



OUR LADY OF LOURDES
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
MALVERNE, NEW YORK

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
December 28, 2025



The Holy Family

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

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



EACH OF OUR FAMILIES IS CALLED TO BE A HOLY FAMILY

Merry Christmas, everybody! Though many of our radio stations may have stopped playing Christmas music, we have just begun the Christmas Season. The Christmas Season began with Christmas Eve Mass at 4:00 PM and continues through Christmas Day until January 11, 2026, with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. So, we can still say “Merry Christmas” through January 11th—without being shy about it!

Each of the Sundays of Christmas points out to us a different mystery of our salvation as revealed by our Savior, Jesus Christ. During the Christmas Season, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph; the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (New Year’s Day); the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord; and finally, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

This Sunday is the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. When we think of the Holy Family, we often think of perfection. We may even think that they are out of touch with our daily lives because they seem so perfect. We can be assured that even the Holy Family experienced problems and challenges along the way. Even though Jesus and Mary were sinless, it did not mean that they did not experience hardship. Imagine someone like the prophet Simeon telling you that

your son would be the rise and fall of many and that a sword would pierce your heart (Lk 2:34-35), or St. Joseph having to take his entire family to the country of Egypt to escape death from the jealous King Herod (Mt 2:13-15; 19-23).



The movement of the Holy Family to Egypt and back home reminds us of how they were obedient to God’s promptings. Joseph received messages from God through dreams. He trusted in God’s message, which brought the Holy Family to safety. May we pray that, as families, we too will listen to God’s promptings—by praying and listening to His Word, by listening to one another, and by being a support to family members who struggle. I recall the words of the Holy Cross priest Fr. Peyton: “The family that prays together stays together.” I would also add: the family that prays and plays together stays together.

The Second Vatican Council teaches us that each of our families is a Domestic Church—a smaller cell of the larger universal Church that Christ gave us as His instrument to spread His message of love and salvation. Each of our families, though dysfunctional at times, carries the Gospel with them, beginning in their home life. We are called to be holy! Pope Leo XIV said, “The family as designed by God is the sanctuary of life and love. Faith in the family is shared like food at the family table and like the love in our hearts.”

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD – HAPPY NEW YEAR 2026

It is hard to believe, but we have journeyed into another year—2026. What makes this year special is that, as a parish, this is our 100th Centennial Anniversary Year. How wonderful that you are here to celebrate our parish’s history, present, and future. Please stay tuned to the 100th Anniversary Calendar to participate in the events, Masses, and celebrations planned for this Anniversary Year.



Next Sunday, January 4, 2026, we welcome Fr. Jim Donovan, S.J., a native of Malverne.

FR. O'BRIEN – TEMPORARY REASSIGNMENT

Recently, I received word from Bishop Barres that Fr. O’Brien will be temporarily assigned to the Church of St. Aidan in Williston Park, beginning December 29 and continuing through the month of January. I was told that he will return to us in February. Please keep Fr. O’Brien in your prayers as he takes on this new pastoral assignment. May the Holy Spirit guide him as he leads the people of St. Aidan’s during the month of January.

On behalf of the priests, our deacon, and the staff, I want to wish you all a very healthy and happy New Year. May it be filled with God’s grace and presence each day under the guidance of our Blessed Lady. May God bless you, and may Mary keep you and your families always.

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us!

Fr. Jim



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

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Parish Website: OLLChurchMalverne.org

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

Parish Center: Jennifer Prizzi, Business Manager
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(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
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Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 27th ~ Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

5:00 pm John J. Karam (d)

Sunday, December 28th ~ The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

7:30 am For the People of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
9:00 am Maureen Sullivan (d)
10:30 am Giovanni Melisi (d)
12:00 pm Warren Jones (20th Anniversary in Heaven)
Concetta and Michael Dalmeto (d)
Pat Neenan & James McGinty (d)
12:00 pm MaryEllen & Henry Hinton (d)
5:00 pm Steven Guddemi (d)

Monday, December 29th ~ Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

9:00 am Susan Elowson (d)

Tuesday, December 30th ~ Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity

9:00 am Mary Elizabeth Setti (d)

Wednesday, December 31st ~ Saint Sylvester I, Pope

9:00 am Joseph & Helen Gray (d)
5:00 pm Anthony Consolo (d)

