



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MALVERNE, NEW YORK

Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2025

The Promise of Peace

Matthew 3:1-12



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 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION DECEMBER 8

I invite you to join us for Mass on the Holy Day of Obligation celebrating the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. This title is given to Mary, our Mother, the Mother of God. The Blessed Mother, under the title of the Immaculate Conception, has been the Patroness of the United States since 1846.



The United States Catholic Catechism for Adults explains: *“No sin would touch her, so that she would be a fitting and worthy vessel of the Son of God. The Immaculate Conception does not refer to the virginal conception and birth of Christ, but rather to Mary’s being conceived without inheriting Original Sin.”* (USCCA, pp. 142–143)

When we speak of the Immaculate Conception, we mean that singular privilege granted to no other human being: that Our Lady was preserved from Original Sin from the very first moment of her conception in the womb of her mother, Saint Anne.

In his Apostolic Constitution on the Immaculate Conception (December 8, 1854), Blessed Pope Pius IX solemnly declared:

“We declare, pronounce, and define that the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, at the first instant of her conception, was preserved immaculate from all stain of original sin by the singular grace and privilege of Almighty God, in virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of humankind. This doctrine was revealed by God and therefore must be firmly and constantly believed by all the faithful.”

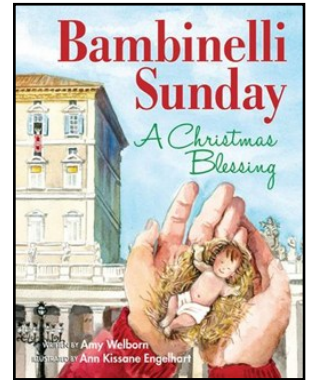
This teaching on the Immaculate Conception was defined infallibly by Pope Pius IX, meaning it is taught without error in matters of faith and morals. In making this pronouncement, the Pope spoke ex cathedra, or “from the chair,” exercising his universal authority as the Church’s supreme teacher. The only other ex cathedra pronouncement is the dogma of the Assumption of the Blessed Mother, defined by Pope Pius XII.

Mass Times: Monday December 8: 6:45 am, 9:00 am, 12:10 pm, 7:30 pm. Since the Immaculate Conception falls on a Monday next to Sunday, the 5:00pm Mass on Sunday counts for Sunday only. It is NOT a Vigil Mass for the Immaculate Conception.

BLESSING OF BABY JESUS DECEMBER 13 - 14 BAMBINELLI SUNDAY

On the Third Sunday of Advent St. John Paul II invited the families of Rome to bring their Baby Jesus Figures from their home nativity sets for a special blessing. This is called Baminelli (Baby Jesus) Sunday. Pope John Paul II began this tradition to remind families about the joyous event of Baby Jesus’ arrival in the manger.

We invite you to bring your Baby figures from your Nativity Scenes at home for this blessing on December 13 & 14. Children are especially invited to bring the Baby Jesus figure to the 9:00am Family Mass on December 14.



ADVENT 2 PEACE

On this Second Sunday of Advent, the Prophet St. John the Baptist calls us to repent and make a highway for God. He challenges us to remove and turn away from the idols of power, money, comfort, self-reliance, the desire to be noticed, distraction or anything that we might place where only God should stand. What do I need to do this week to make room for God in my heart and in my life so that Christ can be born in me? Only this can bring us peace. May God bless you and 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

4:15 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 ~ 7 PM TO 8 PM

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8 ~ 7 PM TO 8 PM

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15 ~ 7 PM TO 8 PM

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22 ~ 2 PM TO 4 PM

AND 6 PM TO 9 PM



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
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Parish Website: OLLChurchMalverne.org

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

Parish Center: Jennifer Prizzi, Business Manager
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(516) 599-1269
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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
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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Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 6th ~ Saint Nicholas, Bishop

5:00 pm Paul Turco (d)

