

APRIL 5, 2026

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



Liturgy Schedule

Holy Saturday, April 4, 2026, 7:30 PM

Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026, 9:00 AM

Monday, April 6, 2026

5:00—5:20 PM Holy Rosary;
5:20—6:30 PM quiet Adoration

Wednesday, April 8, 2026, 9:00 AM
For all parish priests

Saturday, April 11, 2026, 6:00 PM
Richard Barr, Peter Rogers by Robin Hazzard

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12, 2026, 9:00 AM
Fr. Ted Crosby by the Valosin Family

WE PRAY EASTER

Our Church is alive with flowers, colors, aromas, and Easter faith during these 50 Days of Resurrection. Our music and song gather, inspire, and uplift. Each week we exclaim "Glory to God", singing of a new Creation. Our response to the Acts of the Apostles (our first reading during Easter) is Psalm 118: "Sing to the mountains, sing to the sea. Raise your voices, lift your hearts. This is the day the Lord has made. Let all the earth rejoice." We approach the Gospel with the exuberant Caribbean "Alleluia". Jesus is the way, the truth, the life. We renew our faith in a resounding "I do" to the Creedal questions. When we gather around the Lord's Table we sing of our mystery: "Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free." We are sent forth with an Alleluia in our heart witnessing to the unconditional love of God.



Bishop Mark O'Connell Visit

Our new Bishop will be here at Our Lady of the Valley Church on Saturday, June 27 to preside at our 6:00 PM Mass. Afterwards, we will have a meal and discussion with our Bishop in the Hall. All are invited.

BEATITUDES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

"Christ is risen, and life reigns."
~ Saint John Chrysostom

So come, step into this new life with Him, and let His rising lift your heart today.

Administration and Stewardship

Offerings:

Fifth Sunday of Lent: \$2925.06

Palm Sunday: \$ 5.B.A.

Thank you for your generosity!

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Holy Saturday, April 4, 2026, 7:30 PM

Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026, 9:00 AM

Greeters:

Doreen Buzon

Greeters:

Martha Conroy, Caroline Borst

Ushers and Seat Counters:

Robin Hazzard

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Sharon Riggi, Denise Lloyd

Lector:

Costello, Riggi, Paser, Tinker, Ringuette

Lector:

Borst, Lloyd, Shultes

Altar Servers:

Luna and Gaia Pelton

Altar Servers:

Sam Borst, Mary McGrail

Eucharistic Ministers:

Rosemary Gutkaiss, Jim Buzon

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down:

Marcia Guntert, Gail Borst

Set-up/Shut down:

Robin Hazzard

Money counters:

Borst, Ostermann

Before dawn
The great Sedar celebration having passed.
His empty cross awaiting death's next meal.
Into the darkness of his lifeless body
The finger of God's Spirit
Stirred in slowly spiraling circles
As once it had moved
Over the deep and empty waters
About to be pregnant with creation.
From the blast of the birthing
Of ten thousand galaxies,
Jesus, son of Joseph and Mary
And son of God,
Exploded outward from his tomb
In radiant light and love
To fill the Earth and the whole cosmos
With the fullness of divine life.
Paul of Tarsus penned it well
In a letter to his Ephesian friends:
"God has put all things under Christ feet
And made him head of the Church, his body:
The fullness of him
Who fills the universe in all its parts"
I look up into the Easter sky,
Beyond limits of this small galaxy-
Far beyond the boundaries of my mind-
Into the billions of galaxies that glow
Like flaming Easter flowers
Filling the garden of the universe
Light travels 5,878 trillion miles a year;
An to cross, just once at the speed of light,
This universe whose every starry body
Contains the fullness of the Risen Christ
Would take all of twenty billion years.
Oh, beyond comprehension,
Too vast for my little mind,
Is the mystery of the **resurrection**



baby Zoey Nashville, Jodi Connors, Greg Filisko, Scott Troughton, Joseph Cassella, Andrea Virtuoso, Michele and Phil Smith, Ed Guntert, Arthur Barrett, John Lewis Simmons, Lynn Fileccia, Anthony Chioco, Barbara St. George, Mary Harmon, Carol Hoffmann, 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, Marthe Therrien, Kelly and Caleb, Matt Nieminski, Angelo and Debbie DeMelfi, Fred Pomygalski, Sharon Wood, Jim Ault, Linda Pagano, Tom Barr, Mary Hazzard, Helen Zebrowski, Joseph Pelton, Joyce Montgomery, Joan Wissert, Winnie Koontz, Laurie Kinnicutt

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



GIFT
(Growing in Faith Together): Intergenerational Faith Formation Program

For this session: Please write your gifts, talents and aspects of your personality on a puzzle piece given to you via email or in person. Blank puzzle pieces will be available at the handicapped entrance at OLV.

