



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MALVERNE, NEW YORK

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 9, 2026

Walking by Faith

Matthew 14:22-33



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
THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
MATTHEW 14:22-33

WELCOME TO LOURDES DEACON RALPH MUSCENTE

It is with great joy that I announce that Bishop Barres has assigned Deacon Ralph Muscente to serve at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, effective Monday, August 31, 2026.

Deacon Ralph comes to us from the Church of St. Christopher in Baldwin. He is joined by his wife, Catherine. Together they have three daughters and four grandchildren. Deacon Ralph was ordained at St. Agnes Cathedral in 2016.

By a wonderful coincidence, Deacon Ralph and Catherine were married here at Our Lady of Lourdes in August 1982, forty-four years ago this month. Catherine's maiden name is Tully, making this assignment an especially meaningful homecoming for them.

Before retiring in 2019, Deacon Ralph worked as an insurance agent for thirty-four years. He currently serves with the Diocesan Cemeteries of Brooklyn and Rockville Centre, particularly at St. Charles/Resurrection Cemetery and Queen of Peace Cemetery. In his free time, he enjoys reading, music, and



classic television, movies, and trivia. Deacon Ralph & Catherine will also be joining our parish.

Please join me in warmly welcoming Deacon Ralph and Catherine to our parish family. Deacon Ralph will serve alongside Deacon Rich in the ministries of baptisms, marriages, funeral wakes, catechesis, and faith formation. We are grateful for the many gifts and experiences he brings to our parish, and we pray that God will bless him abundantly as he begins this new chapter of ministry at Our Lady of Lourdes.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank Deacon Rich and his wife, Alberta, for their faithful service to Our Lady of Lourdes. Deacon Rich truly embodies the heart of the Good Shepherd in the compassionate care he offers to our parishioners. It is a blessing to have both Deacon Rich and Deacon Ralph working together to strengthen and advance the mission of our parish.

May God bless Deacon Ralph, Deacon Rich, Catherine, and Alberta. May Our Blessed Mother keep them always in her loving care.

Fr. Jim

CATECHESIS FROM FR. JIM

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED MOTHER



This Saturday, August 15, 2026, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Although this is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year, please make every attempt, whether you are at home, work, or away, to come to Mass on this beautiful Feast Day for our Church. Even though we celebrate the Assumption of Mary every year, we may

still have questions or be unsure as to the significance of this day. Here are a few helpful reflections from the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

What is meant by the Assumption of Our Lady?

At the end of her earthly life, Mary was taken, body and soul, into heaven. God did not allow the body from which His Son took human life to suffer corruption, the fate of all those who have been affected by original sin. On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII declared: "We pronounce, declare, and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory." — *Munificentissimus Deus* (Defining the Dogma of the Assumption)

This teaching has been declared infallible as a matter of faith and morals. This means that all Catholics must uphold and believe in the Assumption of the Blessed Mother as divinely revealed dogma. It is called "ex-cathedra," meaning delivered from the Chair of St. Peter, since it has been defined by the Pope, who is the successor to Peter, the Vicar of Christ on earth.

While it is important to know about this dogma, it is equally important to understand what it means for us today. The doctrines of the Church tell us who we are and proclaim who we can be in Christ. The Assumption of the Blessed Mother tells us that what has become of our Mother Mary shall one day be for us. If we remain faithful and obedient in following the will of God, we too can one day be free from sin and death and share in the eternal glory of Heaven with Mary's Son, Jesus.

In an article written by Fr. Terrence Kline, he writes, "Sin brought death, as we experience it, into the world. Calvary overturned its direction. Everlasting death was the fruit of sin. Now, death is the portal that sets us free from the very possibility of sin. Mary was inseparable from Jesus in the plan of God. Soon enough, when death sets us free from sin, we will be as well." — Fr. Kline is a priest of the Diocese of Dodge City, *America Magazine*, Aug 15, 2019.



CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL UPDATE

I am pleased to share some wonderful news regarding our annual Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA). We have reached an important milestone here at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish!

Our parish's official 2026 CMA goal is **\$78,750**. However, because of the success of our Capital Campaign last fall, the Diocese has granted us a Capital Fund Adjustment, reducing our financial responsibility to 50% of our goal, or **\$39,375**.

