



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MALVERNE, NEW YORK

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 30, 2026



Take Up Your Cross and
Follow Me

Matthew 16:21-27

Rev. James T. Stachacz, Pastor

Deacon Richard H. Portuese

Deacon Ralph Muscente

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

Rev. Eugene C. Umeyor, CMF, In Residence



Join us for our **Blessed Mother's Birthday**

Come together in faith for a joyful
outdoor candlelight procession
celebrating our Blessed Mother.

**Tuesday, September 8
7:00 PM**



Our Lady of Lourdes Parish



9/11

Memorial Mass

Commemorating the 25th Anniversary of September 11, 2001

Remembering the lives lost from our Malverne community

Thursday, September 10 at 7:30 PM

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish



**Would you like a loved one lost on 9/11
remembered at Mass? Call the Parish Center
to have their name added. 516.599.1269**



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

Faith Formation:

Peter Damour, Director
religioused@ollchurchmalverne.org
(516) 599-7222

Faith Formation 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 29th ~ The Passion of John the Baptist

5:00 pm Domenick and Angelina Iadevaio (d)

Sunday, August 30th ~ Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary **Time**

7:30 am Peter Cossu (d)
9:00 am Helen Magno (d)
10:30 am James and Dorothy Rost (d)
12:00 pm RoseMarie and Joe Gluck (d)
In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Lourdes
Frank Doyle (d)
James Gildea (d)
Alen Antunovic (d)
5:00 pm For the People of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

Monday, August 31st ~ Weekday

9:00 am Patricia Buckley (d)

Tuesday, September 1st ~ Weekday

9:00 am Levon Sudjian (d)

Wednesday, September 2nd ~ Weekday

9:00 am Peggy Hannan (d)

Thursday, September 3rd ~ Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and **Doctor of the Church**

9:00 am Carmen A. Nieves (d)

Friday, September 4th ~ Weekday

9:00 am Bentz Philemy (d)

Saturday, September 5th ~ Weekday

9:00 am Conversion of Political Leaders to the Culture
of Life
Joseph Laxton (d)
Kevin Johnson (d)
Connie Weiss (d)
The Living Intentions of the Hellwinkel Family
5:00 pm Angelina and Barbara Anne Iadevaio (d)

Sunday, September 6th ~ Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary **Time**

7:30 am For the People of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
9:00 am Michael Peter Smith (d)
10:30 am Lourdes Cruz on her 2nd Anniversary in
Heaven
12:00 pm Antonio Virgilla Tursto (d)
Carolyn and Mary DeOuna (d)
Joseph Connolly (d)
Catherine Collins (d)
Steven Travers (d)
5:00 pm For the Deceased Members of the Donlon
and Studdert Families

St. Vincent de Paul Society



Today, we hear Jesus say to us, "For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." The challenge is to let go so God can lead us.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul enabled the poor to experience Jesus' presence by assisting families to provide food, and assistance with utilities, rent and bills. Thank you!

Pantry Hours

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

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

Needed in the Food Pantry

Macaroni and Cheese, 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 16, 2026

Pledge Goal: **\$2,000,000**
 Pledge Amount: **\$2,162,886**
 Redemption Collected: **\$916,493**

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, and the Rectory driveway has been replaced by VDM Mason Corp.

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

We have received the architect's drawings for the reconstruction of the Parish Center front steps, which will include the addition of an ADA-accessible ramp. We will be submitting bids from three contractors within the next few weeks.

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 important projects continue to move forward.



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 23, 2026

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Weekly Collection	\$18,000	\$13,933.00
Year to Date	\$918,000	<i>will report next week</i>
<i>OLL Fiscal Year</i>		
<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: \$47,240.00
 Donors: 101 ~ Payments: \$43,404.30

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



National Make-A-Will Month: What Legacy Will You Leave?

August is National Make-A-Will Month!

While discussing a will and end-of-life plans may feel uncomfortable, creating a will is an important gift of love and responsibility for every family.



