



OUR LADY OF LOURDES  
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
MALVERNE, NEW YORK

*Third Sunday of Advent*  
December 14, 2025

Rejoice! The Lord is Near

Matthew 11:2-11



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**  
**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**MATTHEW 11:2-11**



**“Rejoice in the Lord always. Pray without ceasing. Give thanks always.”**

*(1 Thessalonians 5:16–17)*

Today we celebrate the **Third Sunday of Advent**, called **Gaudete Sunday**. The word *Gaudete* means, in Latin, “rejoice.” This comes from the antiphon we say at the beginning of Mass from St. Paul: “Rejoice in the Lord always; I say it again, rejoice.” (*Philippians 4:4*) Joy is shown by the lighting of the third candle, which is rose in color. The priests may also wear rose-colored vestments, representing joy.

Today, our readings call us to rejoice, or to have joy!

What is joy? Webster’s Dictionary defines it as a feeling of happiness, success, or a source of delight. As Christians, joy is more than just a feeling. It is not living in a naïve world where everything is wonderful and perfect. Joy is a state of being at peace, knowing that no matter what is happening in our lives or in the world, we are one with God.

Joy is one of the **Fruits of the Holy Spirit**. St. Paul writes about joy in his Letter to the Galatians (5:22–23). It comes from using the seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit that we receive at Confirmation and when we allow the Spirit’s presence to live within us.

St. Paul, in his Letter to the Philippians, writes about joy although he is imprisoned and all seems dark for him. Even though death seems nearly certain, Paul is at peace because he has Christ he has lived his life for Christ and now better things are to come.

Christian joy is independent of all things on earth. Its source is found in the continual presence of Christ. When two lovers are together, they are happy no matter what. We, as Christians, can never lose this joy because, with Christ, we are like two lovers who

remain with one another no matter the circumstances in life. Pope Francis compared Christian joy to a mother in labor who experiences pain during childbirth; however, once the baby is born, the pain is forgotten. When she holds the baby close, she forgets her suffering, and what is left is the “joy of Jesus purified.”

He tells us that “Jesus came to bring joy to every age.” May we use this time of Advent to live more joyfully—not with frowns on our faces, but with smiles and an attitude of gratitude that shows we are redeemed. Advent tells us to “turn that frown upside down.” The more we share our joy with others and show gratitude for this joy, the more we are open to God’s presence working through us. My prayer for each of us is that during this Advent we recognize that joy is a fruit we cannot live without. Remember that no matter what, we always have Christ and His Church with us to lead us into the joy of heaven.

May God bless you, and may Mary keep you and your families always.

**Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us!**

**Fr. Jim**





OUR LADY OF LOURDES 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY YEARBOOK

# FREE PHOTO SHOOT

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

### 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, December 13th ~ Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

5:00 pm Jo-Anne Gecewicz (d)

#### Sunday, December 14th ~ Third Sunday of Advent

7:30 am Whitney Figliozi (d)  
9:00 am Robert P. Borodin (d)  
10:30 am Virginia Shea (d)  
12:00 pm Victor Brotons (d)  
Onofrio Avvinti (d)  
Thomas Carroll (d)  
Michael Farrell (d)  
Art Frisenda (d)  
5:00 pm Robert Grieco (d)

#### Monday, December 15th ~ Advent Weekday

9:00 am Irving Mostel (d)

#### Tuesday, December 16th ~ Advent Weekday

9:00 am Joseph Ciasulli (d)

#### Wednesday, December 17th ~ Late Advent Weekday

9:00 am Gus Monaco (d)

#### Thursday, December 18th ~ Late Advent Weekday

9:00 am For the Living Intentions of Deacon John  
Governale

#### Friday, December 19th ~ Late Advent Weekday

9:00 am Patrick Steffens (d)

#### Saturday, December 20th ~ Late Advent Weekday

9:00 am Joseph Ciasulli (First Birthday in Heaven)  
Jean-Eugene, Suzy, Frederick Cadet (d)  
James Dineen (d)  
Msgr. Anthony Danna (d)  
For the Living Intentions of Pat Mantel  
Anthony & Amalia Iadevaio (d)  
5:00 pm

#### Sunday, December 21st ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30 am John & Ann Morovich (d)  
9:00 am Maria Tirro (d)  
10:30 am James W. Suddaby (d)  
12:00 pm Kathleen Murphy (d)  
Paula Birmingham (d)  
Elizabeth McLoughlin (d)  
James Dineen (d)  
Msgr. Anthony Danna (d)  
5:00 pm John Cassidy, Jr. (d)

**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.

### Bulletin Reflection

In today's Gospel, St. John the Baptist calls us to repent and prepare ourselves for the coming of the Lord.