Thanks to your extraordinary generosity, we have already received **\$41,690.80 in paid pledges**, and \$47,130.00 in pledges. This means we have surpassed our adjusted goal. **As a result, the parish will receive a rebate from the Catholic Ministries Appeal.**

The opportunity becomes even greater. Once we exceed 70% of our original goal (\$55,125), every additional dollar raised is returned directly to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish.

For example:

If we raise \$55,125, we begin receiving rebates.

If we raise \$75,125, the parish will receive approximately \$20,000 back.

These returned funds will greatly assist us in meeting the costs of important capital improvements and strengthening the many ministries that serve our parish family.

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has already made a gift to the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Your generosity is making a real difference.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to participate, I encourage you to prayerfully consider making a gift. If you have given, and can give a little bit more, please do so. Every contribution helps us move closer to this very attainable goal, allowing more funds to be returned directly to our parish while also supporting the important ministries of our Diocese.

The Catholic Ministries Appeal helps build up the Church by forming future priests, deacons, and lay leaders. It supports the training of religious education catechists and adult faith formation leaders, strengthens programs that educate our children and families in the faith, and promotes the dignity and sanctity of human life at every stage. Together, we are helping to enrich the lives of Catholics throughout Long Island.

Thank you for your continued generosity, your prayers, and your commitment to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish.

Fr. Jim

For more information, and to pay by credit card, go to

www.catholicministriesappeal.org.

Checks should be made payable to the "Catholic Ministries Appeal." Mail to P.O. Box 4000, Rockville Centre, NY 11571. Make sure to indicate Our Lady of Lourdes, Malverne so that we get credited.

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:

Peter Damour, Director
religioused@ollchurchmalverne.org
(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, August 8th ~ Saint Dominic, Priest

5:00 pm John Poggioli (d)

Sunday, August 9th ~ Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am Joseph Laxton (d)
9:00 am For the People of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
10:30 am Julia Biondo (d)
12:00 pm Alfonso Biondi (d)
Frank Carroll (d)
John P. Watchorn (d)
Living Intentions of Janet Hall
Susan Ledwith (d)

5:00 pm John Poggioli (d)

Monday, August 10th ~ Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

9:00 am Marian Steffens (d)

Tuesday, August 11th ~ Saint Clare, Virgin

9:00 am Christopher LaScala (d)

Wednesday, August 12th ~ Weekday

9:00 am Giovanna and Rosolino Cracchiolo (d)

Thursday, August 13th ~ Weekday

9:00 am Peggy Hannan (d)

Friday, August 14th ~ Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

9:00 am Bentz Philemy (d)

Saturday, August 15th ~ The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 am Frank Sylvain (d)
Peggy Hannan (d)
Teresa Prendergast (d)
Helen and Thomas Nasta (d)
Andrew Fusco (d)

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

Sunday, August 16th ~ Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am Sister Marian Steffens (d)
9:00 am John Guiheen (d)
10:30 am Julia Biondo (d)
12:00 pm Elizabeth Brotons (d)
Chris Behan (d)
Michael Dalmeto (d)
Joseph Laxton (d)
Alice Jane Gibbons (d)

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

St. Vincent de Paul Society



In this Gospel, Jesus immediately stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

Please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul bring respite and hope to the elderly who are not able to find relief from the summer heat, and you will bring them faith and hope!

Pantry Hours

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

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

Needed in the Food Pantry

Canned Fruit, Rice-A-Roni, Cannellini Beans, Cereal,
Ramen Soup & Oatmeal

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

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN - as of *Sunday, August 2, 2026*

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

Pledge Amount: **\$2,162,836**

Redemption

Collected: **\$888,240**

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

We are happy to report that the leak in the church roof has been successfully repaired.

The replacement of the boilers in both the Rectory and the Parish Center will begin shortly and will be completed by Quality Air Conditioning and Heating, Inc.

We are also awaiting the architect's drawings for the reconstruction of the Parish Center front steps, which will include the addition of an ADA-accessible ramp.

In addition, planning continues for future security enhancements to our church and improvements to the air conditioning system in our school building.

Thank you for your continued prayers, generosity, and commitment to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish and School. Your support is helping us preserve and strengthen our parish and school for generations to come. We look forward to sharing additional updates as these projects continue to progress.



