

**APRIL 19, 2026**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Companions on the Journey...our Hearts are Burning with Love.**



**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.

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**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  
11:15 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, 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

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

**Wednesday, April 22, 2026, 9:00 AM**  
Fred Ablett, Stan Balett, Emma Ablett

**Saturday, April 25, 2026, 6:00 PM**  
Jimmy Spartman by Robin Hazzard

**Sunday, April 26, 2026, 9:00 AM**  
Millie Rossmann by the Borelli Family

### BEATITUDES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

"We are an Easter people and hallelujah is our song!"  
~ St. John Paul II

As an Easter people, we live in the joy of Christ's Resurrection, allowing 'Alleluia' to become the song that shapes our daily lives of faith, hope, and love.

### 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:

2nd Sunday of Easter Collection: \$2860.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

## WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**Saturday, April 18, 2026, 7:30 PM**

**Greeters:**  
Jane Munger

**Ushers and Seat Counters:**  
Bill Kuehnle

**Lector:**  
Ringuette

**Altar Servers:**  
Arietta and Nathan Kuehnle

**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
Jane Munger Michele Cullam

**Set-up/Shut down:**  
Jane Munger

**Sunday, April 19, 2026, 9:00 AM**

**Greeters:**  
Michele Finin, Betty Karlau

**Ushers and Seat Counters:**  
Marcia Guntert, John Millett

**Lector:**  
Brynda Shultes

**Altar Servers:**  
Mary McGrail, Seraphina Wargo

**Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down:**  
M. Ostermann, R. Gutkaiss

**Money counters:**  
Shultes, Millett, Chirico

**Saturday, April 25, 2026, 7:30 PM**

**Greeters:**  
Mary Bailey

**Ushers and Seat Counters:**  
Bill Kuehnle

**Lector:**  
Patty Paser

**Altar Servers:**  
Ariette and Nathan Kuehnle

**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
Tom Valosin, Gail Borst

**Set-up/Shut down:**  
Barb Valosin

**Sunday, April 26, 2026, 9:00 AM**

**Greeters:**  
Caroline Borst, Marilyn Nolte

**Ushers and Seat Counters:**  
Denise Lloyd, Sharon Riggi

**Lector:**  
Borst

**Altar Servers:**  
Sam Borst

**Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down:**  
Jackie Guntert, Marcia Guntert

**Money counters:**  
Borst & Sherer



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, 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, Grant Coastes, Ina Fusco, Bernard Jermyn

*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.

**An Emmaus Psalm**

*How easily, O Christ,  
do I long for a firsthand touch  
from you, my friend and  
savior,  
risen and glorious, victorious  
over death,  
radiant with luminous life.  
O, how easily does my yearning  
arise  
to have been one of those in  
the upper room  
when you returned in  
resurrected form.  
I know that my faith would be  
strong  
if, like Mary in the garden,  
I had reached out to hug your  
living presence  
on Easter morning.  
I do not doubt the quality of my  
zeal  
had I broken bread with you  
at the sunset inn on Emmaus  
road.*

*It's not easy to be among the  
living faithful  
fed by second-hand accounts  
of your resurrection visits,  
even though they have been  
passed on with loving care  
for millennia mouth-to-mouth.  
But I take hope today, in this  
Easter season,  
that I too can taste and feel  
your fulfilled promise:  
"I am with you always; even  
to the end."  
Every time I break bread with  
friends or strangers  
or encounter kindness on my  
daily byroads,  
when I am visited by you  
even though my inner doors  
are locked in fear,  
let my heart be as open as  
the horizon  
for the feast of an Easter visit  
from you, my Risen Savior.*



**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 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.

**The Franciscan Spirituality Group**

Meeting this Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2-4 PM in the church hall. We will reflect on Easter through the eyes of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi. All are welcome

**The Joshua Project Collection**

Our Special Second Collection to support The Joshua Project—our county-wide charity—is Saturday, April 25 and Sunday, April 26. Thank you for your generosity.

**Our Home-bound people**

If you know of someone or can think of someone home-bound, please call our church office.

**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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