



OUR LADY OF LOURDES
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
MALVERNE, NEW YORK

Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 22, 2026

Called to New Life

John 11:1-45



Rev. James T. Stachacz, Pastor

Deacon Richard H. Portuese

Rev. Brandon P. O'Brien, J.C.L., In Residence

Rev. Eugene C. Umeyor, CMF, In Residence

THE GUIDING LIGHT FROM THE GROTTTO
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
JOHN 11:1-45

JESUS OFFERS US NEW LIFE FOREVER

This Sunday we come to the last Sunday of Lent before Holy Week. This is a time where the rubber really meets the road showing us who Jesus really is. We see this in the raising of Lazarus from the dead in John's Gospel. Lazarus represents us, most particularly when we face moments of death in our lives. That could be the death of a loved one, the little deaths we have inside, the death of sin that resides in us, and our own death to come. When Jesus raised Lazarus from the tomb and said, "untie him and let him go," Jesus says the same to us in our own darkness of sin and death in our lives. The story of the raising of Lazarus tells us that Jesus is more than just some miracle worker and that the resurrection is not something we wait for after death. Jesus tells us that He offers us new life now.

He invites us to leave death behind. We often stumble forward, leaving what is dead and rotten back in the stone-cold tomb. As we move to new life, Jesus gives us grace from the sacraments and the Church community to help us go forward.

When we trust and believe in Jesus, we allow the same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead to raise us up too. God will bring life out of death no matter what darkness we face in life. It is through the support and love of others, and the sacraments beginning with Baptism, Confirmation, and continuing with the Eucharist, that we can say that we have left death behind just as Jesus did on His Resurrection Day. Jesus loves us and brings us a new kind of life that conquers any kind of death and brings us from death to life; let us rejoice and be glad. The question we should ask is: Do I believe? Do I trust like Martha and Mary in Jesus' power to bring me eternal life? How can I help others embrace that full trust as well?

We warmly welcome Fr. John McCarthy, who will be celebrating the 12 noon Mass with us this Sunday. We are grateful for his presence and ministry. Please join us after Mass in the Church Hall for light refreshments as we gather in fellowship.

**PRAY FOR OUR CONFIRMANDI
CONFIRMATION MARCH 24**

This Tuesday, March 24th, our young people in the 8th Grade school and 8th Level (Religious Education) will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep them

and their sponsors in your prayers as they prepare to receive the power and the gifts of the Holy Spirit. We most especially welcome Bishop Robert J. Coyle, who will be celebrating both Confirmation Masses on Tuesday afternoon.

May God bless you and Mary keep you and your families always.

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us!

Fr. Jim

Lenten and Holy Week Schedule 2026

Confessions

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

Reconciliation Monday, March 30

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

Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 7:30 pm

Daily Mass during Holy Week

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday ~ 9:00 am

Wednesday, April 1

Tenebrae Service ~ 7:30 pm

Holy Thursday, April 2

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

Good Friday, April 3

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

Holy Saturday, April 4

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

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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



Reconciliation Monday 2026

Monday, March 30

2:00–4:00 PM  6:00–9:00 PM

Experience the liberating grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance). Confessions will be available in every Catholic church in the Diocese of Rockville Centre.



To find a parish near you, visit: www.drvc.org/maps



THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM IS ALMOST HERE!

WE REMEMBER! WE CELEBRATE! WE BELIEVE!

The Sacred Triduum remembers, represents, and celebrates the 3 days of our Lord's glorious passion, death and resurrection.

Holy Thursday April 2 ~ Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 pm

This Mass includes the Washing of Feet, a Eucharistic Procession, Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in the Church Hall.

Good Friday April 3 ~ The Passion of the Lord at 3:00 pm

This is not a Mass. There are no Masses on Good Friday in honor of our Lord's death on the cross. This service includes the Liturgy of the Word, Solemn Intercessions, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion.

Holy Saturday April 4 ~ The Easter Vigil at 8:00 pm

The Easter Vigil is divided into 4 parts:

The Solemn Beginning of the Vigil or Lucernarium (Service of Light), Liturgy of the Word, Baptismal Liturgy, Liturgy of the Eucharist.

(There is no 5:00 pm Mass this day)

Easter Sunday ~ The Resurrection of the Lord

Join us for Masses in Church: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 pm

Maier Hall (School): 10:45 am

(There is no 5:00 pm Mass this day)



Chrism Mass

at the Cathedral of Saint Agnes

29 Quealy Place, Rockville Centre, NY 11570

Tuesday, March 31, 2026 • 4:00 P.M.

