



OUR LADY OF LOURDES  
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
MALVERNE, NEW YORK

*Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*  
March 29, 2026

The King Who Came  
to Save

Matthew: 26:14–27:66



Rev. James T. Stachacz, Pastor

Deacon Richard H. Portuese

Rev. Brandon P. O'Brien, J.C.L., In Residence

Rev. Eugene C. Umeyor, CMF, In Residence

THE GUIDING LIGHT FROM THE GROTTO – PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD  
MATTHEW 26:14-27:66



Entering the Sacred Days:

# The Paschal Triduum

Each year, the Church invites us into the most sacred time of our faith—the three holy days that lead us from the Last Supper to the joy of the Resurrection. These are not simply events we remember. They are mysteries we enter.

Remember during this Holy Week to unite with all that you have and are with the Lord and He will redeem it.

*Fr. Jim*



## **WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK~APRIL 1**

Join us for Tenebrae at 7:30 PM as we prepare to enter into the Paschal Triduum.

## **HOLY THURSDAY – THE GIFT OF LOVE~APRIL 2**

We begin with the celebration of the Lord's Supper, where Jesus gives us the Eucharist and shows us the meaning of true love through humble service.

As He washed the feet of His disciples, He calls us to serve one another with the same compassion and humility.

## **GOOD FRIDAY – THE CROSS OF MERCY~APRIL 3**

On this solemn day, we stand at the foot of the Cross. There is no Mass. The Church offers the celebration of the Lord's Passion with Holy Communion.

In silence and prayer, we reflect on the depth of Christ's sacrifice—an act of love that brings forgiveness, healing, and hope to the world.

## **HOLY SATURDAY – WAITING IN HOPE~APRIL 4**

The Church waits in stillness.

In the darkness of night, we gather for the Easter Vigil, where light breaks through and Christ's victory over death is proclaimed.

From the Paschal Candle shines the promise of new life.

## **ONE JOURNEY, ONE MYSTERY**

The Triduum is one continuous celebration—a journey from darkness to light, from sorrow to joy, from death to life.

As we walk these sacred days together, may we open our hearts more fully to Christ, trusting that every cross leads to resurrection and new life.

# Welcome Home Fr. McCarthy!

Thank you to Fr. McCarthy for celebrating Mass with us last Sunday. It was a pleasure to welcome him back as part of our 100th Anniversary celebrations.



### 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 ~ 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm

### Welcome to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

65 Wright Avenue, Malverne, NY

**Pastor:** Rev. James T. Stachacz  
(516) 599-1269 ~ Fax: (516) 231-6750  
fatherjim@ollchurchmalverne.org

**Parish Website:** OLLChurchMalverne.org

**Church Hours:** 8:00 am to 2:45 pm

**Parish Center:** Kelly Lackner, Administrative Assistant  
rectoryoffice@ollchurchmalverne.org

Jennifer Prizzi, Business Manager  
jenniferprizzi@ollchurchmalverne.org  
(516) 599-1269

### Parish Center Office Hours:

Monday to Friday:  
9:00 am to 12:00 pm, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm  
Saturday: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm  
*No evening hours on Friday*

**Parish Trustees:** Michael Hannan and Lorraine Korth Smith

**Music Ministry Team:**  
Stephen Harth, and Christine Solimeno  
sharth5620@ollmalverne.org

**Youth Director:** Linda Baldacchino

**Maintenance:** Kevin Dieck  
Rocco Bruzzese

### Religious Education:

Mary Lasar, Director  
ollreled@gmail.com  
Marybeth Malone, Secretary  
(516) 599-7222

### 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  
Lisa LoGrande, Administrative Assistant  
(516) 599-7328 ~ Fax: (516) 231-1440  
www.OLLMalverne.org

### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, March 28th ~ Lenten Weekday

5:00 pm Gene Mazzei (d)

#### Sunday, March 29th ~ Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

7:30 am John P. Dolan Sr. (d)  
John P. Dolan Jr. (d)  
9:00 am For the Living Intentions of Frank Skelly on his  
Birthday  
10:30 am For the Living Intentions of the Dalpiaz and  
Herrity Families  
12:00 pm Sean D. Ledwith (d)  
Nancy Fiala (d)  
Blanca Jurado (d)  
Beverly Olson (d)  
For the Living Intentions of the LaScala Family  
5:00 pm For the People of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

