

MAY 17, 2026

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Spirit of the Risen Christ fills the Universe.



OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY

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Bulletin Items:

All bulletin items must 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, 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

Monday, May 18, 2026
5:00—5:20 PM Holy Rosary
5:20—6:30 PM quiet Adoration

Tuesday, May 19, 2026, 2:00 PM and 3:00 PM
Pentecost Masses at Kingsway Nursing Facility

Wednesday, May 20, 2026, 9:00 AM
For all martyrs for Christian faith

Saturday, May 23, 2026, 6:00 PM
Wanda Barr, David Hazzard by Robin Hazzard
Ed and Stasia Hagan by Katie Hagan

Sunday, May 24, 2026, 9:00 AM
Richard Kairis by Helen Lindstrom

Monday, May 25, 2026, 9:00 AM
Memorial Day Mass at Middleburgh Cemetery

BEATITUDES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

"Meditate well on this: Seek God above all things."
– St. Paschal Baylon

In seeking God above all things, our hearts find lasting joy, deep peace, and the fullness of life He alone can give.

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:

6th Sunday of Easter Collection: \$2362.50

Thank you for your generosity!

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

Saturday, May 23, 2026, 6:00 PM

Greeters:
Pat Costello

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Bill Kuehnle

Lector:
Pat Costello

Altar Servers:
Arrietta and Nathan Kuehnle

Eucharistic Ministers:
Tom Valosin, Michele Cullam

Set-up/Shut down:
Barb Valosin

Sunday, May 24, 2026, 9:00 AM

Greeters:
Joanne Coonradt, Betty Karlau

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Stephanie and Bob Tinker

Lector:
Brynda Shultes

Altar Servers:
Sera Wargo, Mary McGrail

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down:
Theresa Charland, Marcia Guntert

Money counters:
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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.



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

Please congratulate Jane Jenkins, Jack Mormando, Fletcher Mormando, Maya Murphy, Collin Castle, Elise McDonald who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, April 26th. 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 this Sunday.

Blessing Prayer for our Awesome Life

We thank You, God of Mysterious Ways,
that You have a Holy Design
for each of us.

We rejoice
that we are, each of us,
special to You,
that our names are written in the Palm of Your Hand
and our place in history,
our purpose for existing,
is known within Your Heart,
since endless ages.

We are grateful
for that long line of holy people,
who since ancient times have inspired others
by their faithfulness
to their own special destinies.

They, by their very lives,
shout out to us
not to compromise our destinies,
not to spoil Your Eternal Design.
Blessed are You, God of History

for those events, persons, talents, loves and friends
who have helped us to discover adventure and purpose,
fruitfulness and meaning,
in our sometimes empty
and seemingly insignificant lives.

Blessed are You,
for teachers, parents, children, family members, and friends
who call us out

from the cocoon of comfort and contentment
to embark on that unique path
which You have set forth
for each of Your sons and daughters.

Blessed are You, Lord our God,
who has given to each of us
a personal destiny and purpose in life.
Amen.



Church dinners...fellowship, good food, and great entertainment.

We gather, we pray, and we serve

**Our Lady of the Valley Parish
Memorial Day Mass**

Monday, May 25, 9:00 AM at Middleburgh Cemetery, Cotton Hill Road.
We remember and honor those who have died, whose lives were taken at war. Please bring a lawn chair.

Congratulations and Prayer-filled Best Wishes to our High School

Graduates: Joshua Ringuette, Deniz Okyay, Thomas McAllister, Santino Bailey, Maria Patino, Michael Jurcek, and Jennifer Patino.
All are welcome to their Baccalaureate Prayer Services: Duanesburg, Monday, May 18, 7:00 PM at Christ Episcopal Church; Middleburgh, Sunday, June 14, 7:00 PM at the Middleburgh Reformed Church; Schoharie, Thursday, June 25, 7:99 PM at the Schoharie Presbyterian Church; Cobleskill – T.B.A.

Chicken BBQ

Saturday, June 13, 11:00 AM at Aubuchon Hardware Parking Lot, Cobleskill, sponsored by our Knights of Columbus. They are serving up chicken dinners (\$15.00) and rib dinners (\$17.00). Come on over and get a tasty meal... for a good cause.

Upcoming Independence Day Celebrations in Middleburgh

Friday, July 3: Day-long street party, afternoon parade (our float honors George Washington crossing the Delaware), fireworks, Rosary Strawberry Festival.

Sunday, July 5: 1:00 PM, Picnic at our Hall; corn ball and hoola hoop contests.

July 4 and 5 Mass – setting out “1776” flags in front of church.

“Rooted in Faith: Families of Faith” – Bring in photos of your family to be placed on our Tree of America” banner to honor our families who are America and our ideals. Copies of old photos can be made at our office.

The banner will grace our Church until Sunday, September 20... Constitution Day.

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.

Diocesan Appeal Update

We have collected \$8,168.00 up to date. Our assessment is \$21,534.00, June 30th, 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.

Our Church is open and lighted 24 hours a day for prayer, reflection, walking, and peace.