



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MALVERNE, NEW YORK

*Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

January 18, 2026



I Saw the Spirit Come Down

John 1:29-34

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 GROTTO**  
**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**JOHN 1:29-34**

**Behold the Lamb of God**

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist gives us a powerful witness by pointing away from himself and toward Jesus, proclaiming, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." John understands his role clearly: he is called not to be the focus, but to help others recognize Christ.

John tells us that he knew Jesus was the Son of God because he saw the Spirit descend and remain upon Him. This moment of revelation reminds us that God's Spirit does not come and go but abides. That same Spirit was given to each of us at Baptism, calling us to live as faithful disciples and witnesses.

As we continue our journey through Ordinary Time, this Gospel invites us to reflect on how we recognize Jesus in our own lives and how we point others toward Him. Through our faith, our actions, and our love for one another, may we always strive to make Christ known and say with humility and trust: "Behold the Lamb of God."

**A Call to Prayer for the Protection of Human Life**

This Thursday, January 22, marks the 53rd anniversary of the Supreme Court decision known as Roe v. Wade. It also marks the 4th anniversary since Roe V Wade was overturned by the Supreme Court. On this solemn day, I invite all parishioners to join our Human Life Committee for a Prayer Service for the Protection of Unborn Life. The theme for the March For Life in Washington D.C. this year is "Life is a Gift"! The march takes place this Friday January 23rd. You can watch it on EWTN or on YouTube. Through the theme "Life is a Gift", we are showing that we are a movement rooted in compassion for women and love for unborn children, united by a belief powerful enough to change the world: every life, in every circumstance, is a gift.

We will gather as a parish family to pray for the dignity of every human life, from conception to natural death, and to seek healing, mercy, and conversion of heart.

**Schedule for the Day:** Thursday January 22, 2026

12:00 pm - 5:00 pm—Adoration

4:00 pm—Rosary with Pro-Life Mediations

4:30 pm—Reflection

4:50 pm—Benediction

I encourage you to take time on this day to join us in prayer and reflection as we recommit ourselves to building a culture of life rooted in faith, love, and hope. Show the world that life is certainly a gift.

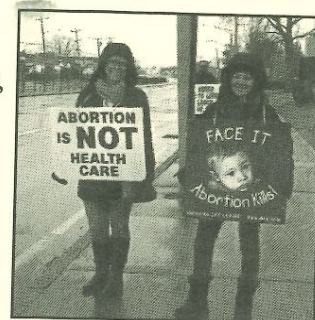
May God bless you and Mary keep you and your families always. Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us!

**Fr. Jim**

**Roe v Wade Memorial**  
**Face the Truth Event**

**Sun., Jan. 25, 2026 - 2-3:30 PM**

With so many distractions in our lives and revolving issues blasting us in daily news cycles, it can be easy to forget a tragic constant taking place right here on Long Island – the killing of innocent defenseless preborn babies through abortion. Because those babies cannot speak up for themselves, pro-lifers must do so. The overturning of Roe V Wade has not ended abortion.



Pro-lifers are invited to call for the protection of preborn children by joining the Roe v. Wade Memorial Face the Truth pro-life event on Sunday, January 25, 2026, from 2:00 to 3:30 PM. This peaceful public outreach will be held on the sidewalk in front of Nassau University Medical Center (NuHealth, 2201 Hempstead Tpke., E. Meadow). Signs provided (no political signs). Rain or shine. Sponsored by Long Island Coalition for Life: 631-243-1435, [info@prolifeLI.org](mailto:info@prolifeLI.org).

**Thank You to Michael Grant and John Ferrante**

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Michael Grant and John Ferrante of Flinch & Bruns Funeral Home, Inc. for the professional, compassionate, and dignified funeral they organized for our dear resident priest, Rev. Richard R. Donovan. Their care, attention to detail, and respect during this sacred time were deeply appreciated by our parish family. We are truly grateful for their kindness and support as we honored the life and priestly service of Fr. Donovan.