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

*Agnes C. Murtha*

*Marilou West*

*Mary O'Farrell*



### Reflection for Next Sunday

Fourth Sunday of Advent

**December 21, 2025**

First Reading: *Isaiah 7:10-14*

Second Reading: *Romans 1:1-7*

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 1:18-24*

*An angel appears to Joseph, directing him to take Mary as his wife and telling him that the child she will bear will be called Emmanuel.*

### Family Connection

Joseph and Mary are our models for family life and for service of God. Even when the circumstances seemed unclear, Joseph trusted God. Healthy family life is built upon trust, trust in God and trust of one another.

Spend some time talking as a family about the importance of trust in your family life, including the ways in which the children trust the adults in the family as well as the ways in which the adults trust the children. Then read today's Gospel. Talk about Joseph's trust of God and reflect together on how your family trusts in God.

Pray together that your family life will be built on trust, as was the family life of Joseph and Mary. Pray and sing together an Advent song, such as "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel."

## SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL MOMMAS HOUSE & COMMUNITY GIFT COLLECTION

The Saint Vincent De Paul Society of our Lady of Lourdes Parish will be collecting donations for our community and MOMMAS HOUSE this Christmas season. Cards for the children's gifts will be available from **November 29 through December 14** after all Masses in the church basement. Please select one or two cards.

Gifts may be wrapped or unwrapped. Please attach the gift tag to the gift.

If you like you may write a Christmas card to the child and attach it to the gift.

All gifts should be returned by **Thursday, December 18**, to the church basement.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY!

### Advent Song Words & Music by Geri Lecessi

**This is our Advent Song  
We have been waiting so long  
This is a song of New Birth  
The coming of Christ on the Earth**

**We await, we await  
We await with great expectation  
We await, we await  
The birth of our Salvation!**

**The earth is still over meadow and hill  
The night is so very dark**

**And lo there comes a light in the night  
To shine into darkened souls  
A glow so all will know  
It heralds the coming of Christ**

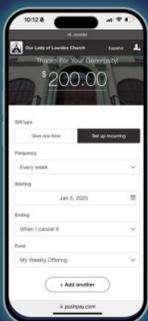
**We rejoice, we rejoice  
We rejoice in jubilation**

**We rejoice, we rejoice,  
We rejoice in our Redemption**

**The coming of Christ, the coming of light  
The coming of Christ in the world**



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday, December 14th at 1:00 p.m.**  
 Sing-A-Long in the Church Hall  
 Wear your favorite Christmas Sweater and  
 bring \$10 Grab-Bag Gift  
*Refreshments Served*

## THRIFT SHOP NEWS!

### Holiday Hours of Operation

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



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.



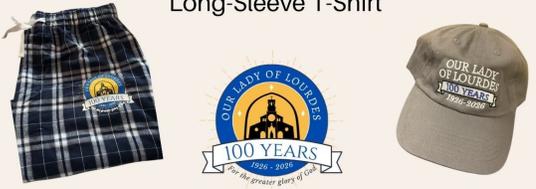


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### Pro Life Corner

*"God's love does not distinguish between the infant in the mother's womb of the child or the youth or the adult or the older person. In each one God sees His image and likeness. Human life is a manifestation of God and His glory. "*

~ Pope Benedict XVI

### 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. Robert Ketcham
<b>Monday</b>	Rev. James-Patrick Mannion
<b>Tuesday</b>	Rev. Joseph Staudt
<b>Wednesday</b>	Rev. Joseph Francis
<b>Thursday</b>	Rev. Msgr. Christopher J. Heller
<b>Friday</b>	Rev. Alphonsus Igboke
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Deceased Priests and Deacons</b>

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

Mickey Ackerman	Peter Hellers
John Barry	Justin Hosman
Carolyn Biondo	Sue Kielson
John Bivona	Grace Landisi
Maria Capper	Baby Leonardo
Marie Croce	Edward Mahoney
Lucia Cimino-Gambino	Speranza Marmo
Richard Clarkson	Michael Malone
Francesca Medoro Consolazio	Joseph Manno
Grayson Danielski	Pat Mantel
Rev. Richard Donovan	Emily Parini
Stanley Durant	Frank Pawlowski
Alix Etheart	Carol Reisenger
Nancy Fiala	Dot Rotondi
Barbara Fumai	John Rotondi
Nicholas Gibbons	Joseph Roy
Deacon John Governale	Thomas Scudero
Vincent Guido	Teresa Spyntiuk
Kevin Hanson	Bill Vogric
Michael Haines	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**

Major Thomas Barrett  
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  
LCpl 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 only.