All are invited to attend in person.

This Mass will be broadcast live on the Catholic Faith Network: Optimum channel 29/137, Verizon FiOS channel 296 and Time Warner Cable channel 471. Viewers can watch the Mass online at cfntv.org.

Mass Schedule

Monday through Saturday
9:00 am and live-streamed

Weekend Masses

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

Confession

Saturday ~ 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm

Welcome to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

65 Wright Avenue, Malverne, NY

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

Parish Website: OLLChurchMalverne.org

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

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

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

Parish Center Office Hours:

Monday to Friday:

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

Saturday: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

No evening hours on Friday

Parish Trustees: Michael Hannan and Lorraine Korth Smith

Music Ministry Team:

Stephen Harth, and Christine Solimeno
sharth5620@ollmalverne.org

Youth Director: Linda Baldacchino

Maintenance: Kevin Dieck
Rocco Bruzzese

Religious Education:

Mary Lasar, Director
ollreled@gmail.com
Marybeth Malone, Secretary
(516) 599-7222

Religious Education Office Hours

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

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

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

School Office

Stephen Harth, Principal ~ sharth5620@ollmalverne.org
Lisa LoGrande, Administrative Assistant
(516) 599-7328 ~ Fax: (516) 231-1440
www.OLLMalverne.org

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 21st ~ Lenten Weekday

5:00 pm Jo-Anne Gecewicz (d)

Sunday, March 22nd ~ Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

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

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

12:00 pm Sean D. Ledwith (d)

Howard Finegan (d)

Martin DePierro (d)

Agnes LaScala (d)

Anthony Pattay (d)

Jim and Teresa Brennan (d)

5:00 pm Marija Braut (d)

Monday, March 23rd ~ Lenten Weekday

9:00 am John P. Dolan Sr. (d)

John P. Dolan Jr. (d)

6:30 pm Confessions

Tuesday, March 24th ~ Lenten Weekday

9:00 am Joseph Barresi (d)

Wednesday, March 25th ~ The Annunciation of the Lord

9:00 am Brian R. Abamont (d)

Thursday, March 26th ~ Lenten Weekday

9:00 am Rosolino Cracchiolo (d)

Friday, March 27th ~ Lenten Weekday

9:00 am Bentz Philemy (d)

7:30 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 28th ~ Lenten Weekday

9:00 am Sean Maguire (d)

Luciano Cirelli (d)

Judith Cudahy (d)

Robert Giambalvo (d)

Healing Intentions of Barbara Kelnhofer

5:00 pm Gene Mazzei (d)

Sunday, March 29th ~ Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

7:30 am John P. Dolan Sr. (d)

John P. Dolan Jr. (d)

9:00 am For the Living Intentions of Frank Skelly on his
Birthday

10:30 am For the Living Intentions of the Dalpiaz and
Herrity Families

12:00 pm Sean D. Ledwith (d)

Nancy Fiala (d)

Blanca Jurado (d)

Beverly Olson (d)

For the Living Intentions of the LaScala Family

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

St. Vincent de Paul Society



The Gospel today challenges us to see and believe the signs of grace in our lives: joy, peace, forgiveness, mercy and kindness.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist families, providing food, and financial support for utility and rent bills, etc. Thank you!

Pantry Hours

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

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

Needed in the Food Pantry

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

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

Diocese of Rockville Centre

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2026 Parish Totals
Goal: \$78,750.00 ~ Pledges: \$20,421.00
Donors: 49 ~ Payments: \$10,772.00

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN - as of Sunday, March 15, 2026

Pledge Goal: **\$2,000,000**

Pledge Amount: **\$2,150,776**

Redemption
Collected: **\$706,349**

Our first three projects will be installing two new boilers in the rectory and parish center, repairing the front steps of the parish center, and adding security cameras around the church.

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.