Sunday, December 7th ~ Second Sunday of Advent

7:30 am Cecilia and Bernard Dubon (d)
9:00 am Marian and Frank Burke (d)
10:30 am Lionel Matthews (d)
12:00 pm Helen Geraghty (d)
Thomas Gibbons (d)
Jenny Pearsall and Steven Ristano (d)
Grace Korth (d)
Salvatore Marotta (d)
Carol Stainkamp (d)
5:00 pm Stephen Sullivan (d)

Monday, December 8th ~ The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:45 am Teresa Prendergast (d)
9:00 am Antoinette Diaz (d)
12:10 pm Elizabeth Karam (d)
6:30 pm Confessions
7:30 pm Marie & Salvatore Morese (d)

Tuesday, December 9th ~ Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

9:00 am Salvatore & Maria Chiara Vivona (d)

Wednesday, December 10th ~ Our Lady of Loreto

9:00 am Joseph Maranzano (d)

Thursday, December 11th ~ Saint Damasus I, Pope

9:00 am Joseph A. Dorto (d)

Friday, December 12th ~ Our Lady of Guadalupe

9:00 am Patricia Ann Mulherin (d)

Saturday, December 13th ~ Saint Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

9:00 am Jerry Lynn Meredith (d)
Joan Campbell (d)
Michael Callahan (d)
Anthony Boe (d)
For the Living Intentions of Rev. Michael Numekevor
5:00 pm Jo-Anne Gecewicz (d)

Sunday, December 14th ~ Third Sunday of Advent

7:30 am Whitney Figliozzi (d)
9:00 am Robert P. Borodin (d)
10:30 am Virginia Shea (d)
12:00 pm Victor Brotons (d)
Onofrio Avvinti (d)
Thomas Carroll (d)
Michael Farrell (d)
Art Frisenda (d)
5:00 pm Robert Grieco (d)

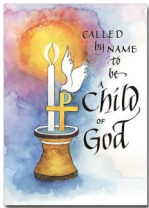
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: First Friday of each month at 8 pm by the Human Life Committee and the Nocturnal Adoration Society ending with Benediction at 10:00 pm.

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

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

Bulletin Reflection

In today's Gospel, St. John the Baptist calls us to repent and prepare for the coming of the Lord.



Welcome Newly Baptized!

Benjamin Theodore Ruggiero

Meadow Grace Ruggiero

Dominic Ricardo Manzzo

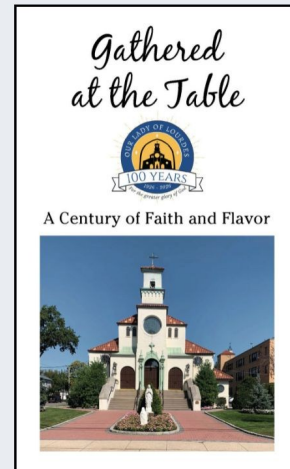
Lincoln Manuel Neto

Grace Keating Moskowski

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100TH ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOK

\$20



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



Joseph Capello

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL MOMMAS HOUSE & COMMUNITY GIFT COLLECTION

The Saint Vincent De Paul Society of our Lady of Lourdes Parish will be collecting donations for our community and MOMMAS HOUSE this Christmas season. Cards for the children's gifts will be available from **November 29 through December 14** after all Masses in the church basement. Please select one or two cards.

Gifts may be wrapped or unwrapped. Please attach the gift tag to the gift.

If you like you may write a Christmas card to the child and attach it to the gift.

All gifts should be returned by **Thursday, December 18**, to the church basement.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY!

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Mass Schedule

Monday, December 8

6:45 AM

9 AM (Live Stream)

12:10 PM

7:30 PM

Our Lady of Lourdes



Malverne, New York



UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, December 11th at 12 Noon
Annual Christmas Luncheon
Hempstead Country Club

See full page reservation form in the bulletin

Sunday, December 14th at 1:00 p.m.
Sing-A-Long in the Church Hall
Wear your favorite Christmas Sweater and
bring \$10 Grab-Bag Gift
Refreshments Served

THRIFT SHOP NEWS!

Holiday Hours of Operation

Wednesday 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

Saturday 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

****We will also be open Sunday, December 7 during the Christmas Boutique****

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.