As people of deep faith, we are called to consider how our lives reflect the teachings of Jesus Christ and how our blessings can continue to make a difference long after we are gone. As we conclude the summer months, take some time to ask yourself: What legacy will I leave behind?

Have you considered how your legacy can continue to inspire others, support the Catholic faith, and make a lasting difference in our community?

By creating a will and including **Our Lady of Lourdes Parish & School** in your estate plans, you can help provide resources and opportunities for future generations. Your generosity can leave a lasting remembrance while helping us continue the mission of building the Kingdom of God here at Our Lady of Lourdes.

Why Plan a Will?

- **Protect your loved ones:** Ensure that your family is cared for and that your wishes are clearly communicated.
- **Express your faith:** Use your final plans to reflect your Catholic values and your desire to be a faithful steward of God's blessings.
- **Support our parish and school:** Help strengthen the future of Our Lady of Lourdes and ensure that our ministries and educational mission continue for generations to come.
- **Use free resources:** The Diocese offers a free online tool to help you create your will. Visit partner.freewill.com/drvc for more information or contact me here at the Parish Center 516-599-1269 Ext. 113; fatherjim@ollchurchmalverne.org

“Consider this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

2 Corinthians 9: 6-7

Fr. Jim

THIS WEEK AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH

Monday, August 31st

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

Tuesday, September 1st

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

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

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

7:15 pm..... Bereavement Leader Meeting..... Parish Center Room #2

7:30 pm..... Boy Scout Troop 24 Church Hall

Wednesday, September 2nd

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

7:00 pm..... Prayer Group..... Parish Center Room #2

7:15 pm..... GRASP..... Church Hall

Thursday, September 3rd

7:30 pm..... RAS Board Meeting..... Parish Center Dining Room

Friday, September 4th

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

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

8:00 pm..... First Friday Adoration Church

Saturday, September 5th

9:30 am..... Human Life Committee..... Church Hall

4:00 pm..... Confessions Church

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

Sunday, September 6th

NEW BULLETIN GUIDELINES

To help us prepare the parish bulletin in a timely manner, we kindly ask that all parish organizations submit bulletin notices at least **7 days before the publication date**. The submission deadline is **Monday at 11:00 a.m.**

To ensure space is available for all ministries and events, notices will be limited to **one-quarter page** and will run for **no more than two consecutive weeks**.

Submissions received after the Monday deadline may be scheduled for the following week's bulletin.

Please email all bulletin notices to **rectoryoffice@ollchurchmalverne.org**. Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us keep our parish community informed.

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

Maria Carioscia, William Cullen, John Dunford, Deacon John Governale, Gerri Graetzer, Pat Malek, Jack Taylor, Liz Toma

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



First Friday Evening Devotions

September 4, 2026 ~ 8:00 pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Prayer Hour for Life

The Real Presence of Christ is the gift He gave us at the Last Supper, and when we come to church, we are truly in the presence of our God, our Creator and our Redeemer.

On the First Friday of each month, we gather before our Eucharistic Lord to pray that the culture of life will prevail over the culture of death, that respect for all human life from conception to natural death will be restored in the hearts and minds of all God's children.

Please join us for a Holy Hour of prayer before Jesus in the Eucharist on the First Friday of each month from 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm. It may be a sacrifice to set aside this time, but time spent in the presence of the Lord is its own reward.

Nocturnal Adoration

We are privileged to have Nocturnal Adoration in our Parish. We invite our parishioners to join us. There are no dues, no meetings, only a commitment to spend an hour a month before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. We pray before our Lord exposed on the altar for the needs of our families, our country and our community.

Adoration is held on the first Friday of every month. This Friday, September 4th we will meet.

Remember what Jesus said to his Apostles on the night before he died:

"Could you not watch one hour with me."

Jesus will be there, will you come?



