



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MALVERNE, NEW YORK

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 23, 2026



The Keys to the
Kingdom

Matthew 16:13-20

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



CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL UPDATE

I am pleased to share some wonderful news regarding our annual Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA). We have reached an important milestone here at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish!

Our parish's official 2026 CMA goal is **\$78,750**. However, because of the success of our Capital Campaign last fall, the Diocese has granted us a Capital Fund Adjustment, reducing our financial responsibility to 50% of our goal, or **\$39,375**.

Thanks to your extraordinary generosity, we have already received **\$42,349.30 in paid pledges**, and \$47,230.00 in pledges. This means we have surpassed our adjusted goal. **As a result, the parish will receive a rebate from the Catholic Ministries Appeal.**

The opportunity becomes even greater. Once we exceed 70% of our original goal (\$55,125), every additional dollar raised is returned directly to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish.

For example:

If we raise \$55,125, we begin receiving rebates.

If we raise \$75,125, the parish will receive approximately \$20,000 back.

These returned funds will greatly assist us in meeting the costs of important capital improvements and strengthening the many ministries that serve our parish family.

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has already made a gift to the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Your generosity is making a real difference.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to participate, I encourage you to prayerfully consider making a gift. If you have given, and can give a little bit more, please do so. Every contribution helps us move closer to this very attainable goal, allowing more funds to be returned directly to our parish while also supporting the important ministries of our Diocese.

The Catholic Ministries Appeal helps build up the Church by forming future priests, deacons, and lay leaders. It supports the training of religious education catechists and adult faith formation leaders, strengthens programs that educate our children and families in the faith, and promotes the dignity and sanctity of human life at every stage. Together, we are helping to enrich the lives of Catholics throughout Long Island.

Thank you for your continued generosity, your prayers, and your commitment to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish.

Fr. Jim

For more information, and to pay by credit card, go to

www.catholicministriesappeal.org.

Checks should be made payable to the "Catholic Ministries Appeal." Mail to P.O. Box 4000, Rockville Centre, NY 11571. Make sure to indicate Our Lady of Lourdes, Malverne so that we get credited.

OUR BAZAAR IS A TRADITION...

LET'S MAKE IT
Amazing!

WE NEED YOU!

Faith!
Fellowship!
Fun!

Our Bazaar is a team effort,
and we can't do it without YOU!

JOIN
US!

VOLUNTEER MEETING



THURSDAY, AUGUST 27



7:30 PM

IN THE CHURCH HALL

☆ All are welcome! ☆

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN OUR BAZAAR DEPARTMENTS:



FOOD

Help serve
delicious food
& create a
welcoming
community space!



BAR

Pour, serve and
help create a fun
and safe
environment!



ENTERTAINMENT

Help plan and
support music
and activities that
bring us together!



SECURITY

Help keep our
Bazaar safe and
enjoyable for
everyone!



SPONSORSHIPS

Help connect with
local businesses
and support our
Bazaar!



TICKET BOOTH

Greet guests and
help with ticket
sales and
information!

★ AND MORE WAYS TO HELP: SETUP & CLEANUP, AND MORE! ★

Many Hands.
One Faith.
Great Things!

PLEASE PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER HOW YOU CAN HELP.

TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE THIS YEAR'S BAZAAR

OUR BEST ONE YET!



★ OUR LADY OF LOURDES BAZAAR | OCTOBER 16, 17 & 18, 2026 ★

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: www.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 and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Monday and Wednesday 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Saturday: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

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

Faith Formation:

Peter Damour, Director
religioused@ollchurchmalverne.org
(516) 599-7222

Faith Formation 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, August 22nd ~ The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

5:00 pm Deceased Members of the Leto Family

Sunday, August 23rd ~ Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am For the People of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
9:00 am Ann and Richard McGowan (d)
10:30 am Joseph and Grace Donovan (d)
12:00 pm Ann and Richard McGowan (d)
Stephen Diaz (d)
Living Intentions of Jessica Bayard-Sanon
Kathleen M. Karcher (d)
Mass of Thanksgiving

5:00 pm Juliet Schmidt and John Cassidy III (d)

Monday, August 24th ~ Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

9:00 am Josephine Talierno (d)

