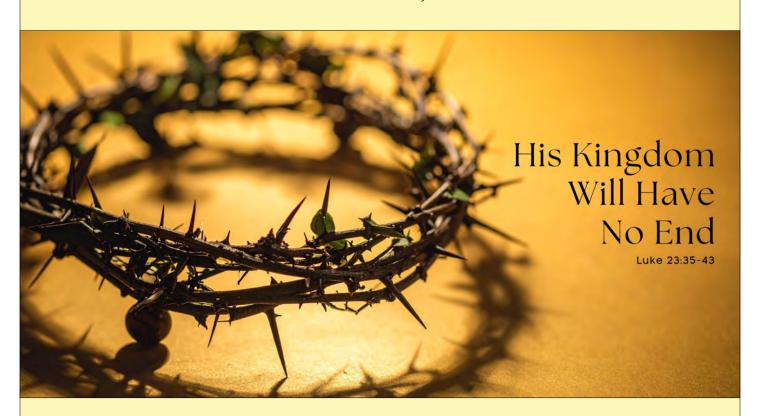


## **OUR LADY OF LOURDES**

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
MALVERNE, NEW YORK

# The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe November 23, 2025



Rev. James T. Stachacz, Pastor

Deacon Richard H. Portuese

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Msgr. Paul F. Rahilly, Pastor Emeritus



# THE GUIDING LIGHT FROM THE GROTTO THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE 34th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME LUKE 23:35-43



#### CHRIST IS OUR REAL KING

Back in 2007, Italian-Canadian artist Cosimo Cavallaro attempted to display what became his signature piece, *My Sweet Lord*, during Holy Week at the Lab Gallery in the Roger Smith Hotel in Manhattan. What made the piece so scandalous was that the body of Jesus was sculpted from 200 pounds of chocolate and suspended from the ceiling as if on an invisible cross. After considerable outrage, the hotel canceled the event. While we may not fully know the artist's intent, the display inadvertently confronted us with a truth: how often we sugarcoat the Cross. We turn it into a decoration and fail to recognize it as the bitterly scandalous death of our Lord.

Walk into any store and you'll find crosses glittered, bedazzled, and treated as fashionable jewelry. But we know the Cross is far more than an ornament. The Cross is our pathway to new life and salvation—given to us by a God who loves each of us as though there were only one of us.

Today, as we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe—also known as Christ the King Sunday—we are reminded that we see Jesus as King, lifted up not on a throne but on a cross, the equivalent of today's death penalty for the most hardened criminals. And yet, Jesus is King—but not like any king we imagine. When we think of kings, we picture royal power, wealth, palaces, thrones, and golden crowns.

For Jesus, however, His crown was woven from thorns. His scepter was a bruised reed. His throne was the Cross.

Those around Him—religious, political, and military leaders—wanted to humiliate Him, to show the world that He was an imposter. But as people of faith, we know that the crucified Lord is truly a King—not of earthly power or riches, but of the suffering, the poor, the sinner, the broken, the wounded, and ultimately of all those welcomed into the glory of Heaven.

In today's Gospel, Luke presents two ways of responding to suffering and to the Cross. We can be like the first criminal—reject our hardships, resent sacrifice, declare ourselves undeserving of suffering, and ridicule Jesus for not sparing us. This path leaves us endlessly asking "why?" and living in perpetual anger. Or we can be like the Good Thief—traditionally known as Dismas—who accepts his circumstances, looks to Jesus, and entrusts his life to Him and to His Cross as refuge, strength, and salvation.

When I reflect on the Cross, I think of survivors of natural disasters who, even after losing everything—including loved ones—remain grateful that God was with them. Their faith challenges us to find Jesus not only when life is good, but also in our moments of suffering and distress. They inspire us not to become so overwhelmed by our own burdens that we fail to help

our brothers and sisters carry theirs. And when we do help them, our own crosses become lighter.

Most of all, they remind us to turn to Jesus not to demand explanations, but—like the Good Thief—to say, "Lord, remember me when you come into your Kingdom." God's Kingdom is a Kingdom for all of us: saints and sinners alike.

