



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MALVERNE, NEW YORK

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 12, 2026

Preparing the Soil of Our Hearts

Matthew 13:1-23



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



OUR LADY OF LOURDES 100TH ANNIVERSARY YEARBOOK

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Picture Dates (in the Church Hall):
July 16, July 17 & July 18

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65 Wright Avenue
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Our Benefiting Month:

July

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**460 Franklin Avenue,
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OUR LADY OF LOURDES
YOUNG ADULTS
AGES 18-30

HOLY HOUR

July 23rd

Doors Open • 6:30 PM

Starts at • 7:00 PM

Guest Reflection

Audrey Diaz

"Tithing Our Time"

- ✦ Eucharistic Adoration
- ✦ Live Music
- ✦ Guest Reflection

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Our Lady of Lourdes Church

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WEEKEND OF JULY 25-26

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Donations will be sent through the Diocese to assist relief efforts in Venezuela.

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OUR LADY OF LOURDES BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish will be offering two eight-week support groups for those who have experienced the death of someone close to them within the last year.

**Thursdays 7:15 pm - 8:30 pm from
September 17th through November 12th**

**Saturdays 10:00 am - 11:15 am from
September 19th through November 14th**

The primary goals of the group are to help participants understand the grief process, develop skills to manage their grief, and adjust to living in a world without their loved one. The groups are open to anyone who has lost a spouse or partner, parent, child, grandchild, sibling, or other loved one.

If you are interested in joining, please call the Parish Center at 516-599-1269 requesting that a registration form be mailed to you. Completed registration forms, along with a one-time registration fee of \$25 to cover the cost of materials and supplies used in the group, must be returned to the Parish Center by August 31, 2026.

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: www.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 and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Monday and Wednesday 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Saturday: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

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, July 11th ~ Saint Benedict, Abbot

5:00 pm Rose and Paul Mamounis and
Margaret Rose Harth (d)

Sunday, July 12th ~ Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am John Sammon (d)
9:00 am Diane Quinn (d)
10:30 am Salvatore Giannetta (d)
12:00 pm Rosaline Brennan (d)
For the People of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
Maura Kavanagh Maier (d)
For the Living Intentions of Bernadette
Christy Ann Mansour

Joan Bahna (d)
5:00 pm Michael McEneney (d)

Monday, July 13th ~ Weekday

9:00 am Diane Guiheen (d)

Tuesday, July 14th ~ Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

9:00 am Anthony Consolo (d)

Wednesday, July 15th ~ Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

9:00 am Peggy Hannan (d)

Thursday, July 16th ~ Weekday

9:00 am Frank, Margaret and Donald McQuade (d)

Friday, July 17th ~ Weekday

9:00 am For the Living Intentions of Nancy Skelly on
her Birthday

Saturday, July 18th ~ Weekday

9:00 am Augustus F. Dennis (d)
Loretta Walsh (d)
Joseph Laxton (d)
Catherine Burns (d)
Peggy Hannan (d)
5:00 pm John Cassidy III (d)

Sunday, July 19th ~ Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am Joseph Laxton (d)
9:00 am Peggy Hannan (d)
10:30 am Cosmo Filiberto (d)
12:00 pm Peter Schlick (d)
Neddie Ryan (d)
Michael Augienello (d)
Clare Savage (d)
Joan Mary Bahna (d)
5:00 pm For the People of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

St. Vincent de Paul Society



In today's Gospel, we hear the story of the sower and we know that "some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirty fold."

This week by putting a gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, know that together they will produce fruit a hundred fold.

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

Rice-A-Roni, Cannellini Beans, Cereal, & Oatmeal

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

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN - as of Sunday, July 5, 2026

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

Pledge Amount: **\$2,162,346**

Redemption Collected **\$882,476**

Fiat Update: We are excited to share an update on the progress of our Capital Campaign, Echoing Mary's Fiat Through Generations. Thanks to your continued generosity and support, we are moving forward with several important parish improvement projects.

At this time, we are awaiting proposals for the replacement of the parish boilers, the reconstruction of the Parish Center front steps, and enhanced security measures for the church.

In addition, we have begun initial discussions regarding air conditioning improvements for our school building.

We are grateful for the tremendous support of our parish community and will continue to keep you updated as these projects progress. Thank you for helping us strengthen and preserve Our Lady of Lourdes Parish for future generations.