Tuesday, August 25th ~ Weekday

9:00 am Living Intentions of Asher Lewis

Wednesday, August 26th ~ Weekday

9:00 am John Knaack (d)

Thursday, August 27th ~ Saint Monica

9:00 am Evelyn Rein (d)

Friday, August 28th ~ Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

9:00 am Theresa and Michael Cosgrove on their
Wedding Anniversary

Saturday, August 29th ~ The Passion of John the Baptist

9:00 am Peggy Hannan (d)
Lawrence Schelero (d)
Hannah Fairweather (d)
Joseph Laxton (d)
Kevin Johnson (d)

5:00 pm Domenick and Angelina Iadevaio (d)

Sunday, August 30th ~ Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am Peter Cossu (d)
9:00 am Helen Magno (d)
10:30 am James and Dorothy Rost (d)
12:00 pm RoseMarie and Joe Gluck (d)
In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Lourdes
Frank Doyle (d)
James Gildea (d)
Alen Antunovic (d)

5:00 pm For the People of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

St. Vincent de Paul Society



Like Peter in today's Gospel, we can find that when we open our eyes to see, our ears to hear and our hearts to experience Jesus' presence in our daily lives, God reveals himself to us.

Have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

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

Macaroni and Cheese, Canned Fruit, Rice-A-Roni, Cannellini Beans, Cereal, Ramen Soup & Oatmeal

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

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN - as of Sunday, August 16, 2026

Pledge Goal: **\$2,000,000**
Pledge Amount: **\$2,162,886**
Redemption Collected: **\$916,493**

Fiat Update: We are pleased to share an update on the progress of our Capital Campaign, *Echoing Mary's Fiat Through Generations*. Thanks to your continued generosity and support, several important parish improvement projects are moving forward.

We are happy to report that the leak in the church roof has been successfully repaired, and the Rectory driveway has been replaced by VDM Mason Corp.

The replacement of the boilers in both the Rectory and the Parish Center is underway and will be completed by Quality Air Conditioning and Heating, Inc.

We have received the architect's drawings for the reconstruction of the Parish Center front steps, which will include the addition of an ADA-accessible ramp. We will be submitting bids from three contractors within the next few weeks.

In addition, planning continues for future security enhancements to our church and improvements to the air conditioning system in our school building.

Thank you for your continued prayers, generosity, and commitment to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish and School. Your support is helping us preserve and strengthen our parish and school for generations to come. We look forward to sharing additional updates as these important projects continue to move forward.



Parish Center Summer Hours

As of May 28 the Parish Center Hours are as follows:

Monday - Friday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Monday and Wednesday: 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Closed Monday - Friday 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Saturday: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
(Closed Sunday)

WEEKLY OFFERINGS - Sunday, August 16, 2026

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Weekly Collection	\$18,000	\$16,806
Year to Date <i>OLL Fiscal Year</i>	\$900,000	\$932,214
<i>Budget and Actual comprises envelopes, cash, online giving and second collections for Our Lady of Lourdes.</i>		

Diocese of Rockville Centre

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2026 Parish Totals
Goal: \$78,750.00 ~ Pledges: \$47,230.00
Donors: 100 ~ Payments: \$42,349.30

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





A New Season of Events

Getting Back Together - Thursday, September 17th
7:00 pm Church Hall
Hors d'oeuvres & Refreshments
50/50

Mother Cabrini Bus Trip – Thursday, October 22nd
See Details Below

Welcome New RAS Board Members:
Treasurer – Alberta Portuese
Vice President – Linda Pietrasinski

BOUTIQUE (THRIFT SHOP) NEWS!

Closed for the Summer.
To arrange a drop-off or pickup, please call the Parish Center at
516-599-1269.

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.

Our Lady of Lourdes Rosary Altar Society

**Bus Trip To
Mother Cabrini Shrine**
701 Fort Washington Avenue
New York, NY

Thursday, October 22, 2026
9:00 am
Departure from Our Lady of Lourdes

Members Only
Price is \$25.00
(Includes Bus Transportation, 12 Noon Mass,
Lunch, Museum Visit and Gift Shop)

**Reservation Deadline August 31
Limited Seats**

**Please send check made out to:
Our Lady of Lourdes
and mail to:**

**Madeleine Sewell
61 Broadway
Malverne, NY 11565
(516) 593-5972**

Name _____

Telephone # _____

Bulletin Reflection

In today's Gospel, we see an example of the Primacy of Peter.

