



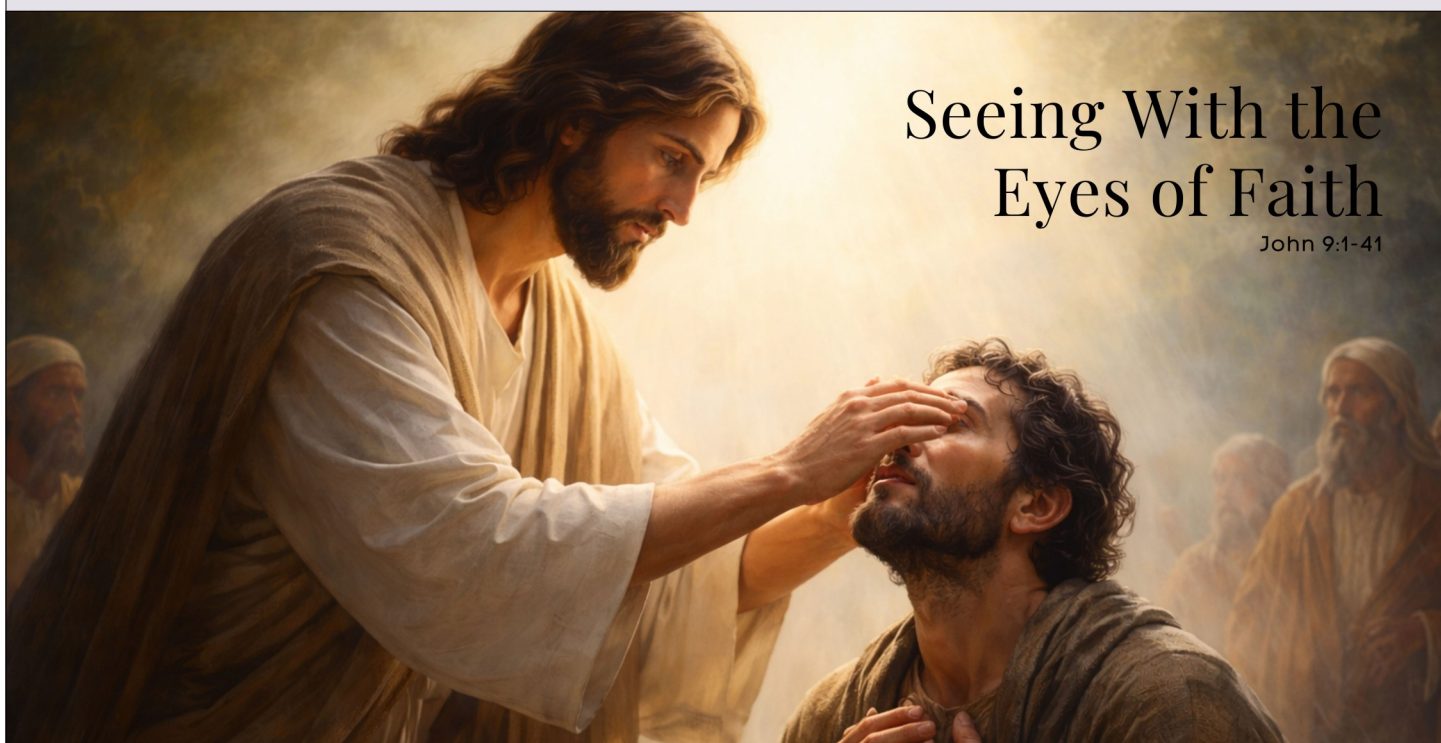
OUR LADY OF LOURDES

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MALVERNE, NEW YORK

*Fourth Sunday of Lent*

March 15, 2026



Seeing With the  
Eyes of Faith

John 9:1-41

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 GROTTA**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**JOHN 9:1-41**

**REJOICE JERUSALEM**

This Sunday we enter the halfway point of our Lenten journey. That is one of the reasons we call this Fourth Sunday of Lent Laetare Sunday—Rejoice Sunday. A second reason is that the antiphon from Isaiah 66:10, as you will find in the missalette, states, “Rejoice, Jerusalem.” We are marching ever so perseveringly toward the joy of the Resurrection at Easter, which is the center of our Catholic Christian faith. On this Laetare Sunday you will notice that the priest wears rose-colored vestments and flowers are on the altar. This represents joy, giving us a break from the somberness of Lent. The question we may ask ourselves this week is, “How am I doing on this Lenten journey?”