Thursday, January 1st ~ Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

9:00 am Kathleen Betts (d)
10:30 am Rev. David J. Lynch (Pastor of OLL)
12:00 pm James Harrington Jr. (d)

Friday, January 2nd ~ Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

9:00 am Salvador Santiago (d)
8:00 pm First Friday Adoration

Saturday, January 3rd ~ The Most Holy Name of Jesus

9:00 am For the Conversion of Political Leaders to
The Culture of Life
For the Living Intentions of Skelly-Ruocco
Families
For the Living Intentions of the Lascala Family
For the Living Intentions of the Miserandino
and Johnson Families
5:00 pm Robert Grieco (d)

Sunday, January 4th ~ The Epiphany of the Lord

7:30 am Lyn Schneider (d)
9:00 am For the People of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
Joan Figlozzi (d)
10:30 am Carmela Oliviero (d)
12:00 pm John Karam (d)
Genevieve McDermott (d)
Joshua Cohen (d)
In Thanksgiving
5:00 pm For the Living Intentions of Mickey Ackerman



Preview of 2026 Events

February 26th—1 pm Afternoon Event

March 19th—St. Joseph/St. Patrick Celebration

April 19th—Annual Communion Breakfast

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.

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.



CENTENNIAL MERCH SALE

PJ PANTS MAKE GREAT GIFTS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Hat | Mug | Tote Bag | Magnet | Key Chain

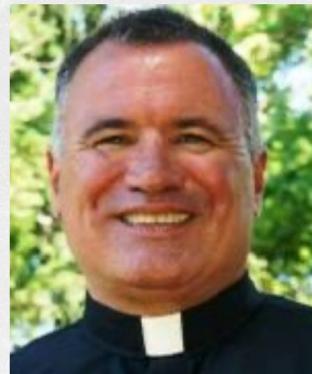
PJ Pants | Zip-Up Hoodie | Rash Guard Shirt

Long-Sleeve T-Shirt



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CENTENNIAL HOMECOMING

JOIN FATHER JAMES DONOVAN AS HE
CELEBRATES MASS AT OLL AS PART OF OUR
100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS!

SUNDAY, JAN. 4

NOON

Pro Life Corner

In one pregnancy center the prenatal model was only in the office for a week before it was borrowed. A client's mother called the following week and told us thank you for showing her daughter the model. Up until that time she had planned to abort. Simplest things like showing a woman a fetal model can often prevent abortion.

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.

Sunday	Rev. Gregory Rannazzisi
Monday	Rev. Frank Grieco
Tuesday	Rev. Sijomon Varghese
Wednesday	Rev. Vitus Ezeiruaku
Thursday	Rev. Matthew Udobi
Friday	Rev. Dave Atanasio
Saturday	<i>All Bishops</i>

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

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

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

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

Deirdre Ann DiBenedetto



Michael Francis Burke

Michael J. LoCascio

BULLETIN DEADLINES

Parish organizations wishing to submit notices for the bulletin should send items at least 7 days prior to the bulletin's publication date (the deadline is Monday at 11:00 a.m.). Any submissions received after the deadline may be held for the following week's bulletin. Please email items to: rectoryoffice@ollchurchmalverne.org.

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.



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
LCpl Joseph M. Macaluso
L Cpl Kristofer Katzenberger
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.

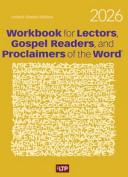
No flowers during the Advent and Lenten seasons.

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

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.

THE PARISH CENTER WILL CLOSE AT NOON ON
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31ST AND WILL BE
CLOSED ON JANUARY 1ST AND JANUARY 2ND
FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY/SOLEMNITY OF MARY.



Attention Lectors

Please pick up your new 2026
workbook for Lectors in the Parish
Center. Thank You.

THANK YOU!

A very special thank you to
David G. Walsh and Tammy J. Walsh
of the Walsh Malverne Funeral
Home for their generous donation
of the 2026 Calendars that will be
at the doors of the church
beginning December 21.

*Please remember to take one
home with you.*



Bulletin Reflection

In today's Gospel, we can learn a lot from St. Joseph. Without saying a word, he listens to the angel and trusts in God. He hears God's will and does it.



You can now give with your phone!

