

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
MALVERNE, NEW YORK

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time January 21, 2024



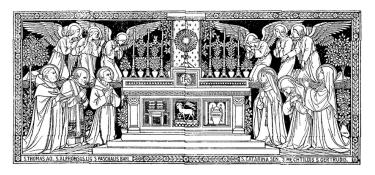
Rev. James T. Stachacz, Pastor
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THE GUIDING LIGHT FROM THE GROTTO 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME MARK 1:14-20

Forty Hours Adoration: February 9-11, 2024

In gratitude to God for the gift of the Sacrament of the Eucharist, in celebration of the Eucharistic Revival for the Catholic Church in the U.S. and in celebration of our Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes, our Patroness, we will gather together as a parish to celebrate the Forty Hours Devotion, asking that He may continue to extend His mercy and blessings upon us.



What is the Forty Hours Devotion?

- Dating from 1534, the devotion consists of solemn exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the altar for forty hours.
- The number forty has always symbolized a sacred amount of time in Scriptures. The forty hours remind us of the rains during the time of Noah which lasted for 40 days and 40 nights; the Jewish people wandered in the desert for 40 years before they reached the Promised Land of Israel; Our Lord fasted and prayed in the desert for 40 days and 40 nights before beginning his public ministry.
- The forty hours devotion remind us of the forty hours in which Our Lord remained in the tomb (from the afternoon of Good Friday until the morning of Easter Sunday). This was signified in the Middle Ages when the Blessed Sacrament was transferred to the repository, "the Easter Sepulcher" marking our Lord's time in the tomb.
- Since the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament should never be left unattended, we encourage everyone who is available to fill out our sign-up sheet, pledging to make at least one holy hour during the Forty Hours.
- · After the Apostles fell asleep in the Garden of

Gethsemane while Christ prayed before His arrest, Jesus said to them, "Could you not watch with me for one hour?" (Matthew 26:40). In making a Holy Hour, we can do what even the Apostles could not in Gethsemane.

- The Parish daily Mass schedule on Friday and Saturday as well as the Sunday Mass schedule will remain the same during this period. The 9:00 AM Mass on Friday February 9 will begin with a Solemn Mass of Exposition and the 12:00 Noon Mass on Sunday will conclude the time of exposition with Procession, Benediction and Final Reposition.
- An additional Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 PM on Friday, the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Our Lord Jesus Christ. This Mass will be celebrated in the Extraordinary Form (Traditional Latin Mass) according to the rites prior to the Second Vatican Council.
- An Evening Prayer of Vespers will be offered on Saturday, February 10 at 7:00 pm.
- The Forty Hours devotion can be seen for as a miniretreat for us as a parish as we prepare to enter into the Holy Season of Lent. It is a wonderful opportunity for the spiritual growth of each person and the whole parish. In a world where temptation and evil abound and the forces of secularism are strong, a Forty Hour Devotion to our Lord in the Eucharist is need now more than ever.

Please join us February 9th following the 9:00 am Mass through February 11th concluding with the 12:00 Noon Mass with Bishop Andrzej celebrating.

Save these dates! May God bless you and Mary keep you and your family always. Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us!

Fr. Jim

SOURCES

- ~Fr. Brandon P. O'Brien J.C.L.
- ~"What Is the 40 Hours Devotion?" from Catholic Straight Answers.

Mass Schedule

Monday through Saturday 9:00 am and live-streamed

Weekend Masses

Saturday ~ 5:00 pm

Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am ~ live-streamed 12:00 pm, 5:00 pm

Confession

Saturday \sim 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm

Masks must be worn.

Confessions will be heard behind the screen for the protection of both the penitent and the confessor.