Pray for Priests



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

Sunday	Rev. Jason Grisafi
Monday	Rev. Ignatius Okwuonu
Tuesday	Rev. Joseph Davanzo
Wednesday	Rev. Greg Breen
Thursday	Rev. Martin Adu Gyamfi
Friday	Rev. Michael T. Maffeo
Saturday	Religious Brothers and Sisters



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PJ Pants | Zip-Up Hoodie | Rash Guard Shirt
Long-Sleeve T-Shirt



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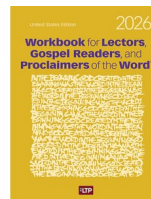
Pro Life Corner

We contend relentlessly for the dignity of the human person, of every human person, created in the image and likeness of God, destined from eternity for eternity, every human person, no matter how weak or how strong, no matter how young or how old, no matter how productive or how burdensome, no matter how welcome or how inconvenient. All are wanted by God, and therefore to be respected, protected, and cherished by us.

~ Fr. Richard John Neuhaus

Attention Lectors

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



*The Sanctuary Lamp has been
donated in Loving Memory of*

Frank & Maureen Olton

*Requested by
Andrea Sommella*

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

Mickey Ackerman	Peter Hellers
John Barry	Justin Hosman
Carolyn Biondo	Sue Kielson
John Bivona	Grace Landisi
Maria Capper	Baby Leonardo
Marie Croce	Edward Mahoney
Lucia Cimino-Gambino	Speranza Marmo
Richard Clarkson	Michael Malone
Francesca Medoro	Joseph Manno
Consolazio	Pat Mantel
Grayson Danielski	Agnes Murtha
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

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

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

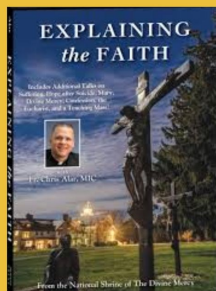
An acknowledgement of your donation will appear in the Sunday bulletin.

No flowers during the Advent and Lenten seasons only.

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

December 10th 2025

In the Church Hall

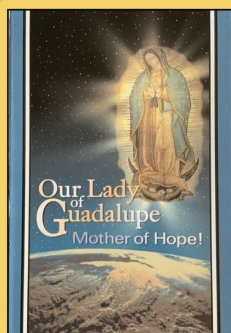


**Wednesday
Words of
wisdom**

1 hour session after
9:00 AM Mass in the
Church Hall
Light Refreshments

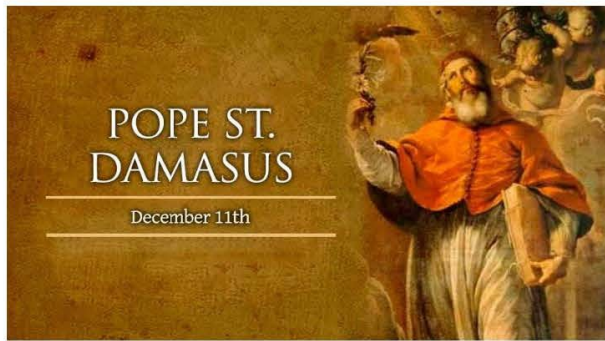
**Movie
Night**

November 12
7:00 PM in the
Church Hall
Light Refreshments
Served



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.



THURSDAY- DECEMBER 11

ADORATION - Noon to 5:00 PM

BENEDICTION - 4:45 PM

**Reflection: POPE ST. DAMASUS gave his
love & fiat to God and His Church**

Saint Damasus was born in Rome at the beginning of the fourth century. His father, a widower, had received Holy Orders there and served as parish priest in the church of St. Laurence.

