUST 17, 2025
20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
"WE ARE FAMILY"



OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY

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<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.

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

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

Monday, August 18, 2025, 5:00—6:30 PM
5:00—5:30 PM Rosary
5:30—6:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday, August 23, 2025, 6:00 PM
Pamela Grippen Stock by Carmen and Barbara St. George

Sunday, August 24, 2025, 9:00 AM
Mark Costello by Linda and James Hayhurst
John and Jennie Zelker by their children

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

"Love Him totally, who gave Himself totally for your love."

~ St. Clare of Assisi

Jesus suffered in order to redeem us. His love for us is everlasting!

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: \$2245.35
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Collection: \$2037.00



Thank you for your generosity!



WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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 Coonrad, 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

Saturday, August 23, 2025

Greeters
Gabe Ringuette

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Robin Hazzard

Lector:
Ringuette

Altar Servers
Arriette & Nathan Kuehnle

Eucharistic Ministers
Michele Cullam, Gail Borst

Set-up/Shut down:
Robin Hazzard

Sunday, August 24, 2025

Greeters:
John Conroy, Betty Karlau

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Sharon Riggi, Denise Lloyd

Lector:
Borst

Altar Servers
Sam Borst

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down
Joanne Coonrad, Pattie Sainsbury

Money counters:
M. Borst, Millet, Chirico

Pope Leo XIV has called us to be a church of missionaries. And there is no better way to do that than supporting the missionary that will be coming to your parish this summer. It makes a tremendous difference in the communities and the good work we support. Last year, through the Mission Cooperative program our diocese raised \$228,754.73. Thank you for your generosity and let's continue to support the great work of the Church around the world!



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, Brian Barbella, Marge Sainsbury

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.



Train, VBS and Caving.



Thanks to all who made these events possible and good: cooks, planners, speakers, cave leaders, cleaners, kids and families.



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.



SUMMER PRAYER AND FUN

Free Summer Lunch

Sponsored by the Joshua Project—ends August 22.

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.

VJ Day

On August 15 we remember the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II and our victory over evil and fascism. Our wreaths and photos honor those who served in the just cause of freedom and peace.

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.

Joshua Project Family Fun Day

Sunday, September 14, 12-noon—4:00 PM, Wayward Lane Brewing, Schoharie.

Our Lady of the Valley Picnic

Sunday, September 21, 12 noon—?, Baker Ave Park, Middleburgh. A fun BBQ along the Schoharie. Games and witty conversation. Please bring a salad or dessert to share.

First N.E.T. Dinner of the Season

Wednesday, October 15 at 5:00 PM, OLV.

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.

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.

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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