

AUGUST 24, 2025
21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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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 Our Lady of the Valley in Middleburgh
9:00 a.m. Tuesdays at Our Lady of Fatima in Delanson.

DEVOTIONS

ROSARY: Mondays at 5:00 PM.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: Last Monday of the month 5:00 PM.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Mondays 5:30—6:30 PM.

Liturgy Schedule

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

Monday, August 18, 2025, 5:00—6:30 PM

5:00—5:30 PM Rosary
5:30—6:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday, August 30, 2025, 6:00 PM

James Morgan by Mary and Kevin Harmon

Sunday, August 31, 2025, 9:00 AM

Claire Evans by Linda and James Hayhurst
Evelyn Conway by Helen Lindstrom

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

**"Do not look back to the past, nor forward to the future.
Claim only the present, for it holds God's will."**

~ St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

Live each day with God's will at the center of our hearts
and help others see His love and grace.

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:

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Collection: \$2594.30



Thank you for your generosity!



WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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 Coonradt, Pattie Sainsbury

Money counters:

M. Borst, Millet, Chirico

Saturday, August 30, 2025

Greeters:

Gabe Ringuette

Ushers and Seat Counters:

Robin Hazzard

Lector:

Stephanie Tinker

Altar Servers

Arriette and Nathan Kuehnle

Eucharistic Ministers

Michele Cullam, Katie Hagan

Set-up/Shut down:

Robin Hazzard

Sunday, August 31, 2025

Greeters:

Michele Finin, Joanne Coonradt

Ushers and Seat Counters:

John Conroy, Marcia Guntert

Lector:

Sharon Riggi

Altar Servers

Peter Sherer

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down

Rosemary Gutkaiss,
Margaret Ostermann

Money counters:

Jane Munger,
Bonnie Jorgensen

We Need You!

Yes you can be a reader, greeter, server, or Minister of Communion at Mass. Please consider helping our community. Call our office today. Thank you!

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.



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, Annette Casano

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



Growing In Faith Together (GIFT) Intergenerational Faith Formation

As a start to our GIFT program this year, we will be holding a "Paint with a Saint" event at Our Lady of the Valley on Sunday, September 28th at 10:30 AM! A couple of years ago we painted portraits of St. Francis of Assisi. This year parishioners are invited from OLF and OLV to paint St. Clare, a follower of St. Francis. We need 20 Painters! Price is \$15 per person. Please contact either OLV rectory at 518-827-3301 or OLF rectory at 895-2788. Come join the fun!

All parishioners are invited to volunteer and illustrate their service experience for our first official GIFT session scheduled at OLV on Sunday, October 19 in OLV hall after the 9AM Mass. 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 to deliver Meals on Wheels.

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

We have only 1 week left for service for the Summer, 2025!

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.



If anyone is interested in having their young disciple celebrate First Reconciliation/First Eucharist or teen celebrate Confirmation, please contact OLV rectory at 518-827-3301.



Missionary Outreach to Haiti

At Masses on August 30-31, parishioners will hear about the Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti's mission serving the poor of Haiti.

The second collection is dedicated to Outreach to Haiti. Your gifts support the families in the poverty-stricken area of Christ Roi (Christ the King) and 14 twinned sister parishes in the Archdiocese of Port-au-Prince, Haiti. You can help provide medical and healthcare, nutrition supplements and food, education scholarships, tutoring, workshops, trainings for micro-businesses, and community development.

For 40 years, Outreach has been serving some of God's poorest, faith-filled, and inspiring Catholics. In the values of the Gospel, our mission provides sacramental and spiritual support building faith relationships between the U.S. and Haiti.

Father Frank Rouleau has lived in Port-au-Prince since 2010. He serves as Chaplain at our center in Christ Roi and leads twinning relationships among parishes in the U.S. with parishes in the Archdiocese of Port-au-Prince. He comes to share his stories and invites you to be a part of a Gospel-led mission. The People of Haiti are struggling with severe food shortages,

political and gang unrest, but they find the love of Christ, hope, peace and God's infinite love at Church. Please pray for our Haitian brothers and sisters. We thank you for your generosity. For more information about this ministry please visit Outreach to Haiti website at

www.outreachtohaiti.org



SUMMER PRAYER AND FUN

Missionary Weekend

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

Vacation

I'll be on vacation in the Adirondacks August 25—September 5. I'll be wandering through caves, among the mountains, and paddling ponds. Keep the faith!

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.

Wednesday Morning Mass

We begin on September 24 at 9:00, Our Lady of the Valley Church.

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.

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.

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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