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, August 2, 2026*

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Weekly Collection	\$18,000	\$17,752
Year to Date <i>OLL Fiscal Year</i>	\$864,000	\$895,272
<i>Budget and Actual comprises envelopes, cash, online giving and second collections for Our Lady of Lourdes.</i>		

Diocese of Rockville Centre

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2026 Parish Totals

Goal: \$78,750.00 ~ Pledges: \$47,130.00

Donors: 99 ~ Payments: \$41,690.80

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

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.

LIVE STREAMED SERVICES

May be accessed on the following platforms:
www.ollchurchmalverne.org
www.facebook.com/OLLMALVERNE/
www.youtube.com/@OurLadyofLourdesMalverne

Bulletin Reflection

In today's Gospel, Peter is able to walk on the water with Jesus. However, when he takes his eyes off Jesus, he begins to have doubts and starts to sink.

Pro Life Corner

"Abortion on demand has, in my judgment, contributed significantly to an environment in our country in which life has become very cheap." ~ Robert Casey

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



Michael Suttmitter

"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 "**Moderation**" 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. Damian Umeokeke</i>
Monday	<i>Rev. Thomas Arnao</i>
Tuesday	<i>Rev. Thomas Pers</i>
Wednesday	<i>Rev. Jason Grisafi</i>
Thursday	<i>Rev. Ignatius Okwuonu</i>
Friday	<i>Rev. Msgr. William Hanson</i>
Saturday	All Bishops

Reflection for Next Sunday

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 16, 2026

First Reading: *Isaiah 56:1,6-7*

Second Reading: *Romans 11:13-15, 29-32*

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 15:21-28*

Jesus heals the daughter of the Canaanite woman because of her great faith.

Family Connection

Even when spurned by Jesus, the faith of the Canaanite woman makes her bold enough to argue and ask again for what she needs. Her persistence and great confidence that Jesus could heal her daughter reminds us of the confidence with which our children bring to us their own needs. In their faith and trust we can find modern examples of how we might approach God in prayer.

As a family recall some times when a request for something was presented by one family member to another with confidence and persistence. If the request was denied, talk about why that was so. If the request was eventually granted, talk about what led to the change of heart. Then read together today's Gospel, Matthew 15:21-28. Was anyone surprised by Jesus' response to the Canaanite woman? Why or why not? What makes Jesus change his mind and heal the woman's daughter? When we pray, God wants us to be as confident in his mercy. Invite family members to identify the things that they most need from God. Pray these prayers of petition together as a family, confident that God will hear and answer your prayers.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES
YOUNG ADULTS
AGES 18-30

ST. HYACINTH

FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

An evening of prayer, learning & fellowship.

Monday August 17

Doors Open: **6:30 PM**
Program Begins: **7:00 PM**

Led by:
Fr. Brandon P. O'Brien

- Learn about St. Hyacinth
- Rosary & Veneration of a First-Class Relic
- Fellowship & Refreshments



Our Lady of Lourdes Church
65 Wright Ave Malverne, NY 11565
@ollyoungadultmalverne

Connect With Us



Altar Server Schedule

August 15th & August 16th

Saturday: 5:00 pm: Ronin Alger
John Kutch

Sunday: 7:30 am: Gigi Barton
Mea Barton

9:00 am: Colin Owen
Tiernan Schutta

10:30 am: Marina Bicocchi
Abigail Rudden

12:00 pm: Hayden Kunz
Tomas Ner

5:00 pm: Melissa Ospina
Dana Ospina

MIDNIGHT RUN August 13th

On Thursday, August 13th Our Lady of Lourdes Youth Ministry will participate in our semi-annual Midnight Run.

Midnight Run is an organization that provides food, toiletries and clothing to the homeless. We will meet at 7:30pm and go in a six van caravan into Manhattan. At four different locations we will distribute many needed items to the homeless men and women living on the streets of NYC. More importantly we will meet them and have the opportunity to share God's love with those who have come upon tough times.

Teens entering grades 9-12 are welcome to join us on our run. Space is limited. In order to participate in Midnight Run you must sign up right away by calling (516-241-1896) and attend at least one of the preparation nights:

Monday, August 10th: 7:30 – 9:30pm in the Church Hall
Wednesday, August 12th: 4:00-6:00pm in the Church Hall

If you would like to know more about this organization you can visit their website: www.midnightrun.org or feel free to call Linda with any questions 516-241-1896.

