

JANUARY 5, 2025
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY

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<http://parishes.rcda.org/olvchurch/>

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<https://www.facebook.com/OurLadyoftheValleyParish/>

Bulletin Items:

All bulletin items must 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

Saturday, January 4, 2025, 6:00 PM
Sabina Wisniewska by Laura Pelton

Sunday, January 5, 2025, 9:00 AM
Anna VanFlukes by Betty and Willie Karlau
Cheri Neuman by Brenda Weideman

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

Wednesday, January 8, 2025, 9:00 AM
For vocations

Saturday, January 11, 2025, 6:00 PM
Domenick L. Palmatier by Michele Cullam

Sunday, January 12, 2025, 9:00 AM
Veronica Preli by Joseph Cassella
Marie Williams by Margaret and John O'Brien

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Holy Communion

Low gluten and gluten free hosts are available for anyone affected by Celiac disease. Please see Fr. Tom Zelker or Deacon Gary Riggi.



We Pray Christmas

Our lives are overwhelmed with joy as we celebrate God's Incarnation, the Word made Flesh, the Birth of Jesus, the Dawn of a New Day. We sing "Glory to God", echoing the song of the angels to us. Our response to the Hebrew Scripture is the Canticle from St. Luke: "Today our Savior is born, this is the day!" Psalm 96 shouts with all Creation the exuberance of our wondrous joy. We stand for the Gospel acclamation: "Halle, hallelujah, I am the Light of the world." We gather around the Table and proclaim our mystery: we are set free by Christ's Cross and Resurrection." In Christ we are forever saved. When we eat and drink that saving Love courses through us, our community. Christ is born today!

BEATITUDES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

"It is Jesus that you seek when you dream of happiness; He is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you." —St. John Paul II

Jesus loves us all so much! Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after justice: for they shall have their fill.

Administration and Stewardship

Offerings:

4th Sunday of Advent: \$1584.00
The Holy Family Collection: \$ T.B.A.
Thank you for your generosity!



WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 4, 2025

Greeters:
Patrick Costello

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Robin Hazzard

Lector:
Patrick Costello

Altar Servers
Luna Pelton

Eucharistic Ministers
Michele Cullam
Gail Borst

Set-up/Shut down:
Robin Hazzard

Sunday, January 5, 2025

Greeters:
Martha Conroy, Marilyn Nolte

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Stephanie and Bob Tinker

Lector:
Borst

Altar Servers
Peter Sherer

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down
Brynda Shultes,
Joann Coonradt

Money counters:
Jane Munger,
Bonnie Jorgensen

Saturday, January 11, 2025

Greeters:
Barb Valosin

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, January 12, 2025

Greeters:
Michele Finin, Helen Lindstrom

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Jackie and Ed Guntert

Lector:
Denise Lloyd

Altar Servers
Peter Sherer

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down
Jim Buzon,
Marcia Guntert

Money counters:
Denise Lloyd, Elizabeth
Blackmur, Linda Pagano



Danny Hardmin, Brian Collins, Patrick O'Grady,
Irene Ostermann, Ed Masterson, Joan McCalip, Adrienne Bartholomew,
Callie Shaw (baby), Joanne Snyder, Raymond Ceroalo, Jocelyn Ceroalo,
Cathy Saccento, Mary Bixby, Stephanie Coxen, Pam Raquet, Margaret M.
Ostermann, Margaret Cameron, Beverly Dyer, Lee and Finn, Frank
Ceroalo, Kyle and Katie Collazo O'Connor, Marsia Ferguson, Anjaine,
Jack Robinson, Jim Crum, the Simeon Family, Debbie Lints, Mary
Carlson, Nora and Joe Dougherty, Matt Nieminski, Joyce Montgomery,
Tina Welman, Rick Conners, Annie Conneely, Francis McKiernan,
Barbara St. George, Jesse Lints, Robert Tinker, Joseph Scolaro, Davia
Fileccia, Deborah Lobo, Joseph Cassella, Michele Eckland, Diane Czarro,
Bill Valosin, Rick Stoddard, Tom Barr, Helen Zebrowski, Nada Gaber Pitu,
Joan Luhrs,, Kate Mahoney, Chris & Karen Nieminski, the Scott Family,
Karen Conners, Danny Vrooman, Natasha Samson, Dianne Robinson, Ed
Guntert, Steven Van Dyke, Megan Gersch, Sr. Louise Ann Fritz, Susan G.,
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Brennan, Stephen Anka, Stephen Petko, baby Zoey Nashville,
Ellen Wilford, Jodi Connors



