



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MALVERNE, NEW YORK

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 21, 2025

Preparing Our Hearts for Christmas

Matthew 1:18-24



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



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

THE GUIDING LIGHT FROM THE GROTTO
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - MATTHEW 1:18-24
CHRISTMAS DAY - LUKE 2:1-14, JOHN 1:1-18



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS—OPEN YOUR HEART TO JESUS

This Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Advent, we find ourselves in a somewhat unusual moment, as Christmas Day is so close—just days away. We celebrate this Fourth Sunday of Advent with the Blessed Mother especially in mind, and then we move almost immediately into the joy of Christmas. Let us take this brief remaining time of Advent to draw closer to the Lord and to one another.

The Fourth Sunday of Advent is traditionally called **Mary Sunday**, because the Gospel usually focuses on Mary's *fiat*—her “yes” to God in bringing Christ into the world. In this year's Gospel from Matthew, however, we are invited to see Mary through the eyes of St. Joseph. Matthew traces Jesus' family line through Joseph, who comes from the house of King David, showing that Jesus is the Messiah long awaited by the Jewish people from the beginning of time. He is the Emmanuel spoken of in Isaiah 7:10–17, promised to King Ahaz and to all Israel—God with us.

Joseph was a quiet, unassuming man with deep faith. Knowing that Mary and he were not yet fully married, and discovering that she was pregnant, he decided to divorce her quietly so as not to expose her to shame or scandal. But God had other plans. Through the message of the angel, Joseph came to trust God's plan and chose to take Mary as his wife and to raise the Lord Jesus as his earthly father. Joseph did this because of his profound faith, trust, and confidence in the Lord.

Joseph's encounter with God through the angel reminds us that God intervenes in the ordinary situations of our lives. Are we open to God's ways? During these final days of Advent, may we pray to be like St. Joseph—open to God's will and trusting in His promises—so that Christ may be born anew in our lives each day. It is because of Christ that we are able to enter the throne of grace in heaven.

Each Christmas, we hear the familiar story of the Nativity of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, from Luke 2:1–14. Even though we know the story so well, something new always seems to strike us. As I reflected on this Gospel passage, I was drawn to the reason Mary and Joseph had to go to a stable for the birth of Jesus. As Luke tells us, “There was no room in the inn.”

This past week, our second-grade schoolchildren presented a beautiful Nativity pageant, helping us reflect more deeply on the Lord's birth. In one of the songs, as they sang about there being no room in the inn, they also sang about making room in their hearts for Jesus. That message stays with us.



As we celebrate Christmas this year, we might ask ourselves: Is there room in my heart for Jesus? No matter the gifts we exchange, the money we spend, the meals we prepare, or the celebrations we enjoy, they mean little if Christ is not at the center of

our lives. The things of this world are temporary. Our relationship with Jesus Christ is eternal—if we desire it to be.

WE DID IT!—WE REACHED OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN GOAL OF \$2 MILLION

I am proud to announce that we have not only reached our parish goal of **\$2 million**, but we have gone beyond it in pledges! What a tremendous Christmas gift this is for our parish. Thank you to all who have pledged and are faithfully giving. You have truly brought Christmas joy to my heart, and you have echoed Mary's *Fiat Through the Generations*.

I also invite those who have not yet had the opportunity to pledge to please consider doing so. The more we exceed our goal, the stronger and more secure our parish Capital Fund will be for the future.

On behalf of our parish priests, Fr. Eugene and Fr. O'Brien; our deacon, Richard Portuese; and our parish staff—Jen, Stephen, Mary, Linda, Lisa, Marybeth, Estefanie, Angela, Josephine, Joyce, Nancy, and Marian—I wish each one of you and your families a most blessed and Merry Christmas and a healthy, Happy New Year.

May the light of the Christ Child always guide you and fill your hearts with joy. May God bless you, and may Mary keep you and your families always.

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us!