Pro Life Corner

"The hairsplitting difference between formed and unformed makes no difference to us. Whoever deliberately commits abortion is subject to the penalty for homicide." ~ St. Basil the Great (329-279), Father and Doctor of the Church

Pray for Priests



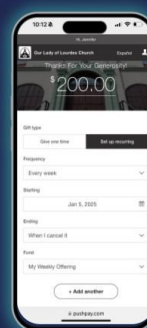
God, our Father, please send us holy priests, all for the Sacred and Eucharistic Heart of Jesus, all for the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, in union with St. Joseph. We pray that the Blessed Mother wraps her mantle around your priests and, through her intercession, strengthens them for their 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	<i>Rev. Gustavo Perez Alzate</i>
Monday	<i>Rev. Prince Charles Ofori</i>
Tuesday	<i>Rev. Jijo Joseph</i>
Wednesday	<i>Rev. Mike Bartholomew</i>
Thursday	<i>Rev. Richard Hoerning</i>
Friday	<i>Rev. Joseph Davanzo</i>
Saturday	<i>All Priests and Deacons</i>

LIVE STREAMED SERVICES

May be accessed on the following platforms:
www.ollchurchmalverne.org
www.facebook.com/OLLMALVERNE/
www.youtube.com/@OurLadyofLourdesMalverne

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Reflection for Next Sunday

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 30, 2026

First Reading: *Jeremiah 20:7-9*

Second Reading: *Romans 12:1-2*

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 16:21-27*

Jesus speaks of his Passion and rebukes Peter for his objection.

Family Connection

Peter was expecting a Messiah that would carry out a different plan than the one Jesus had explained. Jesus was indeed the Messiah, but his life and death would show a different understanding of what it means to be the Messiah. We too have expectations of God and our own ideas about what we think God ought to be doing in our world. Like Peter we may risk limiting our image of God by thinking only in human ways. God's plan is always more than we can ever imagine.

As you gather as a family, talk about what we expect God to be doing in our world and in our family life. Then read today's Gospel, Matthew 16:21-27. Why do you think Peter was so upset by what Jesus was saying? Notice how Jesus reprimands Peter. Do we sometimes forget to let God be God for us? That is, do we sometimes get discouraged because God doesn't act in our world in the ways that we expect? Pray together that your family will remember that God is always working for the world's salvation in ways that are beyond our human imaginings. Conclude by praying together today's Psalm, Psalm 63.



SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR

COLOMBIA EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

WEEKEND OF AUGUST 22-23

Help Rebuild. Restore Hope.

Communities in Colombia have been devastated by a powerful earthquake. Thousands of families have been impacted, with many losing their homes, loved ones, and livelihoods. Your generous donation will help provide emergency relief, food, shelter, medical care, and hope to those in urgent need.

Please scan the QR code below to donate online, or place your donation in the special collection during all Masses the weekend of August 22-23.



Donations will be sent through the Diocese to assist relief efforts in Colombia

Can't Scan the QR Code? Visit: ppay.co/5ayWUojzurQ

Altar Server Schedule

August 29th & August 30th

<u>Saturday:</u>	5:00 pm:	Mason Diaz John Kutch
<u>Sunday:</u>	7:30 am:	Gigi Barton Mea Barton
	9:00 am:	Daniel Baldacchino Julie Baldacchino Maura Baldacchino
	10:30 am:	Nicolas Rivas Ryan Rivas
	12:00 pm:	Abigail Rudden Juliana Thevenot
	5:00 pm:	Ronin Alger Marina Bicocchi

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.



