

JANUARY 25, 2026: Third 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, 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: \$7,825

Thank you for your generosity!

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

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."

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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