LIVE STREAMED SERVICES

May be accessed on the following platforms:

www.ollchurchmalverne.org

www.facebook.com/OLLMALVERNE/

www.youtube.com/@OurLadyofLourdesMalverne



Parish Center Summer Hours

As of May 28 the Parish Center Hours are as follows:

Monday - Friday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Monday and Wednesday: 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Closed Monday - Friday 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Saturday: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

(Closed Sunday)

WEEKLY OFFERINGS - Sunday, July 5, 2026

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Weekly Collection	\$18,000	\$16,661
Year to Date OLL Fiscal Year	\$792,000	\$831,173

Budget and Actual comprises envelopes, cash, online giving and second collections for Our Lady of Lourdes.

Diocese of Rockville Centre

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2026 Parish Totals

Goal: \$78,750.00 ~ Pledges: \$44,180.00

Donors: 92 ~ Payments: \$36,930.64

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





Our Lady of Lourdes
Rosary Altar Society
Wishes All
A Happy & Healthy Summer
See You in September

**A Very Special Thank You to
Kathy Kadell and Linda Pietrasinski
For Taking Care of the Altar During the Month
of June**

BOUTIQUE (THRIFT SHOP) NEWS!

**Closed for the Summer.
To arrange a drop-off or pickup please call the Parish
Center at 516-599-1269.**

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.

"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 "Volunteering/Giving" Don't miss it!



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	<i>Rev. Msgr. Frank Caldwell</i>
Monday	<i>Rev. Joseph Schlafer</i>
Tuesday	<i>Rev. Zachary Callahan</i>
Wednesday	<i>Rev. Steven McClernon</i>
Thursday	<i>Rev. Malcolm J. Burns</i>
Friday	<i>Rev. Ken Grooms</i>
Saturday	<i>For Mothers and Fathers of Priests</i>

Congratulations to the following Chaminade H.S. students who achieved Final Honor Roll Status.

Freshman

Kaiden W. Dauscher
Frank W. Morsellino
Jacob V. Rodriguez

Sophomore

Ronin J. Alger
Colin P. Masse

Junior

Owen P. Mullane

Senior

James F. Darcy
William J. Frohne
Brian P. Guiheen
Aidan J. Hynes
Luke T. Hynes
Conrad J. Kramer
Aidan S. Miller



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.



Long Island Society of Italian Americans (LISIA) are getting
ready for our annual trip to Villa Roma, Callicoon, NY,
September 14th-17th, 2026.

Our stay will once again be an Italian/American themed
entertainment and activities.

Bus will pick up in Massapequa and then on to Valley Stream.
If interested please call Diane Langella @ (516) 777-0607.

Bulletin Reflection

In today's Gospel, we hear the Parable of the Sower.

Pro Life Corner

There is no greater injustice in the world today than the shedding of the innocent blood of unborn children...We will never be able to build a culture of life if we do not respect the dignity of the human person. We must build our society as it once was founded, upon respect for life and right to life.

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

Jeanette Marie Gammel

Bridget T. O'Connell

David Okochi Chukwu

Kevin Johnson



Altar Server Schedule

July 18th & July 19th

<u>Saturday:</u>	5:00 pm:	Mason Diaz Frank Morsellino
<u>Sunday:</u>	7:30 am:	Gigi Barton Mea Barton
	9:00 am:	Colin Owen Mackenzie Grace Upton
	10:30 am:	Nicolas Rivas Ryan Rivas
	12:00 pm:	Andie Fage Abigail Rudden
	5:00 pm:	Marina Bicocchi Daniel Clarke

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.

Fire Night

A NIGHT OF HEALING AND HOPE
AT OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

If you are tired, overwhelmed, anxious, or simply need a moment to breathe, come spend time with *Jesus*.



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30 MINUTES,
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CHURCH OPENING TIMES

ALL ARE WELCOME

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

8 AM - 2:45 PM

SATURDAY

8 AM - 6 PM

SUNDAY

7 AM - 6 PM

THIS WEEK AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH

Monday, July 13th

9:30 am.....Legion of Mary..... Parish Center Room #2

Tuesday, July 14th

9:30 am.....SVDP Parish Center Room #2

1:30 pmPrayer Group/Scripture Study...Parish Center Dining Room

7:00 pmCoDAParish Center Dining Room

7:00 pmBoy Scout Troop 24 Church Hall

Wednesday, July 15th

7:00 pmPrayer Group..... Parish Center Room #2

7:00 pmAA.....Parish Center Dining Room

Thursday, July 16th

2:00 pmAnniversary Yearbook Photos..... Church Hall

Friday, July 17th

9:30 am.....SVDP Parish Center Room #2

2:00 pmAnniversary Yearbook Photos..... Church Hall

7:00 pmAAParish Center Dining Room

Saturday, July 18th

9:00 am.....Anniversary Yearbook Photos..... Church Hall

4:00 pmConfessionsChurch

7:00 pmAAParish Center Dining Room

Sunday, July 19th

Wedding Banns

Banns II

John Phelan ~ Our Lady of Lourdes

Malverne, NY

and

Finuala O'Shea ~ St. Catharine of Alexandria

Blauvelt, NY

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.