Welcome to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

65 Wright Avenue, Malverne, NY

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Parish Center Office Hours:

Monday to Friday:

9:00 am to 12:00 pm, 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Saturday and Sunday: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Music Ministry Team:

Tess Austin, Stephen Harth, &

Christine Solimeno

sharth5620@ollmalverne.org

Youth Director: Linda Baldacchino Maintenance: Kevin Dieck

Rocco Bruzzese

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Mary Lasar, Director

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Religious Education Office Hours

Monday to Friday: 9:30 am to 3:15 pm ~ Parish Center Tuesday & Wednesday: 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm ~ School Saturday: 9:30 am to 10:30 am ~ School

School Office

Stephen Harth, Principal ~ sharth5620@ollmalverne.org Magdalen Hamilton-Roldan, Administrative Assistant (516) 599-7328 ~ Fax: (516) 231-1440 www.OLLMalverne.org

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 20th ~ Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr

5:00 pm Julia Biondo (d)

Sunday, January 21st ~ Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am Howard Cummings (d) 9:00 am Katie Schierle (d) 10:30 am Richard Dee Sr. (d) 12:00 pm Jerry McLaughlin (d)

Angelina & Richard Morese (d)

Marian DiGiacomo (d) Margaret Carulli (d)

Robert Enriquez & Sindo Enriquez (d)

5:00 pm Deceased Members of the Studdert & Don Lon

Families

Monday, January 22nd ~ Day of Prayer for the Legal
Protection of Unborn Children

9:00 am Gloria Hassett (d)

Tuesday, January 23rd ~ Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr

9:00 am St. John the Baptist

Wednesday, January 24th ~ Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop,

Religious Founder & Doctor

9:00 am Bella S. Mercado (d)

Thursday, January 25th ~ The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

9:00 am All Souls

Friday, January 26th ~ Saint Timothy & Saint Titus, Bishops

9:00 am All Saints

Saturday, January 27th ~ Saint Angela Merici, Virgin

9:00 am Mary Shekian Avino (d)

Guillermina Buritica (d) Thomas Fitzgerald (d) Rafaele Borrelli (d) Stephen Margiotta (d)

5:00 pm Ann Hanson (d)

Sunday, January 28th ~ Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am Geraldine Marcello (d)

9:00 am Irene Held (d)

10:30 am Anthony & Mary Consolo (d)
12:00 pm Ed & Jeanne Coyne (d)

Alberto Rico (d)

Jerald C. McLaughlin (d) Cecil Frank Sledge (d)

Cecil Frank Sledge (d)
Robert Enriquez & Sindo Enriquez (d)

Living intentions of James Talbot on his 90th Birthday

5:00 pm John Robert Armstrong (d)

Wedding Times

Fridays ~ 2:30 PM and 4:30 PM Saturdays ~ 1:00 PM & 3:00 PM Sundays ~ Ceremonies preferred

In your prayers please remember the sick and hospitalized members of our parish

Rev. Richard Donovan Marge Easner Deacon John Governale

Sue Kielson
John Rotondi
Lucy Sanchez
Jerry Schreiber
Joseph Siino
Kurt Werber

The names will remain for six consecutive weeks unless the Parish Office is notified.

Bulletin Reflection

Jesus calls us to "Repent, and believe in the Gospel."

Diocese of Rockville Centre

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2023 Parish Totals Goal: \$75,000.00 ~ Pledges: \$52,263.00

Donors: 142 ~ Payments: \$51,948.00

Pray for Priests

God, our Father, please send us holy priests, all for the Sacred and Eucharistic Heart of Jesus, all for the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, in union with St. Joseph. We

pray that the Blessed Mother wrap her mantle around your priests, and through her intercession strengthen them for their ministry. We pray that Mary will guide your priests to follow her own words, "Do whatever He tells you." (Jn 2:5) May your priests be holy, filled with the fire of Your love, seeking nothing but Your greater glory and the salvation of souls. Amen.

SundayRev. Louis ConaMondayRev. Sung Ho KimTuesdayRev. Frank Grieco, Jr.WednesdayMost Rev. John DunneThursdayMsgr. Brian McNamaraFridayRev. James Donovan

Saturday Pope Francis I



Our Parishioners Serving in the Military

Please keep all our Military and

Support Personnel in your prayers, especially:

United States Navy

LT Geoff Hendrick ICI Bryanne Heim Iddings LCDR Ryan Patrick Mahon LCDR Tara Mahoney

United States Army

Major Thomas Barrett Spec Lotachukwu Okoye Spec Tucker Andrew Peterson 2nd LT Katherine L. Macaluso

United States Air Force United States Marine Corps

1st Lt. William F. Cosgrove L Cpl Kristofer Katzenberger

PFC Joseph M. Macaluso LT Sam Olive

"Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Our Lord and Savior. Amen."

