

## **JANUARY 25, 2026: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**



### **OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY**

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

**Facebook page:**

<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

11:00 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 24, 2026, 6:00 PM**

Rachel Woardell by Lynn Fileccia

**Sunday, January 25, 2026, 9:00 AM**

s.Carolyn Nicolai, FSP by Buzon and Doyle Family

Paul Pagano by Sena and Frank Monaco

**Monday, January 26, 2025**

5:00—5:30 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet

5:30—6:30 PM quiet Adoration

**Wednesday, January 28, 2026, 9:00 AM**

Ellen Roy by Chuck and Michele Finin

**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

### 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

"There is nothing we can desire or want that we do not find in God."

~ St. Catherine of Siena

Be kind, caring, and thankful for your blessings and love God with all your heart as He loves you.

## Administration and Stewardship

### Offerings:

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Collection: \$T.B.A.

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## WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**Saturday, January 24, 2026**

### Greeters:

Mary Bailey

### Ushers and Seat Counters:

Bill Kuehnle

### Lector:

Stephanie Tinker

### Altar Servers

Arrietta and Nathan Kuehnle

### Eucharistic Ministers

Jane Munger, Gail Borst

### Set-up/Shut down:

Jane Munger

**Sunday, January 25, 2026**

### Greeters:

Betty Karlau, Martha Conroy

### Ushers and Seat Counters:

John Conroy, John Millett

### Lector:

Brynda Shultes

### Altar Servers:

Sera Wargo

### Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down

Theresa Charland, Jim Buzon

### Money counters:

Shultes, Millett and Chirico

**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



baby Zoey Nashville, Ellen Wilford, Jodi Connors, Greg Filisko, Scott Troughton, Joseph Cassella, Jill Zullo, Debbie Calabrese, 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

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



**Growing In Faith Together (GIFT)  
Intergenerational Faith Formation  
and Religious Education**

Our next GIFT session will take place this Sunday, January 25 after our 9:00 AM Mass. We encourage you to stay after hospitality in the hall and re-discover with us the Catechism of the Catholic Church with the help of video presentations by Ascension Press. January Gift sessions include an adult program that centers on "Jesus and His Redemptive Mission". Our young disciples program will center around St. Clare and prayer.



**Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation:**

Small Group Session 3 (Oil – anointing, laying on of hands and being sealed): Sunday, February 1, 2026 at OLF Center.

**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  
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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 — Quiet Prayer with Ashes

**Love's Forgetfulness**

*"Why do you keep talking about my past mistakes?" said the husband. "I thought you had forgiven and forgotten."*

*"I have, indeed, forgiven and forgotten", said the wife. "But I want to make sure you don't forget that I have forgiven and forgotten."*

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*A dialog:*

*Disciple: "Remember not my sins, oh Lord!"  
Lord: "Sins? What sins? You'll have to prod my memory. I forgot them ages ago."*

**Love keeps no record of offences.**

**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, January 25, 3:00 PM in Our Lady of the Valley Hall. Blue Grass music, square dancing, and line and country dancing.



**Souper Bowl Contest**

Wednesday, January 28, 5:00 PM at St. Mark's: award-winning soups!

**Support the Livestreaming of Mass**

We are expanding our livestreaming of the Mass to include both Facebook and YouTube to improve streaming quality and reach parishioners who do not have a Facebook account. We need at least 50 YouTube subscribers to be allowed to livestream on YouTube. Please subscribe to our YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/@OurLadyoftheValley-f2n>

**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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