

JULY 19, 2026
16TH 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

11:15 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, July 18, 2026, 6:00 PM
Elizabeth Malone by Mary and Kevin Harmon

Sunday, July 19, 2026, 9:00 AM
Joseph Pelton by the Pelton Family

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

Saturday, July 25, 2026, 6:00 PM
Elbio and Myriam Pezzati by their daughter Rosina Pezzati
Salvadore and Mary Rivera by their children Salvadore Rivera Jr. and Yvonne Cuellar

Sunday, July 26, 2026, 9:00 AM
Eamon Lanigan by Pattie Sainsbury

We Sing Summer Ordinary Time

At the heart of our prayer, we gather around the Table of the Lord to celebrate Eucharist; to be engaged ever more as the living, heart throbbing Body and Blood of Christ. Our "Mass acclamations" are from "The Land of Rest", based on an early American folk tune. They call us back to our roots as a missionary idealistic people. We sing our mystery: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death. O Lord, until you come again." We listen attentively to the Word of God from the Hebrew Scriptures and the letters of St. Paul. Our response is Psalm 25: "To you, O God, I lift up my soul; lift up my spirit to my Lord. To you I lift up my soul." We rise for the Gospel as we sing the joyful "Alle, Alle!". We go forth, embodying the Word and enthused by remembering Christ in our midst to be God's creative love in our world. Amen!

BEATITUDES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

"Good, better, best. Never let it rest. 'Til your good is better and your better is best." — St. Jerome

In the school of Christ, every step forward in virtue opens our hearts wider to receive His transforming grace.

Administration and Stewardship

Offerings:

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Collection: \$2942.00



Thank you for your generosity!



WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 18, 2026, 6:00 PM

Greeters:
Jane Munger

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Bill Kuehnle

Lector:
Ringuette

Altar Servers:
Nathan Kuehnle

Eucharistic Ministers:
Jane Munger, Katie Hagan

Set-up/Shut down:
Jane Munger

Sunday, July 19, 2026, 9:00 AM

Greeters:
Carolina Borst, Betty Kalau

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Denise Lloyd, Sharon Riggi

Lector:
Borst

Altar Servers:
Sam Borst

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down:
Michele Borst, Joanne Coonradt

Money counters:
Ostermann, Sherer

Saturday, July 25, 2026, 6:00 PM

Greeters:
Pat Costello

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Robin Hazzard

Lector:
Pat Costello

Altar Servers:
Nathan Kuehnle

Eucharistic Ministers:
Gail Borst, Michele Cullam

Set-up/Shut down:
Robin Hazzard

Sunday, July 26, 2026, 9:00 AM

Greeters:
Joanne Coonradt, Helen Lindstrom

Ushers and Seat Counters:
John Conroy, John Millett

Lector:
Sharon Riggi

Altar Servers:
Mary McGrail

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down:
Jackie Guntert, Marcia Guntert

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, Winnie Koontz, Laurie Kinnicutt, Grant Coastes, Ina Fusco, Bernard Jermyn, Donna Kovacks, Barbara Brinknan, David Cullam, Jane Rothkopf, Sadie Dutcher

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

Missionary Appeal

From the very beginning, the Augustinians of the Assumption (Assumptionists) have been engaged in a wide variety of apostolic works. All that advances the coming of the Reign of God has always been deemed worthy of our apostolic energy.

It's a preference for poor, in response to the Gospel and to the Church calling us today to be on their side. For us too it's a consequence of our own vow to live as poor men. Some will dedicate themselves full-time to this work: with marginalized people of every kind, in hospitals and in prisons, "worker priests" or volunteers in different organizations... But all of us try to live in union with the poor, because "the poor will always be with us", because the poor are often neglected even within the Church. This is a bias that the Assumption encourages.

Our Province of North America is specifically responsible for the missions in East Africa (Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania), Mexico and the Philippines. We provide personnel and financial assistance that is indispensable in order to maintain our charitable works (schools and nurseries) and formation programs for both laity and clergy in these countries. Many of our apostolates in these countries specifically work to better the living conditions of the impoverished brothers and sisters we live with and minister to. In the Philippines, we sponsor education and aid programs for underprivileged villages both in the Manila area and in other mission centers. Our parish in Orizab, Veracruz Mexico ministers to an underserved indigenous community.

Our special **second collection** next weekend July 25-26 supports their missions. We welcome Fr. Barry Bucier to our parish. We greet him with Schoharie Valley hospitality.

(Fr. Tom Zelker will be in the Adirondacks, or somewhere, caving, canoeing, fishing, or woods walking).

Middleburgh Summer Lunch Sign-Up

Each week, Monday - Friday, of the summer starting on June 30 - August 22 The Joshua Project serves free, healthy, lunches to families and individuals, all over Schoharie County. Using the link below you can sign-up for the Summer Lunch Programs in Middleburgh. This site has split up their days into three slots: Preparation, Serving Lunches, and/or Clean-up. You can choose to help in one slot or all three slots for each day you would like to serve. You can choose as many days as you would like to serve, but please only sign up if you are certain you can volunteer that day.



To sign up go to:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0844ACA92CA4FAC70-57287151-middleburgh>

If anyone has any issues signing up, please call me, 518-231-6870, or the Joshua Project phone 518-937-2422 for assistance. Thank you — Patrick Costello.

Blessing and Thanks on Sena Monaco's Retirement

Since 2018, Sena has inspired faith and discipleship for our young people and adults with her dedicated and compassionate service as our Faith Formation Director. We are all better because of her. We invite you to express your appreciation this Sunday, July 12 after Mass and on July 19 at Our Lady of Fatima. Our prayer of joy and peace is with you Sena and Frank as you begin this new journey of life.

**We gather, we pray, and we serve**
Our Lady of the Valley Parish**Vacation Bible School**

"Creation Camp", August 3-7. 9 AM to 12:00 PM noon at Middleburgh Reformed Church. God at work in all. Call or come by our office to register.

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 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.

A real fish story

The banner on the Lord's Table is the ancient Greek for "Jesus Christ, God's Son, Savior" (ΙΧΘΥΣ). The word "ichthus" comes from the Greek word for "fish". This early Christian symbol comes from the stories of faith in the Gospels. As early as the first century, followers of Jesus used this symbol, especially during persecutions by the empire.

Independence Day 250 Thanks!

- ◇ Knights of Columbus float and parade walkers
- ◇ Rosary Society Strawberry Festival
 - ◇ Karaoke singers
 - ◇ Colonial hat makers
 - ◇ Sing-a-long musicians
 - ◇ 1776 sculpture
 - ◇ Patriotic bracelets makers

Rosary Society Info

The 60 lbs of strawberries were donated by Pat Shultes of Middleburgh Lanes. Ice cream was donated by Stewart's.

Summer gift baskets will be returning in August. Tickets sales will start the last weekend in July and continue till drawing on August 16th. There will be an adult basket and a younger theme basket. \$1 for 1 or \$5.00 for 6 tickets.

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

Sunday, August 30, leaving OLV parking lot at 2:30 PM — details upcoming.

Low bridge, everybody down—Visit to the Erie Canal Village and canal boat ride

Sunday, September 27 afternoon... more information asap.

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

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