<u>Please let us know if any of our Military and Support Personnel have</u> returned home safely, so that we may update our prayer list.

Reflection for Next Sunday 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time January 28, 2024

First Reading: *Deuteronomy 18:15-20*Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 7:32-35*Gospel Reading: *Mark 1:21-28*

Jesus heals a man with an unclean spirit and his fame spreads throughout Galilee.

Family Connection

The people who heard Jesus teach and saw him heal in today's Gospel were said to have been astonished and amazed by the authority of his teaching. So compelling were Jesus' words and actions that the news about him could not be contained; it spread quickly throughout all of Galilee. Two thousand years later, the news about Jesus continues to spread. We are called to participate in sharing the Good News of Jesus with others in our words and in our deeds.

Gather as a family and try to name some amazing things, events, or people. In today's Gospel we hear that the people were astonished and amazed by their experience of Jesus. Read today's Gospel, Mark 1:21–28. What did the people who saw and heard Jesus find so amazing? (In Jesus, the people heard and saw the power and authority of God at work.) People should see in our lives the power and authority of God at work. Can you name any modern examples of people in whom you have seen the power and authority of God at work? Conclude in prayer together that we will experience wonder at the work of God in our world today. Pray together the Prayer to the Holy Spirit.



Upcoming Events in the New Year

Thursday, February 8

Chinese New Year Celebration 7:00 pm ~ Church Hall

Sunday, March 3

Annual Fundraiser ~ 1:00 pm

Sunday, April 14

Communion Brunch 12 Noon ~ Hempstead Country Club

Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop is all ready for Valentine's Day.

Come in to share the love!



The Thrift Shop is open every Wednesday 9:30 am - 2:30 pm and the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

All Rosary Altar Society Members

As a group, please try to attend 10:30 am Mass on the first Sunday of each month. The first few rows by the Blessed Mother Statue

Pro Life Corner

The greatest gift of God, I would think, is the gift of life. The greatest sin of humans, it would seem, would be to return the gift ungratefully and unopened." ~ Fr. John Powell

Wedding Banns

Banns II

Christopher James Cronin ~ Our Lady of Lourdes

Malverne, NY

and

Gia Lynn Asaro ~ Our Lady of Lourdes

Malverne, NY

The Altar Flowers have been donated in loving memory of



James E. Watts

Requested by Bill & Patti Ward

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Grant eternal peace to those whom You called unto Yourself, O Lord.



Christopher Battaglia Roberta Hafker

Parish Mission Statement

We, the parish family of Our Lady of Lourdes, are a faith-filled people who welcome all to join us as we listen to the Word of God and celebrate the Eucharist together. We encourage each other to grow in Christ as we use our God-given gifts to serve the people of our community.

Through the Holy Spirit we are inspired through our Patroness, Our Lady of Lourdes, and we strive to imitate her charity and love in making the will of God our own.

St. Vincent de Paul Society



In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus says: "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." As disciples, we are called to continue God's work on earth. Taking care of God's poor is indeed living Gospel values.

This month through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist families by providing food, financial assistance for utility, rent and other bills. May God Bless You!

Food Pantry

Spaghetti/Pasta, Mashed Potatoes, Rice, Rice A Roni, Jelly, Ready made sauce, —Canned Spinach, Black eyed peas

Saint Vincent de Paul would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our parishioners for your generous contributions to the Mommas House Christmas Gift Drive. On December 22 we delivered gift bags for the mothers and clothes and toys for the babies. We were warmly welcomed by the staff. We had the pleasure of meeting a few of the residents including one of their beautiful babies. We were given a tour of the house and an overall introduction to the services available to the young mothers. The residence provides a safe and comfortable environment for the mothers and babies with the support of a loving staff. Ongoing workshops are presented on various Life Skills such as Nutrition, Budgeting, Health Care and issues such as Domestic Violence, Self esteem, etc. The mothers learn how to maintain a household through daily chores and food preparation with guidance from the on-site staff. The mothers have the opportunity to receive their GED if they need, attend vocational training, college and obtain a job. They are given the tools for a successful future for both them and their babies.

