

FEBRUARY 1, 2026: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

11:00 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

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday, January 31, 2026, 6:00 PM

For all grieving parents

Sunday, February 1, 2026, 9:00 AM

Patricia Ritrovato by Jackie and Ed Guntert

Monday, February 2, 2025

5:00—5:30 PM Holy Rosary

5:30—6:30 PM quiet Adoration

Wednesday, February 4, 2026, 9:00 AM

Saturday, February 7, 2026, 6:00 PM

Audrey Rundle by JoAnn Morgan

Sunday, February 8, 2026, 9:00 AM

Graham Nieminski by Mom, Dad, Joey and Walt

Patricia Ritrovato by Tom and Barb Valosin

We Sing Winter Ordinary Time

In these weeks between Christmas and Ash Wednesday (and the beginning of Lent) our liturgies are simpler; our worship space centers around the people, pulpit, and Table of the Lord. Our Glory to God is the Taizé "Gloria in excelsis Deo, Alleluia!". The response to the Hebrew Scripture is Psalm 113: *Praised be the name of the Lord.* We sing of our God who transcends the earth and skies, yet cares intimately for each and every person. We stand during the Celtic Alleluia as the Gospel is proclaimed. When we gather around the Table and celebrate Christ in our midst we sing of our mystery: "When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup we proclaim your Death...." The Lord compels us to enter into the Cross of our world with new-found faith in the power of God's Love. There is nothing ordinary about that!

BEATITUDES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

"We are not the sum of our weaknesses and failures, we are the sum of the Father's love for us and our real capacity to become the image of His Son Jesus."

~ St. John Paul the Great

We are loved so much by God and He asks us to show each other love, care, and kindness always.

Administration and Stewardship

Offerings:

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Collection: \$1608.00

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: \$1331.00

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 31, 2026

Greeters:

Pat Costello

Ushers and Seat Counters:

Robin Hazzard

Lector:

Pat Costello

Altar Servers

Luna and Gaia Pelton

Eucharistic Ministers

Michele Cullam, Katie Hagan

Set-up/Shut down:

Robin Hazzard

Sunday, February 1, 2026

Greeters:

Caroline Borst, Michele Finin

Ushers and Seat Counters:

Marcia Guntert, John Conroy

Lector:

Borst

Altar Servers:

Sam Borst

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down

Brynda Shultes, Pattie Sainsbury

Money counters:

Borst, Sherer

Saturday, February 7, 2026

Greeters:

Mary Bailey

Ushers and Seat Counters:

Robin Hazzard

Lector:

Stephanie Tinker

Altar Servers

Luna and Gaia Pelton

Eucharistic Ministers

Gail Borst, Katie Hagan

Set-up/Shut down:

Robin Hazzard

Sunday, February 8, 2026

Greeters:

Martha Conroy, Doreen Buzon

Ushers and Seat Counters:

Jackie and Marcia Guntert

Lector:

Denise Lloyd

Altar Servers:

Peter Sherer

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down

Buzon, Ostermann, Charland

Money counters:

Denise Lloyd, Elizabeth Blackmur



baby Zoey Nashville, Ellen Wilford, Jodi Connors, Greg Filisko, Scott Troughton, Joseph Cassella, Andrea Virtuoso, Michele and Phil Smith, Ed Guntert, Arthur Barrett, John Lewis Simmons, Lynn Fileccia, Nina Wayman, Nate Clements, Anthony Chieco, Barbara St. George, Mary Harmon, Joan McCalip, 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, Debbie Donnelly, Dion Thomas, Sharon Wood, Jim Ault, Linda Pagano, Tom Barr, Mary Hazzard, Helen Zebrowski

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



Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation:

Next meeting: March 1st.

Becoming Catholic

If you or someone you know are interested in joining our Church at Easter please contact Fr. Tom Zelker.

Invitation to Conversion

- Please bring in any old palm fronds for burning as we prepare for Ash Wednesday.
- Pardon and Pancakes, Tuesday, February 17, 6:00 PM at Our Lady of Fatima. Reconciliation service followed by a Mardi Gras pancake dinner.

Ash Wednesday Services February 18

Our Lady of the Valley Church,
Middleburgh

12noon—Prayer with Ashes
5:30 PM—Evening Prayer with Ashes

Our Lady of Fatima Church, Delanson
11:00 AM — Prayer with Ashes

(2:00 PM and 3:00PM—Kingsway Nursing Facility—
Prayer with Ashes).

6:15PM-7:00PM — Quiet Prayer with Ashes



Fridays of Lent: Soup and Stations

Each Friday, we gather for a simple meal of soup and sandwich, 6:00 PM in our Hall, followed by prayerful Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM in our Church.



**Thank you,
Ontario waters.**

"Must be a lake-effect snowstorm."

Upcoming Events

Render unto Caesar...

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

Barn Dance and Country Chicken Picnic

Sunday, February 1, 3:00 PM in Our Lady of the Valley Hall. Blue Grass music, square dancing, and line and country dancing.



Next N.E.T. Dinner

Wednesday, February 11, 5:00 PM.
Our main entrée is Schoharie Goulash.

Ten Week Book Club

"The Tears of Things" by Fr. Richard Rohr.

We will read and discuss the Old Testament prophets and see how their message still resonates today. These books are being purchased by OLV Knights of Columbus.



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.



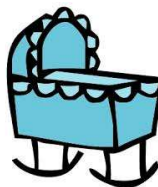
Middleburgh Food Pantries

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.



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