

NOVEMBER 30, 2025: 1st Sunday of Advent

A New Creation in Christ.



**COME, LET'S BUILD
Come, let's build the Holy City.
Come, let's build a family.
Come let's build a new tomorrow
where our children will be free.
We can be a holy people
living in the Light of God.
Come, let's build the Holy City
Build it out of Love.**

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 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

Monday, December 1, 2025, 5:00—6:30 PM

5:00—5:30 PM Holy Rosary

5:30—6:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, December 3, 2025, 9:00 AM

Theresa Jandrositz by Stephanie and Bob Tinker

Saturday, December 6, 2025, 6:00 PM

Leo Morgan by Mary and Kevin Harmon

Sunday, December 7, 2025, 9:00 AM

Adrienne Bartholomew by Ed and Jackie Guntert

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.

We Pray Advent

We gather in these weeks before Christmas filled with expectations, joy, and hope. As we light candles on our wreath, we join with all Creation – with snow and rain, wind and stars – to become what God truly intends... a world filled with peace, justice, wonder, and life. We sing of the God who loves us. Our hope grows each week until all four candles are lit.

Our response to the Hebrew Scripture is Psalm 122: "Let us go rejoicing to the House of the Lord." All are always welcome. Proclaiming Gospels alive in anticipation, we happily sing "Soon and very soon, alleluia!". We come to the Lord's Table to celebrate Christ in our midst. We live the mystery: "We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again." We enter into the Cross of the world, for our sisters and brothers, even as we await Love's fulfillment. After sharing Eucharist, we gently sing of building up the Holy City, a family living in the Light of God, with doors and hearts, and minds always open that God's peace, God's justice, God's freedom might flourish in us all. We are sent out to continue the mission.

Administration and Stewardship

Offerings:

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Collection: \$2089.14

Christ the King Sunday Collection: \$T.B.A.

Thank you for your generosity!



WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

Saturday, December 6, 2025

Greeters:

Mary Bailey

Ushers and Seat Counters:

Robin Hazzard

Lector:

Patty Paser

Altar Servers

Luna and Gaia Pelton

Eucharistic Ministers

Michele Cullam, Katie Hagan

Set-up/Shut down:

Robin Hazzard

Sunday, December 7, 2025

Greeters:

Martha Conroy, Marilyn Nolte

Ushers and Seat Counters:

Jackie and Marcia Guntert

Lector:

Borst

Altar Servers:

Peter Sherer

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down

Brynda Shultes, Betty Karlau

Money counters:

Sherer, Borst

BEATITUDES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

"Let your door stand open to receive Him, unlock your soul to Him, offer Him a welcome in your mind." ~ St. Ambrose of Milan

During the season of Advent, take time to quiet your heart and mind and embrace the love of Jesus.



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, 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, Marthe Therrien, Kelly and Caleb

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!

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.

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.

Bishop Mark O'Connell Installation

Installation of Bishop Mark O'Connell, JCD, as the 11th Bishop of Albany.

Friday, December 5, 2:00 PM, St. Edward the Confessor's Church in Clifton Park.

Tickets may be available. Call our parish office to inquire.



Advent

We serve, we pray, we support

Little Blue books and **The Word Among Us** – reflections on the Sunday Gospels;

Take Home Scripture Study – the Gospel Truth about Jesus' Birth: Faith or Legend. Read at your leisure the Infancy Narratives.

Church calendars – a year of promise.

Quiet Adoration and Rosary – Mondays, 5:00 –6:30 PM at Our Lady of the Valley.

Open Doors – our church is always open for meditation, walking, and prayer.

Advent Tea — Sunday, November 30, 2:30 – 4:00 PM, OLV Hall: Scripture sharing, prayer, and tea.

Jewish Roots and Traditions — Tuesday, December 2, 6:00 PM at Our Lady of Fatima Hall. A local Jewish leader explains their religious year, the Feast of Lights (Hanukkah) and shares a potato pancake dinner.

The Giving Tree – take a tag ornament from the tree, purchase the gift, wrap it, tape tag securely, return gift by 10:00 AM Sunday, December 7.

Miracle on Main Street – Friday, December 5, 5:00 PM at Our Lady of the Valley Hall and lawn: tree ring toss and warming fire hosted by the Knights of Columbus; soup and sandwich by our Rosary Society (cost \$5); music with Dolores and Peter.

Labyrinth – Saturday, December 6, 12:00 – 6:00 PM and Sunday, December 7, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM at Our Lady of Fatima Hall — Pilgrimage Prayer Walk.

Happy Birthday, Jesus – Sunday, December 7, 9:30 AM at Our Lady of Fatima center – cake and blessings bags.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception – Monday, December 8. Mass: 12:00 noon at Our Lady of Fatima; 5:00 PM Candlelight Procession, Rosary, Quiet Prayer. Mass: 6:00 PM at Our Lady of the Valley.

N.E.T. Dinner – Wednesday, December 10, 5:00 PM.

Community Caroling and Concert – Seasonal sing-a-long – Sunday, December 14, 6:30 PM at Middleburgh Reformed Church.

Communal Reconciliation Service – Tuesday, December 16, 6:00 PM at Our Lady of the Valley – Confessions every Saturday 2:00 PM at Our Lady of Fatima.

Winter Solstice Fire and Hot-dog BBQ – Sunday, December 21, 5:00 PM at Fox Creek Park, Schoharie. We welcome winter!

Vigil for all the World's children: A Blue Christmas Advent Service of Hope – Sunday, December 21, 6:30 PM at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Middleburgh – A prayer for those who find the holidays difficult.

Christmas Mass

Wednesday, December 24

4:00 PM Our Lady of Fatima, Delanson

6:30 PM Our Lady of the Valley

Thursday, December 25

9:00 AM Our Lady of the Valley

11:15 AM Our Lady of the Valley

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