

**MAY 10, 2026**  
**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**Mother's Day**



**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.

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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  
11:15 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, May 9, 2026, 6:00 PM**  
all mothers

**Sunday, May 10, 2026, 9:00 AM**  
all mothers

**Monday, May 11, 2026**  
5:00—5:20 PM Holy Rosary  
5:20—6:30 PM quiet Adoration

**Wednesday, May 13, 2026, 9:00 AM**  
For world peace

**Saturday, May 16, 2026, 6:00 PM**  
Joan Harmon by Mary + Kevin Harmon

**Sunday, May 17, 2026, 9:00 AM**  
Claire Evans by sister Stephanie + Bob Tinker

### BEATITUDES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

"The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother." — St. Thérèse of Lisieux

On this Mother's Day, we thank God for every mother whose loving heart reflects His own tender care and brings His beauty into our world.

### WE PRAY EASTER

Our Church is alive with flowers, colors, aromas, and Easter faith during these 50 Days of Resurrection. Our music and song gather, inspire, and uplift. Each week we exclaim "Glory to God", singing of a new Creation. Our response to the Acts of the Apostles (our first reading during Easter) is Psalm 118: "Sing to the mountains, sing to the sea. Raise your voices, lift your hearts. This is the day the Lord has made. Let all the earth rejoice." We approach the Gospel with the exuberant Caribbean "Alleluia". Jesus is the way, the truth, the life. We renew our faith in a resounding "I do" to the Creedal questions. When we gather around the Lord's Table we sing of our mystery: "Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free." We are sent forth with an Alleluia in our heart witnessing to the unconditional love of God.



### Bishop Mark O'Connell Visit

Our new Bishop will be here at Our Lady of the Valley Church on Saturday, June 27 to preside at our 6:00 PM Mass. Afterwards, we will have a meal and discussion with our Bishop in the Hall. All are invited.

### Administration and Stewardship

#### Offerings:

**5th Sunday of Easter Collection: \$1257.35**

*Thank you for your generosity!*

## WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**Saturday, May 9, 2026, 6:00 PM**

**Greeters:**  
Barb Valosin

**Ushers and Seat Counters:**  
Bill Kuehnle

**Lector:**  
Patty Paser

**Altar Servers:**  
Arrietta and Nathan Kuehnle

**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
Katie Hagan, Tom Valosin

**Set-up/Shut down:**  
Barb Valosin

**Sunday, May 10, 2026, 9:00 AM**

**Greeters:**  
Michele Finin, Marilyn Nolte

**Ushers and Seat Counters:**  
Jackie Guntert, Marcia Guntert

**Lector:**  
Stephanie Tinker

**Altar Servers:**  
Mary McGraill

**Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down:**  
Sharon Riggi, Joanne Coonradt

**Money counters:**  
Jane Munger, Bonnie Jorgensen

**Saturday, May 16, 2026, 6:00 PM**

**Greeters:**  
Jane Munger

**Ushers and Seat Counters:**  
Bill Kuehnle

**Lector:**  
Ringuette

**Altar Servers:**  
Arrietta and Nathan Kuehnle

**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
Michele Cullam, Jane Munger

**Set-up/Shut down:**  
Jane Munger

**Sunday, May 17, 2026, 9:00 AM**

**Greeters:**  
Caroline Borst, Helen Lindstrom

**Ushers and Seat Counters:**  
John Conroy, John Millett

**Lector:**  
Borst

**Altar Servers:**  
Sam Borst

**Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down:**  
Rosemary Gutkaiss, Brynda Shultes

**Money counters:**  
M. Borst, J. Millett, A. Chirico



baby Zoey Nashville, Jodi Connors, Greg Filisko, Scott Troughton, Joseph Cassella, Andrea Virtuoso, Michele and Phil Smith, Ed Guntert, Arthur Barrett, John Lewis Simmons, Lynn Fileccia, Anthony Chieco, Barbara St. George, Mary Harmon, Carol Hoffmann, Bob Troidl, Betty Karlau, Linda Quinn, 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