CHURCH OPENING TIMES

ALL ARE WELCOME

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

8 AM - 2:45 PM

SATURDAY

8 AM - 6 PM

SUNDAY

7 AM - 6 PM

THIS WEEK AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH

Monday, August 24th

9:30 am.....Legion of Mary..... Parish Center Room #2

Tuesday, August 25th

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

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

7:00 pmCoDAParish Center Dining Room

7:00 pmBoy Scout Troop 24 Church Hall

Wednesday, August 26th

7:00 pmAAParish Center Dining Room

7:00 pmPrayer Group..... Parish Center Room #2

Thursday, August 27th

7:30 pmBazaar Volunteer Meeting Church Hall

Friday, August 28th

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

7:00 pmAAParish Center Dining Room

Saturday, August 29th

4:00 pmConfessionsChurch

5:30 pmAA Church Hall

Sunday, August 30th

HAPPY NEWS ABOUT FR. O'BRIEN

Fr. Jim is happy to announce that Bishop Barres has recently reappointed Fr. O'Brien as Adjunct Judicial Vicar and Diocesan Judge of the Tribunal of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, with his residence remaining at Our Lady of Lourdes.

An Adjunct Judicial Vicar is a priest appointed to assist the chief judge of a diocesan ecclesiastical court, known as the Tribunal. The Adjunct Judicial Vicar shares ordinary judicial authority in the work of the Tribunal, including presiding over collegiate court panels and adjudicating marriage nullity cases.

May the Lord continue to bless and guide Fr. O'Brien in his priestly ministry and service to the Diocese of Rockville Centre.



Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic?

Do you know anyone who has been baptized but has not received First Holy Communion or Confirmation?

Our parish will soon begin a new journey to share the richness of God's love in the Catholic Faith through the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA). These sessions are open to all inquirers.

They will begin this fall and be held on Sunday mornings after the 9 AM Mass in the Parish Center.

JESUS IS CALLING!!

If you know someone, extend an invitation! If it's you, answer His call!!

COME, SEE, and EXPERIENCE THE MERCIFUL LOVE OF GOD!!

Call the Parish Center with your information, and a member of the OCIA Team will be in touch.



www.ollchurchmalverne.org

OUR LADY OF LOURDES BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish will be offering two eight-week support groups for those who have experienced the death of someone close to them within the last year.

**Thursdays 7:15 pm - 8:30 pm from
September 17th through November 12th**

**Saturdays 10:00 am - 11:15 am from
September 19th through November 14th**

The primary goals of the group are to help participants understand the grief process, develop skills to manage their grief, and adjust to living in a world without their loved one. The groups are open to anyone who has lost a spouse or partner, parent, child, grandchild, sibling, or other loved one.

If you are interested in joining, please call the Parish Center at 516-599-1269 requesting that a registration form be mailed to you. Completed registration forms, along with a one-time registration fee of \$25 to cover the cost of materials and supplies used in the group, must be returned to the Parish Center by August 31, 2026.

NEW BULLETIN GUIDELINES

To help us prepare the parish bulletin in a timely manner, we kindly ask that all parish organizations submit bulletin notices at least **7 days before the publication date**. The submission deadline is **Monday at 11:00 a.m.**

To ensure space is available for all ministries and events, notices will be limited to **one-quarter page** and will run for **no more than two consecutive weeks**.

Submissions received after the Monday deadline may be scheduled for the following week's bulletin.

Please email all bulletin notices to **rectoryoffice@ollchurchmalverne.org**. Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us keep our parish community informed.

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

Sabina Ciccio, William Cullen, John Dunford, Pat Flynn, Deacon John Governale, Gerri Graetzer, Pat Malek, Rev. Michael Morris, Thomas Ruggiero, Jack Taylor, Liz Toma

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

*The Altar Flowers have been donated
in Loving Memory of*

Nancy Bardes



*Requested by
Fran Mussillo and Family*

*The Flowers by the Blessed Mother Statue
have been donated in Loving Memory of*

Grace M. Korth

for her First Anniversary in Heaven

*Requested by
Her Family*



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
CDR Andrew E. Glassing

United States Army

Spec Lotachukwu Okoye
Spec Tucker Andrew Peterson
1st LT Katherine L. Macaluso
Sgt. Christopher W. Dean, Jr.
SSG Matthew Takojeff

United States Air Force

1st Lt. William F. Cosgrove

United States Marine Corps

L Cpl Kristofer Katzenberger
LT Sam Olive
Cpl Joseph M. Macaluso

United States Coast Guard

Ensign Maureen Joyce Sussman

"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.

