



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MALVERNE, NEW YORK

First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025

• Watch and Be
Prepared

• Matthew 24:37-44



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THE GUIDING LIGHT FROM THE GROTTO FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT MATTHEW 24:37-44



HAPPY ADVENT! HAPPY NEW CHURCH YEAR!

If there is one season in the Church year that tends to get overlooked, it is Advent. More and more, it feels like we jump straight from Halloween into Christmas. While there is certainly excitement about the holidays and the desire to support the economy, we must not forget the true purpose of this season that prepares our hearts for the coming of Christ. If we don't enter Advent intentionally, we risk missing the many graces God wants to give us.

Advent marks the beginning of the new Church Year—so Happy New Year! This year, we will focus on the Gospel of Matthew as we move into Liturgical Year A, journeying with Jesus through His teachings, His parables, and His call to true discipleship.

The word Advent comes from the Latin *Adventus*, meaning “coming.” During this sacred season, the Church invites us to reflect on the three comings of Christ:

1. Christ's Second Coming – from the First Sunday of Advent until December 16 Jesus coming again in glory.
2. Christ's Coming in History – December 17–24 The Lord who took on human flesh and was born in Bethlehem.
3. Christ's Coming in Our Lives Daily Jesus present with us every day—if we are open to Him.

The reflection on the Second Coming reminds us that Christ is no longer the “sweet little Jesus” of the manger but the Risen Lord who will come again to judge the living and the dead. As the Scouts BSA say, “Be Prepared!” The Old Testament readings throughout Advent highlight hope, renewal, and transformation through the voices of the prophets.

There is a story about St. Philip Neri playing pool with a group of young people. One of them asked, “What would you do if Jesus arrived right now?” St. Philip answered, “I would finish the game of pool.” His lesson was simple: Christians should live every moment ready for the Lord's coming—so ready that nothing needs to be changed or rushed if He appeared at this very moment.

As we begin this season of preparation, here is a powerful Advent reflection to guide us:

“Advent is the perfect time to clear and prepare the Way. By reflection and prayer, by reading and meditation, we can make our hearts a place where the blessing of peace desires

to abide and where the birth of the Prince of Peace might take place. Daily, we can make an Advent examination. Are there feelings of prejudice or resentment hidden within us? Is there an unforgiven injury lingering in our hearts? Do we look down on others because of their status or abilities? Are we generous with the gifts entrusted to us, seeing ourselves as stewards and not owners? Are we reverent toward others, their ideas, their needs, and all of creation? These become Advent lights by which we search the deep corners of our hearts. May this Advent season bring hope, transformation, and fulfillment into the Advent of our lives.” — Edward Hays, *A Pilgrim's Almanac*

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION — SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Please remember that Monday, December 8, is a Holy Day of Obligation as we honor the Patroness of our nation, the Blessed Virgin Mary, under the title of the Immaculate Conception.

Mass times: 6:45 AM, 9:00 AM, 12:10 PM, and 7:30 PM

Happy Advent! Take time to welcome Christ into your heart. 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

4:15 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
fatherjim@ollchurchmalverne.org

Parish Website: OLLChurchMalverne.org

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

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

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
www.OLLMalverne.org

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 29th ~ Weekday

5:00 pm Rose Ciasulli (d)

Sunday, November 30th ~ First Sunday of Advent

7:30 am Susan Elowson (d)
9:00 am William Meyer (d)
10:30 am Lionel Matthews (d)
12:00 pm Catherine Maughan (d)
Robert Grieco (d)
Michael Farrell (d)
Robert Powers (d)
For the Living Intentions of Maureen & Kevin
Connolly (60th Wedding Anniversary)
5:00 pm Gerard Dierker (d)

Monday, December 1st ~ Advent Weekday

9:00 am Lionel David Matthews (d)
7:00 pm Confessions

Tuesday, December 2nd ~ Advent Weekday

9:00 am Eileen Herzich (d)

Wednesday, December 3rd ~ Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

9:00 am Charles and Jeanne Strype (d)

Thursday, December 4th ~ Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

9:00 am Joseph Biondo (d)

Friday, December 5th ~ Advent Weekday

9:00 am Mary Consolo (d)

Saturday, December 6th ~ Saint Nicholas, Bishop

9:00 am John Guiheen (d)
Nicola Arico (d)
Ronald Juliano (d)
For the Conversion of Political Leaders to the
Culture of Life
For the Living Intentions of The Skelly and
Ruocco Families
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)



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

Advent starts today. The season of Advent is a beautiful liturgical season that invites us to grow in our Faith before Christmas. Let us wait in joyful anticipation for Our Lord!