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

*The Altar Bread has been donated in Loving Memory of*

***Joseph Ciasulli***

***On his First Birthday in Heaven***

*Requested with love by  
His Children and Grandchildren*



*The Altar Wine has been donated in Loving Memory of*

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*The Sanctuary Lamp has been donated in Loving Memory of*

***Joseph Ciasulli***

*Requested by  
The Grosso Family*



**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.

Join Us for a Night of Joy & Music!



# Christmas

## LESSONS AND CAROLS

*“Voices of the Season, Hearts in Harmony”*

*Gather your friends and family and help us spread holiday cheer as we gather in church and share classic carols and festive favorites. As we celebrate, we keep our hearts centered on Jesus, the reason for the season. Whether you’ve been singing for years or simply love the spirit of this time of year, you’re welcome to join us. Let’s fill our community with music, joy, and the message of Christ.*

*Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church  
Sunday, December 21, 2025*

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## St. Vincent de Paul Society



In today's Gospel Jesus tells us that the good news can be seen, touched felt and heard through the lives of God's people. We are now charged to take up the ministry of Jesus, but we can't just ask people to take our word for it; our actions must speak for us.

**Since Christmas is a time of love and gift giving, please share in Jesus' ministry by giving a gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who are poor can know the good news of Jesus.**

### 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

Green Peas, Rice-A-Roni, Cannellini Beans, Baked Beans, Chili, Rice, **SPAGHETTI**, Tomato Paste, Tea, Cereal, Oatmeal & **JELLY**

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

## Altar Server Schedule

**December 20th & December 21st**

**Saturday:** 5:00 pm: Frank Morsellino  
Joseph Rienzi

**Sunday:** 7:30 am: Gabriella Filakovsky  
Mae Lawler

9:00 am: Keira Regan  
Liam Regan

10:30 am: Michael Illiano  
Tiernan Schutta

12:00 pm: Scarlet Heine  
Juliana Thevenot

5:00 pm: Clara Lang  
Ryan Rivas

### WEEKLY OFFERINGS - Sunday, December 7, 2025

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Weekly Collection	<b>\$18,000</b>	<b>\$17,864</b>
Year to Date OLL Fiscal Year	<b>\$252,000</b>	<i>will report next week</i>

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

SAVE THE DATE!



## BLUE & WHITE BALL

\$185 p/p 21 & over  
7pm Cocktail Hour 8pm-Midnight Dinner & Dancing

Please save the date for a delightful evening of dinner and dancing in honor of our significant milestone.

**THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2026**

SAND CASTLE  
505 FRANKLIN AVE, FRANKLIN SQUARE

## 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

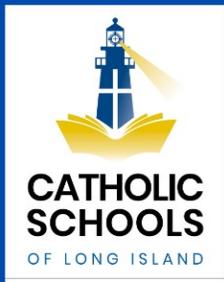


**Online:** Using Pushpay for fast & secure contribution, visit:  
[www.ollchurchmalverne.org/donate](http://www.ollchurchmalverne.org/donate)



## Diocese of Rockville Centre

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2025 Parish Totals  
Goal: \$75,000.00 ~ Pledges: \$49,693.27  
Donors: 131 ~ Payments: \$49,138.27



# Our Lady of Lourdes



St. Nicholas visited OLL Friday for his feast day. Students left a shoe outside their classrooms. And St. Nicholas delivered a candy cane, pencil and a little Jesus. They were so excited!



Out 8th grade field trip to New York City! They saw the Rockettes – who are also celebrating their 100th Anniversary! The students and families visited Rockefeller Center to see the Christmas tree as well as St. Patrick's Cathedral.