Welcome to the Lord's Table!

Mia Flores-Seibert, Ben Barbato, Michael Ortiz, Mackenzie Sinatra, Mae Jenkins will celebrate their **First Eucharist** with us on Sunday, May 17.



Please pray for our Confirmation candidates as they prepare to be confirmed on April 26 at 2:00 PM Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany: Jack Mormando, Fletcher Mormando, Maya Murphy, Collin Castle, Jane Jenkins, Elise McDonald.



EASTER: 50 DAYS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Ever since the very beginning, disciples of the Way...disciples of Jesus Christ would gather and recall the mysteries of redemption. That somehow through the workings of the Spirit, the faithful would remember and celebrate that the boundless Love of God would be made present to people of every age and place...that there was no confining, deadening, or entombing the Life of Christ among us. Our faith is sacramental...not just remembered as a past event or a history to be recounted...but as an ongoing story that gives life...The Resurrection happens among, within, and through us...we are bold witnesses to the New Creation for all people.

God's dream is our work. Each person makes a difference! We are always sent forth to embody Christ's love, Christ's justice, Christ's healing, and Christ's presence in every aspect of our life and the life of our world community. Never say, "I don't matter." because you do! You make all the difference in the world. Remember that our faith is not self-centered...we are selfless...going out of ourselves to witness to the beauty, wonder, and sacredness of all life.

May the restless Spirit of Resurrection within you never settle for less, the uninspired, the tired, the routine, the negative, or the untrue...but may you always seek to live the ideal, the truly creative, the most unsettling, the wildly adventurous, with the deepest respect and highest love for all people.

The stone has been rolled away...let us journey forth...together!

RESPECT LIFE

Stand up for anyone who is bullied, abused, or the victim of prejudice. Learn about foster families and adoption. Be kind to young mothers. Support Alcoholics Anonymous and drug rehabilitation. Help Amnesty International; end human trafficking and forced labor. Stand up against war and violence. Remember the children of Gaza and Ukraine. Banish hate from our midst.

RESPECT THE EARTH

Plant a tree, flowers, or a garden. Use less fertilizer, pesticides, or chemicals. Pick up litter. Support local farmers. Recycle! Go outside. Support Nature Conservancy and the Landis Arboretum. Learn about Climate Change and our future.

FAMILY, COMMUNITY, CHURCH

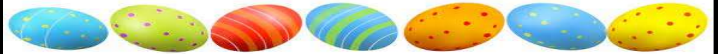
Get active in something; be creative. Smile at Mass; sing and actively participate. Help the Joshua Project; bake cookies for our NET dinners. Be kind; write a note; volunteer; vote; call someone who is ill; praise a kid; change a negative in your life; do something positive; cry with someone; laugh and enjoy life; smile! Grow vegetables for our "Veggie Exchange". Get involved with Marathon for a Better Life, Saturday, June 13, 518-291-9238.

Let someone know about our Cradle of Love. Support someone in our Bereavement Group.

We gather, we pray, and we serve
Our Lady of the Valley Parish

- ◆ **Easter Egg Hunt, April 12** (after our 11:15 AM Mass around 12 noon) at Our Lady of Fatima. Kids of all ages are invited to scamper and run around our spacious grounds looking for hidden eggs. Prizes, candy and refreshments.
- ◆ **Lenten CRS Rice Bowls** are to be returned by **April 19**.
- ◆ **Easter Labyrinth** Saturday, April 25, 2:00 PM—6:00 PM and Sunday, April 26 10:00 AM—2:00 PM at Our Lady of Fatima Hall. As today's disciples of the Risen Christ, we walk the pilgrim journey with hearts filled with love.

Our Church is open and lighted 24 hours a day for prayer, reflection, walking, and peace.



Vacation Bible School "Wild Wonder"

Monday, August 3—Friday, August 7. Hosted by the Churches of Middleburgh.

Diocesan Appeal

Thank you for your continued support. Offering envelopes are available in the pews. Please consider helping our parish to achieve our assessment.

Render unto Caesar...

If you need contribution statement for your income taxes, please call our parish office.

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 recipient will be the Iroquois Museum. 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.



Easter Mass...a long time ago...yet timeless.

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