### 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, January 17th ~ Saint Anthony, Abbot

5:00 pm Peter Kowalski (d)

#### Sunday, January 18th ~ Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am Frank DeFelice (d)  
9:00 am William O'Connor (d)  
10:30 am Ron Barette (d)  
12:00 pm Maria Ninivaggi (d)  
Gertrude McDaniels (d)  
William Ryan (d)  
Peter Sullivan (d)  
James McGarry (d)  
5:00 pm For the People of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

#### Monday, January 19th ~ Weekday

9:00 am Maria Navarro (d)

#### Tuesday, January 20th ~ Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr

9:00 am Vito Biondo (d)

#### Wednesday, January 21st ~ Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

9:00 am Immaculate "Margaret" De Pascale Kruhmin (d)

#### Thursday, January 22nd ~ Day of Prayer for the Legal

#### Protection of Unborn Children

9:00 am Gloria Hassett (d)  
12:00 pm Holy Hour for Life  
4:00 pm Service and Reflection

#### Friday, January 23rd ~ Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr

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

#### Saturday, January 24th ~ Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

9:00 am Jerry McLaughlin (d)  
Matthew Toma (d)  
Bentz Philemy (d)  
Christine Campbell (d)  
Timothy Demayo (d)  
For the Living Intentions of Tozia Stachacz  
5:00 pm Maggie Kruhmin (d)

#### Sunday, January 25th ~ Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am For the People of Our Lady of Lourdes  
9:00 am Earl Doug Brown (d)  
10:30 am James Corbett (d)  
12:00 pm Luigi Boccia & Francesco Boccia (d)  
Maria Evora (d)  
Paula Tucker (d)  
For the Living Intentions of the Cho Family  
For the Living Intentions of Jamie Salerno  
5:00 pm Alfredo Dante Vertiz (d)

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

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

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



### **Preview of 2026 Events**

February 26th—1 pm Afternoon Event  
 March 19th—St. Joseph/St. Patrick Celebration  
 April 19th—Annual Communion Breakfast

### **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.

### **Pro Life Corner**

"Simple morality dictates that unless and until someone can prove the unborn human is not alive, we must give it the benefit of the doubt and assume it is (alive). And thus, it should be entitled to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."  
 ~ Ronald Reagan

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.



### **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.

<b>Sunday</b>	Rev. Richard T. Stelter
<b>Monday</b>	Rev. Peter DeSanctis
<b>Tuesday</b>	Rev. Kevin M. Smith
<b>Wednesday</b>	Rev. Rony Fabien
<b>Thursday</b>	Rev. Cesar Bejarano
<b>Friday</b>	Rev. Daniel O'Brien
<b>Saturday</b>	<b><i>For Mothers and Fathers of Priests</i></b>

### **Bulletin Reflection**

St. John the Baptist's mission was to announce the coming of the Lord. We hear that today as he points Jesus to the people.

The Parish Center will be closed on **Monday, January 19**, in observance of **Martin Luther King Jr. Day.**

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

***Sean D. Ledwith***

***Michelle Summers***

***Colette Price***



## **WORD OF GOD SUNDAY**

**Sunday, January 25, 2026**

*"He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures" (Lk 24:45).*

**Come celebrate with Bishop Andrzej**

## **HOLY HOUR AND REFLECTION**

**Sunday, January 25, 2026, at 3:30 pm**

**Church of St. Joseph**

**130 Fifth Street, NY 11530**

[www.stjosephchurchgc.org](http://www.stjosephchurchgc.org)

**All are welcome**



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

Mickey Ackerman	Justin Hosman
Baby Henry	Morgan Rourke Lee
John Barry	Jennifer Kenny
Carolyn Biondo	Sue Kielson
John Bivona	Grace Landisi
Maria Capper	Baby Leonardo
Marie Croce	Edward Mahoney
Lucia Cimino-Gambino	Speranza Marmo
Richard Clarkson	Michael Malone
Helen McLaughlin	Joseph Manno
Francesca Medoro	Pat Mantel
Consolazio	Emily Parini
Grayson Danielski	Frank Pawlowski
Stanley Durant	Helen Perry
Alix Etheart	Carol Reisenger
Nancy Fiala	Dot Rotondi
Barbara Fumai	John Rotondi
Nicholas Gibbons	Joseph Roy
Deacon John Governale	Thomas Scudero
Vincent Guido	Teresa Spyntiuk
Peggy Hannan	Anthony Virgadamo
Kevin Hanson	Bill Vogric
Michael Haines	Yvonne Jones Williams
Peter Hellers	