"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 "Reflecting." Don't miss it!



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!

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

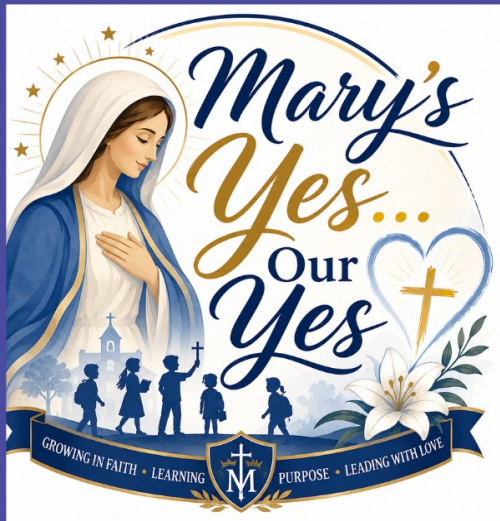
Memorials

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.



Support Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School
As we prepare to welcome our students for the 2026–2027 school year, we are reminded that Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School is a vital ministry of our parish. Every classroom is a place where children grow in faith, learn with purpose, and discover the gifts God has given them. This year, we are asking for your support in providing two important classroom resources for our youngest learners:

- Classroom Tables for Learning Centers – Creating collaborative spaces where students learn through hands-on exploration and teamwork.
- All-Purpose Teaching Easels with Locking Casters – Providing flexible instructional space for small-group learning, literacy, and interactive lessons.

Every gift, no matter the size, will make a meaningful difference in the lives of our students. Donations may be made to Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School. If you would like to memorialize or dedicate your gift in honor or memory of a loved one, please let us know when making your donation.

Thank you for your continued prayers, generosity, and support of Catholic education. Together, we help our children grow in faith, pursue academic excellence, and answer God's call each day.



Principal's Message



"Who Do You Say That I Am?"

As we celebrate the Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Gospel brings us one of the most important questions Jesus asks His disciples: "Who do you say that I am?"

Peter responds with faith and conviction: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." His answer becomes a defining moment. Jesus recognizes Peter's faith and entrusts him with a tremendous responsibility: "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church."

As we prepare to begin another school year at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School, this Gospel speaks beautifully to our theme for 2026-2027: "Mary's Yes... Our Yes!"

Peter's response to Jesus was, in its own way, a yes. It was a declaration that he believed, that he trusted, and that he was willing to follow. Like Mary, Peter did not know everything that would lie ahead. His journey would include moments of great faith as well as moments of weakness. Yet God called him, worked through him, and entrusted him with a mission.

The same is true for each of us.

As we stand at the threshold of a new school year, God is once again inviting us to say yes. For our teachers and staff, it is a yes to forming minds, inspiring hearts, and helping our students recognize the gifts God has placed within them. For our parents, it is a yes to partnering with us in the education and faith formation of their children. For our students, it is a yes to learning, growing, serving, and becoming the young men and women God is calling them to be.

And for all of us, it is a yes to placing Christ at the center of everything we do.

A Catholic school is more than classrooms, textbooks, technology, activities, and academic achievement. Those things are important, and we will always pursue excellence in them. But the foundation—the rock—of our school must always be Jesus Christ.

This year, when we speak about "Mary's Yes... Our Yes!", we are asking ourselves what our individual and collective yes will look like. Will we say yes to kindness when it would be easier to criticize? Yes to service when it requires sacrifice? Yes to perseverance when something becomes difficult? Yes to forgiveness when someone disappoints us? Yes to excellence when settling for "good enough" would be easier? And most importantly, will we say yes to Christ each day?

As the halls of Our Lady of Lourdes soon fill again with the voices and energy of our students, may we remember the question Jesus asks today: "Who do you say that I am?"

May our answer be found not only in our words, but in the way we teach, learn, serve, lead, forgive, and love.

Through Mary's example, may we have the courage to say yes.

Mary's Yes... Our Yes!

Growing in Faith • Learning with Purpose • Leading with Love

Our Lady of Lourdes,
pray for us!