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

If you missed the first GIFT session, our next GIFT session will be held on January 12th at

Our Lady of Fatima at 9:30 AM. Our topic: The Creed “We believe in the Communion of Saints”.

Winter Spring Season brochure is now available out-lining GIFT sessions for January, February and April. Also, our website is updated with GIFT information, prayer intentions by Pope Francis each month, 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.

A CHRISTMAS CARD PSALM

O you who showered sacred stars on the tiny town of Bethlehem, I thank you for guiding artists’ brushes to create cards of beauty, bursting with blessings. I lift up my heart in gratitude for these beautiful yearly bridges that bind us together in love, we who are often too busy for keeping up with friendship’s needs. My cards of Christmas past are now precious relics, and like the bones of saints they hold great power, and so I hate to bury them or see them burn. Opened Christmas cards hum to me the hymn of love and teach me the sacrament of correspondence.

Tie about the finger of my mind, Beloved One, a reminder that without reminders friendship fades from the failure to express words of love and appreciation to one another. May these wondrous days of Christmas inspire me to celebrate the un-holidays of the year, the feasts of no-occasions, with love notes to friends who are far away. Sacred season of Christmas, gift me with the faith to live beyond time, so as to keep God alive within the world. For if God is love, then God may be found in the mystery of love exchanged. May I be a holy messenger of that holy mystery.

The Outgoing Church

Shannon and Gary Riggi’s meeting with Pope Francis. A question/answer and discussion about our Church’s vision of loving service. Sunday, January 12, 2025 at 10:15 Am (after hospitality) in our church hall. Moderated by Robbin Jorgensen. Come and share your wisdom and insights.



PARISH PRAYER, SERVICE AND FUN NET Dinner

Our next, free dinner (Neighbors Eating Together) is Wednesday, January 8, 2025, 5:00—7:00 PM in our Church Hall.

Young Adult Semi-formal Epiphany Ball

Saturday, January 11, 2025, 6:00—10:00 PM, St. Mary’s Church Hall, Crescent, NY. Cost \$30. Call our Diocese at 518-453-6625 for info.

Christian Service

- ⇒ Our parish put together over 70 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. They are shared with children all around our world.
- ⇒ Our Adopt a Family Program served 65 families—180 children and 130 adults—with dinners and gifts. Our parishioners donated gifts for 7 families. Thank you all so much.

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 so much for your generosity.

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.

CHRISTMAS SEASON

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD Mass

SATURDAY, January 4, 2025
4:00pm at Our Lady of Fatima, 6:00pm at Our Lady of the Valley
SUNDAY, January 5, 2025
9:00am at Our Lady of the Valley, 11:00am at Our Lady of Fatima

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD Mass

Saturday, January 11, 2025
4:00pm at Our Lady of Fatima, 6:00pm at Our Lady of the Valley
Sunday, January 12, 2025
9:00am at Our Lady of the Valley, 11:00am at Our Lady of Fatima

On Monday, 1/13/2025, we begin Winter Ordinary Time until Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025.



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sites.google.com/view/gabriel-project-stamford

If you have experienced the pain of miscarriage, please know that you are in the prayers of our community. Your struggles and sorrows may present a unique cross in your life of faith that may be difficult for friends and family members to understand, but the Church is here to support you.

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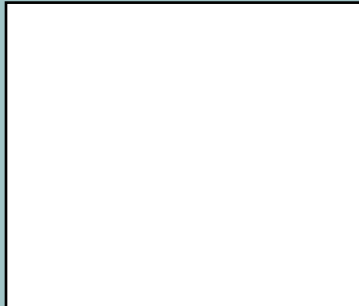
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