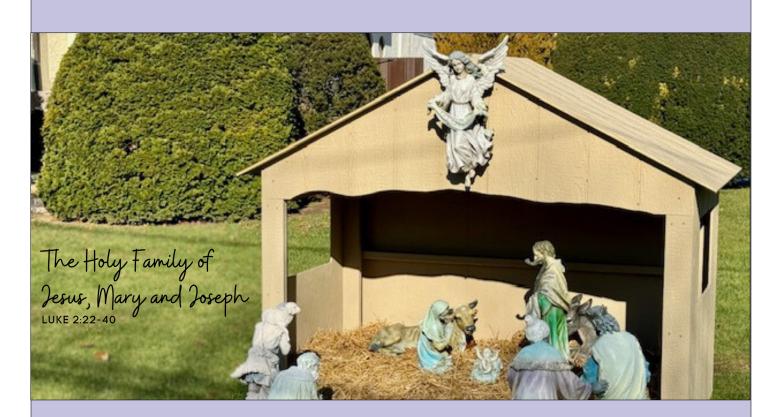


OUR LADY OF LOURDES

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
MALVERNE, NEW YORK

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph December 31, 2023



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THE GUIDING LIGHT FROM THE GROTTO CHRISTMAS-THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH LUKE 2:22-40

EACH OF OUR FAMILIES IS CALLED TO BE A HOLY FAMILY

Merry Christmas everybody! Even though some may have taken their decorations down by now, we are right in the middle of the Christmas season. So, you can still say "Merry Christmas" without being shy about it. This year as

Christians celebrate the we Christmas Season from late afternoon of December 24 Monday January 8, 2024. Each of the Sundays of Christmas point out to us a different mystery of our salvation as revealed by our Savior, Jesus Christ. During the Christmas Season we celebrate The Holy Family of Joseph; Mary & Jesus. Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God; The Epiphany of the Lord and finally the Baptism of the Lord.



This Sunday is the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & 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 rest assured that even Jesus, Mary and Joseph 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 or daughter would be the rise and fall and fall of many and sword will pierce your heart (Lk. 2:34-35).

In today's Gospel we see how Mary & Jospeh lost Jesus as they left Jerusalem, which is not hard to do since they were travelling in a caravan. For all that Mary & Joesph had experienced, Jesus was still a mystery to them and will continue to be a mystery as they discover Jesus in the Temple doing his Father's work. Because of their trust and faithfulness in the Lord, Mary & Joseph carried with themselves a joy that not even the hardest of hearts could take away or a mystery of disappearance.

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 from their home life. Pope Francis offers the following reflection on Families:

"Dear families, you know very well that the true joy which we experience in the family is not superficial; it does not come from material objects, from the fact that everything seems to be going well. True joy comes from a profound harmony between persons, something which we all feel in our hearts and which makes us experience the beauty of

togetherness, of mutual support along life's journey. But the basis of this feeling of deep joy is the presence of God in the family and his love, which is welcoming, merciful, and respectful towards all. God alone knows how to create harmony from differences. But if God's love is lacking, the family loses its harmony, self-centeredness prevails and joy fades. But the family which experiences the joy of faith communicates it naturally. That family is the salt of the earth and the

light of the world, it is the leaven of society. Dear families, always live in faith and simplicity, like the Holy Family of Nazareth! The joy and peace of the Lord be always with vou!"

~ Pope Francis, Given on Oct. 27, 2013 World Family D

SOLMENITY MARY MOTHER OF GOD

This year the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is a Holy Day but not of obligation because this day falls on a Monday, as stated by the USCCB. We will offer two Masses today 9:00am and 12:00Noon. Come and take some time to celebrate the beauty of Mary the Mother of God.

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2024

It is hard to believe, but we have journeyed to another year, 2024. Remember to create a God calendar which each day is marked to schedule an appointment to pray and listen to God. God has much to give and to say. On behalf of the priests, our deacon and the staff I want to wish you all of a very healthy and happy New Year. May if be filled with God's grace and presence each day under the guidance of our Blessed Lady.