Fr. Jim

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

MASSES CHRISTMAS EVE ~ WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24
4 PM ~ CHURCH
4 PM ~ SCHOOL HALL
6 PM ~ CHURCH
12 AM ~ MIDNIGHT ~ CHURCH

**MASSES CHRISTMAS DAY
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25 ~ CHURCH**
7:30 AM, 9 AM, 10:30 AM, 12 NOON
THERE IS NO 5 PM MASS

NEW YEAR'S EVE ~ WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31
9 AM, 5 PM

**NEW YEAR'S DAY ~ SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 2026**
9 AM, 10:30 AM, 12 NOON

CONFESSIONS DURING ADVENT
EVERY SATURDAY ~ 4 PM TO 4:45 PM

SPECIAL CONFESSION DAYS
MONDAY, DECEMBER 1 ~ 7PM TO 8PM
MONDAY, DECEMBER 8 ~ 7PM TO 8PM
MONDAY, DECEMBER 15 ~ 7PM TO 8PM
MONDAY, DECEMBER 22 ~ 2PM TO 4PM AND 6PM TO 9PM





DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Christmas 2025

To the People of God of the Diocese of Rockville Centre:

Merry Christmas!

Throughout this year, we have marked many significant milestones in the life of the Church leading us to the Lord's Nativity and this holy season of Christmas, most especially the passing of Pope Francis at Easter and the election of Pope Leo XIV in May.

What a gift it has been to walk these months with our new Holy Father, to learn from his teaching, and witness his example.

On October 4th, the Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi, Pope Leo released his first Apostolic Exhortation, *Dilexit Te - I Have Loved You*. It is a profound meditation on love for the poor and speaks powerfully to the mystery of the Lord's Birth and the grace of this season.

The Holy Father reminds us: "The Gospel shows us that poverty marked every aspect of Jesus' life. From the moment he entered the world, Jesus knew the bitter experience of rejection. The Evangelist Luke tells how Joseph and Mary, who was about to give birth, arrived in Bethlehem, and then adds, poignantly, that 'there was no place for them in the inn' (*Lk* 2:7). Jesus was born in humble surroundings and laid in a manger; then, to save him from being killed, they fled to Egypt (cf. *Mt* 2:13-15). At the dawn of his public ministry, after announcing in the synagogue of Nazareth that the year of grace which would bring joy to the poor was fulfilled in him, he was driven out of town (cf. *Lk* 4:14-30). He died as an outcast, led out of Jerusalem to be crucified (cf. *Mk* 15:22). Indeed, that is how Jesus' poverty is best described: he experienced the same exclusion that is the lot of the poor, the outcast of society. Jesus is a manifestation of this *privilegium pauperum*. He presented himself to the world not only as a poor Messiah, but also as the Messiah of and for the poor." (n. 19)

Before these words of Pope Leo, we recall the wonderful truth: Christ became poor so that we who are poor might become rich (cf. 2 Cor. 8:9). This is the good news of Christmas. We are not alone. We are not left to ourselves. A Savior has come - Christ the Lord.

As we celebrate the Christmas season, we remember with Pope Leo that "Christian holiness often flourishes in the most forgotten and wounded places of humanity." (n. 76)

How beautifully the followers of Christ have responded to the cry of the poor and looked with love upon the most vulnerable among us. As we rejoice in Christ's Birth, we renew our commitment to love others as he has loved us.

Mass Schedule

Monday through Saturday
9:00 am and live-streamed

Weekend Masses

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

Confession

Saturday ~ 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm

Welcome to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

65 Wright Avenue, Malverne, NY

Pastor: Rev. James T. Stachacz
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Parish Website: OLLChurchMalverne.org

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

Parish Center: Jennifer Prizzi, Business Manager
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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
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Youth Director: Linda Baldacchino

Maintenance: Kevin Dieck
Rocco Bruzzese

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Marybeth Malone, Secretary
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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, December 20th ~ Saint Lucy, Late Advent Weekday

5:00 pm Anthony & Amalia Iadevaio (d)