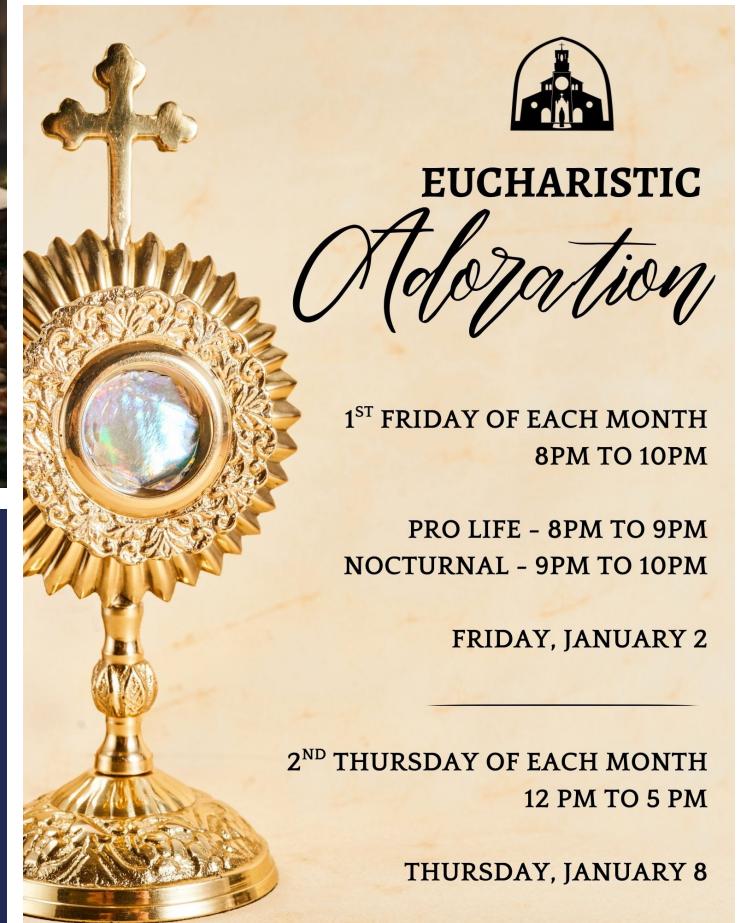


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St. Vincent de Paul Society



Feast of the Holy Family

Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. We hear the words "The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him."

During this New Year may we also grow in wisdom and have the favor of God upon us by remembering to take care of our suffering brothers and sisters.

In the month of December, through your gifts, we brought the spirit of Christmas to those who are suffering, by assisting families, providing food, Christmas gifts and monetary support for utility and rent bills.

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.

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

Warren Jones

*Requested by
The Jones Family*



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

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Altar Server Schedule

January 3rd & January 4th

Saturday:	5:00 pm:	Abigail Hassett John Hassett III
Sunday:	7:30 am:	Meghan Sussman AnnMarie Sussman
	9:00 am:	Daniel Baldacchino Maura Baldacchino Julie Baldacchino
	10:30 am:	Abigail Rudden Melody Spring
	12:00 pm:	James Fills Tiernan Schutta
	5:00 pm:	Savannah Diaz Brooklyn Diaz

WEEKLY OFFERINGS - Sunday, December 21, 2025

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Weekly Collection	\$18,000	<i>will report next week</i>
Year to Date <i>OLL Fiscal Year</i>	\$288,000	<i>will report next week</i>
<i>Budget and Actual comprises envelopes, cash, online giving and second collections for Our Lady of Lourdes.</i>		

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



Diocese of Rockville Centre

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2025 Parish Totals
Goal: \$75,000.00 ~ Pledges: \$49,693.27
Donors: 131 ~ Payments: \$49,318.27