Altar Server Schedule March 28th & March 29th

<u>Saturday:</u>	5:00 pm:	Frank Morsellino Joseph Rienzi
<u>Sunday:</u>	7:30 am:	Daniel Clarke Colin Masse
	9:00 am:	Liam Regan Keira Regan
	10:30 am:	Scarlet Heine Kennedy Pena
	12:00 pm:	Tiernan Schutta Juliana Thevenot
	5:00 pm:	Clara Lang Ryan Rivas

WEEKLY OFFERINGS - Sunday, March 15, 2026

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Weekly Collection	\$18,000	\$19,328
Year to Date <i>OLL Fiscal Year</i>	\$504,000	\$526,838

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





2026 Events

Sunday, April 19th—12 Noon
Annual Communion Breakfast
St. Mary's Knights of Columbus
78 Hempstead Avenue
Lynbrook, NY

Please see flyer on page 16 of the bulletin

Thursday, May 28th—1:00pm
Church Hall
RAS Annual Tea Party
Hosted by Our Very Own Doris Laxton

Thursday, June 18th—7:00pm
Church Hall
End of Year Luau Celebration

Christmas in July
Sing-A-Long
Wear Your Favorites Christmas Sweater
Sunday, July 19th—1:00 pm
Church Hall

BOUTIQUE (THRIFT SHOP) NEWS!

Hours of Operation

Wednesday 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

Saturday 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

All Rosary Altar Society Members

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

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!

The Parish Center will be closed the evening of March 24th. The daytime hours remain unaffected.

Elevator Notice

The elevator is back to normal operating conditions.
Thank you for your patience.

Bulletin Reflection

Jesus Christ is Lord. In today's Gospel, He raised Lazarus from the dead.

Pro Life Corner

"Abortion and racism are both symptoms of a fundamental human error. The error is thinking that when someone stands in the way of our wants, we can justify that person of our lives. Abortion and racism stem from the same poisonous root, selfishness."

~ Alveda King

Join Our Consolation Ministry

*"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."
~ Matthew 5:4*

Our Lady of Lourdes is seeking compassionate individuals to join our **Consolation Ministry**, a vital part of our parish's outreach to those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Members of this ministry provide support, comfort, and prayerful presence to families during funeral liturgies and the preparation of the Mass.

If you feel called to accompany others in their time of sorrow and offer the healing love of Christ, please consider becoming part of this meaningful ministry. Training and guidance will be provided.

To learn more or express interest, please contact the Parish Center at 516-599-1269.



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. Msgr. Robert J. Clerkin
Monday	Rev. Prince Charles Ofori
Tuesday	Rev. Felipe Rufes
Wednesday	Most Rev. Luis Miguel Romero
Thursday	Rev. Jinwoo Michael Nam
Friday	Msgr. James P. Lisante
Saturday	For Mothers and Fathers of Priests

Reflection for Next Sunday
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

March 29, 2026

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7
Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11
Gospel Reading: Matthew 26:14-27:66

Jesus is crucified, and his body is placed in the tomb.

Family Connection

Palm, or Passion, Sunday begins the most sacred week of the Church year—Holy Week. During these days, we prepare ourselves for Easter by prayerful reflection upon the events of Jesus' Passion and death. You might display a crucifix in a prominent place this week, as reminder of the salvation Christ won for us. The crucifix can also be the focal point for family prayer during Holy Week.

Because of the length and complexity of the Passion narrative, young children have difficulty remaining attentive when it is proclaimed in its entirety. Families can choose to read a portion of this Sunday's Gospel each day of Holy Week, providing ample opportunity for children to ask questions and respond to the events described there. In this way, the entire week can become a "way of the cross."

Each day during Holy Week, the family can gather in a prayerful space with a crucifix as the focal point. The Passion as found in Matthew's Gospel might be read as follows throughout the week:

Sunday: Matthew 21:1-11 (Gospel at the Procession with Palms)

Monday: Matthew 26:14-25

Tuesday: Matthew 26:26-35

Wednesday: Matthew 26:36-56

Thursday: Matthew 26:57—27:14

Friday: Matthew 27:15-54

After reading from the Gospel each night, the family might reflect on the reading together. Conclude your prayer time together by praying the Lord's Prayer and/or singing an appropriate hymn, such as "Jesus, Jesus," "Were You There?" or "What Wondrous Love Is This."

***The Parish Center will be closed
for the Easter Holiday***

Holy Thursday April 2
Closes at 12:00 pm

Good Friday, April 3

Easter Sunday, April 5

Easter Monday, April 6



Lenten Prayer

Lord God, as we begin this season of Lent, receive us in humility and repentance. Through your grace, teach us to carry our crosses, to turn away from sin, and to walk the path of conversion with love. May these 40 days strengthen our faith, deepen our prayer, and open our hearts to your mercy. Amen.

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.