#### Monday, March 30th ~ Monday of Holy Week

9:00 am Sean D. Ledwith (d)  
2:00 pm Confessions  
6:00 pm Confessions

#### Tuesday, March 31st ~ Tuesday of Holy Week

9:00 am Mary Consolo (d)

#### Wednesday, April 1st ~ Wednesday of Holy Week

9:00 am Harry & Lil Winter (d)  
7:30 pm Tenebrae Service

#### Thursday, April 2nd ~ Holy Thursday

9:00 am Morning Prayer  
7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper  
9:00 pm Adoration

#### Friday, April 3rd ~ Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord

9:00 am Morning Prayer  
12:00 pm Living Stations of the Cross  
3:00 pm Passion of the Lord - Communion Service  
7:30 pm Stations of the Cross

#### Saturday, April 4th ~ Holy Saturday

9:00 am Morning Prayer  
9:45 am Easter Food Blessing  
12:30 pm Confession  
8:00 pm Easter Vigil

#### Sunday, April 5th ~ Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

7:30 am For the People of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish  
9:00 am For the Living Intentions of Veronica Loehle  
10:30 am Msgr. Stanley Wolf (d)  
10:45 am Linda S. Lackner (d)  
12:00 pm Wilford Maples (d)  
Michael J. LoCascio (d)  
Jean Phillippe Magno (d)  
Marko Roguly (d)  
For the Living and Deceased Members of the  
Maranzano Family

## St. Vincent de Paul Society



Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest of Christian weeks. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and to follow Jesus through death to new life.

**Please support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the poor as they carry their cross of suffering and pain.**

### Pantry Hours

Tuesday and Friday mornings 9:45 am - 11:45 am.  
Thursday evenings 6:00 - 7:30 pm.

Please contact us at  
rectoryoffice@ollchurchmalverne.org  
or call (516) 599-1269

### Needed in the Food Pantry

Rice-A-Roni, Cannellini Beans, Baked Beans,  
Chili, Cereal, & Oatmeal

**Please place donations inside the box, located in the Elevator Lobby—ground level.**

### Diocese of Rockville Centre

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2026 Parish Totals  
Goal: \$78,750.00 ~ Pledges: \$20,421.00  
Donors: 49 ~ Payments: \$10,772.00

### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN - as of Sunday, March 15, 2026

Pledge Goal           **\$2,000,000**  
Pledge Amount:   **\$2,150,776**  
Redemption  
Collected           **\$706,349**

*Our first three projects will be installing two new boilers in the rectory and parish center, repairing the front steps of the parish center, and adding security cameras around the church.*

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** First Friday of each month at 8 pm by the Human Life Committee and the Nocturnal Adoration Society ending with Benediction at 10:00 pm.

Second Thursday of each month from Noon until Benediction at 4:45 pm.

**Rosary:** Each day beginning at 8:30 am in the Church.

## Meal Train Ministry

Do you know someone in our parish going through a difficult time that could use some support with meals or baked goods?

Would you be willing to support a fellow parishioner by making a meal or baking for them on occasion?



Please call 516-241-1896 or email  
ollmealtrainministry@gmail.com

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



**Peter Schlick**  
**Anna Rose Regan**

### WEEKLY OFFERINGS - Sunday, March 22, 2026

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Weekly Collection	<b>\$18,000</b>	<b>\$16,040</b>
Year to Date OLL Fiscal Year	<b>\$522,000</b>	<i>will report next week</i>

*Budget and Actual comprises envelopes, cash, online giving and second collections for Our Lady of Lourdes.*

## 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 Pushpay for fast & secure contribution, visit:  
[www.ollchurchmalverne.org/donate](http://www.ollchurchmalverne.org/donate)





## 2026 Events

**Sunday, April 19th—1:00 pm**  
Annual Communion Breakfast  
St. Mary's Knights of Columbus  
78 Hempstead Avenue  
Lynbrook, NY

*Please see flyer on page 14 of the bulletin*

**Thursday, May 28th—1:00pm**  
Church Hall  
RAS Annual Tea Party  
Hosted by Our Very Own Doris Laxton

**Thursday, June 18th—7:00pm**  
Church Hall  
End of Year Luau Celebration

**Christmas in July**  
Sing-A-Long  
Wear Your Favorites Christmas Sweater  
Sunday, July 19th—1:00 pm  
Church Hall

## BOUTIQUE (THRIFT SHOP) NEWS!

### **Hours of Operation**

**Wednesday 9:30 am - 2:30 pm**

**Saturday 9:30 am - 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 will be roped off.

If you require the elevator, please contact the Parish Center so we can add you to our call list in the event it is out of service.