Christmas Flowers donated in Loving Honor/Memory of... Mary & Joseph Anen by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Anen * Onofrio Avvinti by Mr. & Mrs. Vito Avvinti * Ida & Tony Codoluto, Joseph Schortt, Fannie & Sam Barone by Mr. & Mrs. Patrick D. Barone * Barrett & Esoff Families by Mr. & Mrs. Brian Barrett * Chris Behen & Family by Kathleen Behan * Emma & Joseph Benes by Carol Benes * Thomas Rice, Alfred Maggi, Thomas Patrick Maggi, Kathryn W. Bradley, Patricia Burns Maggi, Francis J. Bradley by Mr. & Mrs. Francis James Bradley, Jr. * Kelly & Britt Families by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Britt, Jr. * Rose & Joseph Ciasulli, Mary & Jerry Buckridge by Mr. & Mrs. William Buckridge * Guy J. Buonomo, Jr., Angelina & Antonio Marino, Rosina & Joseph Buonomo, Rose & Joe LaSalvia * Frank Cangiano, Sr. by Mr. & Mrs. Frank T. Cangiano * Concetta & Michael Dalmeto, Theresa & Pasquale Chiafari, Angela & Anthony Mannino by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph J. Chiafari * Thomas J. Chirillo by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Chirillo * Jim White, Vincent Gerbino by Vincenza Cimino * Raymond & Suzanne Cooney, John & Mary Dunford, Cornelius & Katherine Cooney, Paul & Gertrude Schroeter by Raymond & Maryellen Cooney * Deceased Members of the Iadevaio and Composto Families by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Composto * The Connolly & Collins Families by Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Connolly * Pasqualina Pagano, Michael Boccia by Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Devivo * Guillermina Buritica, Manuel Buritica by Mr. & Mrs. Jerremy Diaz * Victor Brotons, Elizabeth Brotons, Antoinette Diaz, Stephen Diaz by Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Diaz * Dominick & Carla DelCarpine by Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Dougherty * Robert Guiry, Father of Erin Dubon by Mr. & Mrs. Peter Dubon * Mary Dunford by Jane Dunford * Susan Elowson by Mark Elowson * Mr. & Mrs. Louis Bassi, Mr. & Mrs. William Farrington by Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Farrington * Dorothy Forte, Louis Forte, Angela Zammit, Theodore Zammit by Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Forte * Edward & Audrey Frederick by Mr. & Mrs. Edward Frederick * The Fusco & Rienzo Families by Mr. & Mrs. Robert L. Fusco * Jo-Anne Gecewicz by Michael C. Gecewicz * Monica Gelo, Settimio & Mary Gelo, George & Dolores Lowenhaupt by Charles R. Gelo * James Gilligan, Mary & Fred Angliss, Mary & John Nicoletti by Barbara Gilligan * Fitzpatrick and Fraetzer Families by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Graetzer * Joseph & Helen Gray, Charles & Jeanne Stripe by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Gray * Anthony Greco, Greco Family, Rizzuto & Marco Families, Friends & All who have touched my heart-God Bless by Lorraine Greco * Mary & Louis, Jr. Caratelli, Anne, Julius Guthoff, Sheila, Michael, Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, Loved ones & Friends by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Guthoff * Hassett, Knight, Lusardi & Swanson Families by Mr. & Mrs. John J. Hassett * Dolores M. Lutz by Mr. & Mrs. Roberto Hernandez * William Hunter, Joan Hunter, Frank Savasta, Josiphine Savasta by Mr. & Mrs. William Hunter * The Incontro & Rello Families by Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Incontro * Deceased Members of the Gurlich & Intranuovo Families by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Intranuovo * Warren A. Jones by Dorothy Jones * James E. Jones, Narcissus Williams by Yvonne Jones * Richard J. and Beatrice C. Keegan by Carol Kayne * Matthew Klein, Lora Klein, Katherine Klein, Matthew Klein by Veronica & Michael Klein * Thomas & Margaret Bennett by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Latronica * Elizabeth LaRusso, Carol Hurley, Courtney O'Brian, Aaron Kabak by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph F. Laxton * Victoria & Dino Marchese, Denise & Thomas M. Ledwith by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas W. Ledwith * James McManus, Lucrezia & Gaetano Nicolella, Robert & Marco Nicolella, Connie Romeo by Virginia McManus * Living & Decease Members of Anne Murphy Family by Mrs. Eugene T. Murphy * Florence & George VonUrff, Peggy & Joe Mundy by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Mundy * Gennaro, Concetta, Adriano Morrone by Joseph Morrone * Georgina Tabone by Angelo & Regina Montalvo II * Michael Auginello by Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Miro * Maria Genaro, Luigi Cornella, Pasquale Annamaria by Mr. & Mrs. Vincenzo Melisi * Susan & Mike Marino, Anna Costello by Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Marino * Members of the Salvo Family by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas A Mallen * Ermelinda Ricioppo-Tudda by Mr. & Mrs. Antonio & Stefania Madotto * Vito & Carmela Buonanno, John & Norma Albanese, Anthony Petrino, Josephine & Anthony Ragone, Larry & Anna Rose Beaty, Chris Sayers, Cara Miller, Dominic Buonanno by Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Nupp * Deceased Members of the Pietrasinski Family * by Linda Pietrasinski * William & Rose Russo, Gabriel & Mary Pisaniello, Lucille Pisaniello, Rosemarie & Frank Dama by Mr. & Mrs. Victor Pisaniello * Teresa Terrill, Millie Manasia, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Truskolaski Lucille Voss, Paul Truskolaski by Francis Truskolaski * Patrick & Patricia Quinn by Margaret Quinn * James Phillips, Donald T. Philips, Deirdre Creal, Kristie Erin Raleigh by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Raleigh * Clara & Bill Brush, Deacon Frank Cove, Dorothy & Bob Reinhardt, Sr., Barbara Kretkowski by Mr. & Mrs. Robert C. Reinhardt * Mr. & Mrs. Richard & Mary Teresa Foley, Angelo Mercurio, Mark Ricciardi-May they rest in peace by Mr. & Mrs. Walter Rella * Robert S. Rountry Jr. and Sr., Mr. & Mrs. John Carrington, Mr. & Mrs. James Mulholland by Catherine Rountry * The Schipano Family, The Sammon Family, Our Friends by Mr. & Mrs. James P. Sammon * Salvador Santiago, Maria Navarro, Felix Navarro by Emerita Santiago * Anne & Tim Quinlan, Mae & Mike Scarola by Mr. & Mrs. Michael F. Scarola * The Rideau, Erhartic & Sewell Families by Madeleine Sewell * Eileen B. Shaw, Shaw Family, Sognue Family by Michael E. Shaw * My Mom and Dad, Frances and Arthur Smith by Maureen Smith * Wilhelm & Dora Sonnemann, Bernhard Deinbock by Mr. & Mrs. Henry Sonnemann * Carmela Medugno by Mr. & Mrs. Vincenzo Sordillo * Gerard Dierker, Denise Stewart Duffy by Mr. & Mrs. Eugene J. Woods * Richard P. Martin by Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Yack