Stephen Harth
Principal



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

— 1 CORINTHIANS 1:9 —

Faith Formation News

Formerly referred to as Religious Education

The Faith Formation Office is seeking catechists and hall monitors for the upcoming school year. If you are interested in sharing your time and talents in this important ministry, please contact the Faith Formation Office for more information.

Faith Formation sessions will begin the week of September 27th.

The Faith Formation Office is operating on a summer schedule. If you need assistance while the office is observing summer hours, please contact the Parish Center at

*516-599-1269 or email
religioused@ollchurchmalverne.org*

Blood Drive

Knights of Columbus Lynbrook Community

Sunday, August 30, 2026
8:30am to 2:30pm
78 Hempstead Ave. Lynbrook, NY 11563
Location: L Main Hall
BE A HERO ~ DONATE BLOOD

Prepare to donate

- Eat well and hydrate
- Bring a photo ID
- Feel good and symptom free
- Must be 17+ or 16 with parental consent form
- Meet minimum weight requirements

For full eligibility requirements and COVID-19 information, visit nybc.org/eligibility.

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● OUR LADY OF LOURDES · MALVERNE, NY

Fall 2026 · Nov 7th Exam

TACHS Exam Review Class

Confident, small-group preparation for the TACHS entrance exam —
Reading, Language, Math & Ability.

Stephen Harth

MATH TEACHER



WHEN & WHERE

OLL School, Malverne

Weekly · 9-12 (see dates below)

\$250

review book and materials included

1½ hrs Math

Operations, fractions, data & logic — with
Stephen Harth

1½ hrs English

Reading, grammar, spelling & writing — with
OLL Faculty

✦ Plus logic & reasoning practice every session ✦

8-Week Schedule Sept 12 – Oct 28

1	September 12 SAT	Math: Pre-Algebra & Algebra · English: Reading & Vocabulary
2	September 19 SAT	Math: Pre-Algebra & Algebra · English: Reading & Vocabulary
3	September 26 SAT	Math: General Math (Fractions/%) · English: Written Expression
4	October 3 SAT	Math: General Math (Fractions/%) · English: Written Expression
5	October 8 THU	Math: Geometry (Area/Angles) · English: Reading & Vocabulary
6	October 17 SAT	Math: Geometry (Area/Angles) · English: Reading & Vocabulary
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8	October 28 WED	Final Preparation & Strategies

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***Welcoming Our Newest Extraordinary Ministers
of Holy Communion***

At the 12:00 Noon Mass on Sunday, August 9, Father Jim installed our newest Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. From left to right: Angela Carbone, Angelo Montalvo II, Gabriella Filakovsky, Kayla Prizzi, Kathleen Petry, Danielle Chesney, and Raymond Heron.

May God bless them as they begin this sacred ministry of service to our parish community.

BACK to SCHOOL

School Supply Drive AUGUST 28 & 29 to help the families of Mercy Center in Bronx, NY

Mercy Center is a "haven" in Mott Haven, a community center offering programs and services that empower women and their families to reach their full potential. Mercy Center services many families that live in the poorest Congressional District in the US. They promote an improved quality of life by addressing the needs of the whole person in a community of respect, hospitality and non-violence.



New school supplies open a door to new opportunities and achievements. The families are so very grateful for the support they have received from OLL in years past! It has been amazing!

For more information on the Mercy Center please visit: <https://www.mercycenterbronx.org/>

WHAT ARE WE COLLECTING?

Gently Used:

- * Child/Teen Fall Clothing * Child/Teen Sneakers * Backpacks*
- (Dropped to OLL Church basement weekend Aug 28/29th)

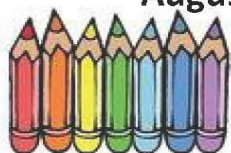
New Items:

- * Children's Socks and Underwear * Diapers * Pencils* Crayons*
- *Lunch Box * Markers * Construction Paper * Glue Sticks *
- *Folders * Pencil Sharpeners * Notebooks * Pens *

**NEW ITEMS can be brought to OLL OR
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377 East 145th Street
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***Please drop any donations to the Church Hall during the weekend of
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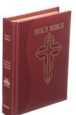
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