**Thank you!**

### **REMINDER**

We need your assistance in maintaining an accurate Parish Census. When you change your address, telephone number or move out of the parish, please notify us. Just drop us a note or call us at 516-599-1269. Thank you.

### **Bulletin Reflection**

Jesus died for you. Jesus Christ, God the Son, was beaten, mocked and crucified because He loves you and wants to spend eternity with YOU.

### **Pro Life Corner**

"Reproductive rights' has long been a euphemism for destroying human life in the womb...A phrase that sounds like empowerment is really only code for the subjugation of preborn children," - Lila Rose, founder and president of the pro-life group Live Action.

### **Join Our Consolation Ministry**

*"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."  
~ Matthew 5:4*

Our Lady of Lourdes is seeking compassionate individuals to join our **Consolation Ministry**, a vital part of our parish's outreach to those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Members of this ministry provide support, comfort, and prayerful presence to families during funeral liturgies and the preparation of the Mass.

If you feel called to accompany others in their time of sorrow and offer the healing love of Christ, please consider becoming part of this meaningful ministry. Training and guidance will be provided.

To learn more or express interest, please contact the Parish Center at 516-599-1269.



### **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 wraps 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.

<b>Sunday</b>	Rev. Matthew Considine
<b>Monday</b>	Rev. Michael A. Vetrano
<b>Tuesday</b>	Rev. Donald Baier
<b>Wednesday</b>	Very Rev. Michael Duffy
<b>Thursday</b>	Rev. Christopher P. Heller
<b>Friday</b>	Rev. Michael Ngoka
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>For Priests' Families</b>

## Reflection for Next Sunday

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

**April 5, 2026**

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel Reading: John 20:1-9

*Mary of Magdala finds that the stone has been removed from Jesus' tomb.*

### Family Connection

In the Easter Gospel we hear about how the disciples found the tomb empty three days after Jesus' death. We are also told that they do not yet understand the Scriptures or that Jesus had been raised from the dead. That understanding gradually unfolded for the disciples as they began to experience the risen Lord. Similarly, our understanding of Jesus' Resurrection unfolds for us throughout our lives. In the weeks ahead, we will hear how the first disciples moved from confusion, doubt, and skepticism to faith. Their experience can teach us how we too might receive this gift of faith from God.

Gather your family members and ask them to share what they know about the events that happened in the days after Jesus' crucifixion. Invite your family to imagine that they are among Jesus' first disciples. Read together today's Gospel, John 20:1-9. Reflect together on the Gospel with questions such as these: If you had been among the first disciples who heard that the stone had been removed from Jesus' tomb and that Jesus' body was no longer there, what would you think? What did Mary of Magdala, Simon Peter, and the disciple whom Jesus loved think had happened? Recall that this experience is the first indication Jesus' disciples have that he is risen. Throughout the Easter season, we will learn more about how the disciples came to believe that Jesus had been raised from the dead.

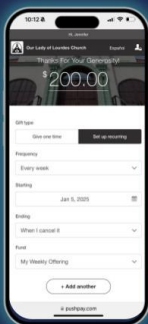
Pray together using today's psalm, Psalm 118: "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad."

### Lost and Found



If you think you have lost anything in the church ~ phone, keys, jewelry, etc. please check the vestibule and then call the Parish Center at 516-599-1269.