#### OUR YOUTH HEADED TO NCYC — INDIANAPOLIS, IN

Our youth headed to Indianapolis for the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) this past Thursday, November 20 through Sunday, November 23, accompanied by our Youth Ministers Linda Baldacchino, Stephen Harth, Sue Greico, and their team. Please keep them in your prayers as they reflect on the power of our Catholic faith found in Christ in the Eucharist. We pray that the Lord will guide them, that the Holy Spirit will inspire them, and that they return home safely. Our youth are not only our future—they are also our present Church.

# WE WELCOME FR. PATRICK NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Please join me in welcoming Fr. Patrick at the 10:30 AM Mass on Sunday, November 30th, as part of our ongoing celebration of our 100th Anniversary as a parish. Fr. Patrick served here for many years. We are grateful that he can join us.

May you, your families, and your friends have a very happy and blessed Thanksgiving! Remember that Thanksgiving Day is a reminder to give thanks to Almighty God and to one another not only once a year, but three hundred sixty-five days a year.

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

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us!

#### Fr. Jim



#### **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**

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

#### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, November 22nd ~ Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

For the Living Intentions of the Hassett 5:00 pm

Family

#### Sunday, November 23rd ~ Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the **Universe**

For the People of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish 7:30 am

Robert Dougherty (d) 9:00 am 10:30 am Patricia Albergo (d) 12:00 pm Louis Toti (d)

> Gladys Manzolillo Grace Korth (d)

For the Deceased Members of the Hintze

Family

5:00 pm Mary Magro (d)

#### Monday, November 24th ~ Saint Andrew Düng-Lac, Priest

9:00 am Jacob Martinez (1st Anniversary in Heaven)

#### Tuesday, November 25th ~ Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin

9:00 am Stanley Krasinski (d)

#### Wednesday, November 26th ~ Weekday

9:00 am John Armstrong (d) Malachi McGuire (d) 7:30 pm

#### Thursday, November 27th ~ Thanksgiving Day

9:00 am James Dineen & Anthony Danna (d)

**Food Blessing** 

#### Friday, November 28th ~ Weekday

9:00 am Mae & Atilio Musso (d)

#### Saturday, November 29th ~ Weekday

9:00 am Rose Ciasulli (1st Anniversary in Heaven)

> Joan Campbell (d) Grace Korth (d)

For the Living Intentions of The Ruocco

Family

For the Living Intentions of Miserandino

Family

5:00 pm Rose Ciasulli (d)

#### Sunday, November 30th ~ First Sunday of Advent

Susan Elowson (d) 7:30 am 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)

Gerard Dierker (d) 5:00 pm

# BESSED A Thanksgiving Prayer

Father, we thank you for the blessings you have bestowed upon us. For our families, our homes and the beautiful community we live in. We thank you for our schools and churches and the opportunity we have to learn about You, our fellow man and our world. We thank you for those people in our lives, both clergy and laity, who share our faith and encourage us to grow in our love for you and our commitment to a Christian way of life. We thank you for the gifts of the elderly people in our lives as well as the very young, they bring much wisdom and joy to us. We thank you for the pain, sorrow and hardships of life, for we know that they can be great stepping stones to our eternal salvation. We thank you for all Your blessings and ask that you help us to always be aware of Your presence in our lives.

# Religious Christmas Cards & Ornament Sale!

We ask this through Your Son, Our Lord Jesus who is

together with You and the Holy Spirit.

The weekend of November 29 & 30, 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.



The Parish Center will be closed on the following days in observance of Thanksgiving:

Wednesday, November 26 (closes at 3 pm) Thursday, November 27 & Friday, November 28

We wish you a blessed day with your loved ones.





# CENTENNIAL

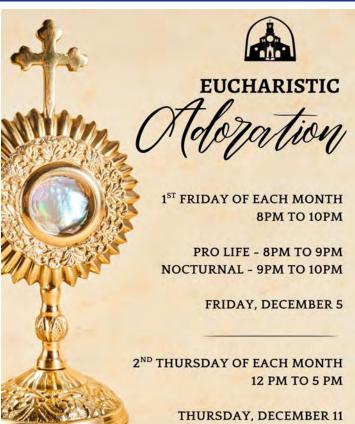
# HOMECOMING

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

SUNDAY, NOV. 30

#### THANKSGIVING PARISH MASSES

Wednesday, November 26 at 7:30pm
Thursday, November 27 at 9am



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.