Christmas Flowers donated by... Patricia Atreed * Joseph G. Cairo * Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Cajuelan * Mr. & Mrs. John Calvo * Mr. & Mrs. James R. Curfman * Dorothy Guiheen * Mr. & Mrs. Peter J. Jacobson * Mr. & Mrs. William Malone * Mr. & Mrs. John Hom * Mr. & Mrs. Edward Howard * John T. Taylor * Mr. & Mrs. Paul Scaglione * Mary Serynek * Arlene Sinkkanen *

To be continued...



OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY JANUARY 25, 2026 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM

EARLY CHILDHOOD

Our Catholic School Early Childhood Program combines the rich tradition of Catholic education with the rigor of next-generation learning standards to foster the holistic development of young children. In a nurturing, Christ-centered environment, we guide each child to grow spiritually, academically, socially, and emotionally.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Aligned with next-generation standards, our curriculum emphasizes inquiry-based learning, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills, ensuring that children are prepared for future academic success. Foundational literacy and numeracy are integrated with science, technology, engineering, arts, and math (STEAM) activities to inspire curiosity, creativity, and exploration.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Through a blend of faith-based guidance and 21st-century learning, our middle school program equips students with the skills, values, and mindset needed to excel academically, serve others, and become compassionate leaders in a rapidly changing world.



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Our Lady of Lourdes



All aboard the Polar Express – an annual tradition at Lourdes. Students in Pre-K to 3rd grade read and watched “The Polar Express” while snuggling with blankets, stuffed animals, hot cocoa and snacks! Such a fun celebration



Principal's Message



As we begin the New Year 2026 at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School, we do so with gratitude, faith, and a strong sense of belonging. Our school is deeply connected to the life of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, and together we continue to grow as one faith-filled family.

As we celebrate the 100th anniversary of our parish and as our school nears its 75th anniversary, we are reminded of how deeply rooted our parish school is in its history. For generations, faith, learning, and community have grown side by side. The commitment and dedication of those who came before us have shaped who we are today, and we are proud to carry this legacy into the future.

This close relationship between school, parish, and community strengthens everything we do. Our students learn not only in classrooms, but through their participation in parish liturgies, prayer, service, and shared traditions. They come to understand that faith is lived each day through relationships, compassion, and service to others.

The beginning of a new year invites us to continue growing together. When families, parish staff, educators, and students work in partnership, our children are supported by shared values of faith, kindness, and responsibility. This sense of community helps them grow with confidence, resilience, and purpose.

