

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
"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 20, 2025, 6:00 PM

James Morgan, Marie Gandolfo by Linda and James Hayhurst

Sunday, September 21, 2025, 9:00 AM

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

Monday, September 22, 2025, 5:00—6:30 PM

5:00—5:30 PM Rosary
5:30—6:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, September 24, 2025, 9:00 AM

Jane Finin Vadney by Chuck and Michele Finin

Saturday, September 27, 2025, 6:00 PM

Mary Barrett by Margaret O'Connor

Sunday, September 28, 2025, 9:00 AM

Jim Spencer by Sena and Frank Monaco

Autumn 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

"By yourself you will do nothing, but if you have God as the center of all your action, then you will reach the goal."
~ St. Pier Giorgio Frassati

We are so blessed with God's love for us. When we keep God at the center of our lives, our potential has no limits.

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:

Exaltation of the Holy Cross Sunday Collection: \$2670.00

Thank you for your generosity!



WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 20, 2025

Sunday, September 21, 2025

Greeters:

Gabe Ringuette

Greeters:

Joann Coonradt, Doreen Buzon

Ushers and Seat Counters:

Bill Kuehnle

Ushers and Seat Counters:

Stephanie and Bob Tinker

Lector:

Ringuette

Lector:

Denise Lloyd

Altar Servers

Arrietta and Nathan Kuehnle

Altar Servers

Sera Wargo, Mary McGrail

Eucharistic Ministers

Jane Munger, Gail Borst

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down

Marcia Guntert, Jim Buzon

Set-up/Shut down:

Jane Munger

Money counters:

Lloyd, Blackmur, Pagano

Saturday, September 27, 2025

Sunday, September 28, 2025

Greeters:

John Conroy, Betty Karlau

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Ushers and Seat Counters:

Robin Hazzard

Ushers and Seat Counters:

Jackie and Ed Guntert

Lector:

Patty Paser

Lector:

Kate Katsur

Altar Servers

Arrietta and Nathan Kuehnle

Altar Servers

Sam Borst

Eucharistic Ministers

Michele Cullam, Gail Borst

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down

Joann Coonradt, Rosemary Gutkaiss

Set-up/Shut down:

Robin Hazzard

Money counters:

Jane Munger, Bonnie Jorgensen

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.

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 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, 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**

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.

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, 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.



On our Arboretum walk, pausing for a moment's rest on the huge sundial...then it was time to hike.

SUMMER PRAYER AND FUN

Our Lady of the Valley Picnic

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

Communal Anointing of the Sick

Saturday, September 27, immediately after the 6:00 PM Mass. We remember the gentle compassion of Christ the Healer.

Apple Cider Making

Friday, October 3rd, 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM at Our Lady of the Valley parking lot. Bring some apples, a couple of bottles and make some fresh cider — the old fashioned way...by hand. Donut holes, too!

Annual Apple Pie Sale

October 4th and October 11th, 8:00 AM until ? Please bring your favorite peeler/knife and have some fun. We will have lunch (and ibuprofen, just in case). We will have Apple, Apple/Cranberry and new this year: Apple Crisp. Order forms will be out and you need to "PRE-ORDER" — we cannot guarantee you will get one, if you wait. Any questions please see Robin Hazzard (518-368-8923) or Marie Vedder (518-231-2935).

Blessing of Animals and Pets

Saturday, October 4 at 1:30 PM at Our Lady of the Valley Church parking lot. Our Saint Francis of Assisi Day prayer of blessing with Friar Peter Chepaitis.

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: 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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