# Wedding Banns

#### **Banns III**

Vincent Joseph Taliercio ~ Blessed Sacrament
Valley Stream, NY
and
Patricia Anen ~ Our Lady of Lourdes
Malverne, NY

#### **Bulletin Reflection**

Jesus Christ is our God, our King and our Savior. Turn to Him—give Him everything you have and love Him as much as you can. He loves us more than we can ever imagine.

#### **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.



## Hope is here.

If you or someone you know needs assistance with an unexpected or difficult pregnancy, help is available:

Call 631-476-LOVE (5683) any day, any time (24/7).

All conversations are safe and confidential.



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# A Celebration of Mary at the Seminary

Sunday December 7 2025



10 am

to

2 pm

Journey to the Heart of Mary through Theology, Spirituality and the Arts

Mass will be celebrated by Msgr. Steven R. Camp, Seminary Rector, followed by his presentation on the Theology and Spirituality of Mary.

Erin McAtee, Co-founder & Director of Arthouse 2B, will give a presentation on the Beauty of Mary through art.

The program will conclude with lunch in the Seminary Refectory.

## Sponsored by the Friends of the Seminary

\$50 - Member of the Friends bmalone@icseminary.edu \$60 - Non-Member of the Friends

(631) 423-0483 x 102 icseminary.edu/events



#### **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.

#### **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.

SundayRev. James T. StachaczMondayRev. Eugene C. EumeyorTuesdayRev. Brandon P. O'BrienWednesdayRev. Msgr. Paul F. RahillyThursdayVery Rev. Michael DuffyFridayRev. Christopher P. Heller

Saturday For Mothers & Fathers of Priests

#### **Pro Life Corner**

"Why is it that those with a liberal persuasion, when faced with difficult human problems, often seem to formulate a "solution" ending in death? Whether it's a teen pregnancy, a Down's syndrome child, a comatose patient or an elderly patient, they appear to favor the same answer: Death. Whatever happened to "bearing another's burdens?"





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

Mickey Ackerman John Barry Carolyn Biondo John Bivona Maria Capper Marie Croce Lucia Cimino-Gaml

Marie Croce
Lucia Cimino-Gambino
Richard Clarkson
Francesca Medoro
Consolazio
Grayson Danielski
Rev. Richard Donovan

Stanley Durant
Alix Etheart
Nancy Fiala
Barbara Fumai
Nicholas Gibbons
Deacon John Governale

Kevin Hanson Michael Haines

Peter Hellers

Justin Hosman Sue Kielson Grace Landisi Baby Leonardo Edward Mahoney Speranza Marmo Michael Malone Joseph Manno

Pat Manno
Pat Mantel
Agnes Murtha
Emily Parini
Frank Pawlowski
Carol Reisenger
Dot Rotondi

Dot Rotondi John Rotondi Joseph Roy Thomas Scudero Teresa Spyntiuk

Bill Vogric

Yvonne Jones Williams

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

The Flowers by the Blessed Mother
Statue have been donated in
Loving Memory of

#### Rose Ciasulli



On her 1st Anniversary in Heaven

Requested with love by

Her Children & Grandchildren

# 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



#### 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.



#### 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."

<u>Please let us know if any of our Military and Support Personnel have</u> 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 <u>flowers</u> during the Advent and Lenten seasons only.

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

#### Parish Mission Statement

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

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







# 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.

## St. Vincent de Paul Society



Today as we celebrate Christ the King, may we open the door of our heart so wide that we may listen to the voice of Jesus calling us to help build his kingdom here on earth.