As we begin this year of 2026, we ask Mary our Mother, Our Lady of Lourdes, to guide us and watch over our school, our parish, and all our families. May we continue to respond as Mary did. May her Fiat be our Fiat to God, a sincere and trusting "yes" that says, whatever your will is, here I am.

We are deeply grateful for the ongoing support of our parish priest, parish team, families, and wider community. May God bless our parish, our school, and all who are part of the Our Lady of Lourdes family, now and throughout the year ahead.

~ Stephen Harth

Principal

Called

A stylized blue and yellow lightbulb icon with a yellow base, resembling an open book.

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

— 1 CORINTHIANS 1:9 —

Religious Education News

DECEMBER EVENTS

December 19, 2025 through January 4, 2026

No Classes ~ Christmas Holiday Break

Classes resume on Tuesday, January 6, 2026

JANUARY 1, 2026 THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION.

In 2026, take a leap of faith and begin the wondrous new year in believing in Our Lord's never-ending love for us. Remember you are never too young or too old to set a new goal or dream a new dream. Praise be to Jesus Christ now and forever.

Confirmandi/Sponsor Retreat will take place on Saturday, January 31. We will begin with the 9:00 am Mass then continue the retreat in Maier Hall (School).

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION WILL TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY, MARCH 24. THE CELEBRANT WILL BE BISHOP JOHN COYLE.

DETAILS TO FOLLOW IN BULLETIN, REMIND, WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA.

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.

All Confirmation paperwork is due on or BEFORE January 30, 2026.



OUR LADY OF LOURDES 100TH ANNIVERSARY YEARBOOK

FREE PHOTO SHOOT

Sign up for a FREE family or individual photo shoot to be a part of OLL history in our 100th Anniversary Yearbook. All participants will receive a FREE copy of the yearbook when it's printed and a FREE 8x10 print!

Picture Dates (on the Church Hall stage):

Jan. 2-3

More dates will be added as slots fill up!

Go to ucdir.com to sign up TODAY! 18 slots need to be filled for the photographer to come!

Church Code: NY141

Password: PHOTOS

OR contact the Parish Center!



THIS WEEK AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH

Monday, December 29

9:00 am..... Legion of Mary Parish Center Room #2

Tuesday, December 30

9:30 am..... SVDP Parish Center Room #2

1:30 pm..... Prayer Group/Scripture Study.. Parish Center Dining Room

7:00 pm..... CoDA..... Parish Center Dining Room

7:00 pm..... Bell ChoirChurch

7:45 pm..... Adult Choir.....Church

Wednesday, December 31~ New Year's Eve (Parish Center Closing at Noon)

5:00 pm..... MassChurch

7:00 pm..... AA Parish Center Dining Room

Thursday, January 1~ New Year's Day (Parish Center Closed)

Friday, January 2 ~ Parish Center Closed

7:00 pm..... AA Parish Center Dining Room

8:00 pm..... First Friday AdorationChurch

Saturday, January 3

9:30 am - 2:30 pm..... Thrift Shop

9:30 am..... Human Life Committee.....Church Hall

4:00 pm..... ConfessionsChurch

7:00 pm..... AA Parish Center Dining Room

Sunday, January 4

9:00 am..... Family Mass..... Church/Church Hall

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Deadline: December 31st.

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How to Give via QCD:

Contact Your IRA Custodian: Ask them to send the funds directly to your parish or Diocese and mention it's for a QCD.

We can help! If you need our EIN or have questions, contact Barbara Kilarjian at 516-678-5800 ext. 257 or email her at bkilarjian@drvc.org.

The next Spirituality for Singles gathering is Saturday, January 10, 7:00 PM.

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Contact: Ray (516) 561-6994
spiritualityforsingles@gmail.com

If possible, please bring a can or box of food for the St. Aidan Food bank. Thank you.



Thank you for your generous support of the 2025 Catholic Ministries Appeal.

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If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please prayerfully consider making a donation to the Appeal. To give securely on line, please go to: <https://www.drvc.org/donate/cma/>

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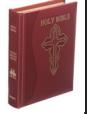
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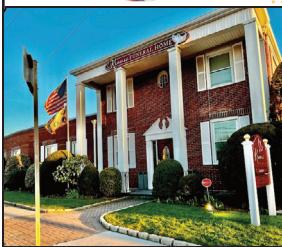
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