Where have I been doing well and where have I failed or faltered? Thank God Lent is six weeks to give us the time to pick ourselves up and begin once again. This is what is so wonderful and loving about the Lord. Every day with Him is a new day for us. Remember this from Scripture: “But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day” (2 Peter 3:8). In other words, with the Lord, His patience always assures us opportunities for reconciliation and forgiveness. As we consider the story of the blind man (John 9:1–41) this Sunday, what blinds me from seeing the Lord in my life and in the lives of others whom I encounter?

**HONORING ST. PATRICK AND ST. JOSEPH**

This week the Church celebrates two beloved saints: **St. Patrick** on March 17 and **St. Joseph** on March 19.

St. Patrick reminds us of the joy of sharing our faith, while St. Joseph, the faithful guardian of the Holy Family, teaches us humility, trust in God, and devotion to family life.

We offer our prayers in a special way for all those who celebrate their Irish and Italian heritage, as well as for the countries that honor them as their patron saints, and for all who celebrate these saints with gratitude and joy. May their example continue to inspire and strengthen our parish community.

**St. Patrick, pray for us.**

**St. Joseph, pray for us.**

**WE WELCOME FR. JOHN MCCARTHY MARCH 22**

Please join us for the **12:00 Noon Mass next Sunday, March 22, as we welcome Fr. John McCarthy as part of our 100th Anniversary as a parish.** As you know, Fr. John came here during a very difficult time and did his best to help mend the parish together. We invite you to lend your support and join us for a reception following the 12:00 Noon Mass.

As an aside, I had the experience of being in the hospital this past Tuesday night. I must say I now know I have walked in the shoes of so many of you who have been in the hospital. This will help me in future hospital pastoral visits. It can be a bit frightening. I was grateful for the Lord being with me and for your prayers. I am doing better now. May we pray for one another. May God bless you, and may Mary keep you and your families always.

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us!

*Fr. Jim*

**Thank You to the Our Lady of Lourdes Men’s Club**  
We extend our sincere gratitude to the Our Lady of Lourdes Men’s Club for their generous donation of two brand-new snowblowers to support our parish and school campus. Their thoughtful gift will help ensure that our walkways and entrances remain safe and accessible for our parishioners, students, and staff during the winter months. We are truly grateful for the Men’s Club’s continued generosity and commitment to serving our parish community.

**CENTENNIAL**  
**HOMECOMING**

JOIN FATHER JOHN MCCARTHY AS HE  
CELEBRATES MASS AT OLL AS PART OF OUR  
100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS!

**SUNDAY, MARCH 22**  
**NOON**

# Welcome Home Fr. Cosmas!

Thank you to Fr. Cosmas for celebrating Mass with us last Sunday. It was a joy to welcome him back as part of our 100th Anniversary celebrations. We were also happy to celebrate Girl Scout Sunday with the girls and their leaders, who enrich our parish community in so many ways.