Sunday, December 21st ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

Monday, December 22nd ~ Late Advent Weekday

9:00 am Calogero Armandini (d)
2:00 pm-4:00 pm Confessions
6:00 pm-9:00 pm Confessions

Tuesday, December 23rd ~ Saint John of Kanty, Priest

9:00 am Anthony Greco (d)

Wednesday, December 24th ~ Late Advent Weekday

9:00 am Jeanette C. Larsen (d)
4:00 pm ~ Church Anthony Greco (d)
4:15 pm ~ School Grace Korth (d)
6:00 pm For the Living Intentions of the Quinn &
Mazzei Families
12:00 Midnight For the Deceased Members of the Mamounis
and Harth Families

Thursday, December 25th ~ The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

7:30 am For the Living Intentions of the Family &
Friends of the DiBenedetto Family
9:00 am John Martin Walsh (d)
10:30 am For the Living & Deceased Members of the
Sledge Family
12:00 pm Teresa Prendergast (d)
James Dineen & Anthony Danna (d)
Jason Michael Brescia, Jr. (d)
Frank Sparacio (d)
For the Living & Deceased Members of the
Maranzano Family

Friday, December 26th ~ Saint Stephen, The First Martyr

9:00 am Margaret Harth (d)

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

9:00 am Calogero Armandini (d)
Ilana Yolanda Cohen (d)
Elizabeth Ann Bellafiore (d)
Jane Maguire (d)
For the Living Intentions of Grisleyis and Edwin
Ching
5:00 pm John J. Karam (d)

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

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

Bulletin Reflection

In today's Gospel, Joseph hears the angel's words, trusts in God and takes Mary and her Unborn Son, our Savior, into his home

Reflection for Next Sunday

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

December 28, 2025

First Reading: *Sirach 3:2-7,12-14*

Second Reading: *Colossians 3:12-21*

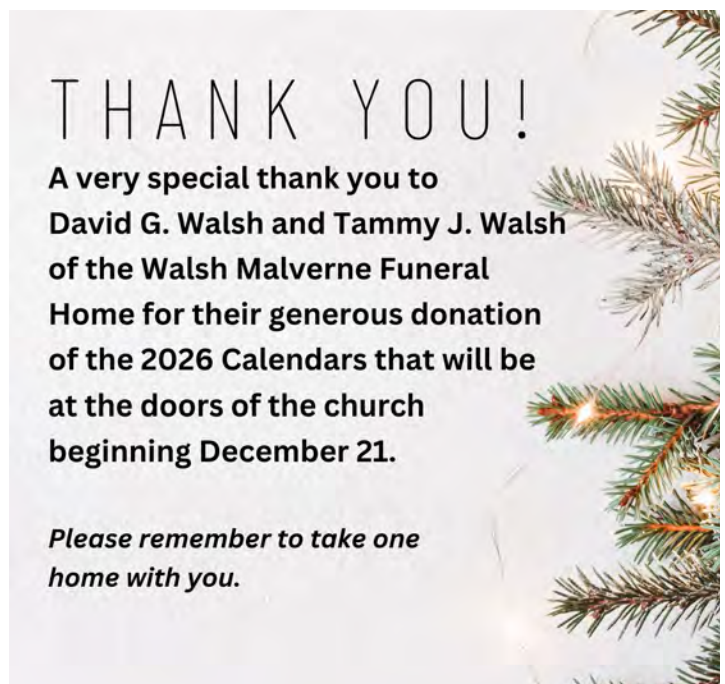
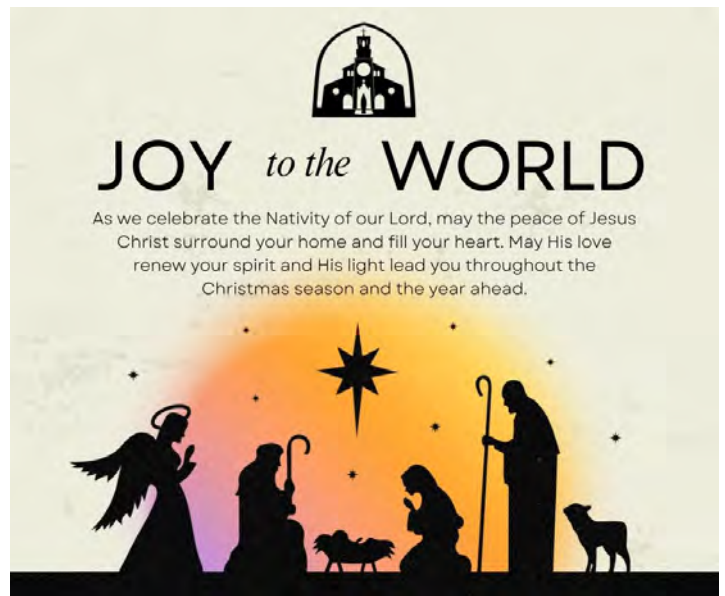
Gospel Reading: *Matthew 2:13-15,19-23*