A New Season of Events

Getting Back Together - Thursday, September 17th
7:00 pm Church Hall
Hors d'oeuvres & Refreshments
50/50

Mother Cabrini Bus Trip – Thursday, October 22nd
See Details Below

BOUTIQUE (THRIFT SHOP) REOPENS

Wednesday, September 9th
9:30 am—2:30 pm
Saturday, September 12th
9:30 am—12:20 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.

Our Lady of Lourdes Rosary Altar Society

Bus Trip to
Mother Cabrini Shrine
701 Fort Washington Avenue
New York, NY

Thursday, October 22, 2026
9:00 am
Departure from Our Lady of Lourdes

Members Only
Price is \$25.00
(Includes Bus Transportation, 12 Noon Mass,
Lunch, Museum Visit and Gift Shop)

Reservation Deadline August 31
Limited Seats

Please send check made out to:
Our Lady of Lourdes
and mail to:

Madeleine Sewell
61 Broadway
Malverne, NY 11565
(516) 593-5972

Name _____

Telephone # _____

Bulletin Reflection

In this life, we will experience pain, suffering and sadness—but God calls us to embrace it and keep moving forward.

Pro Life Corner

“Life is a civil right. Abortion is a civil wrong.”
~ Alveda C. King

2026 Coop Mission Appeal

Next weekend, September 5th and 6th, we will have a second collection in support of the Diocese of Chingleput, India, as part of their Co-Op Mission Appeal.

Thank you for your generosity and support of this important mission.

Pray for Priests



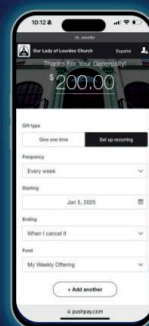
God, our Father, please send us holy priests, all for the Sacred and Eucharistic Heart of Jesus, all for the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, in union with St. Joseph. We pray that the Blessed Mother wraps her mantle around your priests and, through her intercession, strengthens them for their 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. Greg Breen</i>
Monday	<i>Rev. Patrick Owusu-Ansah</i>
Tuesday	<i>Rev. Kevin Dillon</i>
Wednesday	<i>Rev. Austin Ibeh</i>
Thursday	<i>Rev. Daniel Griffin</i>
Friday	<i>Rev. Felipe Rufes</i>
Saturday	All Priests

LIVE STREAMED SERVICES

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

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to Give



- Give anywhere at anytime
- Receive giving statements
- Sign up for recurring giving
- Contribute to our capital campaign
- Supports multiple payment options



www.ollchurchmalverne.org/donate



Meal Train Ministry

Do you know someone in our parish going through a difficult time that could use some support with meals or baked goods?

Would you be willing to support a fellow parishioner by making a meal or baking for them on occasion?

Please call 516-241-1896 or email
ollmealtrainministry@gmail.com

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.



Long Island Society of Italian Americans (LISIA)

is planning a two (2) day trip, Friday September 4, to Sight & Sound Theater showing JOSHUA & Saturday September 5, 2026 to The American Music Theater showing WINTER WONDERLAND.

Lunch on bus, shopping & dinner before show, overnight stay, breakfast & lunch next day.

Bus will pick up in Massapequa and Valley Stream.

For additional information, please call
Diane Langella @ (516) 777-0607.

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

Myriam Monestime

*Requested by
Marie Astride Lucius*



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.



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.

"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 "**Vocations.**" Don't miss it!



If you require the elevator, please contact the Parish Center so we can add you to our call list in the event it is out of service.

Thank you!

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.

Please join us in prayer this week and next week for all our students, teachers and administrative staff who are beginning their new academic year 2026-2027:

Lord our God, in your wisdom and love you surround us with the mysteries of the universe. In times long past you sent us your prophets to teach your laws and to bear witness to your undying love. You sent us your Son to teach us by word and example that true wisdom comes from you alone.

Send your Spirit upon our students, their teachers and staff; and fill them with your wisdom and blessings. Grant that during this academic year they may devote themselves to their studies and share what they have learned from others.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for them!

