

JULY 26, 2026
17TH 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 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

Monday, July 27, 2026

5:00—5:30 PM Rosary prayer

5:20—6:30 PM quiet Adoration

Saturday, August 1, 2026, 6:00 PM

For missions and missionaries everywhere

Sunday, August 2, 2026, 9:00 AM

Tom Gorman 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

"You know well enough that Our Lord does not look so much at the greatness of our actions, nor even at their difficulty, but at the love with which we do them."

— St. Thérèse of Lisieux (the "Little Flower")

Even the smallest acts of kindness, done with great love, become treasures in the eyes of God.

Administration and Stewardship

Offerings:

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Collection: \$3610.00



Thank you for your generosity!



WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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:

Osternann, Sherer

Saturday, August 1, 2026, 6:00 PM

Greeters:

Mary Bailey

Ushers and Seat Counters:

Robin Hazzard

Lector:

Pat Costello

Altar Servers:

Eucharistic Ministers:

Gail Borst, Katie Hagan

Set-up/Shut down:

Robin Hazzard

Sunday, August 2, 2026, 9:00 AM

Greeters:

Martha Conroy, Doreen Buzon

Ushers and Seat Counters:

John Conroy

Lector:

Borst

Altar Servers:

Sam Borst

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down:

Jim Buzon, Theresa Charland

Money counters:

Borst, 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 this 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 is in the Adirondacks, or somewhere, caving, canoeing, fishing, or woods walking).

Welcome and Share the Faith

We welcome Patty Paser as our new Faith Formation Director. Patty will minister at Our Lady of the Valley and Our Lady of Fatima. She brings with her a depth of educational experience, enthusiasm, compassion, and faith-sharing. Patty is retired from being a wonderful teacher/administrator at Middleburgh and Schenectady Central Schools. We look forward to her leadership and service among our people.



*Enjoy the earth gently,
Enjoy the earth gently,
for if the earth is spoiled,
it cannot be repaired.
Enjoy the earth gently!*

Yoruba people, Nigeria

**We gather, we pray, and we serve**
Our Lady of the Valley Parish**Summer flowers**

Garden flowers are always welcome to enhance our worship.

Vegetable Exchange

Vegetables and fruits may be shared at the outdoor table at our parking lot entrance. Also, please remember our homebound neighbors and anyone in need.

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.

Annual Diocesan Marriage Jubilee Mass

Sunday, 9/27, 3:00 PM at Christ Our Light Church in Loudonville. Inquire at 518-453-6660 or marriage.jubilee@rcda.org

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.

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

Sunday, August 30, leaving OLV parking lot at 2:30 PM (details upcoming). We will return to our Church Hall for an old fashioned baked pasta dinner with salad and bread.

**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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