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## Altar Server Schedule

April 2nd & 3rd

Holy Thursday: 7:30 pm Hope Signora  
Nick Signora  
Gabriella Filakovsky  
Melody Spring

Good Friday: 3:00 pm Juliana Thevenot  
Melody Spring  
Marina Bicocchi

April 4th & April 5th

Saturday: 8:00 pm: Kayla Prizzi  
Gabriella Filakovsky  
Christopher Miro  
Melody Spring

Sunday: 7:30 am: Colin Masse  
Aidan Masse  
9:00 am: Jacob Rodriguez  
Kaiden Dauscher  
10:30 am: Hope Signora  
Nick Signora  
Scarlet Heine  
10:45 am: Luke McKeon  
Duggan McKeon  
12:00 pm: Tiernan Schutta  
Melody Spring

## The Parish Center will be closed for the Easter Holiday

Holy Thursday April 2  
Closes at 12:00 pm

Good Friday, April 3

Easter Sunday, April 5

Easter Monday, April 6



**THIS WEEK AT**  
**OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH**

**Monday, March 30th**

9:00 am.....Legion of Mary..... Parish Center Room #2  
 11:30 am .....School Teachers.....Parish Center Dining Room  
 2:00 pm .....Confessions.....Church  
 6:00 pm .....Confessions.....Church  
 7:30 pm .....Youth Ministry Confirmation Party..... Church Hall

**Tuesday, March 31st**

9:30 am.....SVDP ..... Parish Center Room #2  
 11:30 am .....School Teachers.....Parish Center Dining Room  
 1:30 pm .....Prayer Group/Scripture Study...Parish Center Dining Room  
 7:00 pm .....CoDA ..... Dining Room  
 7:00 pm .....Bell Choir.....Church  
 7:30 pm .....Boy Scout Troop 24 ..... Church Hall  
 7:45 pm .....Choir .....Church

**Wednesday, April 1st**

9:30 am - 2:30 pm ..... Thrift Shop  
 5:00 pm .....Children's Choir.....Church  
 7:00 pm .....AA.....Parish Center Dining Room  
 7:00 pm .....Prayer Group..... Parish Center Room #2

**Thursday, April 2nd - Parish Center Closes at 12 pm for Holy Thursday**

9:00 pm .....Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament .....Church

**Friday, April 3rd - Parish Center Closed for Good Friday**

9:30 am.....SVDP ..... Parish Center Room #2  
 12:00 pm .....Living Stations of the Cross..... Outside Parish Center  
 3:00 pm .....Youth Ministry Food Fast..... Church Hall  
 7:00 pm .....AA.....Parish Center Dining Room  
 7:30 pm .....Stations of the Cross.....Church

**Saturday, April 4th - Parish Center Open 9:00 am - 1:00 pm**

9:30 am - 12:30 pm ..... Thrift Shop  
 9:30 am.....Human Life Committee..... Church Hall  
 12:30 pm .....Confessions.....Church  
 7:00 pm .....AA.....Parish Center Dining Room

**Sunday, April 5th - Parish Center Closed for Easter**

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.



**"Religion and Rock"**

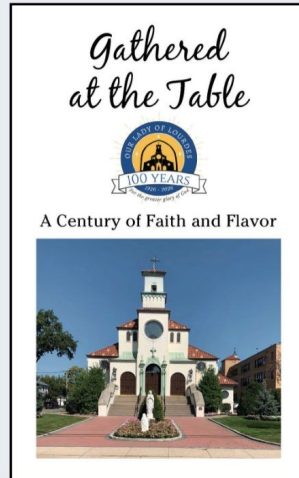
Tune into "Religion and Rock" with Msgr. Jim Vlaun on Sunday from 7:00 am—8:00 am on WBAB 102.3 FM or 95.3 FM on Long Island's East End. Listen on Saturdays at 11:00 pm on *Sirius Radio, Channel 159, the Catholic Channel* and at 11:00 pm on XM Satellite, Channel 117. Next Sunday's theme is "Easter" Don't miss it!



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PARISH CENTER!

**100TH  
ANNIVERSARY  
COOKBOOK**

**\$20**



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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

*We are always looking for individuals to join the mission of Catholic Charities and offer "Care with Dignity...Life with Hope."*

**PART-TIME DRIVER  
WEST HEMPSTEAD - SENIOR CENTER  
14 HRS.PER WEEK - MON. + TUES. – 8 AM – 3:30 PM**

We are seeking an experienced driver to drive Seniors to and from their homes to the Senior Center including ability to assist individuals in wheel chairs. Additional responsibilities include assisting with food service, setting up recreational/social events and picking up or delivering supplies.

**REQUIREMENTS:**

- HS Diploma or GED
- Valid NYS Driver's License
- At least 2 years of driving experience; driving seniors a plus.

**SALARY:** \$20 per hour

To apply, go to [www.catholiccharities.cc/careers](http://www.catholiccharities.cc/careers) and click on the "jobs" tab, review the job flyer and apply OR call 516-733-7000.