May God bless you and 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 Masks must be worn.

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

Welcome to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

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Monday to Friday:

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

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

Music Ministry Team:

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Saturday: 9:30 am to 10:30 am ~ School

School Office

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

Mass Intentions

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

5:00 pm Warren Jones (d)

Sunday, December 31st ~ Feast of the Holy Family

7:30 am For the People of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

9:00 am Mary Shekian Avino (d)

10:30 am Joseph Gray & Jeanne Strype (d)

12:00 pm Anthony Greco (d)

Christopher F. Tucci (d)

Living & Deceased Members of the Davila Family

Philip & Frances LaRocca (d) Edward & Loretta Walsh (d)

5:00 pm Augie DeSimone (d)

Monday, January 1st ~ Solemnity of Mary The Holy Mother of God

9:00 am John Armstrong (d) 12:00 pm Christmas Novena

Tuesday, January 2nd ~ Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors

9:00 am Salvador Santiago (d)

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

9:00 am Deceased Members of the Dini & DiBenedetto

amilies

Thursday, January 4th ~ Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

9:00 am Msgr. Alexander T. Kulik - 2nd Anniversary (d)

Friday, January 5th ~ Saint John Neumann, Bishop

9:00 am Marie C. Dugan (d)

Saturday, January 6th ~ Saint Andre Bessette

9:00 am John J. Karam (d)

Ruthe Lewis (d)

Nicholas Mongiello (d)

Living Intentions of the Skelly & Ruocco

Families

Living Intentions of the LaScala Family Living Intentions of the McLaughlin Family

5:00 pm Jo-Anne Gecewicz (d)

Sunday, January 7th ~ The Epiphany of the Lord

7:30 am Lourdes Edward Mansour (d)

9:00 am Thomas Guiheen (d)
10:30 am Dominick Famularo (d)
12:00 pm Philip LaRocca (d)

Patricia Carey (d) Vincent DeMeo (d)

Living intentions of Laura Nieves

5:00 pm Carol Carbone (d)

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

Ellen Butler Don Cleary Helen Confusione Rev. Richard Donovan

Marge Easner Dolores Grant Baby Fiona Keogh Sue Kielson John Rotondi

Lucy Sanchez Jerry Schreiber Joseph Siino

Arthur Staudinger

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.



Graziella Bono Jean Mundy

Wedding Times

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

Pray for Priests



God, our Father, please send us holy priests, all for the Sacred and Eucharistic Heart of Jesus, all for the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, in union with St. Joseph. We pray that the Blessed Mother wrap her mantle around your priests, and through her intercession

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

SundayRev. Robert HolzMondayRev. Brandon O'BrienTuesdayRev. Anthony SalibaWednesdayRev. Pyszard FicekThursdayRev. Gabriel MiahFridayMsgr. John NosserSaturdayPriests Families



Our Parishioners Serving in the Military

Please keep all our Military and

Support Personnel in your prayers, especially:

United States Navy

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

United States Army

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

United States Air Force United States Marine Corps

1st Lt. William F. Cosgrove L Cpl Kristofer Katzenberger PFC Joseph M. Macaluso LT Sam Olive

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

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

Bulletin Reflection

This upcoming year, let us open our hearts and minds to the Lord and let Him guide us.

Reflection for Next Sunday Epiphany of the Lord January 7, 2023

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6 Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6 Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

The Magi seek out Jesus and do him homage.

Family Connection

The tradition of giving gifts at Christmas is thought by some to be rooted in the gift giving of the Magi. In many cultures, gifts are not exchanged at Christmas, but rather on the feast of the Epiphany. Whenever you exchange your Christmas gifts, take some time to reflect on this tradition of gift giving at Christmas. Think of the best gift you have received. What was it? What made it special? Was it the gift itself, the thought that went into it, or the person who gave it to you?