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

Baby Henry	Morgan Rourke Lee
Baby Sean	Jennifer Kenny
Baby Violette	Sue Kielson
John Barry	Dorothea Kreppien
Carolyn Biondo	Baby Leonardo
John Bivona	Shannon Loeven
Maria Capper	Speranza Marmo
Glenn Carbone	Michael Malone
Lucia Cimino-Gambino	Joseph Manno
Richard Clarkson	Pat Mantel
Francesca Medoro	Gerri Matulich
Consolazio	Geraldine McKenna
Grayson Danielski	Paolo Miceli
Cheryl Dean	Rev. Michael Morris
Dina Dean	Emily Parini
Steven DeCillis	Frank Pawlowski
Stanley Durant	Carol Reisenger
Luba Egan	Kenneth Rick
Alix Etheart	Dot Rotondi
Anthony J. Falke	John Rotondi
Barbara Fumai	Marie Sanderson
Nicholas Gibbons	Thomas Scudero
Deacon John Governale	Anne Skrzypinski
Richard Governale	Teresa Spyntiuk
Gerri Graetzer	Vincent Troiano
Michael Haines	Anthony Virgadamo
Margaret (Ita) Hearney	Bill Vogric
Peter Hellers	Yvonne Jones Williams
Justin Hosman	

The names will remain for six consecutive weeks unless the
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to join our Order.

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Reflection for Next Sunday
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 19, 2026

First Reading: *Wisdom 12:13,16-19*

Second Reading: *Romans 8:26-27*

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 13:24-43*

Jesus offers parables about the Kingdom of Heaven and explains them to his disciples.

Family Connection

Taken together, the parables found in today's Gospel offer both a sobering reminder about the Kingdom of God and words of encouragement. As the wheat and the weeds must grow together until the harvest, so we may not know whether our actions contribute to God's Kingdom until God's final judgment. With this word of caution in mind, we act always in prayer that our actions will be consistent with God's plans. In the parables of the mustard seed and the yeast, we hear words of encouragement. God can bring the Kingdom of Heaven from even the smallest of beginnings. Thus, we ask God to work through us for the sake of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Set aside some time this week to make bread with your family. Show the amount of yeast that is required to raise an entire batch of bread. Observe that little things can go a long way. After the bread has been baked, gather together as a family. Read together today's Gospel, Matthew 13:24-43. Reflect together on what Jesus means when he teaches that the Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed and like yeast. In these parables, Jesus is teaching us that God can work wonders from even the smallest beginnings of the Kingdom of God. This means that even the little things that we do can make a big difference in the lives of others. What are some of the little things that we can do in our family that help to make things better for others? Decide on one action to take together. Pray that God will use your action to make a difference in the world. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.



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
 CDR Andrew E. Glassing

United States Army

Spec Lotachukwu Okoye
 Spec Tucker Andrew Peterson
 1st LT Katherine L. Macaluso
 Sgt. Christopher W. Dean, Jr.
 SSG Matthew Takojeff

United States Air Force

1st Lt. William F. Cosgrove

United States Marine Corps

L Cpl Kristofer Katzenberger
 LT Sam Olive
 Cpl Joseph M. Macaluso

United States Coast Guard

Ensign Maureen Joyce Sussman

"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.

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.

*The Altar Flowers have been donated
 in Loving Memory of*

Rosaline Brennan

Requested by
Sean Brennan & Family



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

Ann Guggino

Requested by
Diane Pearse



***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
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No flowers during the Advent and
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Principal's Message



"A sower went out to sow..." — Matthew 13:3

As we continue to enjoy the blessings of summer, this Sunday's Gospel offers us a beautiful image that speaks to both our faith and our mission as a Catholic school community. In the Parable of the Sower, Jesus tells of seeds scattered on different types of ground. Some fall on the path, some among rocks, others among thorns, and finally, some on rich soil where they produce an abundant harvest.