To obtain additional information about Mommas House you can call (516) 781-8637 or look on line at info@mommashouse.org

Altar Server Schedule

January 27th ~ January 28th

Saturday: 5:00 pm: Brooklyn Diaz

Sub Needed

Sunday: 7:30 am: Sub Needed

Caroline Rick

9:00 am: Juliana Thevenot

Sub Needed

10:30 am: Peter Signora

Nicholas Signora

12:00 pm: Rylin Kenney

Clara Lang

5:00 pm: Abigail Guiheen

Brian Guiheen

WEEKLY OFFERINGS ———				
	<u>Budget</u>	1/14/24	1/15/23	
Weekly Collection	\$13,476	\$15,403	\$11,660	
Christmas Coll	ection	12/25/23 \$60,396	12/25/22 \$60,347	

Supporting Our Parish

In these challenging times, special gratitude is expressed to those who are able to support Our Lady of Lourdes Parish.



Ways to Give

In Person: At Mass during the collection or dropped off at the Parish Center.



By Mail: Mail to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 65 Wright Avenue, Malverne, NY 11565



Online: Using PayPal or Credit Card for fast & secure contribution, visit:

www.ollchurchmalverne.org

(Will be reflected the following month)

This Week at OLL Parish

Monday, January 22
9:30 am Parish Center Room #2
11:30 amOLL School TeachersParish Center Dining Room
5:30 pmBrownie Troop 2101Church Hall
7:30 pm Boy Scout Troop 24 Church Hall
Tuesday, January 23
9:30 am SVDP Parish Center Room #2
11:30 amOLL School TeachersParish Center Dining Room
1:30 pmScripture StudyParish Center Dining Room
4:30 pmRel. Ed. Reconciliation PracticeChurch
7:15 pmCoDAParish Center Dining Room
Wednesday, January 24
9:30 am - 2:30 pm RAS Thrift Shop
11:30 amOLL School TeachersParish Center Dining Room
$7:00\ pmParish\ Center\ Room\ \#2$
7:30 pmVirtus Training (must register)Church Hall
7:30 pmAAParish Center Dining Room
Thursday, January 25
11:00 amSenior Club
11:30 amOLL School TeachersParish Center Dining Room
7:00 pmKnitting ClubParish Center Dining Room
Friday, January 26
9:30 amSVDPParish Center Room #2
11:30 amOLL School TeachersParish Center Dining Room
7:30 pmRel. Ed. Parent Meet & GreetChurch Hall
7:30 pmAAParish Center Dining Room
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Saturday, January 27 9:30 amSt. Monica's Group
11:00 amReconciliation ~ Our Lady of Lourdes students and
Ms. Altieri's classChurch
1:30 pmReconciliation ~ Rel Ed students, Ms. Cabrera,
Ms. Mamounis & Mrs. Reilly's studentsChurch
4:00 pmConfessions
7:30 pmAAParish Center Dining Room
Sunday, January 28
9:00 amFamily MassChurch Hall
10:00 amOCIAParish Center Dining Room
10:15 am - 12:15 pmOLL School Open House
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All parishioners are invited to volunteer to be a part of the offertory procession at the Mass which you attend. This may be especially appropriate if the Mass is being offered for a relative or friend. Please see one of the Ushers before Mass begins to make your intention known.

Religious Education News

January Events

Tuesday, January 23rd Reconciliation Practice

Church: 4:30pm

Saturday, January 27th
Reconciliation

Church: 11am and 1:30pm

Saturday, January 27th No CLASS

SEVENTH GRADE RETREAT

We would like to thank Linda Baldacchino and the young men and women in our Youth Ministry who made our 7th grade retreat such a meaningful and joyful experience. Our Youth Ministry members imparted what lies ahead as members of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish family.

Please refer to the bulletin and website for any revisions or updates made to current monthly events. For last minute changes refer to social media.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION PROGRAM:

Monthly Mass sheets will be reviewed to ensure that each monthly reflection (including Christmas) has been received. If any are incomplete Confirmation may be delayed.

Return all your service sheets in as you complete each assignment. Do not hold on to them until the last minute.

EIGHTH GRADE STUDENTS

With the exception of your service hours; all other paperwork should have been submitted to the Religious Education office last Friday. If any forms are outstanding, Confirmation may be delayed.

The sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Wednesday, March 13th at 1:00 PM and 3:30 PM. Bishop Romero will be our presider. Let us welcome him to Our Lady of Lourdes for the first time.





"Religion and Rock"

Tune into "Religion and Rock" with Msgr. Jim Vlaun on Sunday from 7:00 am—8:00 am on WBAB 102.3 FM or

95.3 FM on Long Island's East End. Listen on Saturdays at 11:00 pm on Sirius Radio, Channel 159, the Catholic Channel and at 11:00 pm on XM Satellite, Channel 117. Next Sunday's theme is "Searching for a Meaning" Don't miss it!



WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

Sunday, January 21, 2024

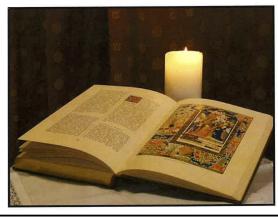
"He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures" (Lk 24:45).

Come celebrate with Bishop Andrzej.

HOLY HOUR AND REFLECTION

Sunday, January 21, 2024, at 3 pm
Church of St. Paul the Apostle
2534 Cedar Swamp Road, Brookville, NY 11545
www.stpaulsbrookville.org

All are welcome!





Pro-lifers are invited to help restore the right to life for preborn children by joining the Long Island Coalition for Life for the Roe v. Wade Anniversary Memorial Face the Truth pro-life event on Sunday, January 21, 2024, from 2:00pm to 3:30pm. This peaceful public outreach will be held on the sidewalk in front of Nassau University Medical Center (NuHealth, 2201 Hempstead Tpke., E. Meadow). Be a positive sign for LIFE! Signs provided. Rain or shine. Sponsored by: LICL 631-243-1435, info@prolifeLl.org.

On January 28, 2024 a collection will be taken for "The Church in Need." The monies collected at this time will be shared among three areas of the world where there is particular need for help:

- Church In Central and Eastern Europe this collection supports the Church in more than 25 countries that struggle to recover from former communist rule. It also aids communities throughout the region that are affected by the war in Ukraine. Fund support pastoral care, catechesis, renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region.
- America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ.
- The Church in Africa The Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa supports pastoral projects to build the capacity of the Church and foster lasting peace and reconciliation across a continent often marked by division and tension. Although the Church in Africa is growing, many still lack access to basic resources and pastoral care.

Thank you for your generosity.

A donation to our church is a beautiful way to remember, honor or give thanks for loved ones.

Church Flowers:

Altar Flowers: \$100 Tabernacle Flowers: \$60 Flowers by Blessed Mother Statue: \$30 Flowers by St. Joseph Statue: \$30

Memorials

Altar Bread: \$25 ~ Altar Wine: \$25 Sanctuary Lamp: \$25

An acknowledgement of your donation will appear in the Sunday bulletin.

No <u>flowers</u> during the Advent and Lenten seasons only.

Memorials available throughout the year.

Please come to the Parish Center to make arrangements.



We welcome you to take part in our 9:00 am Mass each Sunday that will be geared toward families with young children. It is our hope that the Family Mass will allow children to enter more fully into the liturgical life of the parish and enable parents to enter more fully into the Mass knowing that your children are engaged.

Beginning: OCTOBER 1st at the 9:00am Mass

Children's Liturgy of the Word Format: Children will be invited to the Church Hall for the Children's version of the Liturgy of the Word. This will include a reflection and activity or craft to go along with the Gospel message. Children will return to their parents during the offertory procession.

The Family Mass (with Children's Liturgy of the Word) will be each Sunday at the 9:00 AM Mass, until Pentecost Sunday,

May 19th (excluding certain holidays)

If you have questions or would like to volunteer with the Family Mass, please call 516-241-1896.





St Patrick's Day Party
Join us for a night of Dinner, Irish
Step-Dancing and Bagpipes!
Saturday, March 9th, 2024 at 7:30pm
St. Mary's/Maris Stella Council
78 Hempstead Ave
Lynbrook, NY 11563
\$50 per person/\$100 per couple
(Couples who book prior to Feb 15th pay

Dinner includes a choice of Corned Beef and Cabbage or Chicken and of course, Irish Soda Bread! Guinness on Tap! Featuring Irish Music, live Bagpipes as well as live Irish Step-Dancing!