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

Mickey Ackerman	Justin Hosman
Joan Bahna	Morgan Rourke Lee
Baby Henry	Jennifer Kenny
Baby Sean	Sue Kielson
Baby Violette	Joseph F. Laxton
John Barry	Baby Leonardo
Carolyn Biondo	Speranza Marmo
John Bivona	Michael Malone
Maria Capper	Joseph Manno
Lucia Cimino-Gambino	Pat Mantel
Richard Clarkson	Paolo Miceli
Francesca Medoro Consolazio	Bishop William Murphy
Grayson Danielski	Emily Parini
Stanley Durant	Frank Pawlowski
Alix Etheart	Carol Reisinger
Anthony J. Falke	Dot Rotondi
Barbara Fumai	John Rotondi
Nicholas Gibbons	Thomas Scudero
Deacon John Governale	Teresa Spyntiuk
Kevin Hanson	Anthony Virgadamo
Michael Haines	Bill Vogric
Peter Hellers	Yvonne Jones Williams

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



**Our Parishioners  
Serving in the Military**

Please keep all our Military and Support Personnel in your prayers, especially:

**United States Navy**

LT Geoff Hendrick  
LCDR Ryan Patrick Mahon  
LCDR Tara Mahoney

**United States Army**

Spec Lotachukwu Okoye  
Spec Tucker Andrew Peterson  
1st LT Katherine L. Macaluso

**United States Air Force United States Marine Corps**

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

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

***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: \$120 for 2  
Flowers by Blessed Mother Statue: \$60  
Flowers by St. Joseph Statue: \$60

**Memorials**

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

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

**No flowers** during the Advent and Lenten seasons.

**Memorials** available throughout the year. Please come to the Parish Center to make arrangements.

***OUR LADY OF LOURDES  
YOUNG ADULT GROUP***

**Growing in  
faith together!**

**Ages 18-25**

Questions? Contact  
[ollya.malverne@gmail.com](mailto:ollya.malverne@gmail.com)

Interested? Scan to  
connect



**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.

# Our Lady of Lourdes



Third grade had so much fun at the Long Island Children's Museum! They met Mochi, who is a Leachianus gecko. They learned about Long Island's maritime history and culture in the Saltwater Stories exhibit. The students also used tools and blocks to create!



## Principal's Message



As we enter Palm Sunday, we step into one of the most meaningful weeks of the Christian year. Holy Week invites us to slow down, reflect, and walk closely with the story at the heart of our faith.

Palm Sunday begins with celebration. We remember Jesus entering Jerusalem to cheers and waving palms, welcomed as a king. There is joy in that moment, a sense of hope and expectation. Yet we also know how quickly the story turns. The same crowd that shouted "Hosanna" would soon fall silent or turn away. That contrast is not just part of history. It speaks to our own lives, where faith, courage, and commitment can rise and fall.

For our school community, Holy Week is an opportunity to pause and take stock. In a busy world filled with deadlines, activities, and constant noise, this week asks something different of us. It asks for attention. It asks for honesty. It asks us to consider how we treat one another, how we respond to challenges, and where we place our values.

A special part of our observance each year is the presentation of the Living Stations of the Cross by our eighth grade students. Through their time, effort, and reverence, they bring this sacred story to life in a powerful and meaningful way. It is always a moving experience for our entire school community, and a reminder of the depth of reflection and understanding our students are capable of.

In our middle school classrooms, students have also been reflecting more deeply on the Triduum. As part of this, they have taken a virtual field trip through Formed into Jerusalem, helping them connect the events of Holy Week with the places where they occurred. Experiences like this make the story more tangible and invite students to engage with their faith in a thoughtful and meaningful way.

Each day of Holy Week carries its own meaning. From the quiet moments of reflection to the solemn remembrance of sacrifice, and ultimately to the hope that follows, the journey is both personal and shared. It reminds us that growth often comes through difficulty, and that compassion, humility, and service are not abstract ideas but daily choices.

For our students, this is also a time to think about what it means to lead with character. Palm Sunday shows us that recognition and praise are fleeting. What lasts is integrity, kindness, and the willingness to stand firm in what is right, even when it is not easy.