EUCCHARISTIC Adoration

1ST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH
8PM TO 10PM

PRO LIFE - 8PM TO 9PM
NOCTURNAL - 9PM TO 10PM

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

2ND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH
12 PM TO 5 PM

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11



First Friday Evening Devotions

December 5, 2025 ~ 8:00 pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Prayer Hour for Life

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

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

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

Nocturnal Adoration

Today we begin the holy season of Advent — four weeks of preparation for the feast of Christmas. It is a time of rejoicing, wondering, and waiting in hope for the coming of the Baby Jesus.

Can you start this Advent by giving one hour of adoration on the First Friday as a gift to the Baby Jesus? Together, we will ask the Prince of Peace to bring peace to our country and to the world. We warmly invite everyone to come and pray with us.

Adoration will take place this Friday, December 5th, from 9:00 PM to 10:00 PM.

Jesus will be here — will you come?

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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!

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.

Pro Life Corner

The legal system has become equally inconsistent on the subject of life's sanctity. While the courts permit abortion on grounds that a fetus doesn't qualify as a human because it can neither survive outside the womb nor enjoy the finer things in life, federal officials ruthlessly prosecute people who harm birds or even a bird egg. How sad!

Religious Christmas Cards & Ornament Sale!

This weekend, the Human Life Committee will be selling religious Christmas cards and Christmas Tree ornaments after all the Masses.

A pack of 10 cards is \$5 and ornaments are \$5 each. The proceeds will be used to purchase gifts for the young mothers at MOMMAS HOUSE.



Shop Online

Order your Centennial merch online & pick up at the Parish Center!

- Hat
- Mug
- Tote Bag
- Magnet
- Key Chain
- PJ Pants
- Zip-Up Hoodie
- Rash Guard Shirt
- Long-Sleeve T-Shirt



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. Robert Ketcham
Monday	Rev. Jerry Cestare
Tuesday	Rev. Rudy Pesongco
Wednesday	Rev. John Gilmartin
Thursday	Rev. Michael T. Maffeo
Friday	Rev. Richard T. Stelter
Saturday	Religious Brothers and Sisters

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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.



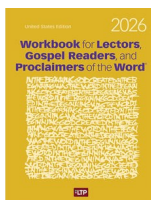
*The Sanctuary Lamp has been
donated in Loving Memory of*

Maria Tirro

*Requested by
Her Children*

**Our Parish Bus Trip to Bethlehem, PA
has a few more open spots.**

If you are interested,
please call Ann Seccia at
516-421-9494



Attention Lectors

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

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.

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!

RESERVE YOUR COPY TODAY!

100TH ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOK

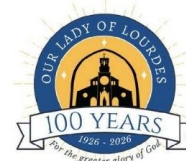
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DROP IN COLLECTION BASKET OR
LEAVE AT PARISH CENTER

Gathered at the Table



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St. Vincent de Paul Society



There is an Advent spirit in the heart of every human person. It is one of the longing, yearning for a fulfillment that somehow lies beyond ourselves; for we long for the coming of the Lord.

As you put your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, your heart will discover the true meaning of Christmas as you help those who are suffering and poor to long for the coming of the Lord.

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 6th & December 7th

<u>Saturday:</u>	5:00 pm:	Abigail Hassett John Hassett III
<u>Sunday:</u>	7:30 am:	Meghan Sussman AnnMarie Sussman
	9:00 am:	Ronin Alger Mackenzie Grace Upton
	10:30 am:	Duggan McKeon Luke McKeon
	12:00 pm:	James Fills Tiernan Schutta
	5:00 pm:	Dana Ospina Melissa Ospina

WEEKLY OFFERINGS - Sunday, November 23, 2025

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Weekly Collection	\$18,000	\$15,529
Year to Date OLL Fiscal Year	\$216,000	<i>will report next week</i>
<i>Budget and Actual comprises envelopes, cash, online giving and second collections for Our Lady of Lourdes.</i>		

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



CHURCH OPENING TIMES

ALL ARE WELCOME

MONDAY TO FRIDAY
8 AM - 2:45 PM

SATURDAY
8 AM - 6 PM

SUNDAY
7 AM - 6 PM



Our Lady of Lourdes



**CATHOLIC
SCHOOLS**
OF LONG ISLAND

Your word is a lamp for my feet,
a light for my path.
PSALM 119:105

This week, Mrs. Ray, our fabulous 1st grade teacher's assistant, led an exciting hands-on science lesson on buoyancy. Students listened, planned, and worked in teams to see if their designs could float. Their energy was contagious and the learning was real.