Damasus was archdeacon of the Roman Church in 355 when the Pope, Saint Liberius, was banished to Berda. Damasus followed him into exile, but afterwards returned to Rome. On the death of Saint Liberius in 366, our Saint was chosen to succeed him, at the age of sixty-two. A certain Ursinus, jealous of his election and desiring for himself that high office, had himself proclaimed pope by his followers, inciting a revolt against Damasus in Rome, in which 137 people died. The holy Pope did not choose to resort to armed defense, but the Emperor Valentinian, to defend him, drove the usurper from Rome for a time. Later he returned, and finding accomplices for his evil intentions, accused the holy Pontiff of adultery. Saint Damasus took only such action as was becoming to the common father of the faithful. He assembled a synod of forty-four bishops, in which he justified himself so well that the calumniators were excommunicated and banished.

Having freed the Church of this new schism, Saint Damasus turned his attention to the extirpation of Arianism in the West and of Apollinarianism in the East, and for this purpose convened several councils. He sent Saint Zenobius, later bishop of Florence, to Constantinople in 381 to console the faithful, cruelly persecuted by the Emperor Valens. He commanded Saint Jerome to prepare a correct Latin version of the Bible, since known as the Vulgate, and he ordered the Psalms to be sung accordingly. He rebuilt and adorned the Church of Saint Laurence, still called Saint Laurence in Damaso. He caused all the springs of the Vatican to be drained, which were inundating the tombs of the holy persons buried there, and he decorated the sepulchers of a great number of martyrs in the cemeteries, adorning them with epitaphs in verse.

Saint Damasus is praised by Theodoret as head of the famous doctors of divine grace of the Latin church. The General Council of Chalcedon calls him the "honor and glory of Rome." Having reigned for eighteen years and two months, he died on December 10, 384, when he was nearly eighty years old. In the eighth century, his relics were definitively placed in the church of Saint Laurence in Damaso, except for his head, which was conserved in the Basilica of Saint Peter. He presided over the Council of Rome of 382 that determined the canon or official list of Sacred Scripture.

Throughout his papacy, St. Damasus spoke out against major heresies in the church and encouraged production of the Vulgate Bible with his support for St. Jerome. He helped reconcile the relations between the Church of Rome and the Church of Antioch, and encouraged the veneration of martyrs.

St. Vincent de Paul Society



In today's Gospel, John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord." This is what Advent is all about, for we are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christmas.

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, Corn, Rice-A-Roni, Cannellini Beans, Red 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.

Altar Server Schedule

December 13th & December 14th

Saturday: 5:00 pm: Nicholas Signora
Hope Signora

Sunday: 7:30 am: Gigi Barton
Mea Barton
9:00 am: Andie Fage
Christopher Miro

10:30 am: Colin Owen
Melody Spring

12:00 pm: Daniel Clarke
Jacob Rodriguez

5:00 pm: James Darcy
Cate Darcy

WEEKLY OFFERINGS - Sunday, November 30, 2025

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Weekly Collection	\$18,000	\$16,528
Year to Date OLL Fiscal Year	\$234,000	\$207,558

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: \$48,944.27

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

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Our Lady of Lourdes



Lighthouse Tour Alert!
This past week we
werer blessed with a
visit from our
Superintendent
Pamela Sanders as she
visited the final six
schools of her
Lighthouse Tour.



Pre-K had a rootin' tootin' good
time at our Hoedown!
Our littlest cowboys and
cowgirls came dressed in their
best western attire —boots, hats,
bandanas and all! They kicked
up their heels and tried out
some square dancing, filling the
room with giggles, twirls and
plenty of country charm.
Yeehaw for a fun-filled day on
our "mini ranch"!



Principal's Message



Last week our Young Church traveled to the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis, and I had the privilege of going as a chaperone. The experience was a powerful reminder of the faith, energy, and hope alive in our young people.

Throughout the conference, the witness talks from teens across the country set an inspiring tone. Their honesty about faith, struggle, and God's grace encouraged our own teens to reflect more deeply. Sister Elfie, a Salesian Sister and one of the dynamic MCs, kept the crowd engaged with her joy and authenticity. Our group was especially moved when we saw Tess Austin with the Salesian Sisters. Knowing her journey toward her vocation made that moment personal for us and a strong example of trust in God's call.