In a dream, God tells Joseph to flee to Egypt to protect Jesus from King Herod.

Family Connection

In the midst of the Christmas season, it is quite appropriate that our liturgy asks us to pause to consider the Holy Family. In today's Gospel, we hear about how Joseph protected Jesus from danger by relocating the family to Egypt in obedience to God. Following the model of the Holy Family, we might use this feast to recall the responsibility that each family member has to contribute to the good of the family and recommit ourselves to one another.

Gather together as a family to work on a common project. You might prepare a meal together, prepare a special dessert, or perhaps do a craft together. When you finish, talk about how each family member contributed to the common project. Remind one another that each member of the family contributes to the good of the whole family. Recall that Jesus was also part of a family and that this Sunday we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Read together today's Gospel, Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23. Pray together that your family will continue to protect and care for one another as Mary and Joseph protected and cared for Jesus.



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**WISHES ALL
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A
HAPPY & HEALTHY NEW YEAR!**

Preview of 2026 Events

February 26th—1 pm Afternoon Event
March 19th—St. Joseph/St. Patrick Celebration
April 19th—Annual Communion Breakfast
BOUTIQUE (THRIFT SHOP) NEWS!

Hours of Operation

Wednesday 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

Saturday 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

*The Boutique will not be open
Wednesday, December 24, 2025*

All Rosary Altar Society Members

As a group, please try to attend 10:30 am Mass on the first Sunday of each month. The first few rows by the Blessed Mother Statue will be roped off.



All parishioners are invited to volunteer to be a part of the offertory procession at the Mass which you attend. This may be especially appropriate if the Mass is being offered for a relative or friend. Please see one of the Ushers before Mass begins to make your intention known.



Pro Life Corner

The mystery of the Incarnation reveals the specific value of the dignity of human life. God gave us this gift and sanctified it when the Son became man and was born of Mary. It is a gift that must be protected from conception until natural death.

Pray for Priests



God, our Father, please send us holy priests, all for the Sacred and Eucharistic Heart of Jesus, all for the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, in union with St. Joseph. We pray that the Blessed Mother wraps her mantle around your priests, and through her intercession strengthen them for their ministry. We pray that Mary will guide your priests to follow her own words, "Do whatever He tells you." (Jn 2:5) May your priests be holy, filled with the fire of Your love, seeking nothing but Your greater glory and the salvation of souls. Amen.

Sunday	Rev. Mike Bartholomew
Monday	Rev. Peter Devaraj
Tuesday	Rev. Manuel Zuzarte
Wednesday	Rev. Lennard Sabio
Thursday	Rev. Stephen Pietrowski
Friday	Rev. Edward Sheridan
Saturday	Deceased Priests and Deacons

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

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

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

The Sanctuary Lamp has been donated in Loving Memory of

Anthony Greco

always loved & always missed

Requested by

His Wife and Greco Family



BULLETIN DEADLINES

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: First Friday of each month at 8 pm by the Human Life Committee and the Nocturnal Adoration Society ending with Benediction at 10:00 pm.

Second Thursday of each month from Noon until Benediction at 4:45 pm.