As a school, we are proud not only of academic achievement but of the values we build together. Holy Week reinforces those values. It calls us to be more patient, more understanding, and more aware of the needs of others.

I encourage each member of our community to take a few moments this week for reflection. Whether through prayer, quiet thought, or simple acts of kindness, let this be a time that shapes not just what we believe, but how we live.

May this Holy Week bring you peace, perspective, and a renewed sense of purpose.

~Stephen Harth

Principal

**Called** 

"God is faithful, and by him you were called."

— 1 CORINTHIANS 1:9 —

## Religious Education News

**Congratulations to all of our Religious Education students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Tuesday. May the Holy Spirit continue to fill you with all His gifts and may you continue to grow in your faith.**

### CONFIRMATION NEWS

Reminder: Service hours for all 7th grade Confirmation Preparation students were to be returned to your teacher, Catechist or to the Religious Education Office in the Parish Center no later than March 14, 2026.

**Remember, this is a requirement in order to continue on your journey to the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation.**

7th and 8th Grade Confirmation Preparation Students continue to put your Mass Passes in the collection basket each Sunday until the end of the month of June.



### CHURCH OPENING TIMES

ALL ARE WELCOME

#### MONDAY TO FRIDAY

8 AM - 2:45 PM

#### SATURDAY

8 AM - 6 PM

#### SUNDAY

7 AM - 6 PM

# Tenebrae



Wednesday, April 1st at 7:30PM

A Tenebrae service is a traditional Catholic Holy Week liturgy that combines the Office of Matins and Lauds from the Liturgy of the Hours for the final three days of Holy Week: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. The word tenebrae means “darkness” in Latin, reflecting the sorrow and solemnity surrounding Christ’s Passion and death.

During the service, psalms, readings from Scripture, and passages from the Lamentations of the prophet Jeremiah are chanted or read. After each section, candles on a special stand called a Tenebrae hearse are gradually extinguished until the church is left in near darkness. This symbolizes the abandonment of Christ by his disciples and the deep mourning of the Church.

Near the end of the service, a loud noise called the strepitus may be made, recalling the earthquake at the moment of Christ’s death and the closing of the tomb. One candle, representing Christ, is hidden rather than extinguished, pointing to the hope of the Resurrection.

The Tenebrae liturgy invites the faithful into quiet prayer and reflection on the suffering, death, and ultimate victory of Christ.

# 24 Hour Food Fast 2026

A 24 Hour Retreat for 8th - 12th Graders  
Friday, April 3rd - Saturday, April 4th  
10:30am - 10:30am  
OLL Church Hall  
Beginning with the Living Stations of the Cross



**RAISING MONEY FOR: Our service projects supplies and donations  
to Glory House and Bethany House.**

### **What goes on at a FOOD FAST?**

During our Food Fast we will be reflecting on how God can work through us as instruments of peace in our world today. There will be service projects, activities, movie, discussion, guest speaker, and the Stations of the Cross.

### **Why do we fast?**

We fast in solidarity with the poor and to make a sacrifice. By asking friends and family to sponsor you, your fast will help the organizations we will support through donations and service. Teens will eat breakfast before they come to the event, but the only meal we will eat in the evening will be rice/beans.

### **What if I can't fast?**

Oftentimes due to various reasons a teen cannot fast and can still participate by doing a modified fast.

### **Why should I do it?**

During these 24 hours you will make new friends, help others and have a truly meaningful and memorable end to the Lenten Season.

## **Join Us or Sponsor a Participant!**

Registration forms available in the Parish Center OR call 516-241-1896 to receive via email

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**Sunday, April 19, 2026 @ 1 p.m.**

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Reservation deadline is Wednesday, **April 8, 2026**

Table seating arrangements can be requested  
by enclosing a note with your check.