## Principal's Message



This Third Sunday of Advent meets us in the middle of a busy and grace-filled week. We've just celebrated St. Nicholas Day, a reminder that quiet generosity can change the people around us. We've kept the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, which turns our eyes to Mary and her steady yes to God. And today we look at our wreath and see three candles burning: hope, peace, and now the pink candle of joy.

Hope was our starting place. It's the small flame that rises even when the days feel dark. Peace followed, inviting us to slow down and trust that God is already at work in the places we worry about most. Now joy stands before us, not as loud excitement but as a deep confidence that Christ is near. Joy asks us to look for signs of God's presence in the ordinary parts of our lives: a kind word, a shared meal, a moment of rest.

As a school community, we'll also take the next two weeks to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation with students in grades 3 through 8. It's a chance to pause, look honestly at our lives, and let God's mercy meet us. Our second graders will keep preparing for their first Reconciliation in January, learning what it means to say sorry, to forgive, and to begin again.

We see all this light reflected in the people around us: our students who bring energy and curiosity, our faculty and staff who guide with patience, our parents who support with love, and our alumni who carry our mission forward. Their examples remind us that the Advent light isn't only on the wreath. It's alive in our community.

As we move closer to Christmas, we're invited to carry all three candles within us. Hope that lifts our eyes forward. Peace that steadies our hearts. Joy that reminds us we're not alone. May this week help us notice the light that's growing, both around us and in us, as we wait for the coming of the Lord.

~ Stephen Harth  
Principal



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

— 1 CORINTHIANS 1:9 —

## Religious Education News

### DECEMBER EVENTS

#### Tuesday, December 16

- Report Cards

#### Wednesday, December 17

- Report Cards

#### Saturday, December 20

- No Class-Report Cards Mailed Home

*December 19, 2025 through January 4, 2026*

*No Classes ~ Christmas Holiday Break*

*Classes resume on Tuesday, January 6, 2026*

### CONFIRMATION NEWS

**REMINDER:** 7th and 8th Grade Confirmation Preparation students — please place your Mass Passes in the collection basket each Sunday or give them to your catechist during the week *before the following Friday* for credit.

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

Remember to return your sheet after you have completed each hour of service. Your progress will be reviewed in December. At that time, we hope that all our students will be continuing in their preparation for Confirmation.

ADVENT CHURCH HOURS

ALL ARE WELCOME

**MONDAY TO FRIDAY**  
8 AM - 9 PM

**SATURDAY**  
8 AM - 6 PM

**SUNDAY**  
7 AM - 6 PM

**Join us for the Celebration of  
Christmas ~ The Nativity of the Lord**

**MASSES CHRISTMAS EVE ~ WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24**

4 PM ~ CHURCH

4:15 PM ~ SCHOOL HALL

6 PM ~ CHURCH

12 AM ~ MIDNIGHT ~ CHURCH

**MASSES CHRISTMAS DAY**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25 ~ CHURCH**

7:30 AM, 9 AM, 10:30 AM, 12 NOON

**THERE IS NO 5 PM MASS**

**NEW YEAR'S EVE ~ WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31**

9 AM, 5 PM

**NEW YEAR'S DAY ~ SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 2026**

9 AM, 10:30 AM, 12 NOON

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**CONFESSIONS DURING ADVENT**

EVERY SATURDAY ~ 4 PM TO 4:45 PM

**SPECIAL CONFESSION DAYS**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1 ~ 7 PM TO 8 PM

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8 ~ 7 PM TO 8 PM

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15 ~ 7 PM TO 8 PM

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22 ~ 2 PM TO 4 PM

AND 6 PM TO 9 PM



## THIS WEEK AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH

### Monday, December 15

9:00 am..... Legion of Mary..... Parish Center Room #2  
 11:30 am ..... OLL School Teachers ..... Parish Center Dining Room  
 3:00 pm..... Daisy Troop 2085 ..... Church Hall  
 5:30 pm..... Girl Scout Troop 2568..... Church Hall  
 7:00 pm..... Confessions ..... Church

### Tuesday, December 16

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

### Wednesday, December 17

9:30 am - 2:30 pm..... Thrift Shop  
 11:30 am ..... OLL School Teachers ..... Parish Center Dining Room  
 3:00 pm..... Cub Scout Pack 24 - Arrow of Light..... Church Hall  
 5:00 pm..... Children's Choir ..... Church  
 7:00 pm..... AA ..... Parish Center Dining Room  
 7:00 pm..... Prayer Group..... Parish Center Room #2  
 7:00 pm..... Movie Night ..... Church Hall

