

FEBRUARY 8, 2026: Fifth 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.

EUCARISTIC ADORATION: Mondays 5:30—6:30

Liturgy Schedule

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

Monday, February 9, 2025

5:00—5:30 PM Holy Rosary
5:30—6:30 PM quiet Adoration

Wednesday, February 11, 2026, 9:00 AM

For all who are sick and unwell

Saturday, February 14, 2026, 6:00 PM

James Morgan by JoAnn, Jimmy and Family

Sunday, February 15, 2026, 9:00 AM

Paul Pagano by the Fagnani Family

WE PRAY LENT

Our worship space is simple, stark, and prayerful. Purples remind us of our call to continual conversion. Reds beckon us to live as a holy sacrifice for others. Bold willow branches help us to look forward to eternal spring; their winding twigs lead us along our pilgrim journey. The waters of our Baptismal Font are stilled until Easter. Our Eucharist is a sacred conversation with God and a sacred conversation with each other. The Cross centers us in our mission. We reverently gather together asking our Lord to keep us ever near the healing, freedom giving Cross of Jesus; may the Glory of God uplift us in life giving faith. We acknowledge the sin and need for our own healing among us and the whole world. We invoke God's Spirit in chant: "Holy Spirit, come to us, Kindle in us the fire of your love. Holy Spirit, come to us, Holy Spirit come to us." We trust that God lead us and accompany us as we follow Jesus as credible disciples of faith. Our response to the Hebrew Scriptures is Psalm 103: "Loving and forgiving are you O Lord; slow to anger, rich in kindness, loving and forgiving are you." We recall how our Creator has always been among us, sharing the Divine gifts of wisdom and peace; as Heaven soars above, so God's mercy abounds. We approach the Gospel in stillness, with wonder and awe, as we hear God's story unfold among us. The Lord invites us to gather around the Table to be renewed by Christ's real presence as food for our journey.

We sing of our mystery: "We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again." We are empowered to embrace the Cross of our neighbors as a community of life. Our Eucharistic prayer engages us to be the sacrament of Christ in our whole world. We sing: "We are God's People, beloved in Christ." The Great Amen culminates our prayer of thanksgiving. After sharing Communion, we listen and hear God speak tenderly, gently to each one of us, "I have loved you with an everlasting love, I have called you and you are mine." We respond wholeheartedly, invigorated in hope and faith to go forth as beloved, yet humble people abounding in peace, compassion, and love for our world! And Christ is with you.

Administration and Stewardship

Offerings:

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time: \$2456.00
Thank you for your generosity!

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 7, 2026

Greeters:

Mary Bailey

Sunday, February 8, 2026

Greeters:

Martha Conroy, Doreen Buzon

Ushers and Seat Counters:

Robin Hazzard

Ushers and Seat Counters:

Jackie and Marcia Guntert

Lector:

Stephanie Tinker

Lector:

Denise Lloyd

Altar Servers

Luna and Gaia Pelton

Altar Servers:

Peter Sherer

Eucharistic Ministers

Gail Borst, Katie Hagan

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down

Buzon, Ostermann, Charland

Set-up/Shut down:

Robin Hazzard

Money counters:

Denise Lloyd, Elizabeth Blackmur

Saturday, February 14, 2026

Greeters:

Greeters:

Jane Munger,

Ushers and Seat Counters:

Bill Kuehnle

Ushers and Seat Counters:

John Conroy

Lector:

Lector:

Kate Katsur

Altar Servers

Arrietta and Nathan Kuehnle

Altar Servers:

Peter Sherer, Mary McGrail

Eucharistic Ministers

Valosin, Michele Cullam

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down

Robinson, Sainsbury, Gutkaiss

Set-up/Shut down:

Valosin

Money counters:

Munger, Jorgensen

BEATITUDES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

"Whatever you do, think of the Glory of God as your main goal." ~ St. John Bosco

We give God praise and glory and thank Him so much for His presence and wisdom in our lives.



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 Chicco, 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, Joseph Pelton

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



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

Our next GIFT Session at Our Lady of Fatima will be held on Sunday, February 8 and at Our Lady of the Valley on Sunday, February 22 after the 9AM Mass Our program for adults will be centered on "The Holy Spirit and Our Sanctification". Our young disciples will center on Flat St. Claire and preparing for Lent.



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

A Prayer for Zeal

Implant within my heart, O God,
 the fiery zeal of a Jeremiah,
 the conviction of a Ruth or Rebecca
 and the zest of a Francis of Assisi, and Clare.
 Stir my slumbering soul,
 that it might sing a song of passion and devotion,
 drunk with dancing joy and desire for you,
 my divine and loving Friend.
 May my heart be as hot as the heart of Moses
 for all your children burdened by slavery,
 for all who feel oppression's steely heel
 or suffer rejection in an alien land.
 May I, like your son Jesus,
 be consumed with zeal for you, Divine Beloved,
 for life, for justice and for peace;
 for all that I know in faith.
 Fill me with zeal, O God.
 Amen.

We gather, we pray, and we serve

Our Lady of the Valley Parish

- ◆ **Ash Wednesday**, February 18, 12 noon Prayer with Ashes 5:30 PM Evening Prayer with Ashes.
- ◆ **Fridays of Lent: Soup and Stations**: 6pm soup/sandwich 7 PM Stations of the Cross.
- ◆ **Mondays: Rosary and Quiet Adoration** 5pm – 6:30 PM.
- ◆ **N.E.T. Dinners**: Wednesday, February 11; March 11, 5 PM.
- ◆ **Valentine's Day Party**: Saturday, February 14, 7 PM in our church hall—music, dancing, witty conversation, and good food. Entertainment by Pete.
- ◆ **Saint Casimir Day**: Wednesday, March 4, 5 PM, Prayer and Polish and Mexican Foods.
- ◆ **Saint Patrick's Corned Beef Dinner**: Sunday, March 15 sponsored by our Knights of Columbus.
- ◆ **Saint Patrick's Day**: Tuesday, March 17, 12 noon at Our Lady of Fatima Hall Leftovers Lunch.
- ◆ **Reconciliation**...Confessions Saturday March 21 10 AM-12 noon, and every Saturday after the 6:00 PM Mass.
- ◆ **Little Black Books**: Meditations on the Passion from the Gospel of Mark (the first Gospel, written around 70AD).
 - ◆ **The Word Among us**: Daily Scripture insights.
- ◆ **Rice Bowls**: We look outward to help the poor of our world.

Our Church is open and lighted 24 hours a day for prayer, reflection, walking, and peace.

Diocesan Appeal

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

Render unto Caesar...

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