50/50 and Raffles all night!

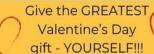
Contact Nick at (516) 668-2648 or via email

nickcomando@hotmail.com

Checks can be made payable to 'St. Mary's/Maris Stella Council 2228' and sent to the above address. (Venmo or Zelle also accepted)









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February 9-11

Held at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception Huntington, Long Island

Questions? Kevin & Regina Hickson (516) 554-3835 Long Island Application Couple



OLL YOUTH MINSTRY Grades 9-12

OLL Youth Ministry provides opportunities for teens grade 9-12 to grow in their faith and be involved in our parish community.

> *Discussion Nights *Service Projects *Youth Masses *Rec Nights *Leadership Roles (lector, usher, singing) *Midnight Runs *Eucharist Adoration *Theme Nights and Parties

To receive weekly updates on our events and opportunities please call or text Linda at 516-241-1896

All Teens Grade 9th — 12th Invited! **Sunday**, **October 1st 6:00 – 8:00pm** In the Church Hall









Congratulations to the following Chaminade H.S. students who achieved First Trimester Honor **Roll Status.**

Freshman

Owen P. Mullane

Sophomore

James. F. Darcy ~ William J. Frohne Brian P. Guiheen ~ Aidan J. Hynes Conrad J. Kramer

Junior

Thomas J. Baldacchino ~ Owen M. Brennan James D. Castrofilippo ~ Quinn T. Gillen Richard J. Gunther ~ Robert P. Lawler Aloysius D. Pfeffer ~ Keegan T. Portsmore Colin C. Sullivan

Senior

John R. Bitonti ~ Matthew J. Calabrese Julian G. Coletta ~ Thomas J. Grech Liam B. Healy ~ Matt Klimek Daniel L. Sullivan





Bishop Barron Says New Vatican Document Affirms Church's Timeless Teaching on Marriage

WASHINGTON - The document released this week by the Vatican on the pastoral meaning of blessings insists that marriage is a union of one man and one woman in lifelong fidelity and openness to children, said Bishop Robert Barron of Winona-Rochester. Following the publication of Fiducia supplicans by the Vatican's Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith, the chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life, and Youth, addressed questions and concerns that have emerged.

"In my capacity as chairman of the USCCB Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life, and Youth, I would like to respond to some of the questions and concerns that have emerged in the wake of the publication of the Vatican document, Fiducia Supplicans. The statement in no way calls for a change in the Church's teaching regarding marriage and sexuality. In fact, it goes to great lengths to insist that, in accord with unchanging doctrine, marriage is a union of one man and one woman in lifelong fidelity and openness to children.

"The blessings that it allows for those in irregular relationships are not liturgical in nature and hence do not imply any approbation of such relationships. Rather, these benedictions are informal and spontaneous, designed to call upon God's mercy to heal, guide, and strengthen. Despite some misleading coverage in the press, the declaration does not constitute a 'step' toward ratification of same-sex marriage nor a compromising of the Church's teaching regarding those in irregular relationships.

"Fiducia Supplicans is very much congruent with Pope Francis's long-held conviction that those who do not live up to the full demand of the Church's moral teaching are nevertheless loved and cherished by God and invited to accept.



OLL MEN'S CLUB

AFC/NFC Championship Party

Sunday, January 28th after 2:30pm

Maier's Brick Café 157 Lakeview Ave, Lynbrook

> Beer, Food, Boxes & Prizes \$60 Admission

> > IT'S FOR THE KIDS!

For questions, email: mensclub@ollchurchmalverne.org



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St. Monica's Intercessory & Special Needs Prayer Group

As we are made in God's image, so may we live in God's Likeness.

Saturday, January 27th 2024

Come pray for those you love to "Come Home to the Catholic Faith"

All Are Welcome

IN THE CHURCH HALL AFTER 9 AM MASS

Together we will pray for the conversion of all God's children, by entrusting them to God Our Father, through the intersession of Our Blessed Mother and St. Monica.

We also pray prayers for those with special needs.

