

OCTOBER 5, 2025
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
“Glacial erratics in another Adirondack Autumn”



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, October 4, 2025, 6:00 PM

Kenneth Brown by Linda and James Hayhurst

Sunday, October 5, 2025, 9:00 AM

All deceased members of the OLV Rosary Society
Eugene Mies by the Okyay and Lacomba Families

Monday, Monday 6, 2025, 5:00—6:30 PM

5:00—5:30 PM Rosary

5:30—6:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, October 8, 2025, 9:00 AM

For peace and security in our churches

Saturday, October 11, 2025, 6:00 PM

Jim Morgan by JoAnn Morgan

Theresa Jandrositz by daughters Stephanie, Ruth, Lori + families

Rudolf Gandolfo, Raymond Mannarino by Linda + James
Hayhurst

Sunday, October 12, 2025, 9:00 AM

Douglas Bartholomew Jr. by Rose Kaufman

Sarah Valentine by Friends

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.

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.

BEATITUDES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

"Prayer is putting oneself in the hands of God, at His disposition, and listening to His voice in the depth of our hearts." ~ St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

It's important to take time to quiet our hearts and minds to engage in prayer and know that God is always with us.

Administration and Stewardship

Offerings:

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Collection: \$1950.90

Thank you for your generosity!



WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 4, 2025

Greeters:

Pat Costello

Ushers and Seat Counters:

Robin Hazzard

Lector:

Patty Paser

Altar Servers

Luna and Gaia Pelton

Eucharistic Ministers

Michele Cullam, Gail Borst

Set-up/Shut down:

Robin Hazzard

Sunday, October 5, 2025

Greeters:

Martha Conroy, Marilyn Nolte

Ushers and Seat Counters:

Jackie and Ed Guntert

Lector:

Brynda Shultes

Altar Servers

Peter Sherer

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down

Theresa Charland, Betty Karlau

Money counters:

Michele Borst,
Margaret Ostermann

Saturday, October 11, 2025

Greeters:

Mary Bailey

Ushers and Seat Counters:

Bill Kuehnle

Lector:

Pat Costello

Altar Servers

Arrietta and Nathan Kuehnle

Eucharistic Ministers

Katie Hagan, Gail Borst

Set-up/Shut down:

Jane Munger

Sunday, October 12, 2025

Greeters:

Michele Finin, Helen Lindstrom

Ushers and Seat Counters:

John Conroy, John Millett

Lector:

Borst

Altar Servers

Sam Borst

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down

Jackie Guntert, Brynda Shultes

Money counters:

Shultes, Millett, Chirico

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.



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, Linda Quinn, Mundy Zullo, Linda Ballou, Bill Valosin, Brian Barbella, Marge Sainsbury, Annette Casano, Charlie Paduano, Paul Pagano, John VanDerwerke, Margaret Buzon

Please contact the office to have someone prayed for/added to the list.



Growing In Faith Together (GIFT) Intergenerational Faith Formation

Our first GIFT session will be held on
Sunday, October 19th at 10:15 AM in OLV
hall and on Sunday, October 26th in OLF hall.
GIFT is for everyone!

Remember the days when you had to memorize the Catechism of the Catholic Church? Well, how about going back to the Catechism, exploring the richness of our faith and how it relates to our complicated world! Each learning session for the Fall and Winter/Spring will center around the Catechism using Foundations of Faith through Ascension Press. While our teens and adults study the Catechism, our young disciples will be learning more about praying with Flat St. Clare this year.

Reminder: Parishioners are invited to describe and illustrate their service experience over the summer at our GIFT sessions in October.

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.

Confirmation classes schedule:

Small Group Session 1 Water-Baptism Connection:
Sunday, October 5 at OLV Hall 1PM.

Small Group-Session 2 Light of the Holy Spirit:
Sunday, November 2 at OLV Hall 1PM

Confirmation Retreat: Oil and Bread,
Sunday, January 4, 2026: 1PM at OLF Hall.

Keep in Touch

Going off to college? Living on campus or residing at home, we'd like to keep in touch. Please get your address to Fr. Tom Zelker at our church office. Study well, open horizons, and enjoy life.

World Mission Month: a Call to Hope

Each October, the Church invites us to rediscover our missionary vocation. This year, Pope Leo XIV, following the inspiration of Pope Francis, calls us to become "Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples", inspired by St. Paul's words: "Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit" (Rom 5:5).

In the 50th anniversary year of *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, we are reminded that "modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers" (41). Through prayer, sacrifice, and giving, we too become witnesses — bringing the hope of Christ to those who long for love, justice, and peace. Let us begin this month with open hearts, ready to respond to the Church's call to support the 1,124 mission territories where the Church is young, growing, and often persecuted. Together, may we be bearers of hope where it is needed most.

Our offering will take place on October 18-19.

PRAYER AND FUN

Collection for Schenectady City Mission

We are collecting small bars of soap and CLEAN old towels for City Mission. Drop of your donations at our church hall.

Pastoral Council Meeting

Monday, October 6 at 6:30 PM in our church hall.

First N.E.T. Dinner of the Season

Wednesday, October 8 at 5:00 PM, OLV. Volunteers are needed for set-up at 3:00 PM. All kinds of desserts are needed.

Autumn Festival Columbus Day Parade

Saturday, October 11 at 11:00 AM. Come and support the Knights of Columbus and our Parish at this parade. You are also invited to walk along the "Santa Maria".

Autumn Hike

Sunday, October 19, meeting at Timothy Murphy Park, Route 30, south of Middleburgh, at 3:00 PM. Journeying together for a short hike along Schoharie Creek to the 250 foot high Valhalla Cliffs. We will search for fossils along the river bank. Upon our return, we will have a pizza party somewhere.

Vegetable Exchange

Share the bounty... take what you need. Fruits and vegetables may be left at the table at the side entrance of church. Together, we enjoy the harvest.

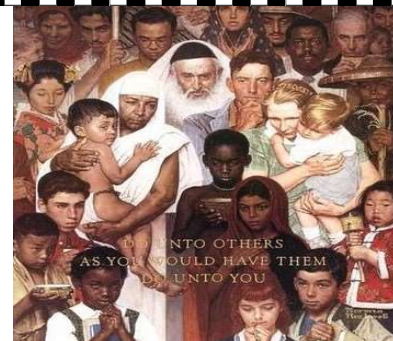
Middleburgh Food Pantries

Food pantry needs: peanut butter, cereal, rice, soap, 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.

Our Church is open for quiet prayer, meditation walks, and peace.



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