### Mass Schedule

Monday through Saturday  
9:00 am and live-streamed

### Weekend Masses

Saturday ~ 5:00 pm  
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am,  
10:30 am ~ live-streamed  
12:00 pm, 5:00 pm

### Confession

Saturday ~ 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm

### Welcome to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

65 Wright Avenue, Malverne, NY

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

**Parish Website:** OLLChurchMalverne.org

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

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

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

### Parish Center Office Hours:

Monday to Friday:

9:00 am to 12:00 pm, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Saturday: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

*No evening hours on Friday*

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

### Music Ministry Team:

Stephen Harth, and Christine Solimeno  
sharth5620@ollmalverne.org

**Youth Director:** Linda Baldacchino

**Maintenance:** Kevin Dieck  
Rocco Bruzzese

### Religious Education:

Mary Lasar, Director  
ollreled@gmail.com

Marybeth Malone, Secretary  
(516) 599-7222

### Religious Education Office Hours

Monday to Friday: 9:30 am to 3:15 pm ~ Parish Center

Tuesday & Wednesday: 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm ~ School

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

### School Office

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Lisa LoGrande, Administrative Assistant

(516) 599-7328 ~ Fax: (516) 231-1440

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### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, March 14th ~ Lenten Weekday

5:00 pm Julia Composto (d)

#### Sunday, March 15th ~ Fourth Sunday of Lent

7:30 am For the People of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish  
9:00 am For the Living Intentions of Edwin and  
Grisleysi Ching

10:30 am Michael J. LoCasio (d)  
12:00 pm Antonio and Virgilia Tuosto (d)  
John Culley (d)  
For the Deceased Members of the Crawford  
and Rooney Families

Julio and Lira Diaz (d)

All Souls

5:00 pm Gerard Dierker (d)

#### Monday, March 16th ~ Lenten Weekday

9:00 am Helen Geraghty (d)

6:30 pm Confessions

#### Tuesday, March 17th ~ St. Patrick, Bishop

9:00 am Helen Geraghty (d)

#### Wednesday, March 18th ~ Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and

#### Doctor of the Church

9:00 am Stasia and Chester Osowiecki (d)

#### Thursday, March 19th ~ Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 am Jean Mari Rouchon (d)

#### Friday, March 20th ~ Lenten Weekday

9:00 am Carmen Milagros Ruiz (d)

7:30 pm Stations of the Cross

#### Saturday, March 21st ~ Lenten Weekday

9:00 am Salvatore Badalamenti (d)

Patrick Coonan (d)

William W. Gordon (d)

Charlie Martin Kelly (d)

Peter F. Zullo - 9th Anniversary in Heaven

5:00 pm Jo-Anne Gecewicz (d)

#### Sunday, March 22nd ~ Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:30 am For the Living Intentions of Edwin and  
Grisleysi Ching

9:00 am For the People of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

10:30 am John P. Dolan, Sr. (d)

12:00 pm Sean D. Ledwith (d)

Howard Finegan (d)

Martin DePierro (d)

Agnes LaScala (d)

Anthony Pattay (d)

5:00 pm Marija Braut (d)



## 2026 Events

**Thursday, March 19th**—7 pm | Church Hall  
St. Joseph/St. Patrick Celebration

### SAVE THE DATE

**Sunday, April 19th**—12 Noon  
Annual Communion Breakfast  
Knights of Columbus

**Please see flyer on page 16 of the bulletin**

*A Very Special Thank You to Emerita Santiago  
for Taking Care of the Altar During the  
Month of February.*

### 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.

## **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.



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



**Wilfred Patrick Vlaun**

**Ryan J. Burns**

#### **Pro Life Corner**

“The gift of life makes us responsible, and we should be grateful for it...Every child is a gift from God, a sign of His love for us.”

- Pope Benedict XVI

#### **Bulletin Reflection**

Jesus gives sight to the man born blind.

#### **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.

#### **Elevator Notice**

The elevator is currently out of service until further notice. We apologize for the inconvenience and will notify parishioners once it has been restored. Thank you for your understanding.