We are blessed at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School with dedicated faculty, amazing teacher aides, and a staff that pours heart and time into every school day. Their commitment lifts our students higher, and we are truly grateful for all they do.

Principal's Message



As we enter the beautiful season of Advent, our hearts at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School turn once again toward hope, preparation, and joyful anticipation. Advent is a sacred invitation—a time to pause, reflect, and make room for Christ in our hearts and in our daily lives. In the midst of the busyness that fills our classrooms, our homes, and our calendars, the Church asks us to slow down and listen for the quiet whisper of God's presence.

Here at OLL, Advent reminds us that every day is an opportunity to bring the light of Christ into our community—through our words, our kindness, and our example. As the candles of the Advent wreath grow brighter each week, may we also grow in faith, hope, love, and peace. These virtues are not only themes of the season; they are the foundation of the environment we strive to create for every child who walks through our doors.

Throughout this season, our students will participate in prayer, service, and joyful preparation for the coming of the Lord. From our Advent prayer services to acts of generosity for families in need, we place Christ at the center of all we do. Thank you, dear parents and parishioners, for partnering with us in this mission and for modeling the spirit of Advent within your own homes.

As we journey together toward Christmas, may we be strengthened by the promise that Emmanuel—God with us—is near. May His hope fill your hearts, His peace calm your days, and His joy light your path.

Wishing you a blessed and grace-filled Advent season.

~ Stephen Harth
Principal



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

— 1 CORINTHIANS 1:9 —

Religious Education News

DECEMBER EVENTS

Tuesday, December 2

- Grades 1-4 Take Home Midterm Exams

Saturday, December 6

- Grades 1-4 Take Home Midterm Exams

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.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

A special thank-you to all our Religious Education students who so generously donated food items for our Thanksgiving food drive. Your donations will help many families enjoy a very special Thanksgiving Day celebration.

THIS WEEK AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH

Monday, December 1

9:00 am.....Legion of Mary.....Parish Center Room #2
 11:30 amOLL School Teachers.....Parish Center Dining Room
 3:00 pmDaisy Troop 2085.....Church Hall
 5:30 pmGirl Scout Troop 2568Church Hall
 7:00 pmCapital Campaign Volunteer Meeting.....Church Hall
 7:00 pmConfessionsChurch
 7:30 pmPre-Baptismal ClassParish Center Dining Room

Tuesday, December 2

9:30 am.....SVDPParish Center Room #2
 11:30 amOLL School Teachers.....Parish Center Dining Room
 1:30 pmPrayer Group/Scripture Study...Parish Center Dining Room
 7:00 pmCoDAParish Center Dining Room
 7:00 pmBell ChoirChurch
 7:30 pmBoy Scout Troop 24Church Hall
 7:45 pmAdult ChoirChurch

Wednesday, December 3

9:30 am - 2:30 pmThrift Shop
 11:30 amOLL School Teachers.....Parish Center Dining Room
 3:00 pmCub Scout Pack 24 - Arrow of Light.....Church Hall
 5:00 pmChildren's Choir.....Church
 7:00 pmAAParish Center Dining Room
 7:00 pmPrayer Group.....Parish Center Room #2
 7:15 pmGraspChurch Hall

Thursday, December 4

11:30 amOLL School Teachers.....Parish Center Dining Room
 7:30 pmRAS Board MeetingParish Center Dining Room

Friday, December 5

9:30 am.....SVDPParish Center Room #2
 7:00 pmAAParish Center Dining Room
 8:00 pmFirst Friday Adoration.....Church

Saturday, December 6

9:30 am.....Human Life Committee.....Church Hall
 9:30 am - 12:30 pmThrift Shop
 4:00 pmConfessionsChurch
 7:00 pmAAParish Center Dining Room

Sunday, December 7 ~ Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 am.....Plant Sale pick up.....Church Hall
 9:00 am.....Family Mass.....Church/Church Hall
 10 am - 4 pmOLL Christmas Boutique.....Maier Hall in school

REMINDER

We need your assistance in maintaining an accurate Parish Census. When you change your address, telephone number or move out of the parish, please notify us. Just drop us a note or call us at 516-599-1269. Thank you.