For further information contact: Peg Hannan 887-3390

Join us in prayer in the Church Hall every 4th Saturday or list the names of those that you would like us to pray for, return to the Parish Center or place in the collection basket:



Triduum for the Solemnity of Saint Agnes

January 19-21, 2024 | Patroness of our Cathedral and of the Diocese of Rockville Centre

Friday, January 19, 7:30 P.M. | Holy Hour featuring The Cathedral Choirs

Saturday, January 20, 5:00 P.M. | **Solemn Mass of Saint Agnes** featuring The Cathedral Singers of Saint Agnes singing selections from *Missa O Quam Gloriosum* by Victoria and other sacred works

Sunday, January 21, 4:00 P.M. Solemn Vespers of Saint Agnes featuring The Cathedral Choirs followed by Veneration of a Relic of Saint Agnes

Guest Homilist: Father Louis Cona, Associate Pastor, St. Patrick's, Smithtown

St. Agnes Cathedral | 29 Quealy PI, Rockville Centre, NY 11570



If you are a volunteer in the Diocese of Rockville Centre you must be Virtus trained.

Our Lady of Lourdes will be holding a class on **Wednesday**, **January 24**, **2024 at 7:30** pm in the Church Hall. All attendees MUST be registered before attending. Please see instructions below.

If you have any questions, please call the Parish Center.

Volunteers in the Diocese of Rockville Centre

A person wishing to volunteer in any parish or organization in the Diocese of Rockville Centre must first complete three requirements:

- 1. Attend Protecting God's Children (Virtus)
- 2. Sign the Codes of Conduct
- 3. Complete a background screening application.

(Background screening is conducted on all volunteers and employees every 5 years.)

<u>Directions to Complete the 3 Requirements:</u>

- 1. Sign up to attend a Protecting God's Children class: www.Virtus.org When you log on to the Virtus website, you will create a Virtus account.
 - a. If you have not attended a Virtus class, you are a first time registrant.
 - b. The first screen will ask the name of your organization-from the drop down list select **Rockville Centre-Safe Environment**.
 - c. Follow all directions on the next screens.
 - d. One screen will have the **Codes of Conduct**. Please acknowledge the Codes of Conduct.
 - e. Continue with the registration process and select the class you will attend.
 - f. After selecting the class, you will be instructed to complete the background screening application.
 - 2. Background Screening Application:
 - a. Sterling Volunteers is the company providing the background screening.
 - b. Follow all the directions to complete the background screening application. DO NOT STOP ONCE YOU BEGIN THE APPLICATION! If you stop-you are locked out of the process due to security procedures.
 - c. You will need to provide your Social Security #; if you do not provide a Social Security # you will be charged a fee.
 - d. After completing the application, hit the 'Submit Button'

Congratulations! You have now:

Registered to attend a Virtus class \sim signed the Codes of Conduct \sim Completed the Background Screening.



Focus on Religious Freedom

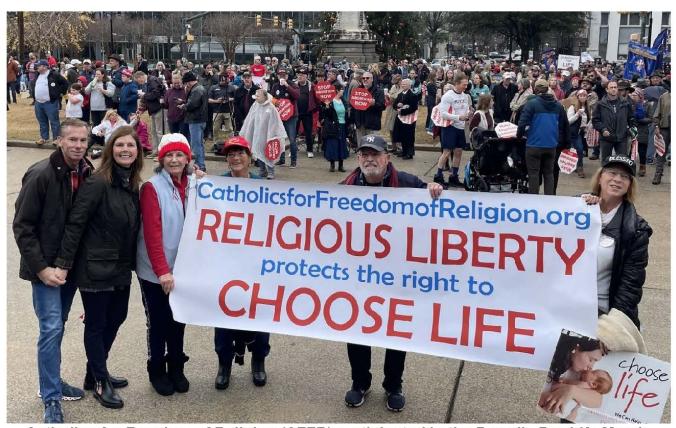
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Religious Freedom Protects the Right to Choose Life

