

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025
THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
"IN CHRIST, ALL ARE EMBRACED."



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, September 13, 2025, 6:00 PM

All the victims of senseless violence

Sunday, September 14, 2025, 9:00 AM

Joan Harmon by Mary and Kevin Harmon
Douglas Bartholomew Jr. by Rose Kaufman

Monday, September 15, 2025, 5:00—6:30 PM

Our Lady of Sorrows

5:00—5:30 PM Rosary

5:30—6:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday, September 20, 2025, 6:00 PM

James Morgan by Linda and James Hayhurst

Sunday, September 21, 2025, 9:00 AM

Bill and Helen Vedder by Family
Ronald Blackmur by wife Elizabeth Blackmur

Summer Ordinary Time

Our worship space is simpler yet noble. Our prayer relaxes from the intensity of Easter. Yet we celebrate our sharing in the mission of Jesus, with God's Spirit enthusing us. Our Glory to God is the ancient chant "*Gloria in excelsis Deo, Alleluia*".

Our response to the Hebrew Scriptures is Psalm 118: "Whose love is forever, is forever more." God's Creative Spirit fills every acre, every molecule, each leaf, breeze, and person... and we respond with heartfelt appreciation. The joyous Celtic Alleluia leads us to the Gospel. And when we gather at Table we proclaim "When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again"/ As Church, the Sacred People of God, we seek to embrace the cross of the world, of our sisters and brothers, with faith in God's life-giving Love.

BEATITUDES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

"There is no place that is far from God." ~ St. Monica

God is always with you, no matter where you are or what you're going through. There's no place or situation where God's love and presence can't reach you.

Administration and Stewardship

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.

Offerings:

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Collection: \$

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Collection:

\$2363.00



WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 13, 2025

Greeters:

Ushers and Seat Counters:

Bill Kuehnle

Lector:

Patty Paser

Altar Servers

Arrietta and Nathan Kuehnle

Eucharistic Ministers

Tom Valosin, Katie Hagan

Set-up/Shut down:

Barb Valosin

Sunday, September 14, 2025

Greeters:

Michele Finin, Helen Lindstrom

Ushers and Seat Counters:

Marcia Guntert, Denise Lloyd

Lector:

Borst

Altar Servers

Peter Sherer

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down

Jackie and Ed Guntert

Money counters:

Margaret Ostermann,
Sherer

Saturday, September 20, 2025

Greeters:

Gabe Ringuette

Ushers and Seat Counters:

Bill Kuehnle

Lector:

Ringuette

Altar Servers

Arrietta and Nathan Kuehnle

Eucharistic Ministers

Jane Munger, Gail Borst

Set-up/Shut down:

Jane Munger

Sunday, September 21, 2025

Greeters:

Joann Coonradt, Doreen Buzon

Ushers and Seat Counters:

Stephanie and Bob Tinker

Lector:

Denise Lloyd

Altar Servers

Sera Wargo, Mary McGrail

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down

Marcia Guntert, Jim Buzon

Money counters:

Lloyd, Blackmur, Pagano

Lake George Gathering

I will be away, up on Lake George, Monday, September 15 to Friday, September 19. The parish priests of our Diocese are gathering with Bishop Scharfenberger and Fr. Richard Fragomeni for days of prayer, discussion, and support. Please uplift all of us in your prayer.



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, Brian Baker, Charlie Paduano, John VanDerwerke

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



Growing In Faith Together (GIFT)
Intergenerational Faith Formation

As a start to our GIFT program this year, we will be holding a **“Paint with a Saint”** event at Our Lady of the Valley on Sunday, September 28th at 10:30 AM! A couple of years ago we painted portraits of St. Francis of Assisi. This year parishioners are invited from OLF and OLV to paint St. Clare, a follower of St. Francis. We need 20 Painters! Price is \$15 per person. Please contact either OLV rectory at 518-827-3301 or sign up in the hall. Come join the fun!

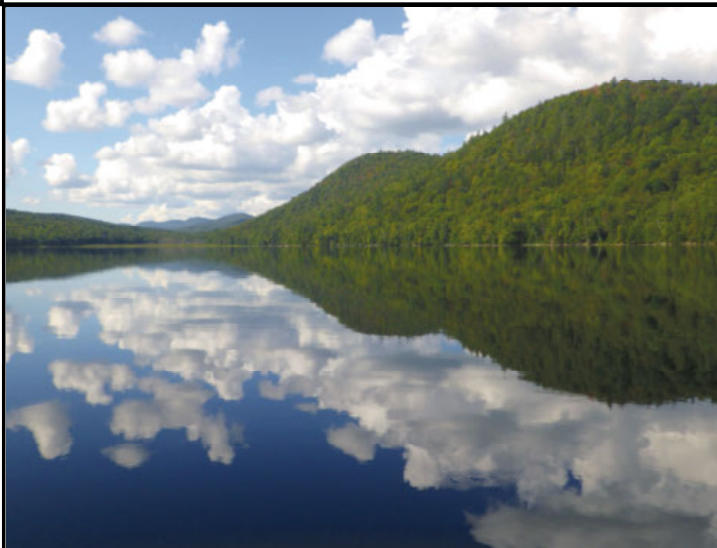
All parishioners are invited to volunteer and illustrate their service experience for our first official GIFT session scheduled at OLV on Sunday, October 19 in OLV hall after the 9AM Mass. Opportunities include volunteering to serve food at the summer lunch programs at Middleburgh HS and Presbyterian Church in Schoharie, organize and/or deliver food to families through the backpack program or accompanying Frank and I to deliver Meals on Wheels.

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.



If anyone is interested in having their young disciple celebrate First Reconciliation/First Eucharist or teen celebrate Confirmation, please contact OLV rectory at 518-827-3301.



The wonder, beauty, and awe of our Creating God is reflected throughout our universe...in us, the waters, mountains, clouds, trees, sky, and all of life...and each paddle on 13th Lake in the Adirondacks.

SUMMER PRAYER AND FUN

Joshua Project Family Fun Day

This Sunday, September 14, 12-noon—4:00 PM, Wayward Lane Brewing, Schoharie.

Our Lady of the Valley Picnic

Sunday, September 21, 12 noon—?, Baker Ave Park, Middleburgh. A fun BBQ along the Schoharie. Games and witty conversation. Please bring a salad or dessert to share.

Wednesday Morning Mass

We begin on September 24 at 9:00, Our Lady of the Valley Church.

Blessing of Animals and Pets

Saturday, October 4 at 2:00 PM at Our Lady of the Valley Church lawn. Our Saint Francis of Assisi Day prayer of blessing.

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.

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.

Flowers for church

May be dropped off anytime. They add heart to our prayer.

Middleburgh Food Pantries

Food pantry needs: cereal, rice, soap, personal hygiene items.

Cradle of Love

We're continuing to collect diapers and baby wipes for Community Maternity Services in the bassinets 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.

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.

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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