

JULY 20, 2025
16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Join in the dance



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, July 19, 2025, 6:00 PM

David J. Schulmerich, Evelyn Mack by Marilyn Schulmerich
Salvador and Mary Rivera by son Salvador Rivera Jr.
Elbio and Myriam Pezzati by daughter Rosina Pezzati

Sunday, July 20, 2025, 9:00 AM

Elizabeth Malone by Mary and Kevin Harmon
Brandi Carter by the Pagano Family

Monday, July 21, 2025, 5:00—6:30 PM

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

Saturday, July 26, 2025, 6:00 PM

For all grandparents

Sunday, July 27, 2025, 9:00 AM

Maureen Farrell by Sena and Frank Monaco

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

"If we love Jesus, we shall be loved in return by Him, and that is perfect happiness."

~ St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

We are truly blessed by the love of Jesus. His love for us brings great joy and happiness each and every day.

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:

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Collection: \$2145.00

Thank you for your generosity!



WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 19, 2025

Greeters:

Barb Valosin

Ushers and Seat Counters:

Bill Kuehnle

Lector:

Patty Paser

Altar Servers

Arriette and Nathan Kuehnle

Eucharistic Ministers

Katie Hagan, Tom Valosin

Set-up/Shut down:

Barb Valosin

Sunday, July 20, 2025

Greeters:

Joanne Coonrad, Doreen Buzon

Ushers and Seat Counters:

Jackie and Ed Guntert

Lector:

Borst

Altar Servers

Sera Wargo

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down

Theresa Charland, Betty Karlau

Money counters:

Margaret Ostermann,
Michele Bort

Saturday, July 26, 2025

Greeters:

Gabe Ringuette

Ushers and Seat Counters:

Robin Hazzard

Lector:

Ringuette

Altar Servers

Arriette and Nathan Kuehnle

Eucharistic Ministers

Michele Cullam,
Gail Borst

Set-up/Shut down:

Robin Hazzard

Sunday, July 27, 2025

Greeters:

John Conroy, Betty Karlau

Ushers and Seat Counters:

Sharon Riggi, Marcia Guntert

Lector:

Denise Lloyd

Altar Servers

Peter Sherer

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down

Margaret Ostermann
Pattie Sainsbury

Money counters:

Lloyd, Blackmur, 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

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. Emails will be sent out to families to volunteer shortly.

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.

Help for Texas

Many have been asking how they can help our brothers and sisters in Texas as they struggle to recover from deadly and devastating flash floods. At least 120 deaths have been confirmed and more than 100 people are still missing. Recovery will take time.

Catholic Charities USA has set up a relief fund and you can find a donation link on its website <https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/>. It says 100% of donations go directly to helping survivors. If you prefer to write a check, you can send it to Catholic Charities, Albany with Texas in the memo. The address is Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Albany, 40 North Main Ave., Albany, NY 12203.

May the world meet Christ in each of us.

Yours in Christ,

Bishop Edward Scharfenberger

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

Thank you

Thank you to all who provided baked goods for the Rosary Strawberry Fest. The strawberries were donated by the Middleburgh Lanes in memory of Helen Shultes (a long time member of the Rosary group and member of St. Catherine's/OLV). We raised \$442.00 [\$ 309.00 for the baskets, \$123.00 from the strawberry fest and a \$10.00 donation.] Rosemary Gutkaiss was the winner of the basket.

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.

Kateri Tekawitha Day Prayer And Native American Dinner

Monday, July 14, 6:30 PM in OLV Hall. We honor Kateri of the Mohawks.

Sausage and Peppers at Our Lady of Fatima

Sausage and peppers sandwich sale, Saturday, July 19, 12 noon until sold out at Our Lady of Fatima. Cost \$7 to benefit "Works of Mercy".

Ecumenical Prayer Service:

"Do you believe that Jesus can give us Life?"

Sunday, July 27, 1:00 PM at Middleburgh Central School Lawn. We pray with all the Churches; hot-dogs and friend dough, too!

All Aboard! Catskill Mountains Train Ride

Sunday, August 3, leaving OLV at 1:15 PM; cost is \$10 per person. Train ride along the Delaware River beginning at Arkville, Route 28A. Please RSVP by Sunday, July 27. Upon returning, we'll host a BBQ.

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.

Missionary Weekend

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

Summer Savoring Walks

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.

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.

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