Rosary: Each day beginning at 8:30 am in the Church.



**Our Parishioners
Serving in the Military**

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

United States Navy

LT Geoff Hendrick
LCDR Ryan Patrick Mahon
LCDR Tara Mahoney

United States Army

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

United States Air Force United States Marine Corps

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

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

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

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

Church Flowers:

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

Memorials

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

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

No flowers during the Advent and Lenten seasons only.

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

Parish Mission Statement

We, the parish family of Our Lady of Lourdes, are a faith-filled people who welcome all to join us as we listen to the Word of God and celebrate the Eucharist together. We encourage each other to grow in Christ as we use our God-given gifts to serve the people of our community. Through the Holy Spirit we are inspired through our Patroness, Our Lady of Lourdes, and we strive to imitate her charity and love in making the will of God our own.

Join Us for a Night of Joy & Music!



Christmas

LESSONS AND CAROLS

“Voices of the Season, Hearts in Harmony”

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

*Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church
Sunday, December 21, 2025 at 7:00 PM*

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St. Vincent de Paul Society



In today's Gospel, we hear that Jesus will be named Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." The mystery of the birth of Jesus is supremely a mystery of love. May each Christmas find us more and more like Him: more humble, more holy, more happy and more full of God.

Your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul helped those who are poor and suffering to find Emmanuel and they also came to know that "God is with us."

Pantry Hours

**Tuesday and Friday mornings 9:45 am - 11:45 am.
Thursday evenings 6:00 - 7:30 pm.**

Please contact us at
rectoryoffice@ollchurchmalverne.org
or call (516) 599-1269

Needed in the Food Pantry

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

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

Feast of St. John the Evangelist

Blessing of Wine – December 27



Join us on Saturday, December 27 at the 9:00 am Mass, and bring a bottle of wine to be blessed.

The Feast of St. John the Evangelist, celebrated on December 27, honors the beloved disciple of Jesus and the author of the Gospel of John. St. John is the only Apostle believed to have died a natural death, remaining faithful to Christ throughout his long life.

On this feast day, the Church traditionally offers a Blessing of Wine. This custom recalls an ancient story in which St. John was given poisoned wine but, after blessing it, drank it without harm. Because of this, St. John is often shown holding a chalice with a serpent, symbolizing God's protection and the power of faith.

The blessing of wine is a prayer for health, protection, joy, and friendship, and reminds us of the joy of Christmas that continues throughout the Octave of Christmas.

Altar Server Schedule

December 27th & December 28th

<u>Saturday:</u>	5:00 pm:	Hayden Kunz John Kutch
<u>Sunday:</u>	7:30 am:	Ronin Alger Daniel Clarke
	9:00 am:	Duggan McKeon Luke McKeon
	10:30 am:	Colin Owen Nicolas Rivas
	12:00 pm:	Tomas Ner Tiernan Schutta
	5:00 pm:	Marina Bicocchi Mason Diaz

WEEKLY OFFERINGS - Sunday, December 14, 2025

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Weekly Collection	\$18,000	\$19,204
Year to Date OLL Fiscal Year	\$270,000	\$235,291

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



Diocese of Rockville Centre

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



Echoing Mary's Fiat

THROUGH GENERATIONS

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OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH - 100TH ANNIVERSARY CAMPAIGN UPDATE

CHRISTMAS JOY! WE ARE SO BLESSED!



More than \$2,025,200 raised from 339 Families!

Congratulations and many thanks to those of you who echoed Mary's **YES** and made this possible! For the past several months, we have been on an inspiring journey to raise \$2,000,000 to restore and renovate our church, school, parish center, and rectory for our 100th Anniversary celebrations and beyond. Although the active phase of the campaign is coming to a close, there is still time to pledge and be a part of this historic time. **All gifts are gratefully accepted and appreciated!** For more information, please visit our Campaign

webpage at OLLChurchMalverne.org/capital campaign. You may drop your pledge at the parish office, mail it in, or place it in the collection basket. You may even pledge online!