MIDNIGHT RUN DONATIONS NEEDED!!

We are in need of the following items for Midnight Run:

- Men's Jeans (waist sizes 32, 34, 36, 38)
- Men's sneakers (women's too)
- Backpacks
- Mens Tshirts & Collared golf shirts
- Hoodies
- New Underwear
- Travel size toiletries





If you have any of these items to donate, please bring them to the Church Hall the weekend of August 8th and 9th.

Thank you for your continued support of this project!

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.



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, August 10th

9:30 am.....Legion of Mary..... Parish Center Room #2
7:30 pmMidnight Run Prep Church Hall

Tuesday, August 11th

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, August 12th

9:30 am.....WWWParish Center Dining Room
4:00 pmMidnight Run Prep Church Hall
7:00 pmAAParish Center Dining Room
7:00 pmMovie Night Church Hall
7:00 pmPrayer Group..... Parish Center Room #2

Thursday, August 13th

12:00 pmAdoration Church
7:30 pmMidnight Run Church Hall

Friday, August 14th

9:30 am.....SVDP Parish Center Room #2
7:00 pmAAParish Center Dining Room

Saturday, August 15th

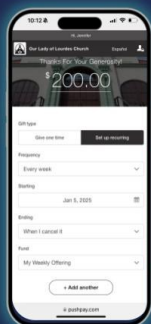
4:00 pmConfessions Church
7:00 pmAA Church Hall

Sunday, August 16th

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.

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- Supports multiple payment options



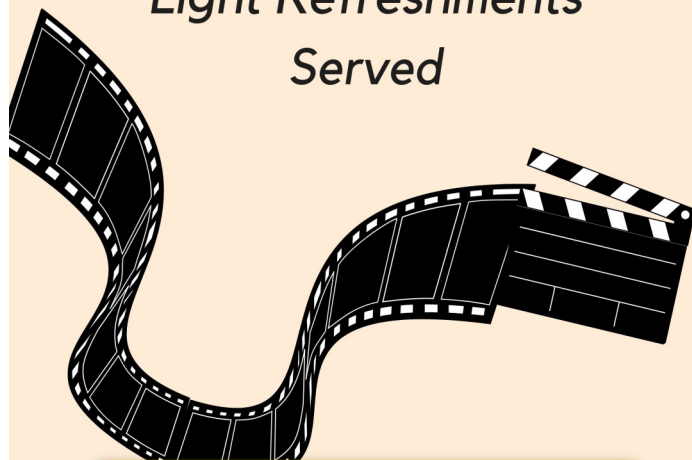
www.ollchurchmalverne.org/donate



August 12, 2026

Wednesday
Words of
Wisdom

After 9:00 AM Mass in the
CHURCH HALL
Light Refreshments
Served



Movie
Night

7:00 PM in the
Church Hall
Light Refreshments Served

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!

*Visit us at lymbrookkcofc.com.
Contact Grandknight@lymbrookkcofc.com*



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
John Barry	Jennifer Kenny
Carolyn Biondo	Sue Kielson
John Bivona	Dorothea Krepplein
Maria Capper	Baby Leonardo
Glenn Carbone	Shannon Loeven
Sabina Ciccio	Speranza Marmo
Lucia Cimino-Gambino	Michael Malone
Richard Clarkson	Joseph Manno
Francesca Medoro	Pat Mantel
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
Pat Flynn	Thomas Ruggiero
Barbara Fumai	Marie Sanderson
Nicholas Gibbons	Thomas Scudero
Deacon John Governale	Anne Skrzypinski
Richard Governale	Teresa Spyntiuk
Gerri Graetzer	Liz Toma
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
Parish Office is notified.



**Our Parishioners
Serving in the Military**

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

United States Navy
LT Geoff Hendrick
LCDR Ryan Patrick Mahon
LCDR Tara Mahoney
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.

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

Rose Curci

Requested by
Marian and Rocco Bruzzese



***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.



Support Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School
As we prepare to welcome our students for the 2026–2027 school year, we are reminded that Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School is a vital ministry of our parish. Every classroom is a place where children grow in faith, learn with purpose, and discover the gifts God has given them. This year, we are asking for your support in providing two important classroom resources for our youngest learners:

- **Classroom Tables for Learning Centers –** Creating collaborative spaces where students learn through hands-on exploration and teamwork.
- **All-Purpose Teaching Easels with Locking Casters –** Providing flexible instructional space for small-group learning, literacy, and interactive lessons.

