

NOVEMBER 23, 2025: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

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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, November 22, 2025, 6:00 PM
John Barr by Robin Hazzard

Sunday, November 23, 2025, 9:00 AM
For peace in the world by the Sherer Family

7:00 PM Ecumenical Thanksgiving Prayer

Monday, November 24, 2025, 5:00—6:30 PM
5:00—5:30 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet
5:30—6:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, November 26, 2025, 9:00 AM
For all souls

Saturday, November 29, 2025, 6:00 PM
Pam Bolen Sinko, Loretta Bolen by Patty and Kitchell Paser

Sunday, November 30, 2025, 9:00 AM
Adrienne Bartholomew by Sena and Frank Monaco

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

"When we serve the poor and the sick, we serve Jesus. We must not fail to help our neighbors because in them we serve Jesus." ~ St. Rose of Lima
Be thankful for the many blessings from God and be kind, merciful, and take care of neighbors, community, and those in need.

Administration and Stewardship

Offerings:

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Collection: \$5.B.A.

Thank you for your generosity!



WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 22, 2025

Greeters:

Pat Costello

Ushers and Seat Counters:

Robin Hazzard

Lector:

Pat Costello

Altar Servers

Arrietta and Nathan Kuehnle

Eucharistic Ministers

Michele Cullam, Katie Hagan

Set-up/Shut down:

Robin Hazzard

Sunday, November 23, 2025

Greeters:

Caroline Borst

Ushers and Seat Counters:

Sharon Riggi, Denise Lloyd

Lector:

Stephanie Tinker

Altar Servers:

Sam Borst

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down

Borst, Marcia Guntert

Money counters:

Munger, Jorgensen

Saturday, November 29, 2025

Greeters:

Mary Bailey

Ushers and Seat Counters:

Robin Hazzard

Lector:

Patty Paser

Altar Servers

Arrietta and Nathan Kuehnle

Eucharistic Ministers

Michele Cullam, Katie Hagan

Set-up/Shut down:

Robin Hazzard

Sunday, November 30, 2025

Greeters:

Michele Finin, Betty Karlau

Ushers and Seat Counters:

John Conroy, John Millett

Lector:

Kate Katsur

Altar Servers:

Peter Sherer

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down

Joann Coonrad, Margaret Ostermann

Money counters:

Shultes, Millett, Chirico

All Souls' Remembrance

Photos of any deceased loved ones may be placed on our Tree of Life for the month of November. All Souls' offerings will be shared with Nature Conservancy, Schoharie Community Maternity Services, the Joshua Project. Our **All Souls intention envelopes** are placed at the Table of the Lord during November.



Pray For...

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 Chicco, Barbara St. George, Mary Harmon, Joan McCalip, Carol Hoffmann, Joe S., Bob Troidl, Betty Karlau, Linda Quinn, Mundy Zullo, Linda Ballou, Bill Valosin, Brian Barbella, Marge Sainsbury, Annette Casano, Charlie Paduano, Paul Pagano, John VanDerwerke, Margaret Buzon, Adrienne Bartholomew, Marthe Therrien
Please contact the office to have someone prayed for/added to the list.



**Growing In Faith Together (GIFT)
Intergenerational Faith Formation
and Religious Education**

Family Matters box opening event will be held on Monday, December 1st at Our Lady of the Valley Hall at 6:00 PM.

There will be a **Happy Birthday Jesus** celebration at Our Lady of Fatima on Sunday, Dec 7th at 9:30 AM in the center. Our Confirmation teens and children will put together blessing bags for the homebound. Cake and ice cream will be served along with board games afterwards.

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!

What is Advent?

We begin a new church year November 29-30.

Advent (from “ad-venire” in Latin meaning “to come to”) is the joy-filled season encompassing the four Sundays leading up to the celebration of

Christmas. The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ’s second coming at the fulfillment of time and to remembering Jesus’ birth among us. From

the earliest days of the Christmas community, people have been fascinated by Jesus’ promise to come back. But the Scripture readings during

Advent tell us not to waste our time with predictions. Advent is not about speculation. Our Advent readings call us to be ever alert and ready, not weighed down and distracted by extraneous notions.

Our liturgical color is purple, showing our yearning to be prepared, longing for the new, waiting for dawn, and be filled with anticipation and hope. Advent invites us to a commitment to vigilance, looking beyond ourselves, expanding our mind and heart in order to open ourselves to the needs of our brothers and sisters. We desire to witness to the Holy Dream of Christ; we witness to a new world. The prophets envision a future that is good, beautiful, and filled with love. We are heralds of a future that has already begun with the coming of Christ... God’s Word made flesh. We enflesh God’s Love today. God transforms our lives to usher in a new tomorrow...that Christ come through us to be peace, be joy, be hope for all. Let us look forward... becoming Advent together.



PARISH ACTIVITIES

Advent Tea

Our Advent Tea will take place on First Sunday of Advent, November 30, 2:30—4:00 PM in our church hall.

Items needed for care packages for our homebound

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

ask for: Christmas socks

chapstick lip balm, small tubes of lotion, small packets of Kleenex, candy canes, packets of hot chocolate, small combs, knitted caps.

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.

Adopt-a-Family Giving Tree

Tags for the Adopt a Family for our Giving Tree in church are available. Wrapped gifts that are labeled with SECURELY attached tags are due back to church the weekend of 12/6-7. Direct any questions to Stephanie Tinker at 518-231-3221.

Thanksgiving Prayer — Ecumenical Prayer Service

Sunday, November 23 at 7:00 PM Our Lady of the Valley Church. We gather together with the churches of Middleburgh to humbly thank our God. Please bring a food item for our pantries. Fellowship in our Hall following the prayer.

- **Mass, Thursday, Nov. 27** at 9:00 AM at Our Lady of Fatima Church. Please bring a food item for our pantry.

Mark your calendars

Please join us at 6 PM on December 2 at Our Lady of Fatima Church Hall to enjoy potato Latkes, play the dreidel game, explore Chanukah and some other Jewish customs. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Nadine (518) 842-8214.

Middleburgh Food Pantries

Food pantry needs: **chunky soups, peanut butter, cereal, rice, soap, cleaning supplies (detergents), personal hygiene items.** We also need help at our Food Pantry based at the Middleburgh Reformed Church. If you can assist, please call Russ Ryan at 518 817-1414.

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.

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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