Thank you to everyone whose generous pledges of sacrifice have helped us to exceed our goal!

This listing was updated on Wednesday, December 17, 2025. If you have already made a pledge, but your listing is missing or incorrect, please contact the parish office at (516) 599-1269.

Anonymous (28)
Fr. James T. Stachacz
Stephen Harth
Jeanne Algozzini
Susan Amrhein
Robert and Christine Anen
Anthony and Debra Artim
Paul and Ada Assenza
Amelia Avvinti
Vito and Laura Avvinti
Lucille Badalucco
John and Linda Baldacchino
Annette and Thomas Bambino
Louis and Claudina Barbella
Patrick and Susan Barone
Thomas and Jeanette Baydala
Belviso Family
Jose Ramon and Melody Bernabe
Joan Bishop
Michael and Louise Blake
Cris and John Bonomo
Francis and Laura Bradley
Mary Jo and Charlie Brand
Katie Brennan
Sean Brennan
Sean and Theresa Brennan
Kathleen Bridges
Richard and Margaret Britt, Jr.
Robert and Cynthia Broderick

Linda and William Buckridge
John and Diane Byrnes
Elizabeth Calise
Celia and Jonathan Calogero-Rohleder
Jennifer and John Calvo
Joseph and Judith Canzoneri
Glenn and Angela Carbone
Patrick and Maureen Carew
Patricia Carlock
Charles and Lucille Carnaval
Gerardo and Tina Carpinelli
Rose Marie Casalino
James and Jacqueline Casey
Joanne Castaldo
William and Patricia Castell
Romy and Lenita Chan
Rita and Frank Chiachiere
Janet and Joseph Chifari
Arthur and Jeannine Citarrella
Robert and Kathleen Codoluto
Anne and Kevin P. Connolly
Maureen and Kevin Connolly
Andrew and Mary Cook
Raymond and Maryellen Cooney
Melissa Corbett
Gerardina Corrado
Kelvyn and Jeannine Correa
John and Joanne Costa
Cotov Family

Salvatore and Maria Cracchiolo
Robert and Allison Creagh
Christopher Cronin and Gia Asaro
Philip and Rosemarie Cuccia
Henry and Noreen Dalpiaz
Phil and Jennifer Darcy
John and Barbara DeGrace
Marguerite de Poto
James and Kathleen DeVarso
In Memory of Joseph Dean
Richard and Jacqueline Dell'anno
Vito DeStefano
Giovanna, Vincent DeVivo and Family
Anthony and Patricia Di Benedetto
Jeremy and Jessica Diaz
Kelvis and Julissa Diaz
The Diaz-Robles Family
Jane Donovan
Dorothy Dougherty
Elizabeth Dougherty
Olga Dougherty
Pat and Louise Dougherty
Bernard and Mary Ann Dubon
Thomas Dugan
Jane Dunford
Peter and Maria Duperval
Stanley and Mary Durant
Kristen and Brian Fage
Thomas and Maureen Falanga

John and Leigh Fanuzzi
 Ray and Del Farrington
 Steven Femminello
 James and Mary Fills
 Susan Fitzgerald
 Christopher and Judith Flanagan
 Kevin and Christine Flanagan
 Andrew and Veronica Forte
 Dennis and Rose Forte
 Maurice and Diane Fox
 Victoria and John Fraschilla
 Meryl and Edward Frederick
 Robert and Joan Fusco
 Vincent Gajkowski
 Brendan Gallagher
 Robert and Linda Gander
 Michael Gecewicz
 Christine Giannetta
 Barbara Gilligan
 Robert and Patricia Glod
 Susan and John Gooch
 Louise Gorman
 Richard J. Governale
 Joseph and Geraldine Graetzer
 Joseph and Geraldine Gray
 Lorraine Greco and Family
 In Memory of James and
 Ann Schimmenti
 James and Anne Gregory
 Richard and Susan Grieco
 Theodor and Gerda Gruenthaler
 Michael and Terry Guarino
 John and Deborah Guerriero
 Anthony and Helena Gunther
 Robert and Rosemary Guthoff
 Ellen Haig
 Michael and Lisa Haines
 Madonna and Gerard Halloran
 James and Janet Hamilton
 Michael and Margaret Hannan
 Margaret Hanson and Family
 Patricia M. Hanson
 Carol and John Hassett
 John and Margaret Hassett, Jr.
 Tom and Renée Heaney
 Virginia Heim
 Lynn Hellers
 Carol Herman
 Keith Heron
 Peter Herzich
 Rosemary Hoffmann
 In Memory of William Gotimer, Sr.
 Aksorn and Alice Hongthong
 Richard Hoppenhauer