On Friday at Lucas Oil Stadium, our teens experienced something truly historic. Bishop Joe from New York and Pope Leo XIV spoke directly to the young Church during a digital encounter. Five teenagers were invited to ask the Holy Father questions about using technology wisely, recovering from mistakes, giving worries to Jesus, avoiding distractions, and preparing for the future of the Church. Pope Leo offered practical and encouraging guidance that spoke not only to the youth gathered before him, but to the entire Church. His message reminded them to keep Christ at the center of their lives and to trust that God works through both their strengths and their uncertainties.

Prayer shaped each day of NCYC, but nothing compared to Adoration. Seventeen thousand young people fell to their knees in complete silence before the Blessed Sacrament. It was a moment of grace that touched every heart in the stadium. The powerful music throughout the conference lifted spirits and created moments of reflection that helped our teens connect more deeply with God.

Our group returned home renewed and strengthened in their faith. As a chaperone, I am grateful for the chance to walk with them, to witness their prayer, and to see God at work in their lives. NCYC reminded us that the young Church is alive, sincere, and eager to grow. Our parish is blessed to have such faithful and open-hearted young people.

A sincere thank you to all who supported our youth and helped make this journey possible. Your encouragement, prayers, and generosity carried them to this dynamic conference and allowed them to encounter Christ in a life-changing way. We are grateful for every person who invested in their faith and believed in the importance of this experience.

~ Stephen Harth

Principal



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

— 1 CORINTHIANS 1:9 —

Religious Education News

DECEMBER EVENTS

Tuesday, December 9

- Grades 1-4 Return Exams

Wednesday, December 10

- Grades 5-8 Midterm Exams in Class

Saturday, December 13

- Grades 5-8 Return Exams
- Grades 5-8 Midterm Exams in Class

Tuesday, December 16

- Report Cards

Wednesday, December 17

- Report Cards

Saturday, December 20

- No Class-Report Cards Mailed Home

December 19, 2025 through January 4, 2026

No Classes ~ Christmas Holiday Break

Classes resume on Tuesday, January 6, 2026

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.

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!**

THIS WEEK AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH

Monday, December 8 ~ Immaculate Conception

6:45 am.....Mass.....Church
 9:00 am.....Mass.....Church
 9:00 am.....Legion of Mary.....Parish Center Room #2
 11:30 am.....OLL School Teachers.....Parish Center Dining Room
 12:10 pm.....Mass.....Church
 6:30 pm.....Capital Campaign Volunteer Meeting.....Church Hall
 7:00 pm.....Confessions.....Church
 7:30 pm.....RAS Board Meeting.....Parish Center Dining Room
 7:30 pm.....Mass.....Church

Tuesday, December 9

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

Wednesday, December 10

9:30 am - 2:30 pm.....Thrift Shop
 11:30 am.....OLL 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.....Movie Night.....Church Hall

Thursday, December 11

11:30 am.....OLL School Teachers.....Parish Center Dining Room
 12:00 pm.....Adoration.....Church
 4:00 pm.....Cub Scout Troop 24 Webelos.....Church Hall
 5:00 pm.....Cub Scout Troop 24 Bear Den.....Church Hall

Friday, December 12

9:30 am.....SVDP.....Parish Center Room #2
 11:30 am.....OLL School Teachers.....Parish Center Dining Room
 7:00 pm.....AA.....Parish Center Dining Room

Saturday, December 13

9:30 am - 2:30 pm.....Thrift Shop
 10:45 am.....First Penance Practice.....Church
 4:00 pm.....Confessions.....Church
 7:00 pm.....AA.....Parish Center Dining Room

Sunday, December 14 ~ Third Sunday of Advent

9:00 am.....Family Mass.....Church/Church Hall
 1:00 pm.....RAS Christmas Sing-A-Long.....Church Hall
 2:00 pm.....Baptisms.....Church

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.

Reflection for Next Sunday

Third Sunday of Advent

December 14, 2025

First Reading: *Isaiah 35:1-6,10*

Second Reading: *James 5:7-10*

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 11:2-11*

Jesus tells John the Baptist of the signs of the kingdom that are being worked through him and praises John as more than a prophet.

