

NOVEMBER 9, 2025: Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome.

OUR CHURCH: IN THE BOAT WITH JESUS.



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, November 8, 2025, 6:00 PM
Sarah Valentine by Friends

Sunday, November 9, 2025, 9:00 AM
Joe and Elsa Beganskas by the Vedder Family
Donald Field by Colleen Lettieri

Monday, November 10, 2025, 5:00—6:30 PM
5:00—5:30 PM Rosary
5:30—6:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, November 12, 2025, 9:00 AM
All people displaced by war or violence by the Sherer Family

Saturday, November 15, 2025, 6:00 PM
Joan Sheeran by Robin Hazzard

Sunday, November 16, 2025, 9:00 AM
Douglas Bartholomew Jr. by Jane Munger

Welcome!

We embrace and welcome with great joy our new Bishop, Mark O'Connell, who is called upon to serve all the people of our Albany Diocese. We uplift Bishop Mark with our prayer of love. We thank Bishop Edward Scharfenberger for his years of dedicated service.

Autumn Ordinary Time

We continue our Scripture Readings from the Prophets, St. Paul, and Luke. Our response to the Hebrew Scripture is Psalm 19: "Speak Lord, I love to listen to your voice. See Lord, here I am." Our hearts leap for joy as we hear God's Word for us. Our Gospel acclamation leads us to the completion of our liturgical year, as we sing out "Alleluia, opening our hearts to Him, Jesus is our King". Our Eucharist is uplifted by our sung "Mass of Creation". We go out to our world, nourished by the Word, Bread and Wine, to live in Christ every day.

BEATITUDES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

"The Lord has loved me so much: we must love everyone. We must be compassionate."

~ St. Josephine Bakhita

We are so blessed by God's love for us. God wants us to live our lives loving and caring for each other each and every day.

Administration and Stewardship

Offerings:

Commemoration of All the Faithfull Departed Collection: \$2230.00

Thank you for your generosity!



WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 8, 2025

Greeters:

Barb Valosin

Ushers and Seat Counters:

Bill Kuehnle

Lector:

Patty Paser

Altar Servers

Arrietta and Nathan Kuehnle

Eucharistic Ministers

Gail Borst, Katie Hagan

Set-up/Shut down:

Barb Valosin

Sunday, November 9, 2025

Greeters:

Michele Finin, Helen Lindstrom

Ushers and Seat Counters:

Stephanie and Bob Tinker



Growing In Faith Together (GIFT) **Intergenerational Faith Formation**

We will have a special presentation on the Catechism, titled "The Father: Creation, Fall, and Hope" for adults to be held at OLV hall on Nov 9 at 10:15 AM. There will also be a special program for our young disciples.

Reminder: Seasons of GIFT is our parish process for continual, lifelong, intergenerational faith exploration. Journey with us as we gather to learn, experience and share faith. [All are welcome!](#)

Please note that the Liturgy of the Word newsletter is available for our young disciples' grades 1 – 5. They are in plastic bags with crayons that can be used during mass. Please return plastic bags and crayons and take the newsletter home to go over with your children to review each Sunday's Mass message.

Our Confirmation candidates will be creating 42 blessing bags for our homebound parishioners on December 7.

We ask for donations of the following items:

Christmas socks
chapstick lip balm
small tubes of lotion
small packets of Kleenex
candy canes
packets of hot chocolate
small comb
knitted cap

Let This Silence Become a Bridge

I wake in the morning and sink down into the quiet Center.
Before the news and the heartbreak.
Before the world becomes all fire and brimstone.
Tell me, is this salvation?
I could stay here, alone and away.
I could place my life in the company of the undisturbed.
But if I do, I will surely lose You.
Friend of Sorrows. Acquaintance of Grief.
Let this silence, then, become a bridge.
Let me walk it to where Love is.
At the edges. Amidst the rubble.
Trudging among the bones
Where the prophets call to the four winds
And a Voice cries out saying Live! Live!
Let this silence become a forgotten thing
If it does not lead me to the hill
Outside the camp.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Change Our World



In our hall is a container to collect all that pocket change that seems to lurk everywhere. All donations will be given to local charities. Our first recipients will be our Schoharie Scouts. All pennies, nickels, dimes, etc. are accepted.

The Joshua Project Thanksgiving Baskets—Requesting donations

Items we are looking for: instant potatoes, cranberry sauce, can gravy (no glass jars), can vegetables, box stuffing, can yams. Monetary donations are also accepted. Please contact Jan Dano 518 763 5800 by 11/18 for pick-up of donations.



Operation Christmas Child

If you took an Operation Christmas Child shoebox, please make sure it is returned, with label firmly attached, by Sat/Sun November 8th and 9th.

The eleventh hour, the eleventh day, the eleventh month

On Veterans' Day, Tuesday, November 11, 2025 we conclude our remembrance of the end of WWII in 1945. Our wreaths and photos will be put away but our hearts are forever thankful for our people's sacrifice.

Next N.E.T. Dinner

Wednesday, November 12 at 5:00 PM at our Church Hall. We're serving pork dinner.



Adopt-a-Family Giving Tree

The holiday season is approaching. Tags for the Adopt a Family for our Giving Tree in church will be available the weekend of 11/8-9 and 11/15-16. Wrapped gifts that are labeled with SECURELY attached tags are due back to church the weekend of 12/6-7. Direct

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