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

**EASTER: 50 DAYS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

Ever since the very beginning, disciples of the Way...disciples of Jesus Christ would gather and recall the mysteries of redemption. That somehow through the workings of the Spirit, the faithful would remember and celebrate that the boundless Love of God would be made present to people of every age and place...that there was no confining, deadening, or entombing the Life of Christ among us. Our faith is sacramental...not just remembered as a past event or a history to be recounted...but as an ongoing story that gives life...The Resurrection happens among, within, and through us...we are bold witnesses to the New Creation for all people. God's dream is our work. Each person makes a difference! We are always sent forth to embody Christ's love, Christ's justice, Christ's healing, and Christ's presence in every aspect of our life and the life of our world community. Never say, "I don't matter." because you do! You make all the difference in the world. Remember that our faith is not self-centered...we are selfless...going out of ourselves to witness to the beauty, wonder, and sacredness of all life. May the restless Spirit of Resurrection within you never settle for less, the uninspired, the tired, the routine, the negative, or the untrue...but may you always seek to live the ideal, the truly creative, the most unsettling, the wildly adventurous, with the deepest respect and highest love for all people. The stone has been rolled away...let us journey forth...together!

- ◆ **N.E.T. Dinner**, Wednesday, May 13, 5:00 PM at OLV Hall. Hamburgers, hot-dogs, chicken BBQ. Please bring a dessert to share.
- ◆ **Ascension Thursday**, May 14, 5:30 PM at LaSalle Park, Schoharie. Mass followed by a "submarine sandwich picnic. Please bring a salad or dessert to share.
- ◆ **Kingsway Mass for Pentecost**: Tuesday, May 19, 2:00 and 3:00 PM.
- ◆ **Vacation Bible School**: "Creation Camp", August 3-7. God at work in all.
- ◆ **Knights of Columbus**—Hey guys... we need you! Fellowship, fun, and service to our parish. Thursday evenings. Call our office for details.

**Blessing Prayer For Mother's Day  
God of Love, listen to this prayer.**

God of holy people,  
of Sarah, Ruth and Rebecca  
God of Elizabeth, mother of John,  
God of Anna, mother of Holy Mary,  
of Holy Mary, Mother of Jesus,  
bend down Your ear to our request  
and bless our mothers.  
Bless them with the strength of your Spirit,  
the mothers who taught us to stand and walk.  
Bless them with the Melody of Your Love,  
those who taught us how to speak,  
how to sing, how to pray to You.  
Bless them with a place at your Eternal Banquet,  
those who showed us how to feed ourselves  
and fed us while we were helpless  
but embraced in their love.  
Bless our mothers today  
now in this lifetime,  
with good things, with health.  
Bless them with joy, and love and laughter,  
with pride in their children,  
and surround them with good friends and family.  
This blessing and all graces, we pray,  
descend upon our mothers:  
in the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



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

To celebrate 50 days of Easter, parishioners are asked to color **butterflies** that will be taped onto our large wooden cross and then placed at the entryway. Copies of butterflies are available at the side entrance at Our Lady of the Valley. Let's make at least 50 for the 50 days of Easter!



Please congratulate Jane Jenkins, Jack Mormando, Fletcher Mormando, Maya Murphy, Collin Castle, Elise McDonald who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. Cards are available in the hall to share a message, prayer or congratulations note.

**Confirmation schedule: Small Group Session 5: (Mystagogy):  
Sun, May 31 at 1PM at Our Lady of Fatima.**

**Welcome to the Lord's Table!**

Ben Barbato, Michael Ortiz, Mackenzie Sinatra, Mae Jenkins will celebrate their **First Eucharist** with us on Sunday, May 17.



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

**Mother's Day—Sunday, May 10—Brunch**

To honor our moms and all the women of our families, the Knights of Columbus are hosting a "frittata brunch" after Mass. Come on over to our hall and enjoy a meal prepared with love for you.

**Rosary Society Raffle**

The Rosary Society is selling raffle tickets for their Spring Basket before and after Mass. Tickets are \$1 for 1 or \$5 for 6. Part of the proceeds will be donated to the Cradle of Love.

**Diocesan Appeal Update**

We have collected \$8,168.00 up to date. Our assessment is \$21,534.00, June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026 being the **deadline**. Please consider helping our parish to achieve our goal.

**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.

**Rachel Vineyard Retreat**

**Hope and Healing after Abortion**

May 29-31 at Dominican Retreat Center, Niskayuna.  
[rachelsvineyardalbany@yahoo.com](mailto:rachelsvineyardalbany@yahoo.com)

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