Family Connection

It is easy to look at our world and become discouraged by the apparent absence of God and signs of God's salvation. Advent, however, is a season of hope, in which we acknowledge that salvation is both mysteriously present, even in our world, and yet to be fulfilled.

Read together today's Gospel. Think about John's question to Jesus: Are you the One? Jesus does not answer directly, but points to the signs of the kingdom present in his midst.

Together as a family, look through the newspaper for signs of hope that God is at work in our world. Pray that the world will know God's salvation by praying together the Lord's Prayer.

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.



"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 "**Control in Life**" Don't miss it!



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Religious Freedom Upholds Celebrating Christmas

As Advent begins, so will the annual controversy over Christmas displays and activities. So here is a brief summary of the Rutherford Institute's "Twelve Rules of Christmas." <http://bit.ly/1TNKSQb>

Public schools must allow students' personal expressions of the religious significance of Christmas unless they cause substantial disruption. Students may distribute literature about Christmas or invitations to church Christmas events consistent with rules governing student distribution of materials unrelated to schoolwork.

Teachers, if generally permitted to express their views about the holidays through personal items and attire, must not have Christmas-related expression prohibited. Teachers may send Christmas cards to families of students, as long as they do it on their own time.

Public schools may teach students about Christmas, including its religious significance, as long as it is for secular purposes, i.e., historical or cultural importance, not to promote Christianity. While they may not require students to sing Christmas songs whose messages conflict with their beliefs, they may include religiously themed Christmas music in their choral programs for secular purposes, i.e., musical quality or cultural value, or as part of an overall performance that includes songs relating to Chanukah, Kwanzaa, or other similar holidays.


Private citizens or groups may erect creches or other Christmas displays in public parks, subject to the same restrictions as other similar displays.

Government entities may erect Christmas displays, including creches, in context with other symbols of the holiday season, displayed to celebrate the public Christmas holiday, not promote its religious content.

Neither public nor private employers may prevent employees from decorating their offices for Christmas, playing Christmas music, or wearing Christmas-themed clothing because of the religious content, as long as such expressions are not used to harass or intimidate others. Employees whose sincerely held religious beliefs require that they not work on Christmas must be reasonably accommodated, barring undue hardship on the employer.

Government recognition of Christmas as a public holiday, and a paid holiday for government employees, does not violate the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment.


Inside every home, in every front yard, inside and outside our churches and throughout community spaces, may the birth of the Infant Jesus be honored and celebrated...



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.

ADVENT LECTIO DIVINA

- Lectio
- Meditatio
- Oratio
- Contemplatio




Join Bishop Andrzej
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JOHN the Baptist
Friday, December 5, 10 am
MARY of Nazareth
Wednesday, December 10, 7:30 pm
JOSEPH of Bethlehem
Friday, December 19, 10 am

Registration is required in order to receive the ZOOM link to each session.
Please contact the Western Vicariate office with your name, parish, email address and phone number.
Send your email to:
westernvicariate@drvc.org
or call Suzanne at 516-744-6850.



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

NCYC 2025

As a thank you for your support the teens wanted to share what they took from this experience:

(*indicates multiple teens wrote similar answers)

The most meaningful parts of NCYC were ...

- The closing Mass and the enthusiastic participation of the whole stadium*
- The Pope! Very cool! *
- The breakout session with Steve Angrisan.
- Pope Leo speaking with us, he did not disappoint! I can see why he was elected as the Vicar of Christ.
- Reconciliation and Adoration were very impactful.*
- Being able to grow closer with my friends.
- Seeing the joy of faith that everyone had.*
- Sr. Miriam's talk about her struggles and how we can overcome our struggles with God.
- Hearing: "In the Eucharist it isn't just you who consumes Christ, it is Christ who consumes you."*
- The priest during confession talked to me about how God created me, wanted me and has a plan for me.
- Praying for those who weren't able to be with us on this trip.
- Being accepted by people no matter how different I might be.
- Meeting and hearing from people who keep it real.
- I loved the humble example of all the speakers and musicians serving God.
- Making good friends and meeting so many new people.
- Watching 16,000 Catholics worshipping Jesus* – The spirit of joy and happiness.
- Experiencing the joy of Christianity and how nice everyone was with no judgement.
- Adoration and how silent everyone was.*
- Feeling the spirit in me!
- Looking around in the stands and realizing that there are so many people here to praise and worship Jesus who are just like me.
- Thinking about Jesus' disciples when they first received the Eucharist.