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



**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.

*The Flowers by St. Joseph's Statue have been donated in Loving Memory of*

**Joseph Ciasulli**

**1st Anniversary in Heaven**



*Requested with love by  
His Children & Grandchildren*



**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  
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.

**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.



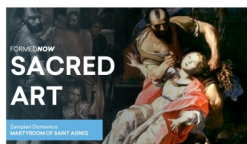
## This Week on Formed

Week of January 18, 2026



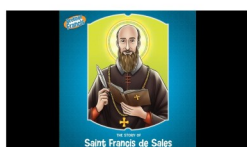
### Saint Francis de Sales: Pastor of Souls

St. Francis de Sales became a hero during the Catholic Reformation for his pastoral care and spiritual writings. Join Dr. Chris Blum as he walks through the life of this great saint, who is celebrated on January 24th!



### Martyrdom of St. Agnes | Sacred Art

Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp sit down with different pieces of Sacred Art to discuss their theological meanings and how they can speak to us today. This week, they are looking at The Martyrdom of St. Agnes as depicted by Zampieri Domenico.



### The Story of Saint Francis de Sales

St. Francis de Sales is the patron saint of writers and we celebrate his feast on January 24. Enjoy this short audio reflection for kids.

Our parish has a Formed subscription.  
Visit [signup.formed.org](https://signup.formed.org) and select our parish name.

An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE



## United for Life Walk

**Saturday, April 11, 2026**  
**Divine Mercy Weekend**

**11 am arrival at**  
**St Agnes Church NYC**  
**12:10 pm Mass, 1:00 pm walk**



Seek Healing and Forgiveness

[www.unitedforlifeny.com](https://www.unitedforlifeny.com)

Through Jesus's Divine Mercy

**"Together, we will make a**

**BIG SPLASH in the BIG APPLE!"**

### After the walk

### Celebrating Life Luncheon

**At Connolly's 47th street NYC**

**2pm - 5pm**

**Buffet Style:**

**Salad with Rolls and Butter**  
**Burgundy Sirloin Tips**  
**Chicken & Broccoli over Pasta**  
**Lemon Pepper Sole Fish**  
**Fettuccine Alfredo Pasta**  
**Potatoes / Rice**  
**Cake for dessert**  
**Soda and coffee**  
**Cash Bar**

**\$70 for General Admission**  
**\$50 for Young Adults 18-30 & Seniors 70+**

**Scan the QR code to buy your tickets:**



## SAVE THE DATE!



## BLUE & WHITE BALL

\$185 p/p  
7pm Cocktail Hour

21 & over  
8pm-Midnight Dinner & Dancing

Please save the date for a delightful evening of dinner and dancing in honor of our significant milestone.

**THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2026**

**SAND CASTLE**  
**505 FRANKLIN AVE, FRANKLIN SQUARE**

## "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 "Unity" Don't miss it!



## CHURCH OPENING TIMES

ALL ARE WELCOME

### MONDAY TO FRIDAY

8 AM - 2:45 PM

### SATURDAY

8 AM - 6 PM

### SUNDAY

7 AM - 6 PM

## St. Vincent de Paul Society



In the Gospel after Jesus was baptized, John testified saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove... and remain upon him."

***As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, know that you are a sign of God's Spirit of love to those who are suffering.***

### 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, Rice-A-Roni, Cannellini Beans, Baked Beans, Chili, Rice, Tomato Paste, Tea, Cereal, Oatmeal & **JELLY**

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

### **Church in Need Collection**

On January 25, 2026 a collection will be taken for "The Church in Need." The monies collected at this time will be shared among three areas of the world where there is particular need for help:

**Church in Central and Eastern Europe** - this collection supports the Church in more than 25 countries that struggle to recover from former communist rule. It also aids communities throughout the region that are affected by the war in Ukraine. Funds support pastoral care, catechesis, renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region.

**The Church in Latin America** For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ.

**The Church in Africa** – The Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa supports pastoral projects to build the capacity of the Church and foster lasting peace and reconciliation across a continent often marked by division and tension. Although the Church in Africa is growing, many still lack access to basic resources and pastoral care.