#### **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. Thomas Pers          |
| <b>Monday</b>    | Rev. Joseph Davanzo       |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | Rev. Greg Breen           |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | Rev. Patrick Owusu-Ansah  |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | Rev. Henry W. Reid        |
| <b>Friday</b>    | Rev. Gustavo Perez Alzate |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>All Priests</b>        |

## Reflection for Next Sunday

Fifth Sunday of Lent

**March 22, 2026**

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11

Gospel Reading: John 11:1-45

*Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead.*

### Family Connection

Jesus' promise of eternal life is a central element of our Catholic faith. Even though Easter is still two weeks away, our Gospel today invites us to acknowledge Jesus' power over death, evidenced in the raising of Lazarus, and to anticipate Jesus' conquering of death once and for all in his death and Resurrection. We sometimes use examples from nature to help describe this mystery of our faith. Jesus himself talked about the seed that dies when planted in the ground in order to produce new life (John 12:24). Using that image and others, we find hope and confidence in Jesus, the Resurrection and the life.

Gather your family today and read today's Gospel in its shorter form, John 11:3-7,17,20-27,33b-45. Write Jesus' promise from today's Gospel ("I am the resurrection and the life.") on a large sheet of white paper. As your family talks about what Jesus means by this promise, decorate Jesus' words with symbols that will remind you of his promise of eternal life. Display this reminder of Jesus' promise in a prominent place in your home and keep it there until Easter. Pray that you will always remain confident in Jesus' promise of eternal life. Conclude by praying together the Apostles' Creed or the Nicene Creed.



JESUS WASHED THE FEET OF HIS APOSTLES AT THE LAST SUPPER. HE DID THIS TO SET AN EXAMPLE, TO SHOW THEM THAT THEY WERE TO SERVE PEOPLE.

THE CHURCH COMMEMORATES THIS SOLEMN EVENT ON HOLY THURSDAY AT THE MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER, APRIL 2ND AT 7:30 PM.

OUR PRIEST WASHES THE FEET OF 12 MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION, REMINDING ALL PRESENT OF OUR DUTY TO SERVE OTHERS.

WE INVITE YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS TRADITION BY HAVING YOUR FEET WASHED.

THERE WILL BE ONE SHORT PRACTICE ON **MARCH 25 AT 7:30 PM. THIS PRACTICE IS A MUST FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS** TO ENSURE THAT THE CEREMONY GOES SMOOTHLY.

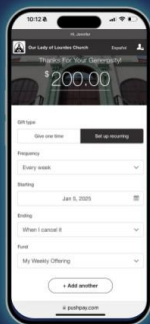
PLEASE CALL THE PARISH CENTER AT (516) 599-1269 BY MARCH 20H SO THAT WE MAY FINALIZE OUR PLANS.

GOD BLESS YOU,  
OUR LADY OF LOURDES LITURGY COMMITTEE

### 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](mailto:rectoryoffice@ollchurchmalverne.org).

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## What to Give Up:



A Lenten Reflection

- Give up complaining - focus on gratitude.
- Give up pessimism - become an optimist.
- Give up harsh judgements - think kindly thoughts.
- Give up worry - trust Divine Providence.
- Give up discouragement - be full of hope.
- Give up bitterness - turn to forgiveness.
- Give up hatred - return good for evil.
- Give up negativism - be positive.
- Give up anger - be more patient.
- Give up pettiness - become mature.
- Give up gloom - enjoy the beauty that is all around you.
- Give up jealousy - pray for trust.
- Give up gossiping - control your tongue.
- Give up sin - turn to virtue.
- Give up giving up - hang in there!

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.



### 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.

## St. Vincent de Paul Society



In today's Gospel, as Jesus gives sight to the blind man. Through grace we are also transformed from not seeing to seeing, and then Jesus sends us to help others see and to believe.

**Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brings joy, peace, forgiveness, mercy and kindness to the hurting hearts of the poor.**

### 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

Canned Chicken Breast, Green Peas, Rice-A-Roni,  
Cannellini Beans, Baked Beans, Chili, Tomato  
Paste, Cereal, Oatmeal & **JELLY**

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

### Diocese of Rockville Centre

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2026 Parish Totals  
Goal: \$78,750.00 ~ Pledges: \$18,976.00  
Donors: 44 ~ Payments: \$8,972.00



### CHURCH OPENING TIMES

ALL ARE WELCOME

### MONDAY TO FRIDAY

8 AM - 2:45 PM

### SATURDAY

8 AM - 6 PM

### SUNDAY

7 AM - 6 PM

## Altar Server Schedule March 21st & March 22nd

|                  |           |                                      |
|------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|
| <u>Saturday:</u> | 5:00 pm:  | Hope Signora<br>Nicholas Signora     |
| <u>Sunday:</u>   | 7:30 am:  | Gigi Barton<br>Mea Barton            |
|                  | 9:00 am:  | Hayden Kunz<br>Mackenzie Grace Upton |
|                  | 10:30 am: | Kate Fills<br>James Fills            |
|                  | 12:00 pm: | Mae Lawler<br>Jacob Rodriguez        |
|                  | 5:00 pm:  | Dana Ospina<br>Melissa Ospina        |

### WEEKLY OFFERINGS - Sunday, March 8, 2026

|  | <u>Budget</u>    | <u>Actual</u>    |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| Weekly Collection                      | <b>\$18,000</b>  | <b>\$17,344</b>  |
| Year to Date<br><i>OLL Fiscal Year</i> | <b>\$486,000</b> | <b>\$509,732</b> |

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

## Supporting Our Parish

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

### Ways to Give



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



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



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



## THIS WEEK AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH

### Monday, March 16

9:00 am ..... Legion of Mary ..... Parish Center Room #2  
 11:30 am ..... School Teachers ..... Parish Center Dining Room  
 6:30 pm ..... Confessions ..... Church

### Tuesday, March 17

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

### Wednesday, March 18

9:30 am - 2:30 pm ..... Thrift Shop  
 11:30 am ..... 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 ..... First Communion Meeting ..... Church

### Thursday, March 19

11:30 am ..... School Teachers ..... Parish Center Dining Room  
 7:00 pm ..... RAS St. Patrick/St. Joseph Celebration ..... Church Hall

### Friday, March 20

9:30 am ..... SVDP ..... Parish Center Room #2  
 11:30 am ..... School Teachers ..... Parish Center Dining Room  
 7:00 pm ..... AA ..... Parish Center Dining Room  
 7:30 pm ..... Stations of the Cross ..... Church

### Saturday, March 21

9:30 am - 12:30 pm ..... Thrift Shop  
 11:00 am ..... Souper Scavenger Hunt ..... Church Hall  
 4:00 pm ..... Confessions ..... Church  
 7:00 pm ..... AA ..... Parish Center Dining Room

### Sunday, March 22

9:00 am ..... Family Mass ..... Church/Church Hall  
 10:30 am ..... CYO Basketball Mass ..... Church

## Lenten and Holy Week Schedule 2026

### Lenten Mission

Most Rev. Robert J. Brennan, Bishop of Brooklyn  
 Sunday, March 1 - Tuesday, March 3 ~ 7:00 pm

### Confessions

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

### Reconciliation Monday, March 30

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

### Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 7:30 pm

### Daily Mass during Holy Week

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday ~ 9:00 am

### Wednesday, April 1

Tenebrae Service ~ 7:30 pm

### Holy Thursday, April 2

9:00 am ~ Morning Prayer  
 7:30 pm ~ Mass of the Lord's Supper  
 9:00 pm to 12 Midnight ~ Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

### Good Friday, April 3

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

### Holy Saturday, April 4

9:00 am ~ Morning Prayer  
 9:45 am ~ Easter Food Blessing  
 Confessions ~ 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm  
 Easter Vigil ~ 8:00 pm  
 (NO 5:00 pm Mass)

### Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Church: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 pm  
 Overflow Mass: 10:45 am in Maier Hall (School)  
 (NO 5:00 pm Mass)



Congratulations to the  
 following students of  
 St. Francis Preparatory School  
 for receiving Honor Roll Status  
 during the second quarter!