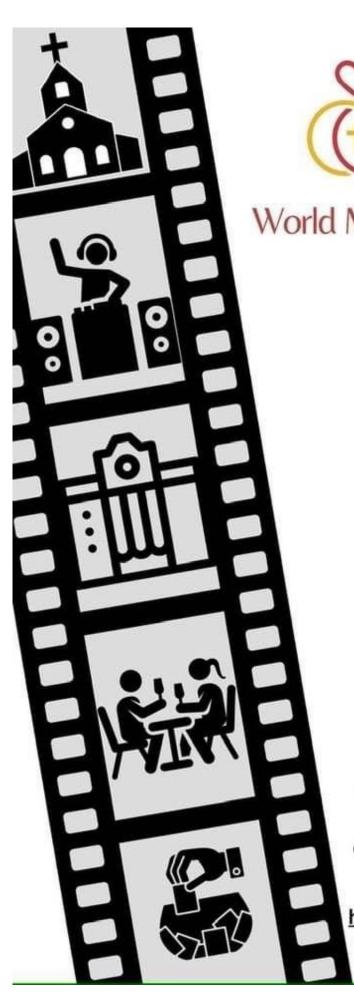
The 1st Amendment's religious freedom clauses direct the federal government not to favor or impose one particular faith and to protect the free exercise of all faiths.

Our Religious Freedom, freedom of conscience, protects Americans from having to violate their chosen faith by government imposed regulations which may, for example, mandate that medical personnel and hospitals perform abortions, require employers to include contraception and abortion inducing drugs in their medical insurance, force business owners to use their creative skills to "celebrate" lifestyles which are in opposition to their sincerely held religious beliefs, forbid student-led prayer in public schools, etc.

- -Founder and President James Madison "Conscience is the most sacred of all property..."
- -Founder and President John Adams "Nothing is more dreaded than the national government meddling with religion."
- -Founder and President Thomas Jefferson "The God who gave us life gave us liberty at the same time: the hand of force may destroy, but cannot disjoin them."



Catholics for Freedom of Religion (CFFR) participated in the Proudly Pro-Life March,
Columbia, SC; Jan. 6, 2024
Led by (third from left) Carol Jean Walters, SC State Director of CFFR





World Marriage Day Dance 2024



Saturday February 3rd

Mass at **6pm** followed by Dinner & Dancing until 11pm

Price per couple: \$175

3 Course Sitdown Dinner
Open Bar
DJ & Photo Booth
Raffle Baskets and 50/50

Venue: O'Connell Gardens 2985 Kenneth Pl

Oceanside, NY 11572



Scan QR code or Register at: https://wwmenyli.org/enrichment.php

> Need help? call Maria & Chuck Reiss (631) 486-8607





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Irish American Society 2024 5th Annual High School Award Sponsored by



OLD WORLD QUALITY CORPORATION Muldoon Family West Hempstead, New York

2-\$500 awards

In a 1000 word personal essay,

"Tell Us About Your Favorite Irish Memory"

Please submit 2 hard copies of essay, one without a name, to IAS office by regular mail or in person. Essay must be signed or stamped by High School Principal. No gender requirement.

Eligible: IAS members or children of IAS members who are high school seniors, class of 2024.

Submission Date: 3/1/2024

Winners will be contacted the first week of April 2024

Awards presented: on 4/16/2024 at the April Society Meeting

All submissions will be judged by Scholarship Committee Chaired by Kiera Murtagh Pfaff



7:00 PM ST. DOMINIC SCHOOL GYM Tickets On Sale!

https://harlemwizards.com/schedule-tickets/

*This is not a drop-off event, K-6 students must be accompanied by an adult.

We will be selling concessions and Wizards Souvenirs (cash or cc) to help raise money

Tickets

General Admission - \$30 in advance (\$35 @ door) (children 3 and under do not need a ticket)

Reserved Student- \$50

Special reserved seating close to the court and free team poster.

Reserved Adult- \$50

Special reserved seating close to the court and \$5 souvenir gift certificate. (200 max seating)

Courtside Plus Student - \$80 (limited quantity)

Courtside reserved seating, pregame meet & greet with players, souvenir lanyard, a color team photo that is perfect for autographs and a \$5 discount on Wizards replica jersey.

Courtside Plus Adult - \$80 (limited quantity)

Courtside reserved seating, pregame meet & greet with players, souvenir lanyard, and a \$10 souvenir gift certificate for adults.

Courtside Player (Students K-8) - \$155 (10 tickets available)

Courtside reserved seating, pregame meet & greet with players, jersey (picked up at game) souvenir lanyard, color team photo for kids that is perfect for autographs AND the opportunity to play in a 3-minute game with the Harlem Wizards during half-time.