Our speaker will be Sr. Mary Alice Piil, CSJ  
Director of Faith Formation, Diocese of Rockville Centre

## Lenten and Holy Week Schedule 2026

### Confessions

Mondays during Lent in Church  
February 23 ~ March 9, 16, 23  
The Light is on For You  
6:30 pm to 7:30 pm  
Saturdays ~ 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm

### Reconciliation Monday, March 30

2:00 pm to 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

### Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 7:30 pm

### Daily Mass during Holy Week

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday ~ 9:00 am

### Wednesday, April 1

Tenebrae Service ~ 7:30 pm

### Holy Thursday, April 2

9:00 am ~ Morning Prayer

7:30 pm ~ Mass of the Lord's Supper

9:00 pm to 12 Midnight ~ Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

### Good Friday, April 3

9:00 am ~ Morning Prayer

12:00 pm ~ Living Stations

3:00 pm ~ Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord & Communion Service

7:30 pm ~ Stations of the Cross

### Holy Saturday, April 4

9:00 am ~ Morning Prayer

9:45 am ~ Easter Food Blessing

Confessions ~ 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm

Easter Vigil ~ 8:00 pm

(NO 5:00 pm Mass)

### Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Church: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 pm

Overflow Mass: 10:45 am in Maier Hall (School)

(NO 5:00 pm Mass)

## Divine Mercy Sunday



In 1931, Our Lord, Jesus Christ appeared to Polish nun Sister Faustina Kowalska. She saw Jesus clothed in a white garment with His right hand raised in blessing. His left hand was touching His chest in the area of the heart, from where two large rays came forth, one red and the other pale. Jesus said to her: "Paint an image according to the pattern you see with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You..."

I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature: 'Jesus, I trust in You.' Saint Faustina was canonized on April 30, 2000 by Pope John Paul II, who declared the Sunday after Easter to be known as "Divine Mercy Sunday."

## Chaplet of Divine Mercy

### Adoration & Benediction

#### Confessions

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

**Sunday, April 12, 2026 at 3:00 PM**  
**Our Lady of Lourdes Church**



## Chrism Mass

at the Cathedral of Saint Agnes

29 Quealy Place, Rockville Centre, NY 11570

Tuesday, March 31, 2026 • 4:00 P.M.

All are invited to attend in person.

This Mass will be broadcast live on the Catholic Faith Network:  
Optimum channel 29/137, Verizon FiOS channel 296 and Time Warner Cable  
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## Reconciliation Monday 2026

Monday, March 30

2:00–4:00 PM  6:00–9:00 PM

Experience the liberating grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance). Confessions will be available in every Catholic church in the Diocese of Rockville Centre.



To find a parish near you, visit: [www.drvc.org/maps](http://www.drvc.org/maps)

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# Our Lady of Lourdes

## Centennial Anniversary

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65 Wright Avenue, Malverne, NY 11565

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Please call Diane Langella at (516) 398-3484 for additional information.

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## Liturgical Minister Training- Spring 2026

The Diocese of Rockville Center will offer training for those who wish to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors. No walk-ins permitted, all participants must be registered in advance, with a letter from their pastor.

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:** Part A - This training is required for **all** those who are beginning as Ministers. This “BASIC” training is required for **all** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Those who wish to minister in hospitals, nursing homes and to the homebound are required to attend Part B training in addition to BASIC training. One **must** attend Part A training prior to Part B training. A **Lector Workshop** is available for both new and experienced lectors.

### Dates and Locations for Liturgical Minister Training

- **Lector Workshop and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion – Part A:**

**Tuesday, April 21** – St. Elizabeth/Melville – Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm – 10 pm

**Monday, April 27** – St. Agnes Cathedral Parish Hall/RVC – Msgr. Kelly Parish Center;  
7 pm – 10 pm

You may ask your pastor to register you for EITHER the Lector Workshop OR Extraordinary Minister training at these sessions.

- **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion – Part A:**

**Saturday, May 30 – Immaculate Conception/Westhampton Beach** – Parish Center;  
9:00 am – 12 noon. There is NO Lector Workshop offered at his session.

You may only be registered with your Pastor’s nomination. Doors open 30 minutes before the training start time.  
End time is an estimate, session may end prior to 10 pm, please be prepared.

- **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Part B** – presented in conjunction with Catholic Health.

**These sessions will run from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm. Doors open at 6:30 pm.**

**Monday, May 4** - St. Agnes Cathedral Parish Hall / RVC – Msgr. Kelly Parish Center

**Tuesday, May 26** – St. Elizabeth/Melville – Msgr. Kane Hall pm

A letter from your pastor will be required to reserve your space at any of these trainings and must be received at least five days prior to the session you wish to attend. To request registration for any of these sessions, please contact your rectory. Do not call the host parishes with questions. For questions, call Suzanne Lynn at 516-744-6850. Thank you for your interest.

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