Every gift, no matter the size, will make a meaningful difference in the lives of our students. Donations may be made to Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School. If you would like to memorialize or dedicate your gift in honor or memory of a loved one, please let us know when making your donation.

Thank you for your continued prayers, generosity, and support of Catholic education. Together, we help our children grow in faith, pursue academic excellence, and answer God's call each day.



Principal's Message



"Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." — Matthew 14:27

As we celebrate the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Gospel presents us with a powerful image: the disciples are in a boat, struggling against the wind and waves, when Jesus comes toward them walking

on the water.

Peter sees Jesus and courageously steps out of the boat. For a moment, he walks toward the Lord. But when Peter takes his eyes off Jesus and focuses instead on the wind around him, fear takes over and he begins to sink. Immediately, he cries out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus reaches out His hand and catches him.

What a beautiful lesson for all of us.

There will always be moments when the winds seem strong, moments of uncertainty, change, challenge, or even fear. This is true in our families, in our school, and in our individual lives. Jesus does not promise that there will never be storms. Instead, He promises that we will never face them alone.

His words to the disciples are also His words to us: "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."

As we prepare for a new school year at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School, these words have special meaning. A new year brings excitement and opportunity, but it can also bring uncertainty. Students will enter new classrooms, meet new teachers, make new friends, face more challenging work, and discover new opportunities to grow.

Our call is to keep our eyes fixed on Christ.

Our school theme for 2026–2027, "Mary's Yes... Our Yes! Growing in Faith • Learning with Purpose • Leading with Love," reminds us that faith requires trust. Mary did not know everything that would follow when she said "yes" to God. Like Peter stepping from the boat, she trusted that God would be with her.

This year, may we have the courage to say our own "yes."

May our students say yes to learning, perseverance, kindness, service, and discovering the gifts God has given them. May our teachers and staff say yes to inspiring young minds and forming hearts centered on Christ. And may our families continue to say yes to walking together with us as partners in Catholic education.

When challenges arise, may we remember Peter's simple prayer: "Lord, save me." And may we always trust that Christ's hand is there to lift us, strengthen us, and lead us forward.

As summer begins to wind down and another school year draws closer, let us step forward with courage—not because we know exactly what lies ahead, but because we know Who walks with us.

Mary's Yes... Our Yes!

May Our Lady of Lourdes continue to watch over our students, families, faculty, and staff, and may God bless our entire OLL community as we prepare for a wonderful 2026–2027 school year.

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us!

Stephen Harth
Principal

Called 

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

— 1 CORINTHIANS 1:9 —

Faith Formation News

Formerly referred to as Religious Education

The Faith Formation Office is seeking catechists and hall monitors for the upcoming school year. If you are interested in sharing your time and talents in this important ministry, please contact the Faith Formation Office for more information.

Faith Formation sessions will begin the Week of September 27th.

The Faith Formation Office is operating on a summer schedule. If you need assistance while the office is observing summer hours, please contact the Parish Center at

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5	October 8 THU	Math: Geometry (Area/Angles) · English: Reading & Vocabulary
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Questions?

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JESUS IS CALLING!!

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Call the Parish Center with your information, and a member
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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.



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9:00am - Rosary: St. Francis of Assisi RC Church (31st St, Outside)
9:30am - Walk Begins: E1/L24 FDNY (31st St. & 7th Ave)
~12:00pm - Walk Concludes at St. Peters RC Church (Barclay St)

There is an 8:00am regularly scheduled Mass at St. Francis mass prior to rosary!
Websites: (StFrancisNYC.org) (SpColr.org)

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He was ordained on July 26, 2014, and now serves as pastor of St. Catherine of Siena in Columbia, Tennessee, and has been appointed as an exorcist for the Diocese of Nashville. He is also Director of Radio Maria USA and hosts a program called "Battle Ready with Fr. Dan Reehil".

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Date:
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Time:
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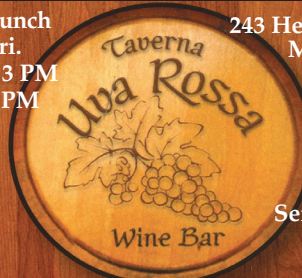
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