Thank you for your generosity.

## Altar Server Schedule

**January 24th & January 25th**

<u>Saturday:</u>	5:00 pm:	Mason Diaz Frank Morsellino
<u>Sunday:</u>	7:30 am:	John Kutch Colin Masse
	9:00 am:	Christopher Miro Mackenzie Grace Upton
	10:30 am:	Marina Bicocchi Kennedy Pena
	12:00 pm:	Jacob Rodriguez Abigail Rudden
	5:00 pm:	Duggan McKeon Luke McKeon

### WEEKLY OFFERINGS - Sunday, January 11, 2026

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Weekly Collection	<b>\$18,000</b>	<b>\$19,523</b>
Year to Date OLL Fiscal Year	<b>\$342,000</b>	<b>\$381,113</b>

*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](http://www.ollchurchmalverne.org/donate)



### Diocese of Rockville Centre

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2025 Parish Totals  
Goal: \$75,000.00 ~ Pledges: \$50,520.16  
Donors: 136 ~ Payments: \$50,520.16

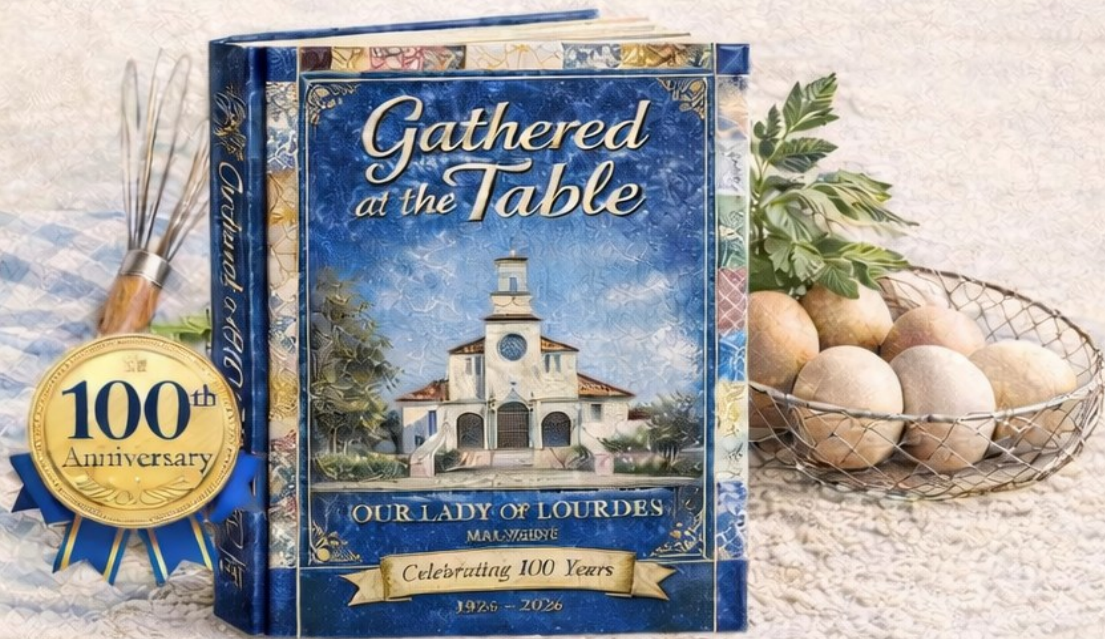
# Welcome Home Fr. Duffy!

Thank you to the Very Rev. Michael Duffy for celebrating Mass with us last weekend as part of our 100th Anniversary celebrations.



# Gathered at the Table

A Century of Faith and Flavor



Missed out on our 100th Anniversary Cookbook?

*100 Recipes for 100 years!*

We are placing a Re-order!