Pat and Dennis Houlahan
 Edward and Lorraine Howard
 In Memory of William and Joan Hunter
 and Frank and Josephine Savasta
 Andrew and Janine Illiano
 Bruce and Lorraine Incontro
 Michael and Janice Intranuovo
 Frank and Daniela Iulo
 Dorothy Jones
 Yvonne Jones
 Kathleen and Michael Kadel
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 Carol Kayne
 Noreen Kearney
 William and Ann Marie Kearns
 Patricia Keegan
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 Eileen Kilbride
 Keith and Colleen Kirkpatrick
 Veronica Klein
 Michael Klein
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 Brian and Patricia Lewis, Sr.
 Marion and Michael Lo Cascio
 Peter and Veronica Loehle
 Keith and Tara Lyle
 James and Lynne Macaluso
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There is still time to be part of this historic effort!

If you would like to join us in this historic project, pledge cards are available at the doors of the church and in the parish center. You may also pledge online! Scan the QR code to visit our campaign webpage. Our Lady of Lourdes has touched each of our lives uniquely. Now, we need the help of each parishioner to reach our goal. Lord, we ask that, through our **Echoing Mary's Fiat through Generations** campaign, the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes may flourish for generations to come!



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\$4,000	\$400	\$100
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St. Monica's Intercessory & Special Needs Prayer Group

*As we are made in God's image,
so may we live in God's
Likeness.*

Saturday, December 27, 2025

*Come pray for those you love to
"Come Home to the Catholic Faith"*

All Are Welcome

IN THE CHURCH HALL AFTER 9 AM MASS

Together we will pray for the
conversion of all God's children, by
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special needs.***

For further information contact:
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Join us in prayer in the Church Hall every
4th Saturday or list the names of those that
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Principal's Message



A Christmas Message from the Principal

As we approach the Christmas season, our school is filled with sights and sounds that remind us why this time of year is so special. The classrooms are busy with Advent prayers, Christmas artwork lines the hallways, and the joyful voices of our students carry a sense of anticipation and wonder. From our Nativity programs and Christmas concerts, we are experiencing the true joy of Christmas as our students share the story of Christ's birth through song, prayer, and simple acts of reverence. These moments remind us of the beauty and meaning of the season.

At the heart of Christmas is the simple yet profound gift of Jesus, born humbly in a manger. This story reminds us that God often comes to us quietly, through love, kindness, and service to others. At Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School, we strive to make this message real each day by nurturing faith, encouraging compassion, and helping our students grow not only in knowledge, but in character.

Throughout Advent, our students have been learning about hope, peace, joy, and love. We see these virtues lived out in small but meaningful ways: a student helping a classmate, a class collecting items for those in need, or a prayer offered sincerely for someone who is hurting. These moments matter. They are signs that the spirit of Christ is alive in our school community.

We are especially grateful for the support of our great parish of Our Lady of Lourdes. The partnership between our parish and school strengthens our mission and enriches the faith life of our students. Through shared worship, guidance, and encouragement, our parish community helps create a strong foundation of faith that our children will carry with them for years to come.

Christmas also gives us an opportunity to express gratitude. I am deeply thankful for our dedicated teachers and staff, who give so generously of their time, energy, and talents. Their commitment to our students goes far beyond academics, and it is felt in every classroom. I am equally grateful to our parents and guardians for your trust, partnership, and support. Together, we are forming young people who are thoughtful, resilient, and grounded in faith.