Read today's Gospel, Matthew 2:1-12. The gifts of the Magi—gold, frankincense, and myrrh—have come to be understood as symbols of Christ's royalty, divinity, and eventual suffering and death. They are special because in giving them, the Magi acknowledge who Jesus was to be: our Savior. We pray that we will acknowledge Jesus as Savior in all that we do and say. Conclude by singing together "We Three Kings."



The Rosary Altar Society wishes everyone a Blessed Christmas!

Thrift Shop

We will be open the Wednesday after Christmas December 27th from 9:30 am to 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.

Where is the Eucharist mentioned in the Bible?

The Lord Jesus, on the night before he suffered on the cross, shared one last meal with his disciples. During this meal our Savior instituted the sacrament of his Body and Blood. He did this in order to perpetuate the sacrifice of the Cross throughout the ages and to entrust to the Church a memorial of his death and resurrection.

For more references on the Institution of the Eucharist check out the following passages in the Bible:

Matthew 26:26-30

Mark 14:22-26

Luke 22:14-20

John 6:22-59 (The Bread of Life Discourse)

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY.
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Mass Schedule

Monday, January 1

9AM (Live Stream) 12 Noon



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.

Diocese of Rockville Centre

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2023 Parish Totals Goal: \$75,000.00 ~ Pledges: \$50,114.00 Donors: 139 ~ Payments: \$49,419.00

Pro Life Corner

Abortion kills twice. It kills the body of the baby and it kills the conscience of the mother. Abortion is profoundly anti-woman. Three quarters of its victims are women: Half the babies and all the mothers.

THE PARISH CENTER WILL BE CLOSED ON JANUARY 1ST AND JANUARY 2ND FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY/SOLEMNITY OF MARY.







St. Vincent de Paul Society

Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. During our New Year may our families "grow in wisdom and have the favor of God upon them."

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring Christmas to the hearts of the poor, by assisting many families, providing food, gifts, and help with utility and rent bills. Thanks!

Food Pantry

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



With Every Woman, For Every Child.



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

Church Flowers:

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

Memorials

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

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

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

Memorials available throughout the year.

Please come to the Parish Center to make arrangements.

Altar Server Schedule

January 6th ~ January 7th

Saturday: 5:00 pm: Abigail Hassett

John Hassett

Sunday:

7:30 am: Daniel Clarke

Colin Masse

9:00 am: Luke McKeon

Duggan McKeon

10:30 am: Peter Signora

Nicholas Signora

12:00 pm: James Fills

Dean Pfeffer

5:00 pm: Brooklyn Diaz

Caroline Rick

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.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

4th Sunday of Advent collection will be posted next week.

Supporting Our Parish

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



Ways to Give

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



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



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

www.ollchurchmalverne.org

(Will be reflected the following month)



First Friday Evening Devotions January 5, 2024 ~ 8:00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Prayer Hour for Life

The Real Presence of Christ is the gift He gave us at the Last Supper, and when we come to church, we are truly in the presence of our God, our Creator and our Redeemer.

On the First Friday of each month, we gather before our Eucharistic Lord to pray that the culture of life will prevail over the culture of death, that respect for all human life from conception to natural death will be restored in the hearts and minds of all God's Children.

Please join us for a Holy Hour of prayer before Jesus in the Eucharist on the First Friday of each month from 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm. It may be a sacrifice to set aside this time, but time spent in the presence of the Lord is its own reward.

Nocturnal Adoration

A good New Year's resolution would be to attend Nocturnal Adoration of the first Friday of each month. Our society is always looking for new members. Everyone is welcome

Come and spend an hour before Jesus in the blessed Sacrament to thank God for all your blessings and to pray for our family, our church and our family.

Remember the date:

Friday, January 5th, from 9 to 10 PM.

Jesus will be there, will you?



