

**AUGUST 2, 2026**  
**18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



**OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY**

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**Parish Website:** <http://parishes.rcda.org/olvchurch/>

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<https://www.facebook.com/OurLadyoftheValleyParish/>

**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, August 1, 2026, 6:00 PM

For missions and missionaries everywhere

### Sunday, August 2, 2026, 9:00 AM

Tom Gorman by Pattie Sainsbury

### Monday, August 3, 2026

5:00—5:30 PM Rosary prayer

5:20—6:30 PM quiet Adoration

### Saturday, August 8, 2026, 6:00 PM

For farmers

### Sunday, August 9, 2026, 9:00 AM

For vacationers everywhere

### We Sing Summer Ordinary Time

At the heart of our prayer, we gather around the Table of the Lord to celebrate Eucharist; to be engaged ever more as the living, heart throbbing Body and Blood of Christ. Our "Mass acclamations" are from "The Land of Rest", based on an early American folk tune. They call us back to our roots as a missionary idealistic people. We sing our mystery: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death. O Lord, until you come again." We listen attentively to the Word of God from the Hebrew Scriptures and the letters of St. Paul. Our response is Psalm 25: "To you, O God, I lift up my soul; lift up my spirit to my Lord. To you I lift up my soul." We rise for the Gospel as we sing the joyful "Alle, Alle!". We go forth, embodying the Word and enthused by remembering Christ in our midst to be God's creative love in our world. Amen!

### BEATITUDES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

"Trust in God's gentle love, for He cares for you more than you can imagine."

— St. Francis de Sales

May His quiet presence strengthen your heart and guide you with peace in every step.

## Administration and Stewardship

### Offerings:

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Collection: \$2124.00



Thank you for your generosity!



## WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### Saturday, August 1, 2026, 6:00 PM

#### Greeters:

Mary Bailey

#### Ushers and Seat Counters:

Robin Hazzard

#### Lector:

Pat Costello

#### Altar Servers:

#### Eucharistic Ministers:

Gail Borst, Katie Hagan

#### Set-up/Shut down:

Robin Hazzard

### Sunday, August 2, 2026, 9:00 AM

#### Greeters:

Martha Conroy, Doreen Buzon

#### Ushers and Seat Counters:

John Conroy

#### Lector:

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#### Altar Servers:

Sam Borst

#### Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down:

Jim Buzon, Theresa Charland

#### Money counters:

Borst, Sherer

### Saturday, August 8, 2026, 6:00 PM

#### Greeters:

Mary Bailey

#### Ushers and Seat Counters:

Robin Hazzard

#### Lector:

Stephanie Tinker

#### Altar Servers:

Nate Kuehnle, Wesley Ortiz

#### Eucharistic Ministers:

Patty Paser, Michele Cullam

#### Set-up/Shut down:

Robin Hazzard

### Sunday, August 9, 2026, 9:00 AM

#### Greeters:

Michele Finin, Betty Karlau

#### Ushers and Seat Counters:

Marcia Guntert, John Millett

#### Lector:

Brynda Shultes

#### Altar Servers:

Mary McGrail

#### Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down:

Margaret Ostermann, Rosemary Gulkaiss

#### Money counters:

Shultes, Millett, Chirico



baby Zoey Nashville, Jodi Connors, Greg Filisko, Scott Troughton, Joseph Cassella, Andrea Virtuoso, Michele and Phil Smith, Arthur Barrett, John Lewis Simmons, Lynn Fileccia, Anthony Chieco, Barbara St. George, Mary Harmon, Carol Hoffmann, Bob Troidl, Betty Karlau, 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, Laurie Kinnicutt, Grant Coastes, Ina Fusco, Bernard Jermyn, Donna Kovacks, Barbara Brinknan, David Cullam, Jane Rothkopf, Sadie Dutcher, Nate Clements

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



**A Summer Morning Prayer**

O Blessed One, as it has done each day for millions of years, the earth once again has circled around to face the sun. Yet the appearance of that great daystar is like the first time: forever new, forever fresh. May the freshness and the coolness of this summer morning inspire me as I enter into silent prayer.

As I come forth from the refreshment of my solitude in you, all the earth arises, revived by the night, to the work of this day. Plants and trees, fields and forests are busy with the work of this summer day, the work of Life. To their songs of love, I join this prayer.

Enriched by your touch, O loving God, I now prepare to join my tasks today to the work of birds, flowers and plants, to the labors of all the human family. I am aware of how easily I forget to live in communion with all your creation, so now I pray for these personal needs: \_\_\_\_\_. May my work this day be done as a prayerful sacrifice in solidarity with those who also are in need of your constant presence, especially: \_\_\_\_\_.

As the sun pours forth its life that we on this earth may live, may I pour forth my life this day in service to others and in love of you, my beloved God. Remind me in countless ways as I walk the sunlit hours of this day that I am in a sacred journey; along with the stars traveling through space, I am on a pilgrim path.

I bow before you, divine Father, Holy Mother, Eternal Source of my existence. Your heart is my home, from you I have come and to you I journey this day.

Amen.

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

Garden flowers are always welcome to enhance our worship.

**Vegetable Exchange**

Vegetables and fruits may be shared at the outdoor table at our parking lot entrance. Also, please remember our homebound neighbors and anyone in need.

**Annual Diocesan Marriage Jubilee Mass**

Sunday, 9/27, 3:00 PM at Christ Our Light Church in Loudonville.

Inquire at 518-453-6660 or [marriage.jubilee@rcda.org](mailto:marriage.jubilee@rcda.org)

**Rooted in Faith: Families of Faith**

A tree banner is in our sanctuary reminding us that we are together rooted in Christ. Our "Tree of America" is honoring our families who are America; our people who seek to live out our ideals of life, liberty, and pursuit of justice. Please bring in photos of your family to be placed on our Tree. Copies of old photos may be made in our office. The Tree will grace our church until Sunday, September 20, Constitution Day.

**Our Home-bound people**

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

**Parish Events****All Aboard! Richfield Springs Train Ride**

Sunday, August 30, leaving OLV parking lot at 2:30 PM (details upcoming).

We will return to our Church Hall for an old fashioned baked pasta dinner with salad and bread.

**Low bridge, everybody down—Visit to the Erie Canal Village and canal boat ride**

Sunday, September 27 afternoon... more information asap.

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