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, pray for them!

St. Charles Borromeo, pray for them!

Venerable Fulton J. Sheen, pray for them!

(To Be Beatified September 24, 2026)



Reflection for Next Sunday

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 6, 2026

First Reading: *Ezekiel 33:7-9*

Second Reading: *Romans 13:8-10*

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 18:15-20*

The Law is summarized in the commandment to love your neighbor as yourself.

Family Connection

Conflict and disagreements are a natural part of family life. Yet, within our family, we have an important opportunity to learn how to resolve disagreements fairly by treating people with love and respect.

As you gather as a family this week, discuss the procedures for resolving disputes in your family. What kinds of things produce disagreements in your family? Do children frequently request the assistance of the adults when a disagreement arises? How do the adults respond? In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches his disciples the way in which they are to handle conflict within the Christian community of the Church. Read together this Gospel, Matthew 18:15-20. Invite family members to summarize the steps that Jesus proposes for resolving conflict. How might today's Gospel inform your family's handling of disagreements? If you have time, your family might choose to role play how Jesus' teaching about conflict resolution might be applied to a disagreement that sometimes occurs in your household.

In today's Gospel, Jesus also promises that he will help those who pray to him with their needs. Pray together that each member of your family will learn to handle conflict in a Christian manner. Pray together the Peace Prayer of Saint Francis.

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

Nunzio Cardone

Adonay Eloin Tenas



Donna Marie Wicelinski

Lena Cassiano

Altar Server Schedule

September 5th & September 6th

<u>Saturday:</u>	5:00 pm:	Abigail Hassett John Hassett III
<u>Sunday:</u>	7:30 am:	Meghan Sussman AnnMarie Sussman
	9:00 am:	Hayden Kunz Clara Lang
	10:30 am:	Christopher Miro Melody Spring
	12:00 pm:	Scarlet Heine Tomas Ner
	5:00 pm:	Luke McKeon Duggan McKeon

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.

CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS ON LONG ISLAND

Find your community.

Every Catholic young adult group — one map.

findmylic.org
Ages 18+ / free

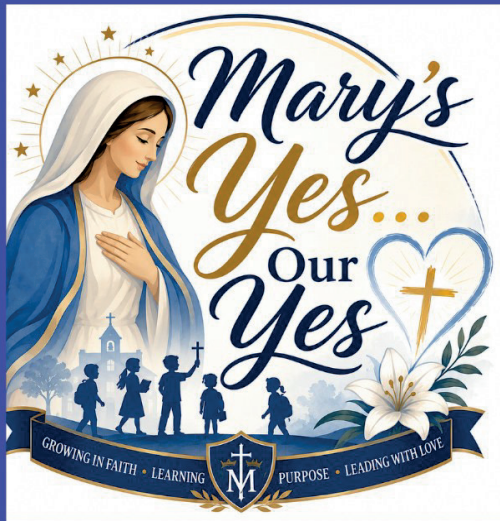
CHURCH OPENING TIMES

ALL ARE WELCOME

MONDAY TO FRIDAY
8 AM - 2:45 PM

SATURDAY
8 AM - 6 PM

SUNDAY
7 AM - 6 PM



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 Up Your Cross and Follow Me"

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
– Year A

This Sunday's Gospel gives us one of Jesus' most challenging invitations: "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." (Matthew 16:24)

Following Jesus is not always the easiest path. Saying "yes" to God does not mean that everything will go exactly as we planned. Sometimes our "yes" asks us to be patient when we would rather hurry, to forgive when we have been hurt, to serve when it would be easier to think of ourselves, or to trust when we cannot see what lies ahead.

As we prepare to begin a new school year at Our Lady of Lourdes, these words have special meaning for us. Our theme this year, "Mary's Yes... Our Yes!", reminds us that Mary also did not know everything that her "yes" would require. Yet she trusted God and allowed Him to work through her life.

Now the question comes to each of us: What will our "yes" look like this year?