Reflection for Next Sunday

Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2025

First Reading: *Isaiah 11:1-10*

Second Reading: *Romans 15:4-9*

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 3:1-12*

John the Baptist appears in Judea preaching a message of repentance.

Family Connection

We do many things to get ourselves ready for our celebration of Christmas: purchase gifts, prepare Christmas cards, decorate our homes. John's call of repentance in preparation for Jesus reminds us that our repentance is another way in which we can prepare for the Lord's coming and our celebration of Christmas. Parish communities often offer a communal celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the Advent season. Your family might choose to participate in the communal celebration of the sacrament, or you might seek out the sacrament on an individual basis.


Read together today's Gospel. Talk about how John reminds the people that they prepare for the reign of God by reforming their lives. As a family, prepare a simple reconciliation service in preparation for Christmas such as the following: Gather in a prayerful space, perhaps around your family Advent wreath. Read again today's Gospel: Matthew 3:1-3. Invite each family member to pray silently, asking God to forgive their sins. Pray together an Act of Contrition. Then celebrate God's forgiveness by sharing a Sign of Peace with each other.

OLL Hospitality

SUN. DECEMBER 7, 2025

HOSTED BY THE
100TH ANNIVERSARY
SPIRIT COMMITTEE

Don't miss out on this scrumptious event!
After 9:00AM & 10:30AM Masses Only
Light Refreshments will be served





Rosarians and Friends

Join us for our

Annual Christmas Luncheon

Thursday, December 11, 2025 @ 12 noon

Hempstead Golf & Country Club

60 Front Street, Hempstead

To make your reservation, please
Send \$70 check; non-members are \$75 (made out to OLLRAS) to

Madeleine Sewell
61 Broadway Malverne, NY 11565
Phone – 516-593-5972

RESERVATION DEADLINE IS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2025

Limited Seating

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

Includes punch, soda, salad, chicken, pasta, eggs, French toast

Beautiful prize baskets will be raffled off.
Tickets will be \$2 each, 3 for \$5 or 7 for \$10.
There will also be a Basket of Cheer raffle and 50/50.

The club requests no jeans; festive daytime attire is appreciated.

THIS ADVENT LET US GIVE GOD OUR LOVE & FIAT



MONDAY DECEMBER 8TH THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

The Virgin Mary was prepared by God for the birth of the child Jesus from her Immaculate Conception to be the Mother of God & His Church.
She gave her love & fiat to God.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 9TH THE FEAST DAY OF JUAN DIEGO

Blessed Mother must have been invisibly present when Juan Diego was presenting the roses to Bishop Zumarraga. The tilma captured her image and the reflection of their images in her eyes.



FRIDAY DECEMBER 12TH THE FEAST DAY OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE



The image of our Lady of Guadalupe has great symbolism. Our Blessed Mother's image surrounded by luminous light, standing on the moon, and with stars on her mantle reflects the description found in the Book of Revelation: "A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars" (12:1).

Mary does not claim to be God, but only His messenger and loving mother. The stars on her mantle indicate that she comes from Heaven, as Queen and loving Mother. Blessed Mother's standing on indicates divine triumph over evil. The high placement of the bow and the apparent swelling of the abdomen of the Blessed Mother conclude that Mary is pregnant. The crescent moon under our Lady's feet also symbolizes perpetual virginity and is connected with her Immaculate Conception and Assumption.

**LET US BRING OUR PETITIONS & ROSES TO GOD & OUR LADY
WITH OUR LOVE & OUR FIAT**



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Ashamed of the Gospel?

At the 2014 National Catholic Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D.C., Prof. Robert P. George, McCormick Professor of Jurisprudence and Director of the James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions at Princeton University, stated that, in America, the days of acceptable Christianity and comfortable Catholicism are over. Prof. George began by asking the attendees if they were ashamed of the Gospel.

Prof. George explained that in America the days of being a comfortable Christian or an acceptable Catholic have been ruthlessly ended by the changes in our culture. He was reflecting on how our 1st amendment religious freedom has been reshaped to a shadow of its intent and no longer protects an outward support of conscientiously held beliefs about matters such as traditional marriage, gender classification, sexual morality and the sacredness of life at all stages.

Though these Gospel truths are clearly taught and upheld by the Catholic church they are no longer politically correct in our general culture and bring censure and condemnation of those who will state those beliefs...those who are not ashamed to speak and espouse the teachings of the Bible. Christians and Catholics are told they must adhere to the cultural redefinition of good and evil...or else!