In the month of November, through your gifts, the Society of St, Vincent

de Paul was able to help build the kingdom of God by assisting families, providing food, and financial assistance 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**

Green Peas, Corn, Rice-A-Roni, Cannellini Beans, Red Beans, Baked Beans, Chili, Rice, SPAGHETTI, Tomato Paste, Tea, Cereal, Oatmeal & <u>JELLY</u>

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



#### Altar Server Schedule November 29th & November 30th

Saturday: 5:00 pm: Hayden Kunz

Kayla Prizzi

Sunday: 7:30 am: Daniel Clarke

Frank Morsellino

9:00 am: Daniel Baldacchino

Maura Baldacchino

Julie Baldacchino

10:30 am: Nicholas Rivas

Ryan Rivas

12:00 pm: Tomas Ner

Abigail Rudden

5:00 pm: Savanah Diaz

Brooklyn Diaz

WEEKLY OFFERINGS - Sunday, November 16, 2025

Budget Actual

Weekly

Collection \$18,000 \$16,895

Year to Date \$198,000 \$180,879

OLL Fiscal Year

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



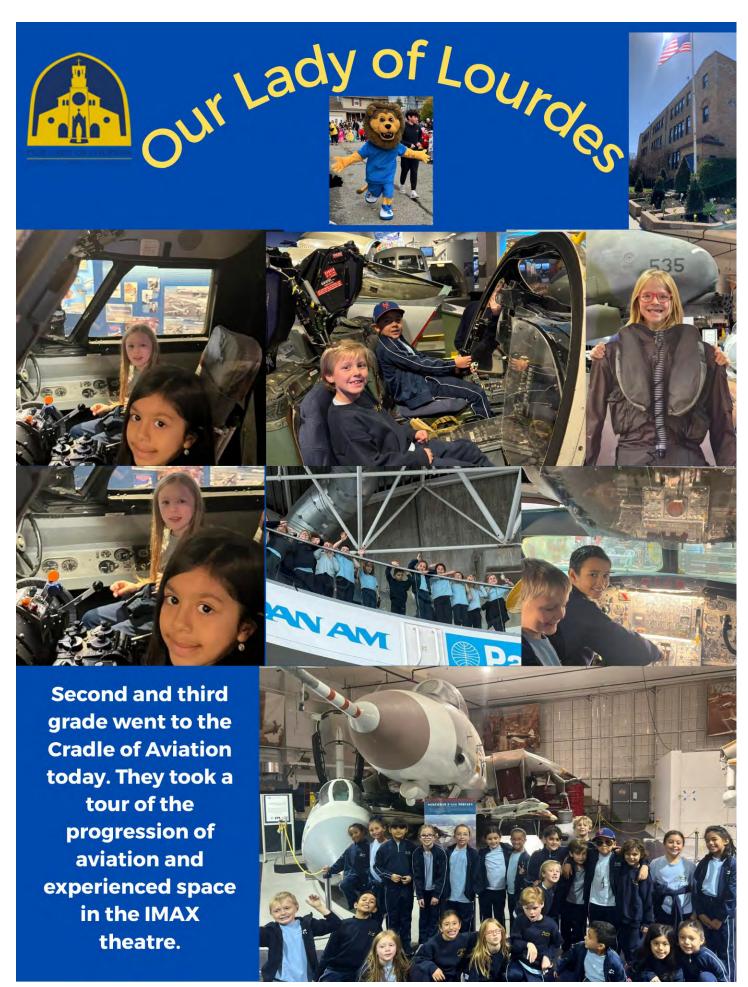
**Online:** Using Pushpay for fast & secure contribution, visit:

www.ollchurchmalverne.org/donate



#### Diocese of Rockville Centre

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2025 Parish Totals Goal: \$75,000.00 ~ Pledges: \$49,676.96 Donors: 131 ~ Payments: \$48,557.96



#### Principal's Message



Hope has a quiet strength, and this Jubilee Year of Hope brings that strength into focus. It reminds us that hope is not wishful thinking. It

is a choice to look toward the future with trust even when the present feels uncertain. In a world that often moves fast and speaks loud, hope works in a different way. It builds patiently. It steadies the heart. It refuses to let darkness have the final word.

This year invites people to practice hope as a daily habit. Not a grand gesture, but small acts that shape how we think and how we treat one another. Hope shows up in patience with ourselves, kindness that costs something, and the courage to imagine a better path when the easy road leads nowhere. It grows when we forgive, when we try again, and when we refuse to believe that failure is the end of the story.