As the holidays approach, I encourage all families to take time to slow down. In the midst of busy schedules and celebrations, may you find moments of quiet to pray, to be present with one another, and to remember the true meaning of Christmas. These simple moments often become the most treasured.

On behalf of the staff of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School, I wish you and your family a blessed and peaceful Christmas. May your homes be filled with love, laughter, and the light of Christ. We look forward to welcoming our students back in the new year, refreshed and ready to continue our journey together.

Merry Christmas and God bless.

~ Stephen Harth
Principal



Religious Education News

DECEMBER EVENTS

December 19, 2025 through January 4, 2026
No Classes ~ Christmas Holiday Break
Classes resume on Tuesday, January 6, 2026

*Wishing our Religious Education Catechists, Aides,
Students and their families a Blessed Christmas.
This is the day that Christ was born to love
and to save us from all evil.*

*Let us open our minds and hearts to take time to listen to
the message of the Christmas season.*

CONFIRMATION NEWS

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

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

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

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





OUR LADY OF LOURDES 100TH ANNIVERSARY YEARBOOK

FREE PHOTO SHOOT

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

Picture Dates (on the Church Hall stage):

Jan. 2-3

More dates will be added as slots fill up!

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

Church Code: NY 141

Password: PHOTOS

OR contact the Parish Center!



THIS WEEK AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH

Monday, December 22

9:00 am..... Legion of Mary..... Parish Center Room #2
 2 pm - 4 pm.. ConfessionsChurch
 6:00 pm..... OLL Christmas Caroling Night Church Hall
 6 pm - 9 pm.. ConfessionsChurch

Tuesday, December 23 ~ Parish Center Closed 7pm-9pm only

9:30 am..... SVDP Parish Center Room #2
 1:30 pm..... Prayer Group/Scripture Study.. Parish Center Dining Room
 6:00 pm..... Brownie Troop 2499 Church Hall
 7:00 pm..... CoDA..... Parish Center Dining Room
 7:00 pm..... Bell ChoirChurch
 7:45 pm..... Adult Choir.....Church

Wednesday, December 24 ~ Christmas Eve (Parish Center Closing at Noon)

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

Thursday, December 25 ~ Christmas Day (Parish Center Closed)

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

Friday, December 26 ~ Parish Center Closed

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

Saturday, December 27

9:00 am..... Blessing of Wine—St. John's Feast Day.....Church
 9:30 am - 2:30 pm..... Thrift Shop
 9:30 am..... St. Monica's Group.....Church Hall
 4:00 pm..... ConfessionsChurch
 7:00 pm..... AA Parish Center Dining Room

Sunday, December 28

9:00 am..... Family Mass..... Church/Church Hall
 2:00 pm BaptismsChurch

"Religion and Rock"

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

Christmas Caroling Night!



Monday, December 22nd



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

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

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

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

Please complete the form below & return to parish center or email ollyouthmalverne@gmail.com

CAROLER REGISTRATION FORM

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

NAME: _____

NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN MY CAR: _____

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



Joy to the World!

I WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE CAROLERS

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

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

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE # _____ A PHONE CALL BEFORE IS REQUIRED: YES NO

I WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST SOMEONE TO CAROL TO

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

CHECK HERE! ☐

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE # _____ A PHONE CALL BEFORE IS REQUIRED: YES NO

MY NAME and PHONE NUMBER: _____



Youth Ministry

Christmas Service Project!

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

and we need
your help!

GETTING THE GIFTS

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

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

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

MAKING THE CARDS

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

WRAPPING AND PREPARING THE GIFTS

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

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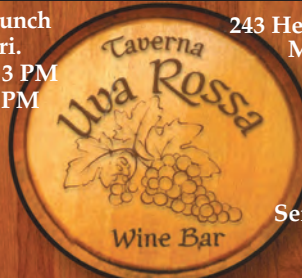
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