Biblical and natural law beliefs about morality were once a pillar of our culture, but are now the cause of derision, labeling, discrimination and even outright persecution.

Pro-life advocates outside abortion clinics have been arrested and even imprisoned.

Bakers, florists and photographers have lost their businesses over lawsuits denying their conscience rights to refuse creatively messaging against their faith.

The owners of Hobby Lobby and the Little Sisters of the Poor had no choice but to appeal to the Supreme Court to exempt them from providing abortion inducing drugs, contraception and sterilization through their healthcare plans.

Traditional Latin Mass attendees, their choir directors and pastors were labeled by the FBI as potential terrorists and subjected to defamation and government spying.

Surgeons have been fired for refusing to do gender affecting surgeries.

Too many Catholics will not speak the truth about the church's teachings on Marriage, sexual morality and life for fear of offending family members and fellow Catholics.

As Prof. George concluded, "The Gospel is true. The whole Gospel is true."

So, if we deny the teachings of God, through His word...we are living ashamed of the Gospel. Prof. George advises, "Never be ashamed of the Gospel."

Read more: <https://tinyurl.com/5n7x6zjb>

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St. Nicholas

Dear St. Nicholas,
you were so kind and generous,
always helping those in need.
Please help us to be like you,
sharing and caring for others.
Teach us to be good and loving, just like Jesus.
Watch over us and our families,
and help us to always do what is right.
Thank you for being our special friend
in heaven. Amen.

St. Nicholas, born in the 3rd century in Patara (modern-day Turkey), was a bishop known for his generosity and miracles. He secretly gave gifts to the needy, inspiring the tradition of Santa Claus. Renowned for his deep faith and compassion, he became the patron saint of children, sailors, and many others. St. Nicholas's legacy of kindness continues to be celebrated worldwide, especially during the Christmas season.

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Mass Schedule

Monday, December 8

6:45 AM

9 AM (Live Stream)

12:10 PM

7:30 PM



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In preparation for Christmas, we ask if you are able to donate Gift Cards or other items please contact your respective center for either drop-off or pick-up information to help with our families this Christmas Season.

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*"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.



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MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2025



7:30pm Holy Hour

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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will
be available in the church until midnight.

Upcoming Revival Nights

Monday, December 8 (en español)
Saint John of God Church, Central Islip

Monday, December 15
Saint Thérèse of Lisieux Church, Montauk

Monday, December 22
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For tickets visit [SJSCConcert2025.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)
Deadline to register is Friday, November 28th

Tickets: Children 12 & under \$25.00 / Adults \$40.00 General Admission / VIP Seating \$150.00
 Ticket holders are invited to a hot buffet reception following the concert!

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.



Spirituality for Singles Gathering

Saturday, December 6

7:00 PM

This Gathering is our annual Christmas Gathering, with music, prizes, and fun. Come join us and bring your single friends as well.

St. Aidan Parish
 510 Willis Ave.
 Williston Park, NY, 11596

Ages 40+ ~ \$10.00 donation
snacks, pizza and beverages will be served.

Contact: Ray (516) 561-6994
 or spiritualityforsingles@gmail.com

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 Father Geoffrey Muga, FMH - Pastor Paul Eschenauer - Music Director & Organist

Please join us
 Sunday December 7, 2025 at 3:00 pm for

Lessons and Carols

In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Meditations on several of the mysteries announced in the decades of the Rosary

Admission is Free - Light Refreshments to follow



Mr. Eschenauer, an established pastoral musician is widely known for creating uplifting spiritual services. This year's Lessons & Carols will focus on the Blessed Virgin Mary with Scriptural readings and Choral Music inviting meditation on several of the Decades of the Rosary. The music program includes works of Mozart, Berlioz, Shepherd, Talbot, Holst, Rutter, and Marian Hymns.



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THURSDAYS	12/11/25, 2/12/26, 2/29/26	2:00pm – 8:30pm
FRIDAYS	12/12/25, 1/2/26, 2/13/26	2:00pm – 8:30pm
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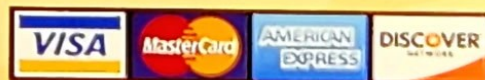


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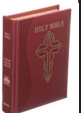
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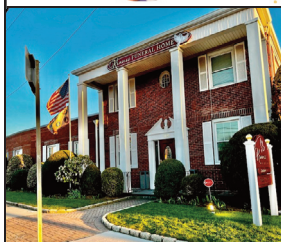
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