

MAY 11, 2025
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: Good Shepherd Sunday



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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.

Devotions:

Rosary First Sunday of the month at 8:20 AM

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday, May 10, 2025, 6:00 PM
For all mothers

Sunday, May 11, 2025, 9:00 AM
For all mothers

Monday, May 12, 2025, 5:00—6:30 PM
Quiet Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, May 14, 2025, 9:00 AM
For all who struggle with addictions

Saturday, May 17, 2025, 6:00 PM
Joseph Ragusa by Okayay Family
William Hind by Maryanne and Chris Kanyon

Sunday, May 18, 2025, 9:00 AM
Tom and Ginny Byrnes by Family
Evelyn Mack by Pattie Sainsbury

We Pray Easter

Our Church is alive with flowers, colors, aromas, and Easter faith during these 50 Days of Resurrection. Our music and song gather, inspire, and uplift. Each week we exclaim "Glory to God", singing of a new Creation.

Our response to the Acts of the Apostles (our first reading during Easter) is Psalm 118: "Sing to the mountains, sing to the sea. Raise your voices, lift your hearts. This is the day the Lord has made. Let all the earth rejoice." We approach the Gospel with the exuberant Caribbean "Alleluia". Jesus is the way, the truth, the life. We renew our faith in a resounding "I do" to the Creedal questions. When we gather around the Lord's Table we sing of our mystery: "Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free." We are sent forth with an Alleluia in our heart witnessing to the unconditional love of God.

BEATITUDES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

"Christian hope does not deceive or disappoint because it is grounded in the certainty that nothing and no one may ever separate us from God's love."
~ Pope Francis

God's love for us is never ending. We should rejoice and be glad in the goodness of God.

Administration and Stewardship

Offerings:

Third Sunday of Easter Collection: \$2579.10
Thank you for your generosity!



WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 10, 2025

Greeters:
Barb Valosin

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Bill Kuehnle

Lector:
Brynda Shultes

Altar Servers
Arriette and Nathan Kuehnle

Eucharistic Ministers
Barb Valosin, Tom Valosin

Set-up/Shut down:
Barb Valosin

Sunday, May 11, 2025

Greeters:
Michele Finin, Helen Lindstrom

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Jackie and Ed Guntert

Lector:
Kate Katsur

Altar Servers
Peter Sherer

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down
Rosemary Gutkaiss,
Marcia Guntert

Money counters:
Jane Munger,
Bonnie Jorgensen

Saturday, May 17, 2025

Greeters:
Barb Valosin

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Bill Kuehnle

Lector:
Patty Paser

Altar Servers
Luna Pelton

Eucharistic Ministers
Katie Hagan, Tom Valosin

Set-up/Shut down:
Barb Valosin

Sunday, May 18, 2025

Greeters:
Betty Karlau, Doreen Buzon

Ushers and Seat Counters:
John Conroy, John Millett

Lector:
Brynda Shultes

Altar Servers
Sera Wargo

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down
Theresa Charland,
Jackie Guntert
Money counters:
Shultes, Millett, Chirico

Thank you for your support.

Our parish today is financially stable; we are paying all of our bills in a timely fashion. We have \$88,000.00 invested. Our bank account serves to meet our daily operation expenses. Some money is restricted; only in reserve for dedicated parish projects. We are still striving to meet our Diocesan Appeal assessment; if you can help, please consider making a donation. Envelopes are in the pews. 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,
Patrick Turano, Jerry Werner, Anthony Chieco,
Barbara St. George
Please contact the office to have someone prayed for/added to the list.



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

There are cards available in the hall to write a special message to the children who celebrated their First Holy Communion last Sunday, May 4th. Please feel invited to do so.

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.

Blessing Prayer for Mother's Day

God of Love, listen to this prayer.

God of holy people,
of Sarah, Ruth and Rebecca
God of Elizabeth, mother of John,
God of Anna, mother of Holy Mary,
of Holy Mary, Mother of Jesus,
bend down Your ear to our request
and bless our mothers.

Bless them with the strength of your Spirit,
the mothers who taught us to stand and walk.

Bless them with the Melody of Your Love,
those who taught us how to speak,
how to sing, how to pray to You.

Bless them with a place at your Eternal Banquet,
those who showed us how to feed ourselves
and fed us while we were helpless
but embraced in their love.

Bless our mothers today
now in this lifetime,

with good things, with health.

Bless them with joy, and love and laughter,
with pride in their children,
and surround them with good friends and family.

This blessing and all graces, we pray,
descend upon our mothers:
in the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



Olivia Liuzzi, Mary McGrail, Gaia Pelton, Harper Risse, Dylan Ryan, Elizabeth Ryan, Piper Schulmerich.
Come to the Feast of Heaven and Earth!

PARISH PRAYER, SERVICE AND FUN

Plant-a-Row

As you till and plant your gardens, please consider adding on a row of vegetables to be shared at church and with our food pantries. Tomatoes, cucumbers, beans, and radishes are great to share. Thanks for your stewardship of our Earth.

Mother's Day Brunch

This Sunday, May 11 after our 9:00 AM Mass. A delicious brunch being served by the Knights of Columbus to honor our moms, grandmothers, aunts and sisters—and all the holy women of our parish. Come on over to our hall and enjoy.

Diaconate Ordination

Saturday, May 17, 11:00 AM at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Alexander Turpin is being ordered for service in our Church.

Communal Anointing of the Sick

Sunday, May 18, immediately after our 9:00 AM Mass. Anyone in need of Christ's tender healing is welcome to stay. Thank you Fr. Peter Chepaitis and Sr. Anna.

Ascension Thursday Mass

May 29, 6:00 PM at LaSalle Park pavilion (Spring St.), Schoharie. A pasta picnic will be served by the Knights of Columbus from Our Lady of Fatima. Desserts are welcome.

Home Mass

We gather to celebrate our Easter Eucharist at the home of Stephen and Joanne Coonradt, 153 Grove Street, Middleburgh, on Monday, June 2 at 6:00 PM. We come together as the early disciples did: simply, joyfully, and faithfully in their homes. Spring delights will be served after Mass.

Upcoming Summer Events

Pyramid Lake Nature Retreat with FTZ; Women's writers; Dorothy Day Cycling Weekend; Men's Weekend—online "Pyramid Life Center"

Middleburgh Day Camp, August 4—8 for kids grades 1-6, "Creation Care Camp".

Schoharie Valley Community Camp, July 14-18, kids pre-K—8.

Next N.E.T. (Neighbors Eating Together) Dinner

Our next N.E.T. Dinner is Wednesday, May 14 at 5:00 PM at OLV: BBQ!

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 very much for your generosity. So far we have collected: \$19,310.00.

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.

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 will lay wreaths in front of church 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.

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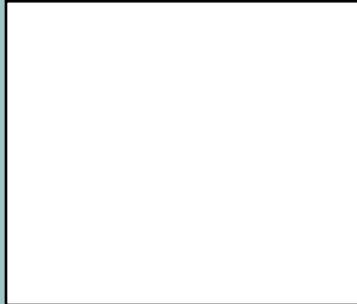
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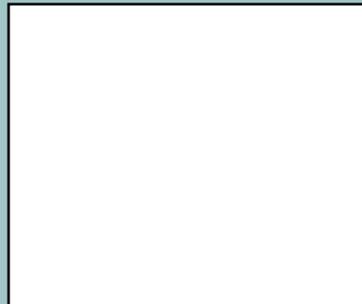
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