**Maura Baldacchino     Henry Correa**  
**Analièse Mathieu**

**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.

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

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

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



**Our Parishioners  
Serving in the Military**

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

**United States Navy**

LT Geoff Hendrick  
LCDR Ryan Patrick Mahon  
LCDR Tara Mahoney

**United States Army**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Church Flowers:**

Altar Flowers: \$100    Tabernacle Flowers: \$120 for 2  
Flowers by Blessed Mother Statue: \$60  
Flowers by St. Joseph Statue: \$60

**Memorials**

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

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

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

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

***OUR LADY OF LOURDES***

***YOUNG ADULT GROUP***

**Growing in  
faith together!**

**Ages 18-25**

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

Interested? Scan to  
connect



**Parish Mission Statement**

We, the parish family of Our Lady of Lourdes, are a faith-filled people who welcome all to join us as we listen to the Word of God and celebrate the Eucharist together. We encourage each other to grow in Christ as we use our God-given gifts to serve the people of our community.

Through the Holy Spirit we are inspired through our Patroness, Our Lady of Lourdes, and we strive to imitate her charity and love in making the will of God our own.



# CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OF LONG ISLAND

Your word is a lamp for my feet,  
a light for my path.

PSALM 119:105

About 70 Lourdes students, parents, friends and family came together for Family Paint night yesterday! It was a great night filled with fun and art

## Principal's Message



This Sunday, the Church celebrates the Fourth Sunday of Lent, often called Laetare Sunday. The word Laetare means "rejoice." In the middle of the Lenten season, the Church gives us a moment to pause, lift our heads, and remember why we are walking this Lenten journey in the first place.

Lent asks us to reflect, to pray more deeply, and to turn our hearts back to God. Sometimes that work can feel heavy. We look honestly at where we need to grow. We try to give up habits that distract us from what matters most. But Laetare Sunday reminds us that the purpose of Lent is not sadness. The purpose is renewal. It is the quiet joy of knowing that God is always ready to welcome us back.

In the Gospel this weekend, we are reminded that God's love is constant and generous. Even when we fall short, even when we lose our way, God never stops reaching out to us. That message is especially important for our students. Childhood and adolescence are times of learning, trying, sometimes failing, and trying again. Our faith reminds us that mistakes are not the end of the story. Growth, forgiveness, and new beginnings are always possible.

Here at Our Lady of Lourdes School, we see this spirit every day. In our classrooms, students are learning not only reading, math, science, and history, but also how to live with kindness, patience, and responsibility. They are learning how to lift one another up. They are learning that faith is not just something we talk about on Sunday. It is something we practice in the way we treat one another every day.

Lent is a wonderful time for families to reflect together on these values. Simple moments can become meaningful traditions. Saying a prayer together before dinner. Attending Mass as a family. Talking about ways to help someone who may be struggling. These small acts shape the hearts of our children in powerful ways.

As we move closer to Easter, we also see signs of hope all around us. The days are getting longer. Spring is slowly returning. In the same way, Lent leads us toward the light of the Resurrection. The joy of Easter is already beginning to shine through.

I want to thank our parish and school families for the many ways you support the mission of Our Lady of Lourdes. Your commitment to faith, education, and community is what makes our school such a special place. Our students benefit from the example you set every day.

Let this Sunday be a reminder to rejoice. Even in the middle of our Lenten sacrifices, we remember that we are a people of hope. God walks with us, guides us, and calls us forward with love.

May the Blessed Mother of Lourdes continue to watch over our school and parish community during this Lenten season.