At NCYC I learned ...

- How to pray better.
- How many others teenagers are in the Church.
- The Pope wears white socks (sox). 😊
- More about my faith and other people.
- The sacraments allow us to encounter God in a tangible way, appeal to our senses and make the invisible visible.
- What the quote: "Our hearts are restless until they rest in You," truly means that we have a hole in our hearts only God can fill.
- About people from all over the U.S. by hearing their stories.
- To see the good in other people.
- There are four quarters in a game and God is not done working on us yet!
- That it is easy to meet new people and that I will be okay when I go away to college.
- No one is perfect and everyone goes through troubling times. God doesn't judge, he just wants you to come to Him.
- God speaks to me through Scripture and others, like teachers, friends ... even insta-reels
- God not only loves you, he also really likes you!
- Sometimes missed opportunities can lead you to other opportunities that end up being better.
- I can be different and still praise the one true God.
- God made us with no mistakes.
- I am Chosen, Healed, Anointed!
- Vivo, Christo Rey!
- When you raise your hands in prayer it is like asking your parent for help and comfort.
- We are more than the labels society gives us. We are God's sons and daughters.
- We are not just the future Church, we are also the present Church!*
- How to pray for others in whatever they are going through.

- How many of the saints struggled with real- life problems like addictions, mental health, sins and serious family issues. Anyone can become a saint and be holy.*
- God will always be with me. God has a vocation for me and I have to listen to that.
- To pray for people I don't like.
- I am not what others think of me.
- We are never alone in our pain.

When I get home from NCYC...

- I will continue to help the less fortunate.
- I will continue to go to Mass and pray.
- I will use this experience to really improve and better myself and those around me.
- I will not "be afraid" and instead use my gifts to impact the lives around me.
- I will appreciate being from NY.
- I will spread the love and joy I experienced.
- I will know my gifts, understand them and use them for God.
- I will spread God's message and fulfill my vocation.
- I will thank my Mom and Dad for letting me have this wonderful trip.
- I want to follow the people I have heard from here and make the kind of impact they do.
- I will appreciate my parish youth ministry and want to help grow it!
- I will leave with new friendships and deepened friendships.
- I will stop feeling like no one understands me and remind myself that God knows me better than I know myself.
- I will be with people who also want a better relationship with God.
- I will be more confident in expressing my faith.
- I will be excited to tell my family, friends and teachers.
- I will sing and pray louder in Church and ask questions in Religion class.
- I will reflect on this time, remember what I have done and who I did it for.
- I will read the Bible more.
- I will share my experience with everyone I know. I want them to be grateful for their faith.
- I will be proud of my faith.
- I will pay more attention at Mass, judge less, not cheat on tests, choose joy, offer it up to Jesus, resist small sins, read the Bible, focus on healing, bring more people to God.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

Love, Maggie, Chrissy, Danah, Samantha, Lenny, Claire, Bernadette, Jack,
Julie, Gabriella, Lucy, Owen, Annie, Reily, Stephen, Sue and Linda



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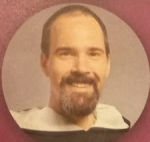
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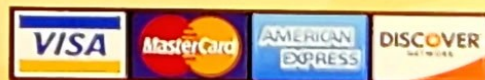


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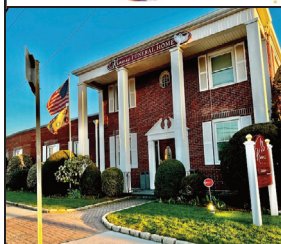
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