### Thursday, December 18

11:30 am ..... OLL School Teachers ..... Parish Center Dining Room  
 6:00 pm..... Brownie Troop 2499 ..... Church Hall  
 7:00 pm..... OLLS Christmas Concert..... Maier Hall

### Friday, December 19

9:30 am..... SVDP ..... Parish Center Room #2  
 11:30 am ..... OLL School Teachers ..... Parish Center Dining Room  
 7:00 pm..... AA ..... Parish Center Dining Room

### Saturday, December 20

9:30 am - 2:30 pm..... Thrift Shop  
 4:00 pm..... Confessions ..... Church  
 7:00 pm..... AA ..... Parish Center Dining Room

### Sunday, December 21

9:00 am..... Family Mass..... Church/Church Hall  
 6:00 pm ..... Youth Ministry..... Church Hall



## Focus on Religious Freedom

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### Abp. for the Military, Timothy Broglio, says Catholic Chaplains Hindered by Army Cancellation of Religious Support Contracts

In a move that Archbishop for the Military Services, USA, Timothy Broglio says is “injurious to the practice of the Catholic faith on Army installations,” the U.S. Army Installation Management Command has cancelled all religious support contracts for Army chapels, including those for Religious Education coordinators, Catholic Pastoral Life coordinators, and musicians.

These services are vital to Catholic chaplains, given the extreme under-representation of Catholics in Army chaplaincy services, Archbishop Broglio explained in a pastoral letter sent to members of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, and also to every member of Congress. While “about twenty percent of soldiers are Catholic,” he notes, “less than 5.5% of the Chaplain Corps is Catholic.”

“There are about six Protestant chaplains for every 1,000 Protestant soldiers, “per a RAND report cited by Archbishop Broglio, but only “one Catholic chaplain for every 1,000 Catholic soldiers.” Catholic chaplains serve *six times* as many soldiers as their Protestant counterparts.

“Moreover,” the archbishop writes, with “Catholic chaplains most often assigned full-time to operational units, such as brigades and battalions,” the demands and “operational tempo” of those units “make it impossible for a Catholic chaplain to oversee the daily operations of chapel programs without professional support.”

The U.S. Army’s cancellation of religious support contracts, cuts off the Catholic chaplains’ vital professional support. This “over-burdens Catholic chaplains,” writes Archbishop Broglio. It has a “negative impact” on “Catholic soldiers serving in the U.S. Army and their families.” And it “impedes the constitutional guarantee of the free exercise of religion, especially for Catholics.”

Please write to your Congressional representatives, in the House and Senate, referencing the letter they received from Archbishop Broglio, and urging them to reverse this unjust mandate that unduly burdens Catholic chaplaincy services in the U.S. Army.

Read more: <https://tinyurl.com/mt83cj4v>

**“Members of the military are not excluded from the protection granted by the First Amendment”  
- U.S. Military Religious Liberty Protection Kit; First Liberty.org**

### Knights of Columbus

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*We are inviting all men of our Parish  
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*Contact [Grandknight@lynbrookkofc.com](mailto:Grandknight@lynbrookkofc.com)*



*You're Invited to take part in the Annual OLL Parish....*

# Christmas Caroling Night!



**Monday, December 22nd**



**6:00pm:** Meet on the Grounds off OLL for Singing Warm-Ups

**6:20pm:** Head Out in groups to Bring JOY to the people of Malverne

**7:45 – 8:30pm:** Meet back at OLL Christmas Cookies & Hot Chocolate!

All ages welcome! \*Must have Christmas Spirit! QUESTIONS: Please call 516-241-1896

Please complete the form below & return to parish center or email [ollyouthmalverne@gmail.com](mailto:ollyouthmalverne@gmail.com)

## CAROLER REGISTRATION FORM

All Carolers should come with their own transportation. We will team you up into groups of 5-6 cars full of singers and give you a designated section of Malverne. Please bring cookies for our sharing table. Santa hats & jingle bells encouraged!

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN MY CAR: \_\_\_\_\_

I WOULD LIKE TO BE A GROUP LEADER IF NEEDED: YES NO THANKS



**Joy to the World!**

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## I WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE CAROLERS

If you are homebound or could use an extra lift this Christmas Season. Sign up here.

