

AUGUST 23, 2026
21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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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

11:15 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 22, 2026, 6:00 PM
Jim Morgan by Mary + Kevin Harmon

Sunday, August 23, 2026, 9:00 AM
Jacquelyn Ritterhaus-Powell by Tony and Kate Katsur
Nettie Spencer by friend Betty

Monday, August 24, 2026
5:00—5:30 PM Rosary prayer
5:20—6:30 PM quiet Adoration

Saturday, August 29, 2026, 6:00 PM
John and Jennie Zelker by their kids
James Morgan by JoAnn + Jimmy and Family

Sunday, August 30, 2026, 9:00 AM
Lorraine Lavieri, Jennifer Lavieri by Joseph Lavieri

We Sing Summer

As we continue our prayer through summer, we give thanks to God and rejoice with each other for gifts abundant within and among us all. Taizé community chant resounds throughout the world: "Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria, Alleluia". Psalm 118 is our response to the Hebrew Scriptures: "Whose love is forever, whose love is forever more". We join with all Creation abounding in love. We rise for the Gospel with the enthusiastic Celtic Alleluia. We gather around the Lord's Table and sing the familiar Danish Amen Mass. Our mystery of faith inspires us to live out the Christ among us: "We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again." From our Communion, we are together, sent out as a sign of hope, givers of life to each person, our world.

BEATITUDES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

"Be faithful in the little things, for in them your strength lies." — St. Francis of Assisi

May our quiet acts of love and service reveal the strength of Christ alive within us.

Administration and Stewardship

Offerings:

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Collection: \$2280.00



Thank you for your generosity!



Diocesan Appeal Report: Thank you!

You raised \$28,534.00 to continue the ministry of our Diocese. Our assessment was \$21,534.00. We'll be getting a rebate for our parish.

Our new assessment for 2026-2027 is \$21,369.00. This is a decrease of \$165.00.

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 22, 2026, 6:00 PM

Greeters:

Mary Bailey

Ushers and Seat Counters:

Robin Hazzard

Lector:

Ringuette

Altar Servers:

N. Kuehnle, Wesley and Michael Ortiz

Eucharistic Ministers:

Gail Borst, Katie Hagan

Set-up/Shut down:

Robin Hazzard

Sunday, August 23, 2026, 9:00 AM

Greeters:

Michele Finin, Helen Lindstrom

Ushers and Seat Counters:

Jackie Guntert, Marcia Guntert

Lector:

Denise Lloyd

Altar Servers:

Mary McGrail

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down:

Joann Coonradt, Brynda Shultes

Money counters:

Denise Lloyd, Elizabeth Blackmur

Saturday, August 29, 2026, 6:00 PM

Greeters:

Brynda Shultes

Ushers and Seat Counters:

Bill Kuehnle

Lector:

Brynda Shultes

Altar Servers:

Kuehnle, M.W. Ortiz

Eucharistic Ministers:

Jane Munger, Michele Cullam

Set-up/Shut down:

Jane Munger

Sunday, August 30, 2026, 9:00 AM

Greeters:

Joanne Coonradt, John Conroy

Ushers and Seat Counters:

Stephanie and Bob tinker

Lector:

Debra McAllister

Altar Servers:

Peter Sherer

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down:

Margaret Ostermann, Pattie Sainsbury

Money counters:

Ostermann, Sherer



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, David Cullam, Jane Rothkopf, Sadie Dutcher, Nate Clements

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

Sacramental Preparation Invitation

Families who feel called to begin preparation for **First Reconciliation and First Eucharist** (typically for children in Grade 2, ages 7–8) or **Confirmation** (typically for teens in Grade 10, ages 15–16) are warmly invited to contact the rectory at 518-827-3301 for more information. **We look forward to walking with your family on this beautiful journey of faith and growth in Christ.**



Thank you so much for your well wishes and fellowship celebrating my retirement from faith formation. Frank and I look forward to traveling and spending time with our sons in California, as well as an occasional trip to Mexico.

I will miss accompanying our young disciples and teens on their faith journey - It meant so much to me - a true privilege. Thank you again and all the best. ~Sena Monaco

THANK YOU!

9/11 Prayer of Remembrance and Peace

On the 25th anniversary of that horrific day, we gather in fervent prayer at Our Lady of Fatima Shrine at 6:00 PM (Friday, September 11). We honor, remember, and become.

Ecumenical Prayer Service "The Fabric of Covenant."

Sunday, September 20, 1:00 PM at the "Nourish at Middleburgh" (formerly Middleburgh Methodist Church). On this Constitution Day, we strive to live our faith as citizens of the United States.

Diocesan Church Events

- Saturday, August 22, Walk for Peace, 9:00 AM, St. Kateri Church, Fonda. Walk from Auriesville—prayer and songs.
- Sunday, August 23—Prayer Service for those who feel exiled from the Catholic Church; 1 PM at St. Kateri Church, Fonda. If you feel shut out, wounded by the Church, experience rejection... Our Bishop will lead a listening prayer.
- Sunday, November 29, Marriage Convalidation Ceremony; 2 PM at the Cathedral in Albany. For couples who are married civilly and would like to have their marriage blessed in Church.

**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

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

Raffle winners drawing will be after Mass on August 30. Meetings will resume next month, September 19 at 10:00 AM.

Moms' Prayer Group

Meets last Monday of the month. This month's meeting is on 8/31. Starting with Adoration at 5:00 PM, we then gather in the hall at 5:30 PM. Moms of all ages are welcome.

Off to College

Graduated from high school and now off to college, work or military service? We would like to keep in touch. Please get your mailing address, e-mail or phone number to our parish office. All the best for your future. Study hard, work with integrity, and enjoy life.

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.

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 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.

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

Sunday, August 30, leaving OLV parking lot at 2:00 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— Erie Canal ride out of Herkimer

Sunday, September 27 at 3:00 PM. Must be there at 2:30 PM.

Our Church is open for quiet prayer, meditation walks, and peace.

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