For our students, perhaps it will be saying yes to working harder, including someone who feels left out, trying something new, or using their gifts to help another person. For our teachers and staff, it may be saying yes to new possibilities, new challenges, and new ways of helping every child grow. For our families, it may be saying yes to becoming even stronger partners in the faith and education of our children.

As we open our doors for another school year, we know there will be exciting moments, challenging moments, and unexpected moments. Through all of them, Christ invites us to follow Him—not simply when the road is easy, but especially when following Him asks something more of us.

May Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes, help us to trust as she trusted, serve as she served, and say YES as she said yes.

Together, may our many individual "yeses" become one joyful YES to God as we begin this new school year—growing in faith, learning with purpose, and leading with love.

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



Friends in Christ,

On behalf of our Pastor, Fr. Jim Stachacz, I am pleased to announce that **Katie Poy** has joined our Faith Formation team as our new Administrative Assistant.

Katie brings a wealth of knowledge to this role. She holds a Master's degree in Social Work and is a licensed social worker, with experience supporting the Diocese of Brooklyn through the Program for the Development of Human Potential (PDHP). A resident of Malverne, she is deeply committed to the people and families we serve, especially through her active participation within the Malverne Union Free School District. She is a loving wife and a proud mother of three young people, all of whom are currently enrolled in our Faith Formation process.

Her extensive background, innovative spirit, and love for community will make her a tremendous asset, not only to me as the director, but also to this parish community.

Reflecting on her new role, she shared: "I am excited to be part of the Faith Formation team at OLL. I enjoy working with children, families, and the community. I look forward to helping create a welcoming and positive experience for all."

Please join me in welcoming Katie!

On another note, Faith Formation sessions will begin the week of September 27! More details about our kickoff event will be shared in next week's bulletin; stay tuned!

Faithfully yours in Jesus through Mary,

Peter Damour
Director of Faith Formation



Prayer for College Students

Loving God, I thank you for giving me the opportunity of coming to college.

Lead me to mature more in my prayer life and knowledge of you.

Help me to always put you first and not idolize grades, competitions, and friends.

Surround me with good friends who challenge and support me to grow into who you created me to be.

Let me spend my time well and grow in the service of others.

As I am away from home, please be with my family and keep me close to your heart.

Take care of my parents/guardians who have done so much for me and poured their lives into me.

Bless my professors and teachers with wisdom to guide us.

Let me remain in you more than in the college social scenes.

Calm my fears and anxieties.

If I fall short, help me with strength to get back up and do better.

You have led me thus far. Please never allow me to walk alone.

Bless my efforts and studies with your grace.

Lead me through these critical years of my young adult life.

I entrust my college years into your loving hands.

Keep your joy in me. Please be with me, Lord.

Amen.



OLL CYO NEWS!

SIGNUPS are OPEN for
SOCCER
GIRLS BASKETBALL
SWIM
FALL TRACK



Scan the QR to
find all open
registration links
on the parish
website.

Any Questions?
 Email ollcyomalverne@gmail.com



OCIA Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic?

Do you know anyone who has been baptized but has not
received First Holy Communion or Confirmation?

Our parish will soon begin a new journey to share the richness of
God's love in the Catholic Faith through the Order of Christian
Initiation for Adults (OCIA). These sessions are open to all inquirers.
They will begin this fall and be held on Sunday mornings after the
9 AM Mass in the Parish Center.

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-
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**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
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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,
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2026



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3	September 26 SAT	Math: General Math (Fractions/%) · English: Written Expression
4	October 3 SAT	Math: General Math (Fractions/%) · English: Written Expression
5	October 8 THU	Math: Geometry (Area/Angles) · English: Reading & Vocabulary
6	October 17 SAT	Math: Geometry (Area/Angles) · English: Reading & Vocabulary
7	October 24 SAT	Math: Data & Statistics · English: Written Expression
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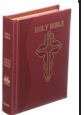
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