~Stephen Harth

Principal



## Religious Education News

### MARCH EVENTS

**Wednesday, March 18th**—Mass and Report Cards

**Saturday, March 21st**—Mass and Report Cards

**Tuesday, March 24th**— Sacrament of Confirmation

1:00 pm—Our Lady of Lourdes Students

3:30 pm—Religious Education Students and Brother Fox Students

### **First Communion Meeting:**

For second grade parents only on Wednesday, March 18th at 7:00pm in the Church.

**The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Tuesday, March 24th. The celebrant will be the Most Rev. Bishop Robert Coyle.**

### CONFIRMATION NEWS

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

7th and 8th Grade Confirmation Preparation Students put your Mass Passes in the collection basket each Sunday or give them to your Catechist during the week before the following Sunday for Credit.

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

### **"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 "Coping" Don't miss it!



# Tenebrae



Wednesday, April 1st at 7:30PM

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

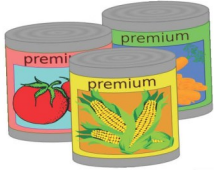
During the service, psalms, readings from Scripture, and passages from the Lamentations of the prophet Jeremiah are chanted or read. After each section, candles on a special stand called a Tenebrae hearse are gradually extinguished until the church is left in near darkness. This symbolizes the abandonment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

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

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

# SOUPER SCAVENGER HUNT!

## SATURDAY, MARCH 21st



**For a team of family, friends, or neighbors  
Join your community to help those in need  
Have fun and celebrate the kindness of others  
Fun competition among teams to collect the most food**

\*Prior registration is needed - all teams must check-in before hunt.

\*All teams will be given instructions, materials and assigned territory about one week before the hunt. All collecting will be done between 9am-3pm.

\*Your team may choose to pre-flyer your territory to make residents aware of the collection.

\*Your team will set out by car or by foot to collect any non-perishable food items throughout the town of Malverne.

\*Your team meets back between 11:00am – 3:00pm with all donated items to be weighed in.

\*Your team will receive a point for each pound of goods collected plus bonus points for highly needed items.

\*If you are unable to join a team you may participate by leaving a bag of non-perishable foods on your stoop during these hours (please call if outside of Malverne).

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### SOUPER SCAVENGER HUNT REGISTRATION

Circle One: I have a team to register I would like to be placed on a team

ADULT LEADER: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

PARTICIPANT(S) NAMES

- |          |           |
|----------|-----------|
| 1) _____ | 6) _____  |
| 2) _____ | 7) _____  |
| 3) _____ | 8) _____  |
| 4) _____ | 9) _____  |
| 5) _____ | 10) _____ |

CIRCLE ONE: Will travel by car Will travel by foot (please bring wagon(s))

Address and car availability will determine your assigned territory.

\*Please send this form to the OLL Parish Center (65 Wright Ave., Malverne)  
or **Call 516-241-1896 to register.**

**\*Territories will be given out on a first-come first serve basis. If your team would like to have designated streets ahead of time and pre-flyer those houses, let us know and we will provide an appropriate flyer. \***

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# Our Lady of Lourdes

## Centennial Anniversary

### Journal Entry Submission Form

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**Please send all ads and inquiries to:**  
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### Checks can be made payable to:

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Memo: 100th Gala Journal

### Mail or drop off to:

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Attn: 100th Gala Journal Committee  
65 Wright Avenue, Malverne, NY 11565

All proceeds from the journal will benefit centennial projects, parish ministries and ongoing improvements to ensure that Our Lady of Lourdes remains a vibrant spiritual home for generations to come.