Would you like to sign up to receive carolers on December 22nd? CHECK HERE!

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_ A PHONE CALL BEFORE IS REQUIRED: YES NO

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## I WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST SOMEONE TO CAROL TO

Do you have a friend or neighbor that you feel could use extra Christmas spirit this year?

CHECK HERE!

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_ A PHONE CALL BEFORE IS REQUIRED: YES NO

MY NAME and PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Youth Ministry

### Christmas Service Project!

We are looking to put together  
48 gift bags for the men and women at  
Glory House homeless shelter in Hempstead

and we need  
your help!

### GETTING THE GIFTS

We are making 24 women's bags and 24 men's bags.

We need items such as hand sanitizer, socks, gloves, \$5 gift cards, earrings...or any item you can think of. **It is best when items are donated in sets of 24.** (24 pairs of socks, 24 decks of playing cards, 24 candy canes..) Call 516-241-1896 to let us know an item that you would be willing to donate so we don't duplicate. (possibly a good project for your family/friends/coworkers)

Or if it is easier to donate money we will do the shopping for you.

### MAKING THE CARDS

We are looking for students (any age) to make handmade Christmas Cards for the residents of Glory House. Make them colorful and uplifting and tell them that the people of OLL Malverne love them and wish them a Merry Christmas. (All cards due to the parish center by December 21<sup>st</sup>)

### WRAPPING AND PREPARING THE GIFTS

We are looking for high school students to wrap and prepare these packages on the evening of December 21st from 6-8pm. Please let us know if you would like to help with this project. 516-241-1896

# Welcome Home Fr. Patrick!

Thank you to Fr. Patrick for celebrating Mass with us on November 30th as part of our 100th Anniversary celebrations.



## REMINDER

Please be sure to include your envelope number on your check in the Sunday collection if you are not using your envelopes. If you are using a plain white envelope, please include your name, address, envelope number, and the amount of your donation on the outside of the envelope to ensure you receive proper credit.



## 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.

## ADVENT LECTIO DIVINA

- Lectio
- Meditatio
- Oratio
- Contemplatio



Join Bishop Andrzej

For Advent Scripture Reflections and Prayer

### ENCOUNTERS with JESUS

ZOOM Webinars.

#### JOHN the Baptist

Friday, December 5, 10 am

#### MARY of Nazareth

Wednesday, December 10, 7:30 pm

#### JOSEPH of Bethlehem

Friday, December 19, 10 am



Registration is required in order to receive the ZOOM link to each session.

Please contact the Western Vicariate office with your name, parish, email address and phone number.

Send your email to:  
[westernvicariate@drvc.org](mailto:westernvicariate@drvc.org)  
or call Suzanne at 516-744-6850.



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with adoration, a talk, live music & candlelight procession

at

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## MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2025



## 7:00pm Holy Hour

with a reflection by  
Father Liam McDonald

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will  
be available in the church until midnight.

Final Advent  
Revival Night

Monday, December 22  
Saint Ignatius Loyola Church, Hicksville

## Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to  
those who have  
given a lifetime.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Pope Leo XIV has called on those serving the Church to be missionary disciples, actively sharing their faith and the love of Christ and the Gospel with others.

Our retired Religious Sisters and Brothers and Religious Priests have exemplified this call.

They have served the Lord, and through their vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, have witnessed to the power, beauty, and joy of the Gospel. We have seen their example and have been the beneficiaries of their service and witness within our parishes, schools, and ministries.

Our Religious Sisters and Brothers and Religious Priests have done so much for us, and now, we called to do something for them.

May I ask that you remember them in your prayers, and may I also humbly ask that you make a gift to the Religious Retirement Fund to help care for them in their time of need?

Thank you for your time, generosity, and consideration in helping to support those who have given so much to our faith community.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres

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Daniel Clarke	Abigail Hassett	Emma Rose	Kate Wolff
Gregory Crespo	Peter Lamoreaux	James Russo	
Angelina Dalmazio	Alexis Grace Loeffler	Anne Schiller	

## Congratulations to our Kellenberg Junior Honor Society

Luca Centore	Clarence Echaorre	Matteo Jones	Lilyanna Rossetti-Reuss
Saige Duperval	George Healy	Kyle Mullane	

## Congratulations to our Kellenberg Students for Perfect Attendance

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## 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.



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