CHURCH OPENING TIMES

ALL ARE WELCOME

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

8 AM - 2:45 PM

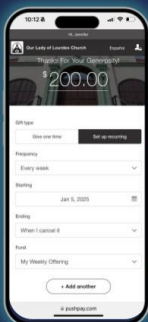
SATURDAY

8 AM - 6 PM

SUNDAY

7 AM - 6 PM

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THIS WEEK AT
OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH

Monday, March 23

9:00 am.....Legion of Mary..... Parish Center Room #2
 11:30 amSchool TeachersParish Center Dining Room
 5:30 pm.....Girl Scout Troop 2568 Church Hall
 6:30 pm.....Confessions Church

Tuesday, March 24 - Parish Center Closed 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm only

9:30 am.....SVDP Parish Center Room #2
 1:00 pm.....Confirmation with Bishop Robert J. Coyle..... Church
 1:30 pm.....Prayer Group/Scripture Study...Parish Center Dining Room
 3:30 pm.....Confirmation with Bishop Robert J. Coyle..... Church
 7:00 pm.....CoDA Dining Room
 7:00 pm.....Bell Choir..... Church
 7:30 pm.....Boy Scout Troop 24 Church Hall
 7:45 pm.....Choir Church

Wednesday, March 25

9:30 am - 2:30 pm Thrift Shop
 11:30 amSchool TeachersParish 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.....Rehearsal for Triduum—Lectors Church
 7:15 pm.....Rehearsal for Triduum—Oils..... Church
 7:30 pm.....Rehearsal for Triduum—Washing of the Feet Church

Thursday, March 26

11:30 amSchool TeachersParish Center Dining Room
 4:00 pm.....Cub Scout Pack 24—Webelos Den Church Hall
 5:00 pm.....Cub Scout Pack 24—Bear Den Church Hall
 7:00 pm.....Knitting Club.....Parish Center Dining Room

Friday, March 27

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

Saturday, March 28

9:30 am - 12:30 pm..... Thrift Shop
 9:30 am.....St. Monica’s Group Church Hall
 4:00 pm.....Confessions Church
 7:00 pm.....AA.....Parish Center Dining Room

Sunday, March 29

9:00 am.....Family Mass.....Church/Church Hall

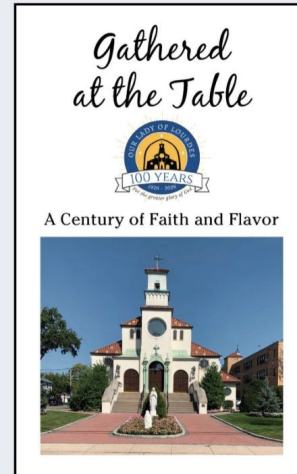
All parishioners are invited to volunteer to be a part of the offertory procession at the Mass which you attend. This may be especially appropriate if the Mass is being offered for a relative or friend. Please see one of the Ushers before Mass begins to make your intention known.



PICK UP YOUR COPY TODAY AT THE
PARISH CENTER!

**100TH
ANNIVERSARY
COOKBOOK**

\$20



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

**Lenten
Revival
Night**

at the Cathedral of Saint Agnes

29 Quealy Place, Rockville Centre, NY

Thursday, March 26, 2026 • 7:30 PM



All are invited to the Cathedral of Saint Agnes in Rockville Centre for a special Holy Hour with Bishop Barres and the faithful from across Long Island. There will be live music, a reflection, benediction and a candlelight procession. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be available in the church until midnight.

Office of Evangelization and Catechesis | drvc-faith.org

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

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

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



**Our Parishioners
Serving in the Military**

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

United States Navy

LT Geoff Hendrick
LCDR Ryan Patrick Mahon
LCDR Tara Mahoney

United States Army

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

United States Air Force United States Marine Corps

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

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

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

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

Church Flowers:

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

Memorials

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

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

No flowers during the Advent and Lenten seasons.

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

***OUR LADY OF LOURDES
YOUNG ADULT GROUP***

**Growing in
faith together!**

Ages 18-25

Questions? Contact
ollya.malverne@gmail.com

Interested? Scan to
connect



Parish Mission Statement

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

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

Our Lady of Lourdes



OLL Special Persons Day! Kindergarten and 1st Grade sang songs and painted with the special person who attended with them. What a fun day!



Principal's Message



As we arrive at the Fifth Sunday of Lent, our Lenten journey is leading us closer to the most sacred days of our Church year. Over these past weeks, we have taken time for prayer, reflection, and small sacrifices that help us grow in faith and in our care for others.

Lent reminds us that it is not only about giving something up, but about becoming something more. It calls us to grow in kindness, patience, generosity, and compassion in the way we treat those around us.