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THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF



# OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH



If you would like to sponsor a priest or  
religious sister to attend the celebration,  
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## BLUE & WHITE BALL

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2026

SAND CASTLE

505 FRANKLIN AVE., FRANKLIN SQUARE, NY

COCKTAIL HOUR, DINNER & DANCING

7:00 PM TO MIDNIGHT

\$185 PER PERSON | 21 & OVER

**Kindly register by March 31, 2026**

Please return payment with guest count by mail or to the Parish Center,  
or register online at [www.ollchurchmalverne.org/blueandwhiteball](http://www.ollchurchmalverne.org/blueandwhiteball)



**Rosarians and Friends**

Join us for our

***Annual Communion Buffet Brunch***

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

**St. Mary's Knights of Columbus**

78 Hempstead Avenue

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For reservations, please mail a check  
For \$45 (non-members: \$50) made payable to OLLRAS, to

Madeleine Sewell  
61 Broadway  
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Phone – 516-593-5972

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

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

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

# Our Lady of Lourdes Easter Plant Sale 2026

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



## 6 1/2" Pot, \$13 ea OR 3 for \$35



| <u>Tulips:</u> | <u>Qty:</u> | <u>Total \$:</u> |
|----------------|-------------|------------------|
| Red            | _____       | _____            |
| Yellow         | _____       | _____            |
| Purple         | _____       | _____            |
| White          | _____       | _____            |
| Pink           | _____       | _____            |

| <u>Hyacinths:</u> | <u>Qty:</u> | <u>Total \$:</u> |
|-------------------|-------------|------------------|
| Blue              | _____       | _____            |
| White             | _____       | _____            |
| Pink              | _____       | _____            |
| Mixed             | _____       | _____            |



## 6 1/2" Pot, \$13 ea OR 3 for \$35

| <u>Pansies:</u> | <u>Qty:</u> | <u>Total \$:</u> |
|-----------------|-------------|------------------|
| Yellow          | _____       | _____            |
| Purple          | _____       | _____            |
| White           | _____       | _____            |
| Red             | _____       | _____            |
| Light Blue      | _____       | _____            |

| <u>Daffodil:</u> | <u>Qty:</u> | <u>Total \$:</u> |
|------------------|-------------|------------------|
| Tet-a-tet        | _____       | _____            |



| <u>Easter Lily 8"</u> | <u>Qty:</u> | <u>Total \$:</u> |
|-----------------------|-------------|------------------|
| 1 Stem \$15ea         | _____       | _____            |
| 2 Stem \$25ea         | _____       | _____            |

| <u>Hydrangeas, \$25ea</u> | <u>Qty:</u> | <u>Total \$:</u> |
|---------------------------|-------------|------------------|
| Pink                      | _____       | _____            |
| Blue/Violet               | _____       | _____            |
| White                     | _____       | _____            |

## \$25 ea

| <u>Baskets/Gardens:</u> | <u>Qty:</u> | <u>Total \$:</u> |
|-------------------------|-------------|------------------|
|-------------------------|-------------|------------------|

|                             |       |       |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------|
| <b>Flowering Basket</b>     | _____ | _____ |
| wrapped in clear film & bow |       |       |

|                      |       |       |
|----------------------|-------|-------|
| <b>Bunny Planter</b> | _____ | _____ |
| with plant           |       |       |

|                                    |       |       |
|------------------------------------|-------|-------|
| <b>10" Bulb Garden</b>             | _____ | _____ |
| (Tulip/Tete-a-tete/Grape Hyacinth) |       |       |



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| Delivery for \$10 _____<br>Deliver to:<br>_____<br>Total Amount Due: \$ _____ |
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**Orders due by Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>** by sending this **form with checks made to OLL PTL** in backpacks to Elisa Artusa c/o Nicky Castrovilla 6-2 grade, the parish office or order through parish store at <https://ourladylourdesschool.betterworld.org/>

**Pickup or delivery Saturday, April 4th**, between 8AM and 11AM at Our Lady of Lourdes near Maier Hall entrance. **Mother's Day/ Spring Plant Sale coming soon!**

## Liturgical Minister Training- Spring 2026

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

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

### Dates and Locations for Liturgical Minister Training

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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April 10, 2026 - April 12, 2026  
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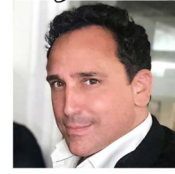
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