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# **AFC / NFC CHAMPIONSHIP PARTY**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2026  
AFTER 2:30PM**

**MAIER'S BRICK CAFÉ  
157 LAKEVIEW AVE, LYNBROOK**



**\$75 ADMISSION  
DRINKS & GAME DAY BITES  
INCLUDED  
BOXES & PRIZES**

**IT'S FOR THE KIDS!**

**FOR QUESTIONS, EMAIL:  
MENSCLUB@OLLCHURCHMALVERNE.ORG**

## THIS WEEK AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH

### Monday, January 19 ~ Parish Center Closed Martin Luther King Jr. Day

9:00 am ..... Legion of Mary ..... Parish Center Room #2

### Tuesday, January 20

9:30 am ..... SVDP ..... Parish Center Room #2  
 11:30 am ..... School Teachers ..... Parish Center Dining Room  
 1:30 pm ..... Prayer Group/Scripture Study .. Parish Center Dining Room  
 7:00 pm ..... Bell Choir ..... Church  
 7:00 pm ..... CoDA ..... Church Hall  
 7:15 pm ..... Bereavement Facilitator Meeting ..... Parish Center Room #2  
 7:30 pm ..... Boy Scout Troop 24 ..... Maier Hall (School)  
 7:30 pm ..... SVDP Meeting ..... Parish Center Dining Room  
 7:45 pm ..... Choir ..... Church

### Wednesday, January 21

9:30 am - 12:30 pm ..... Thrift Shop  
 11:30 am ..... School Teachers ..... Parish Center Dining Room  
 3:00 pm ..... Cub Scout Pack 24—Arrow of Light ..... Church Hall  
 5:00 pm Children's Choir ..... Church  
 6:30 pm ..... Cub Scout Pack 24 Monthly Meeting ..... Church Hall  
 7:00 pm ..... AA ..... Parish Center Dining Room  
 7:00 pm ..... Prayer Group ..... Parish Center Room #2

### Thursday, January 22

11:30 am ..... School Teachers ..... Parish Center Dining Room  
 12:00 pm - 5:00 PM ..... Holy Hour for Life in Church  
 4:00 pm ..... Boy Scout Troop 24~Webelos ..... Church Hall  
 5:00 pm ..... Cub Scout Pack 24~Bear Den ..... Church Hall  
 7:00 pm ..... Knitting Club ..... Parish Center Dining Room

### Friday, January 23

9:30 am ..... SVDP ..... Parish Center Room #2  
 11:30 am ..... School Teachers ..... Parish Center Dining Room  
 12:00 pm ..... March for Life Prayer Service ..... Church  
 7:00 pm ..... AA ..... Parish Center Dining Room

### Saturday, January 24

9:30 am - 12:30 pm ..... Thrift Shop  
 4:00 pm ..... Confessions ..... Church  
 7:00 pm ..... AA ..... Parish Center Dining Room

### Sunday, January 25

9:00 am ..... Family Mass ..... Church/Church Hall  
 10:00 am - 5:00 pm ..... Quilt Show in Church Hall

## Reflection for Next Sunday Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**January 25, 2026**

First Reading: *Isaiah 8:23-9:3*

Second Reading: *Psalm 27:1,4,13-14*

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 4:12-23*

*Jesus begins to preach in Galilee and calls his first disciples.*

### Family Connection

Today's Gospel tells us little about the background of these fishermen, their work, and their families. In today's Gospel, we are simply told that James and John left their father, Zebedee, in the boat and followed Jesus.

Some details about the families of these first followers of Jesus are found later in Matthew's Gospel, however. In Matthew 8:14-15 for example, Jesus goes to the home of Peter and heals his mother-in-law of a fever. Matthew 20:20-28 relates how the mother of the sons of Zebedee (James and John) approaches Jesus with the request that her sons be given places of honor in Jesus' kingdom. These brief references suggest that the first disciples' separation from their families may not have been as complete as the verses in today's Gospel might lead us to believe. Matthew points out the separation because he wants to show that Christian discipleship can require a change in our lives and even our family relationships.

Perhaps the message for us today is to balance the radical call to be a follower of Jesus with the challenge to be "fishers of men" even within our own families. Creating this balance may require that we change some of the priorities of our own family life.

As a family, detail the activities of a typical day. Discuss together what priorities are reflected in this daily schedule. How does your family respond when your daily plans are interrupted or must be changed? Together read today's Gospel, Matthew 4:12-23. Reflect together on the example of the first disciples who dropped everything to follow Jesus. Ask: Does our family schedule give evidence that we put God first in our family life? What might we do to better reflect that God is our priority?