This parable reminds us that God's Word is constantly being planted in our hearts. The question is not whether God is speaking to us, but rather, **what kind of soil are we preparing for His Word?**

At Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School, we strive each day to cultivate hearts that are rich soil—hearts that are open to faith, eager to learn, and ready to serve. While academic excellence remains one of our highest priorities, our greatest mission is to help our students develop a deep and lasting relationship with Jesus Christ. Every lesson, every prayer, every act of kindness, and every opportunity to serve others is another seed planted in the lives of our children.

One of the greatest privileges of Catholic education is knowing that growth often happens quietly, much like a seed beneath the soil. We may not immediately see the fruits of our work, but through the partnership of dedicated teachers, supportive families, our parish community, and God's grace, those seeds take root. Over time, they grow into young men and women who live their faith with compassion, integrity, and courage.

Summer provides each of us with an opportunity to tend to the soil of our own hearts. Away from the busyness of the school year, we can spend more time in prayer, attend Mass as a family, read Sacred Scripture, and simply become more aware of God's presence in our daily lives. These moments nourish our faith and prepare us to receive God's Word more fully.

As we continue preparing for another exciting school year at Our Lady of Lourdes, we do so with great hope and anticipation. We look forward to planting new seeds of faith, knowledge, leadership, and service in every student entrusted to our care. Together, we pray that those seeds will flourish and bear fruit—not only during their years at Lourdes, but throughout their entire lives.

May Our Lady of Lourdes continue to intercede for our school families throughout this summer season. May she help us cultivate hearts that are open to God's Word and willing to respond generously to His call.

May God bless you and your family with a joyful, peaceful, and faith-filled summer.

Stephen Harth
Principal



Religious Education News

The Religious Education Office will be closed beginning on July 1, 2026. If you need assistance during this time, please call the Parish Center at 516-599-1269 or email rectoryoffice@ollchurchmalverne.org

Registration for 2026-27 Religious Education

Re-Registration forms have been sent out to all families currently enrolled in our Religious Education Program. Current Registration fees are:

One Child: \$225.00
Two Children: \$360.00
Three or More: \$500.00

Registration for the 2026-2027 school year has ended. Late registrations may be subject to an additional fee.

Beginning on July 1, 2026, latecomers will be accepted based upon the number of students in each grade level and if we have Catechists to cover the number of classes required.

CATECHISTS NEEDED:

In order to have a successful Religious Education Program we depend on the generosity of our Parish Community.

We are looking for volunteers to teach in our program for the upcoming year.

We offer classes on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons and on Saturday mornings. You are almost sure to find a time that fits your schedule.

As you help our students learn our faith you will learn and grow as well.

Please consider giving just one hour a week to this most important ministry.

If you are a high school student and can find a partner, we would be delighted to have you "team teach" once a week.

Please call the Religious Education Office at (516) 599-7222.



Dear Friends:

As we begin to enjoy all that summer on Long Island offers us, I write to ask you to prayerfully consider making a gift to this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal so that we can bring that joy to those who come to us for help and support in these uncertain times.

While more than 20,000 of our neighbors from across the Diocese have generously responded with their gifts and prayers, there are still so many ministries that need our support.

Pope Leo XIV urged us to reflect on how we invest the "treasure" that is our life, challenging Catholics to share not only material possessions but also their skills, time, and compassion for the good of others.

Here on Long Island, the Catholic Ministries Appeal is one of the best local vehicles we can use to reach out and show mercy, compassion, and charity to others. Not only does your gift help our very own Parish Outreach Programs feed and serve the poor, but it also sustains programs and services offered by Catholic Charities across the Diocese. Such active efforts ensure that the recipients are comforted with the knowledge that God loves them and is with them even during challenging times in their lives.

Even more, the Catholic Ministries Appeal supports the services that provide religious education for our children, form our future priests and deacons, make available youth and campus ministry programs, and so many other important works that help us to share the Gospel message in our Diocese and beyond.

In gratitude for your prayerful consideration of a gift to the 2026 Catholic Ministries Appeal, be assured of my conviction that together we can bring Christ's message of holiness to individuals, families, and the wider community.

Thank you for embracing the mission of the Church. I will keep you and your family in my Masses and prayers.

If you have already given a gift to the 2026 Catholic Ministries Appeal, thank you for your gift!

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres

St. Mary's / Maris Stella
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
78 Hempstead Ave, Lynbrook NY 11563

Summer Sensations

WITH
RISKY BUSINESS

SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2026
7PM - 11PM

\$ 55 per person
includes dinner, drinks,
music and more.

Mail Checks to:
Knights of Columbus
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Lynbrook NY 11563

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Camp Director: Tamara Mancusi | tfilorama@ibeach.org

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