

**MAY 24, 2026**  
**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

**Peace I gift to you...as God sent me, so I send you to your people.**



**OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY**

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**Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM**

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**Parish Website:** <http://parishes.rcda.org/olvchurch/>

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<https://www.facebook.com/OurLadyoftheValleyParish/>

**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.

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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 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

5:00—5:20 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet  
5:20—6:30 PM quiet Adoration

**Wednesday, May 27, 2026, 9:00 AM**  
For all who seek God

**Saturday, May 30, 2026, 6:00 PM**  
Joseph Pelton by the Pelton Family

**Sunday, May 31, 2026, 9:00 AM**  
Mary Warner by Helen Lindstrom  
Arthur Dreyer, Jonathan Molenaar by Marie Simmons

### BEATITUDES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

"Jesus Christ, Lord of all things! You see my heart, you know my desires. Possess all that I am—you alone."

~ St. Francis Xavier

May this complete surrender to Jesus, who knows and loves you perfectly, bring you profound peace and courage to follow Him with all your heart.

### 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:

7th Sunday of Easter Collection: \$2988.75

*Thank you for your generosity!*

## WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**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:**  
Ostermann, Sherer

**Saturday, May 30, 2026, 6:00 PM**

**Greeters:**  
Mary Bailey

**Ushers and Seat Counters:**  
Robin Hazzard

**Lector:**  
Stephanie Tinker

**Altar Servers:**  
Luna and Gaia Pelton

**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
Michele Cullam, Katie Hagan

**Set-up/Shut down:**  
Robin Hazzard

**Sunday, May 31, 2026, 9:00 AM**

**Greeters:**  
Martha Conroy, Michele Finin

**Ushers and Seat Counters:**  
Denise Lloyd, Marcia Guntert

**Lector:**  
Kate Katsur

**Altar Servers:**  
Peter Sherer

**Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down:**  
M. Ostermann, J. Guntert, Buzon

**Money counters:**  
D. Lloyd, E. Blackmur



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, Barbara Brinknan, David Cullam

**A Psalm to the Wind of Heaven**

O wind that blows when and where it will,  
teach me to reverence the Wind of Heaven.

O mover of tree tops and tall grasses,  
You who are the servant of no other forces,  
open me up to the mysterious Breath of God.

O Divine Wind, blowing with the Spirit's sweetness  
through a chant-filled mosque in Arabia,  
or causing a silent heart to dance  
in hidden hermit's cave high in the Himalayas,  
or caressing with compassion  
and abandoned packing crate in an urban slum,  
wherein sleeps a homeless drifter;  
let me feel your loving touch.

Lift me up above my selfish interests,  
spreading my concerns wider than myself.

Exhale a gale of your grace into me  
and set me under full sail  
as your servant of life and of love.

Remind me with your every movement  
that history has shown clearly  
how you are the private property of none,  
how great and passionate movements  
have lost touch with your breath of life  
and so have become empty of their youthful zeal.

Wind of Inspiration, Creative Spirit of God,  
teach me not to forget  
that you come always as gift.

Remind me always to be ready  
to receive and romance and dance with joy  
wherever and whenever you visit,  
or risk that you may move on without me.

May I ever be sensitive to your gentle breezes  
and willing to soar with your wild winds.



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

Mae Jenkins, Ben Barbato, Michael Ortiz, Mackenzie Sinatra,  
celebrated their **First Eucharist** with us last Sunday.

**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. The banner is in our hall for now. Pictures may be  
brought in any time.

**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 \$13,587.00 up to date toward our goal of \$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.

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