One Family-Journeying togother in Communion Participation and Mission



Thank you for your generous support of the 2023 Catholic Ministries Appeal.

Completing your 2023 pledge ensures that our Parish will benefit by receiving our full rebate.

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/

There's still time to make a gift. Please remember that all new pledges must be in by December 31, 2023 and paid in full by January 31, 2024.





This Week at OLL Parish

Monday, January 1 ~ Parish Center Closed Tuesday, January 2 ~ Parish Center Closed

Wednesday, January 3

9:30 am - 2:30 pm	RAS Thrift Shop
11:30 amOLL School Teachers	Parish Center Dining Room
2:45 pmCub Scout Troop 24 - Bear	DenChurch Hall
7:00 pmWednesday Prayer Group	Parish Center Room #2
7:30 pmAA	Parish Center Dining Room

Thursday, January 4

11:30 am0	OLL School Teachers	Parish Center Dining F	Room
6:00 pm	Girl Scout Troop 2330	Church	ı Hall
7:00 pml	RAS Board Meeting	Parish Center Dining F	Room

Friday, January 5

9:30 amSVDP	Parish Center Room #2
1:00 pmPrayer Group	Parish Center Room #2
7:30 pmAA	Parish Center Dining Room

Saturday, January 6

9:30 am	Human Life Com	imitteeChurch Hall
4:00 pm	Confessions	Church
7.30 nm	ΔΔ	Parish Center Dining Room

Sunday, January 7

9:00 amFamily Mass	Church Hall
10:00 amOCIA	Parish Center Dining Room



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

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

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

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

May 19th (excluding certain holidays)

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





Religious Education News

As we approach this New Year, let us ask our Lord Jesus to stay with us as we continue to seek His love, grace and heart. We need noting more than to love Jesus more and more with a strong and active love.

DECEMBER EVENTS

Wednesday, December 20 through January 2, 2024

Christmas Holiday

Classes resume on Wednesday, January 3, 2024

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

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION PROGRAM:

Monthly Mass sheets will be reviewed to ensure that each reflection has been turned in on time. (including Christmas)

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

Eighth grade students: Saint Report, Confirmation fee, and gown measurements must be submitted to the Religious Education office on or before January 12, 2024.





OLL MEN'S CLUB

AFC/NFC Championship Party

Sunday, January 28th after 2:30pm

Maier's Brick Café 157 Lakeview Ave, Lynbrook

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

> > IT'S FOR THE KIDS!

For questions, email: mensclub@ollchurchmalverne.org

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BLOOD DRIVE

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BLOOD DRIVE

Knights of Columbus Council 2228

Wednesday - January 3, 2024 3:00pm - 7:30pm



78 Hempstead Avenue Lynbrook, NY 11563

Each presenting donor will receive (1) voucher redeemable for two (2) complimentary tickets to a select 2023-24 New York Islanders regular season home game at UBS Arena.

All vouchers sent via email, please enter email when registering**



To make an appointment please scan the QR code:

Appointments preferred however walk-ins will welcome if space permits. Please remember to eat, drink, and bring your donor ID card or ID with name and

Masks are optional for all donors and staff. For full list of COVID-19 safety protocols,

New York Blood Center

*While supplies last and game exclusions apply



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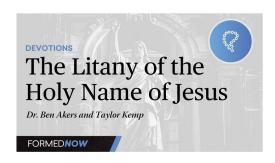
New Year's Resolutions | The Augustine Institute Show

What's your resolution this year? Dr. Tim Gray welcomes Dr. Scott Hefelfinger, Assistant Professor of Theology in the Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology, to celebrate one year of the Augustine Institute Show!



The Holy Family

We are excited to announce our series of FORMED Now! Christmas and New Year special episodes. In these episodes, professors from the Augustine Institute Graduate School will lead us in reflections throughout the season!



Litany of the Holy Name of Jesus

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as we celebrate the feast of The Most Holy Name of Jesus with this litany prayer of the Holy Name.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.