Pray together that your family will always give evidence that God comes first in your family life. Pray today's Psalm or the Lord's Prayer.

## 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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- Sign up for recurring giving
- Contribute to our capital campaign
- Supports multiple payment options



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# OLL FAMILY SQUARE DANCE



SUNDAY, FEB. 1  
1:30PM - 3:30PM  
OLL SCHOOL MAIER HALL

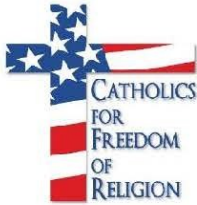


CHILDREN CAN BRING  
THEIR PARENT OR GRANDPARENT  
\*FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY\*



\$20 per couple  
\$5 each additional  
family member  
(\$25 at the door)





## Focus on Religious Freedom

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### Freedom of Religion and Catholic Schools Annual Catholic Schools Week: Jan. 25 – Jan. 31, 2026

Catholic schools are a critical part of the exercise of religious freedom. The right to choose a faith based educational environment for our children is protected by the first amendment's free exercise clause. In addition to the establishment clause which prohibits government from choosing one religion over another, the free exercise clause asserts that Congress shall not prohibit the free exercise of religion.

Parents are the primary teachers and essential moral educators of their children. That responsibility, however, is increasingly burdened by our culture's descent into secularism where the individual's own satisfaction and happiness is life's primary goal.

Parents can focus on their family as a constant example of Catholic love and support for each other, but our children have unmistakable daily encounters with a majority of fellow Americans whose own satisfaction is the deciding factor for their behavior.

Catholic school students spend impressionable years in the company of teachers and students whose faith guides their education in morals and academics. The Catholic school experience often results in better academic achievement, higher ethics standards and the choice of a career with the common good as a goal.

The freedom to teach our faith to Americans of all ages, as well as our own children, is one of America's unique supports of religious liberty. Each of us can encourage and strengthen Catholic education by donating time and funding to our local Catholic school and by learning and supporting the school's activities and goals.

Read more: <https://tinyurl.com/4zpj2w88>    <https://tinyurl.com/837v7yn4>

"A good school provides a rounded education for the whole person. And a good Catholic school, over and above this, should help all its students become saints."  
- Pope Benedict XVI



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SUNDAY

JANUARY 25, 2026

10:00 AM - 12:30 PM

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Our Catholic School Early Childhood Program combines the rich tradition of Catholic education with the rigor of next-generation learning standards to foster the holistic development of young children. In a nurturing, Christ-centered environment, we guide each child to grow spiritually, academically, socially, and emotionally.

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## Principal's Message



The quote "God made me. God loves me. God has a plan for me. Nothing is impossible with God" reflects core truths of the Catholic faith and offers comfort, identity, and hope. Yet there are moments, especially in times of loss, when these truths can feel difficult to hold onto.

This past week has been one of those times. The sudden loss of people we care about has shaken us and left many questioning God's plan. When life is taken unexpectedly, it can be hard to understand how love, purpose, and possibility still exist in the midst of grief. Even faith-filled people struggle in these moments, and the Church recognizes that questioning is part of being human.

"God made me" reminds us that every life, no matter how short, is sacred and intentionally created by God. Those we have lost were not forgotten or overlooked by Him. Their lives had meaning, even if we do not fully understand it now.

"God loves me" becomes especially important during times of sorrow. In Catholic teaching, God is present with us in suffering. He does not stand at a distance from our pain but enters into it through Christ, who Himself experienced loss and death. God's love does not prevent suffering, but it promises we are never alone in it.

"God has a plan for me" can be the hardest line to accept after sudden loss. Grief can make the future feel uncertain or even empty. Yet the Catholic faith teaches that God's plan extends beyond what we see on earth. Death is not the end, and we trust in the promise of eternal life. While we may not understand God's plan now, we are called to trust that He continues to work, even through pain and unanswered questions.

Finally, "Nothing is impossible with God" offers quiet hope. It reminds us that God can bring light from darkness, healing from heartbreak, and peace from confusion. Faith does not erase grief, but it gives us the strength to carry it.

