

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026
26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Autumn! Asters and Goldenrod...God's Beauty Abounds!"



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, September 26, 2026, 6:00 PM
Dale Stewart by Mary Bailey

Sunday, September 27, 2026, 9:00 AM
Joseph DePersia by the Pagano Family

Monday, September 28, 2026
5:00—5:20 PM Divine Mercy chaplet
5:20—6:30 PM quiet Adoration

Tuesday, September 29, 2026, 2:00 PM and 3:00 PM
Kingsway Nursing Facility Masses

Wednesday, September 30, 2026, 9:00 AM
Ed Guntert by the Pagano Family

Friday, October 2, 2026, 5:00 PM
Blessing of animals

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

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.



BEATITUDES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

"Let us love, since that is what our hearts were made for." — St. Thérèse of Lisieux

May our love shine in simple acts of kindness, revealing the heart of Christ within us.

Administration and Stewardship

Offerings:

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Collection: \$2351.50
Thank you for your generosity!



WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 26, 2026, 6:00 PM

Greeters:
Mary Bailey

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Bill Kuehnle

Lector:
Patty Paser

Altar Servers:
Michael and Wesley Ortiz

Eucharistic Ministers:
J. O'Brien, Katie Hagan

Set-up/Shut down:
Jane Munger

Sunday, September 27, 2026, 9:00 AM

Greeters:
Caroline Borst, Marilyn Nolte

Ushers and Seat Counters:
Jackie Guntert, Marcia Guntert

Lector:
Borst

Altar Servers:
Sam Borst

Eucharistic Ministers/Shut down:
Joanne Coonrad, Brynda Shultes

Money counters:
Borst, Ostermann

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

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,

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

Erie Canal...

All "canalers" who signed up, please meet at the OLV parking lot at 1:00 PM this Sunday 9/27, we will car-pool from here.

Moms' Prayer Group Meeting

This Monday, September 28, starting with personal prayer at 5:00, then meeting in the Hall at 5:30 PM.

Apple cider making and Blessing of pets

Friday, October 2 on the OLV West Lawn. Beginning at 3:30 PM, we press apples (bring lots of fruit) and make fresh cider (bring bottles or jugs). Donuts, too! At 5:00 PM, we, inspired by St. Francis of Assisi, pray with our animal friends (all pets, farm animals, and well-behaved children are welcome).

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!

Pie-making

We'll be making apple pies on Saturday, October 3rd starting 8:00 AM. Bring your peeler or knife. Order forms for pies are available at our entrances.

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.

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.

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.

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.



PSALM OF THE FEAST OF AUTUMN

*Tinted orange and yellow is the sunlight
that pours through the stained glass window webwork
of the countless gothic tree branches,
as God's cosmic temple
celebrates the feast of autumn.*

*The aroma of leaves
fills every one of my pores
as clouds of autumn incense rise,
amidst the tall, tree pillars
of basilica earth.
"Holy, holy, holy are you. God of Creation,
heaven and earth are full of your glory,
holy, holy, holy are you."*

*In sacred dance, great hosts of brown leaves
circle-turn before earth's altar,
whirling round like brown-robed Sufis,
lost in the ecstasy of God.
Their voices whisper ancient chants of God's secret
name:
"Ahhh, so beautiful!"
"Ahhh, so breathtaking!"
"Ahhh, yes, ahhh!" - whispering the name of God.*

*I come like a pagan, unbaptized,
a gentle outsider standing on holy ground,
with shoes still on, yearning to be converted
to this most primal worship,
the awesome adoration of the feast of autumn.
O God, grant me the gift of conversion.*

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