

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"In awe of the beauty of God; the Spirit uplifts us!"



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 27, 2025, 6:00 PM
Mary Barrett by Margaret O'Connor

Sunday, September 28, 2025, 9:00 AM
Jim Spencer, Kathleen Monaco by Frank and Sena Monaco

Monday, September 29, 2025, 5:00—6:30 PM
5:00—5:30 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet
5:30—6:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, October 1, 2025, 9:00 AM
For all college students

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

BEATITUDES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

"You are the Spirit, and I am only the trumpet, and without
Your breath I can give no sound."
~ St. Joseph of Cupertino

Keep God in the center of everything you do and help others see
His love and grace.



Gathered along the Schoharie, food and friendship
abounded!

Administration and Stewardship

Offerings:

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Collection: \$2201.31

Thank you for your generosity!



WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 27, 2025 **Sunday, September 28, 2025**

Greeters:

John Conroy, Betty Karlau

Ushers and Seat Counters:

Robin Hazzard

Ushers and Seat Counters:

Jackie Guntert, John Conroy

Lector:

Patty Paser

Lector:

Kate Katsur

Altar Servers

Arrietta and Nathan Kuehnle

Altar Servers

Mary McGrail

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

Saturday, October 4, 2025

Sunday, October 5, 2025

Greeters:

Pat Costello

Greeters:

Martha Conroy, Marilyn Nolte

Ushers and Seat Counters:

Robin Hazzard

Ushers and Seat Counters:

Jackie and Ed Guntert

Lector:

Pat Costello

Lector:

Brynda Shultes

Altar Servers

Luna and Gaia Pelton

Altar Servers

Peter Sherer

Eucharistic Ministers

Michele Cullam, Gail Borst

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down

Theresa Charland, Betty Karlau

Set-up/Shut down:

Robin Hazzard

Money counters:

Michele Borst,
Margaret Ostermann

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.

AVAILABLE NOW! PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community!

Clare Colamaria from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. As a valuable member of the business community, we invite you to expand your reach and grow your business with a print ad in our parish bulletin and/or a digital ad featured on ParishesOnline.com.



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.

Communal Anointing of the Sick

Saturday, 9/27, immediately after the 6:00 PM Mass. We remember the gentle compassion of Christ the Healer.

Moms' Prayer Group

Mothers of all ages meet on the last Monday of the month, September 29 at 5:30 in the hall after prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at 5:00 PM.

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 offer 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.

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.

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

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