The Jubilee reminds us that hope is meant to be shared. It is not only an inner feeling. It is a gift that becomes stronger when it moves from one life to another. A hopeful person can lift an entire room. A hopeful community can heal wounds that once looked permanent. When hope becomes a shared practice, it turns strangers into allies and brings light into spaces that have long been dim.

Here at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School, we are people of hope. We carry it into our classrooms, our friendships, our challenges, and our celebrations. We choose hope because it helps us see each other with compassion and see the future with courage.

Reflecting on the power of hope this year is to remember that renewal is always possible. We are not trapped by past mistakes or current limits. Hope keeps us looking for the next good step, and it gives us the strength to take it. As the Jubilee year continues, the call is simple. Hold on to hope. Let it shape your choices. Let it guide your words. And let it remind you that even the smallest spark can carry someone through the dark.

#### ~ Stephen Harth

Principal



- 1 CORINTHIANS 1:9 -

## **Religious Education News**

#### **NOVEMBER EVENTS**

Wishing a Happy Thanksgiving to all. On this special day, do not forget to give thanks to God.

"Bless us Our Lord, for these thy gifts, which we are about to receive from thy bounty through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

#### **MASS PASSES**

Remember, you must return your signed pass one week at a time, and it must be submitted before the following Friday, or credit will not be given. If Masses are not attended each week or on Holy Days of Obligation, you will be contacted, and the Sacrament of Confirmation may be delayed.



The Catholic Faith Network (CFN) will host the CFN Award of Excellence on Tuesday, November 25, 2025 at the Garden City Hotel. This year's honorees include Bishop Edmund J. Whalen, Religious Leader, Dion DiMucci, Media Leader and Vincent & Patricia Massina, Business Leaders. Frank & Lori DeLucia will serve as Co-Chairs for the event. For more information, please visit www.cfnawards.org.

#### 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.



# THIS WEEK AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH

#### Monday, November 24

9:00 amLegion of Mary	Parish Center Room #2
11:30 amOLL School Teachers	Parish Center Dining Room
7:00 pmCapital Campaign Volunteer	r MeetingChurch Hall

#### **Tuesday, November 25**

9:30 am	SVDP	Parish Center Room #2
11:30 am	OLL School Teachers	Parish Center Dining Room
1:30 pm	Prayer Group/Scripture	StudyParish 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, November 26 ~ Parish Center Closes at 3:00 pm

9:30 am - 2:30 pm	Thrift Shop
3:00 pmCub Scout Pack 24 - Arrow of	Light Church Hall
5:00 pmChildren's Choir	Church
7:00 pmAA	Parish Center Dining Room
7:00 pmPrayer Group	Parish Center Room #2
7:30 pmThanksgiving Vigil Mass	Church

#### <u>Thursday, November 27</u> ~ Parish Center Closed for Thanksgiving

#### Friday, November 28 ~ Parish Center Closed for extra day of thanks

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

#### Saturday, November 29

9:00 amVirtus Training	Church Hall
9:30 am - 12:30 pm	Thrift Shop
1:00 pmWedding	Church
2:30 pmPrivate Baptism	Church
5:00 pm Human Life Committee Religious Card Sale	Church
7:00 pmAAParish Center	Dining Room

#### Sunday, November 30 ~ First Sunday of Advent

Human Life Committee Religious Card Sale after	all MassesChurch
9:00 amFamily Mass	Church/Church Hall

Knights of Columbus St. Mary's / Maris Stella Council #2228



We are inviting all men of our Parish to join our Order.

Take the next step - Join today!

Vísít us at hynbrookkofc.com. Contact Grandkníght@hynbrookkofc.com



#### **Reflection for Next Sunday**

First Sunday of Advent **November 30, 2025** 

First Reading: *Isaiah 2:1-5*Second Reading: *Romans 13:11-14*Gospel Reading: *Matthew 24:37-44* 

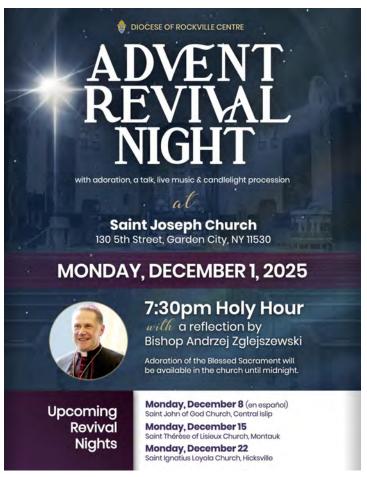
Jesus tells his disciples that the coming of the Son of Man will catch many people unprepared. Jesus tells his disciples that they are to always be ready for the day of the Lord.

