

APRIL 12, 2026
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)



Liturgy Schedule

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

Monday, April 13, 2026
5:00—5:20 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet;
5:20—6:30 PM quiet Adoration

Tuesday, April 14, 2026, 2:00 PM and 3:00 PM
Easter Masses at Kingsway Nursing Facility

Wednesday, April 15, 2026, 9:00 AM
Joseph Pelton by the Pelton Family

Saturday, April 18, 2026, 6:00 PM
Daniel Slavinski by Mom and Dad

Sunday, April 19, 2026, 9:00 AM
Roger and Helga deRoziere by their 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.

Administration and Stewardship

Offerings:

Easter Sunday Collection: \$7821.24

Thank you for your generosity!

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Holy Saturday, April 11, 2026, 7:30 PM

Sunday, April 12, 2026, 9:00 AM

Greeters:

Mary Bailey

Greeters:

Martha Conroy, Doreen Buzon

Ushers and Seat Counters:

Robin Hazzard

Ushers and Seat Counters:

John Conroy

Lector:

Stephanie Tinker

Lector:

Kate Katsur

Altar Servers:

Luna and Gaia Pelton

Altar Servers:

Peter Sherer

Eucharistic Ministers:

Gail Borst, Katie Hagan

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down:

Jim Buzon, Theresa Charland

Set-up/Shut down:

Robin Hazzard

Money counters:

Munger, Jorgensen

Saturday, April 18, 2026, 7:30 PM

Sunday, April 19, 2026, 9:00 AM

Greeters:

Jane Munger

Greeters:

Michele Finin, Betty Karlau

Ushers and Seat Counters:

Bill Kuehnle

Ushers and Seat Counters:

Marcia Guntert, John Millett

Lector:

Ringuette

Lector:

Brynda Shultes

Altar Servers:

Arrietta and Nathan Kuehnle

Altar Servers:

Mary McGrail, Seraphina Wargo

Eucharistic Ministers:

Jane Munger Michele Cullam

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down:

M. Ostermann, R. Gutkaiss

Set-up/Shut down:

Jane Munger

Money counters:

Shultes, Millett, Chirico

BEATITUDES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

"Christ the Lord is risen. Our joy that hath no end."

~ St. John of Damascus

Alleluia! Because Christ the Lord is risen, our joy has no end—let us carry this heavenly gladness into our homes, our work, and our world this week.



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 Chieco, 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, Joyce Montgomery, Joan Wissert, Winnie Koontz, Laurie Kinnicutt

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

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.

A Psalm to the Wind of Heaven

O wind that blows when and where it will, teach me to reverence the Wind of Heaven.

O mover of tree tops and tall grasses, you who are the servant of no other forces open me up to the mysterious Breath of God.

O Divine Wind, blowing with the Spirit's sweetness

through a chant-filled mosque in Arabia, or causing a silent heart to dance in a hidden hermit's cave high in the Himalayas,

or caressing with compassion an abandoned packing crate in an urban slum, wherein sleeps a homeless drifter; let me feel your loving touch.

Lift me up above my selfish interests, spreading my concerns wider than myself.

Exhale a gale of your grace into me

and set me under full sail as your servant of life and of love.

Remind me with your every movement that history has shown clearly how you are the private property of none, how great and passionate movements have lost touch with your breath of life and so have become empty of their youthful zeal.

Wind of inspiration, Creative Spirit of God, teach me not to forget that you come always as gift. Remind me always to be ready to receive and romance and dance with joy wherever and whenever you visit, or risk that you may move on without me. May I ever be sensitive to your gentle breezes and willing to soar with your wild winds.



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

To celebrate 50 days of Easter, parishioners are asked to color **butterflies** that will be taped onto our large wooden cross and then placed at the entryway. Copies of butterflies are available at the side entrance at Our Lady of the Valley. Let's make at least 50 for the 50 days of Easter!



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.

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.



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.

Diocesan Appeal

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

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 our local Girl Scouts. 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.

Rachel Vineyard Retreat

Hope and Healing after Abortion

My 29-31 at Dominican Retreat Center, Niskayuna.
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