Our students and teachers have been living this message throughout the season. Our students have been attending Mass, preparing their hearts through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and taking part in preparing for the Stations of the Cross. They also participated in the Souper Scavenger Hunt with our Youth Group, coming together in a spirit of service and community. We also recently had the joy of celebrating the special people in our students' lives during our Special Persons Day, a wonderful reminder of the importance of gratitude, family, and the many blessings we share.

During Lent we also pause to reflect on the power of prayer. As a school community, we begin our day in prayer, pray the Angelus together, and gather in prayer before and after snack and lunch, and again at the end of the day. What a beautiful thing it is to hear parents share how their children bring these moments home, reminding their families to pause and pray together.

As we move closer to Holy Week, it is a good time to pause and reflect on how this Lenten journey has shaped us. Even the smallest steps toward prayer, forgiveness, and kindness bring us closer to God.

May these final weeks of Lent continue to guide our hearts as we prepare to celebrate the hope and joy of Easter. Wishing all of our families a peaceful and blessed week.

~Stephen Harth

Principal



Religious Education News

MARCH EVENTS

Tuesday, March 24th— Sacrament of Confirmation

1:00 pm—Our Lady of Lourdes Students

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

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

CONFIRMATION DAY: TUESDAY, March 24, 2026

- ◆ **Students must arrive one hour prior to each ceremony, 12 Noon for the 1:00 pm ceremony and 2:30 pm for the 3:30 pm ceremony.**
- ◆ **All students must be attired in the Confirmation gowns. Boys need to wear only a shirt and tie and trousers under their gown during the ceremony.**
- ◆ **Students doing a reading or one of the petitions, please read slowly and clearly for the entire congregation to hear and respond.**
- ◆ **Remember to respond "I DO" to Bishop Coyle as he asks you to renew your Baptismal Promise and again when he confirms each of you.**

CONFIRMATION NEWS

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

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

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

"Religion and Rock"

Tune into "Religion and Rock" with Msgr. Jim Vlaun on Sunday from 7:00 am—8:00 am on WBAB 102.3 FM or 95.3 FM on Long Island's East End. Listen on Saturdays at 11:00 pm on *Sirius Radio, Channel 159, the Catholic Channel* and at 11:00 pm on XM Satellite, Channel 117. Next Sunday's theme is "Issues in Life" Don't miss it!



Tenebrae



Wednesday, April 1st at 7:30PM

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

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

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

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

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



Dear Friends:

Thank you so much for your ongoing financial contributions and prayers for our many ministries supported by the Catholic Ministries Appeal. I am writing today to ask you to help us once again to serve the Long Island community by making a gift to the 2026 CMA.

As we approach the holiest season of Easter, we focus on Jesus' sacrifice and resurrection, preparing through reflection, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to embrace the hope and new life signified by Christ's victory over death.

Easter represents hope, redemption, and eternal life, a reminder that darkness gives way to new beginnings, a core message for daily living, not just a single day. As Pope Leo reminds us, the Risen One is found in *"small daily acts of compassion and love toward others."*


One simple but beautiful way of living Jesus' command to love is by participating in the Catholic Ministries Appeal, which invites us to share in the Church's mission. Just last year, because of the funding received through the Appeal, ministries here on Long Island were able to: sustain Catholic Charities in its mandate to lift up the needy and the poor; help our young people to grow in their faith through education, campus ministry, and youth ministry; support those shackled by addiction at rehabilitation facilities like Talbot House; help pay tuition for our future priests and deacons; further the life-affirming work of the Office of Human Life, Family, and Bioethics, particularly in their commitment to the unborn.

Please join me in making a gift to this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal, so that we can continue to perform daily acts of compassion and love through our vital diocesan ministries.

My prayers and best wishes to you and your family for this Holy Season of Lent and Easter.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

The page is decorated with several colorful Easter eggs. At the top left is a red egg with white dots. At the top right is a teal egg with yellow and white patterns. On the left side, there is a brown egg with white wavy lines and dots, a teal egg with a white flower, and a purple egg with white zig-zag lines. On the right side, there is a purple egg with white zig-zag lines, a red egg with white horizontal stripes and dots, a brown egg with white wavy lines and dots, and a teal egg with a white flower. At the bottom left is an orange egg with white flowers and dots. At the bottom right is a teal egg with a white flower.

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Liturgical Minister Training- Spring 2026

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

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

Dates and Locations for Liturgical Minister Training

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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