In a week marked by sudden loss, this quote becomes more than words. It becomes a prayer, a reminder that even when we question, even when we hurt, God remains present, loving, and faithful.

~ Stephen Harth  
Principal



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

— 1 CORINTHIANS 1:9 —

## Religious Education News

### JANUARY/FEBRUARY EVENTS

**Wednesday, January 21** ~ Confessions  
Grades 5 & 6 in Church 4:30 pm

**Saturday, January 24** ~ No Classes  
*Setup for Catholic Schools Week*

**ALL CONFIRMATION PAPERWORK MUST BE  
SUBMITTED TO THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
OFFICE ON OR BEFORE FRIDAY, JAN. 30, 2026.**

**Saturday, January 31** ~ Confirmandi/Sponsor Retreat  
*9:00 am Mass in Church followed by retreat in Maier  
Hall (School).*

**Saturday, February 7** ~ Confessions  
Grades 6, 7, & 8 in Church 9:45 am

**Wednesday, February 11** ~ Confessions  
Grades 7 & 8 in Church 4:30 pm

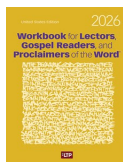
**THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION WILL  
TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY, MARCH 24. THE  
CELEBRANT WILL BE BISHOP JOHN COYLE.**

**DETAILS TO FOLLOW IN BULLETIN, REMIND,  
WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA.**

### CONFIRMATION NEWS

**REMINDER:** 7th and 8th Grade Confirmation Preparation students — please place your Mass Passes in the collection basket each Sunday or give them to your catechist during the week *before the following Friday* for credit.

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



### Attention Lectors

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

### 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](mailto:rectoryoffice@ollchurchmalverne.org).



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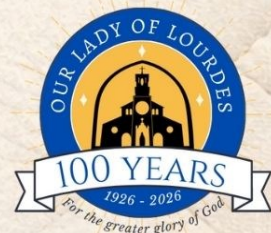
**Sunday, January 25**



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Picture Dates (in the Church Hall ):

Feb. 9 to Feb. 14

Feb. 16 to Feb. 19

Go to [ucdir.com](http://ucdir.com) to sign up TODAY! 18 slots need to be filled for the photographer to come!

Church Code: NY141

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OR contact the Parish Center!








## GIRL SCOUT PRAY AND PLAY DAY



Brownies through Ambassador Girl Scouts are invited to the Girl Scout Pray and Play Day on Saturday, January 31, 2026, at the Sisters of St. Dominic Convent in Amityville, New York. Crafts, fun and prayer will begin with registration at 10:00 AM. Mass begins the program followed by the Rosary. The afternoon workshop's theme is "Mary Around the World" and will conclude at approximately 2:00 PM. For information and registration info contact the DRVC Catholic Committee for Girl Scouting at [gsdrvc@gmail.com](mailto:gsdrvc@gmail.com).

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# Nightwatch

**2025-2026 dates**

FRIDAYS | DOORS 7PM | STARTS 7:30PM

September 19
October 17
November 21
January 16
February 27
March 20
April 17
May 15



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or [spiritualityforsingles@gmail.com](mailto:spiritualityforsingles@gmail.com)

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For further information, please call also to verify there will be a meeting -Terry 516-650-5528 or Marianne 516-205-2590

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**Bus Trip to Wind Creek Casino, Bethlehem, PA**  
Hosted by St. Ignatius Loyola Church, Hicksville, NY

**When: Tuesday, January 27, 2026**

**Cost:** \$60 per person, which includes the driver's tip. **Give back:** \$35 slot play.

**Time:** Please arrive before 8:30 am  
Return approx. 8:30 pm

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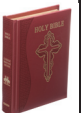
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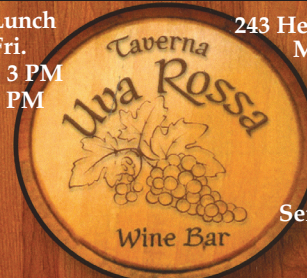


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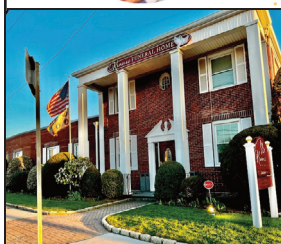
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