#### **Family Connection**

Many of us feel the pressure early in the holiday season to be ready for Christmas. But today's Gospel challenges us to be ready for something other than the gift-giving of Christmas.

Read together today's Gospel reading. As a family, talk about what it means to be ready for the day of the Lord. One of the roles of the family, the domestic church, is to be a school of faith leading one another to salvation. Reflect together as a family on how your family helps one another to be better Christians. Commit to one thing that your family will do this Advent season to help one another be better Christians. You might choose to write this commitment down and post it in a prominent place in your home, perhaps near your family's Advent wreath.

Pray together that God will help you in this Advent commitment. Pray together the Lord's Prayer or today's Psalm.



# Our Youth Ministry Shares the Gift of Thanksgiving!

Great job by our Youth Ministry bakers! They made 50 loaves of pumpkin bread for the St. Vincent de Paul Thanksgiving Baskets that will be handed out to families for the holiday.







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# 100TH ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOK

NAME:

# OF COPIES:

TELEPHONE #:

DROP IN COLLECTION BASKET OR LEAVE AT PARISH CENTER Gathered at the Table



A Century of Faith and Flavor





#### Focus on Religious Freedom

www.cffor.org

"Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!"

— Psalm 95:2

#### Let Us Give Thanks...

...for this nation whose foundation included the right of every man to worship according to his conscience...to study and speak and pray...to evangelize and rejoice in the mercy and goodness of his God. The freedoms of our founding documents are unique among the nations of the world. Among other facts, they are unique because of their origin in Natural Law...the laws that establish our rights, as named by our founders, to life liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

They are unique also because we were the first nation ever founded by its citizens claiming the right and ability to govern themselves...instead of government by an earthly king, dictator or emperor.

We were called by our first elected president to thank God for these blessings.

[New York, 3 October 1789]

By the President of the United States of America. a Proclamation.

"Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor—and whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint Committee requested me "to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness."

"Now therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be..."

Yet, we were advised by founder Thomas Paine that...

"What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly: it is dearness only that gives everything its value. Heaven knows how to put a proper price upon its goods; and it would be strange indeed if so celestial an article as freedom should not be highly rated."

Americans must know and defend our liberties for "ages and millions yet unborn."







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+ \sim $10.00$  donation snacks, pizza and beverages will be served.

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



### The Parish of St. Mary's Roslyn

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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.

## THIS ADVENT LET US GIVE GOD OUR LOVE & FIAT



# MONDAY DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> 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 9<sup>TH</sup> 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 12<sup>TH</sup> 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

# Help Us, Help Our New Mom's this Christmas Season!!! Gift Cards Greatly Appreciated!

We hope you might be able to assist us this year with a donation of various Gift Cards so that we can support our families in need with Christmas gifts and experience the Spirit of Christmas especially with their new babies.

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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Thank you in advance, for making a new Mom's Christmas Special! Merry Christmas from The Life Center



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!** 

## 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.

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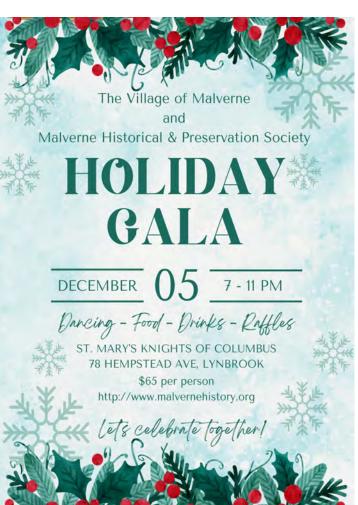
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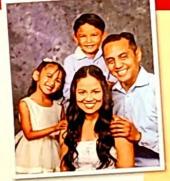




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