

OCTOBER 4, 2026

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Huge, 20 foot boulders (called erratics) deposited by 2 mile high glaciers over 10,000 years ago in an Adirondack Lake... take time to enjoy today!"



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, October 3, 2026, 6:00 PM
Alice Borst by John and Gail Borst

Sunday, October 4, 2026, 9:00 AM
Stanislav Wisniewski by Laura Pelton

Anointing of the sick after Mass

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

Wednesday, October 7, 2026, 9:00 AM

Saturday, October 10, 2026, 6:00 PM
Rudy Gandolfo, Raymond Mannarino, Kenneth Brown by Linda + James Hayhurst

Sunday, October 11, 2026, 9:00 AM
Theresa Jandrositz by daughter Stephanie Tinker and son-in-law Bob Tinker

All Souls' Day

Monday, November 2, 2026

We keep in mind all of our sisters and brothers who have died, especially those from our parish. We gather in prayer filled with life and hope, Resurrection's promise.

Prayer services will be at Our Lady of the Valley at 12:00 noon; 5:00 PM—Rosary, 5:30 PM—reading of the names of loved ones who passed this year; followed by quiet prayer in Adoration. Our prayer service at Our Lady of Fatima is at 6:00 PM.



BEATITUDES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace."
— St. Francis of Assisi

May the Lord continue to guide your heart with His peace and strengthen you in every step.

Administration and Stewardship

Offerings:

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Collection: \$1970.00
Thank you for your generosity!



WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 3, 2026, 6:00 PM

Greeters:

Mary Bailey

Ushers and Seat Counters:

Robin Hazzard

Lector:

Pat Costello

Altar Servers:

Eucharistic Ministers:

Katie Hagan, Gail Borst

Set-up/Shut down:

Robin Hazzard

Sunday, October 4, 2026, 9:00 AM

Greeters:

Michele Finin, Betty Karlau

Ushers and Seat Counters:

John Conroy, John Millett

Lector:

Debra McAllister

Altar Servers:

Sam Borst, Mary McGrail

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down:

Jim Buzon, Rosemary Gutkaiss

Money counters:

Shultes, Millett, Chirico

Saturday, October 10, 2026, 6:00 PM

Greeters:

Ushers and Seat Counters:

Bill Kuehnle

Lector:

Patty Paser

Altar Servers:

Eucharistic Ministers:

Joyce O'Brien, Michele Cullam

Set-up/Shut down:

Robin Hazzard

Sunday, October 11, 2026, 9:00 AM

Greeters:

Joanne Coonradt, Marilyn Nolte

Ushers and Seat Counters:

Jackie Guntert, Denise Lloyd

Lector:

Sharon Riggi

Altar Servers:

Peter Sherer

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down:

Theresa Charland, Brynda Shultes

Money counters:

Munger, Ostermann

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



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, Sharon Wood, Jim Ault, Linda Pagano, Tom Barr, Mary Hazzard, Helen Zebrowski, Joyce Montgomery, Joan Wissert, Laurie Kinnicutt, Grant Coastes, Ina Fusco, Bernard Jermyn, David Cullam, Jane Rothkopf, Sadie Dutcher, Nate Clements, Jean Cavenas, Debrah Fileccia, Skip Teale, Adam Schweikert, Nancy Wise, Mary Ann Wise

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

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

You count!

Every October, our Diocese takes a census of every Mass in every parish. Numbers are used for viability and planning. Keep the faith!

Community Anointing of the Sick

Sunday, October 4, immediately after our 9:00 AM Mass. Anyone in need of healing — physical, emotional, spiritual — is welcome to stay for this prayer.

Neighbors Eating Together (NET Dinners)

We begin our Wednesday evening (5 PM—6:30 PM) dinners served by the Churches of Middleburgh. On October 7 at Nourished of Middleburgh (the Methodist Church) on the corner of Main and Clauverwie. Our Lady of the Valley hosts the second Wednesday of each month (October 14). St. Mark's and the Reformed Church will follow. All are always welcome to come together, converse, and enjoy some delicious food. Helpers are also needed. Come and become neighbors.

Our first N.E.T. dinner: pork and vegetables, will be Wednesday, October 14 beginning at 5:00 PM. We need help setting up, serving, and cleaning up. You are needed!

Rosary Society

Next Rosary meeting is October 17, 10 a.m. in the hall. New members are needed.

Diocesan Appeal

An easy way to support our parish and diocese is to simply donate online at:

donate.thediocesanappeal.org

Click on our parish and the amount you wish to donate, and you're done. Thank you.

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 *The Old Stone Fort, Schoharie*. 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.

THE TRANSFORMATION

*The snake does not enjoy the shedding,
It rubs itself raw against rock and branch,
half-blind, skin catching on everything,
until what no longer fits finally tears free.
Nobody calls it violence. We call it growing.*

*The cocoon is not a resting place.
Inside, the caterpillar doesn't sleep—it dissolves.
Becomes soup. Becomes nothing
you could point to and say there, that's it, still
becoming.*

*If you cut it open early,
you would find no wings forming, only ruin.
That is not proof God left.
That is the dark the wings needed.*

*And the egg—the egg does not crack
because something has gone wrong.
It cracks because something is finally
strong enough to leave.*

*So when your life feels like rupture,
when the shell you called stable is splitting under
you
when the world you counted on shows its fracture
lines —*

*ask, before you assume abandonment:
is this the absence of God,
or the labor of God, too close to see clearly?*

*The cross was not tidy.
Resurrection did not arrive instead of the wound —
it arrived through it.*



On the Erie Canal... but who's steering the boat?

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