



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

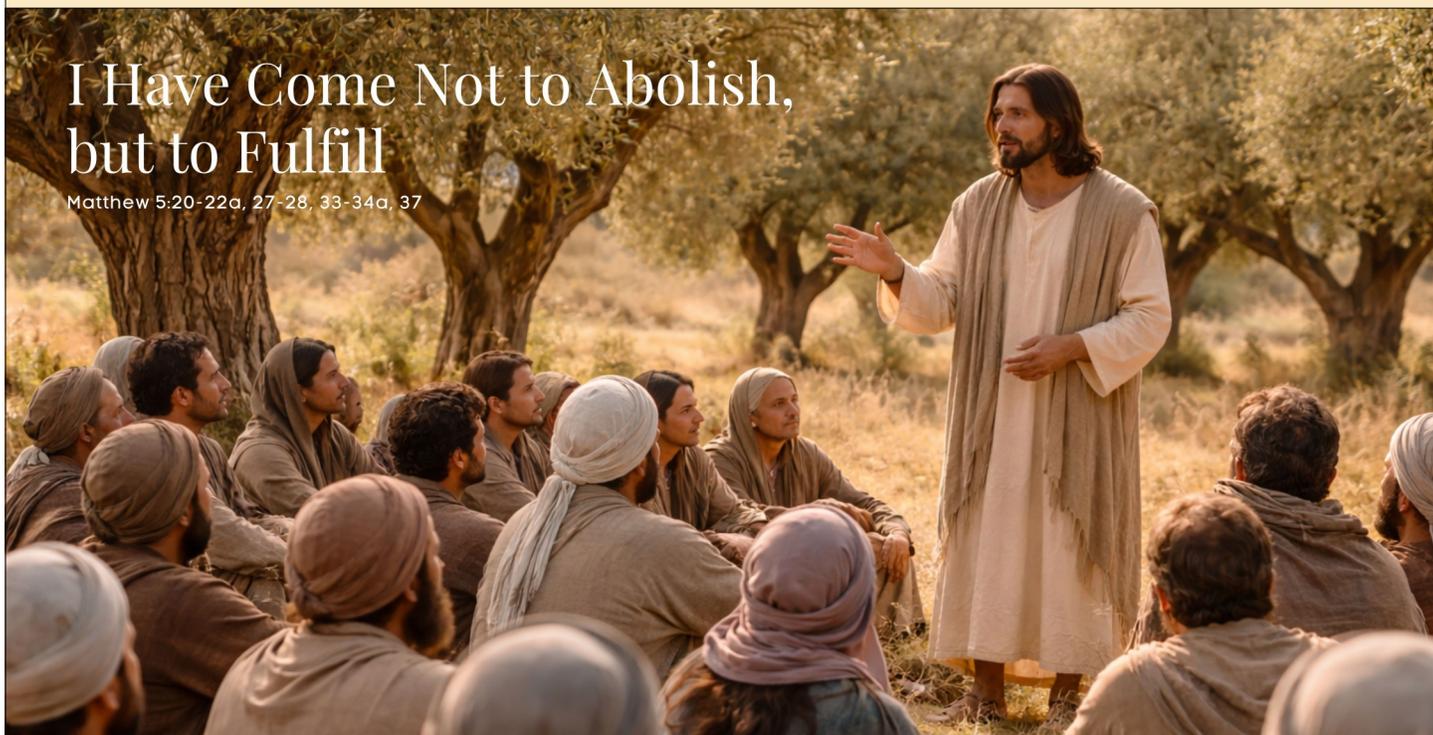
MALVERNE, NEW YORK

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 15, 2026

I Have Come Not to Abolish,
but to Fulfill

Matthew 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37



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
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
MATTHEW 5:17-37
ASH WEDNESDAY-FEBRUARY 18

We Will Miss You, Peggy – Rest in Peace with God

I began writing this column about how Lent is quickly approaching and what we need to do to prepare and make Lent effective in our lives. I just received a call from Michael Hannan, the husband of Peggy Hannan, telling me that Peggy passed away on February 11, 2026, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Words cannot describe the loss of Peggy to death. She was a physical and spiritual force here in our parish. When you mentioned Our Lady of Lourdes, Malverne, you thought of Peggy. When you think of Peggy, you think of Lourdes. Both are synonymous. As people of faith, we believe and know that this is not the end for Peggy, nor for each of us. This is a new beginning where she, with the assistance of our prayers, is with the Lord she longed to see all the days of her life.

St. John of the Cross once wrote, “At the end of life, we will be judged on one thing only: love.” Peggy lived her life with full



love, and she gave her life in love to her husband, Mike, her family, and her parish of Lourdes. Was she too strong at times? Yes—but that’s why we called her “the Monsignor.” It was part of her nature. Peggy, I will miss your zeal, your enthusiasm, your many emails, and your insights, particularly on The Chosen and Wednesday Words of Wisdom.

How strangely appropriate it is that she entered eternal life on this Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes—her favorite day. Perhaps, in the end, we will recognize it as part of God’s plan. May our Mother Mary, whom Peggy honored each day, now

receive her into her caring arms. May she hear the words of Jesus who says: “Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter now into the Kingdom of Paradise, the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.”

Rest in peace, Peggy. Until we meet again!

Fr. Jim

**LENT IS APPROACHING - ASH WEDNESDAY
 FEBRUARY 18**

As Lent is quickly approaching this **Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026**, you may be asking “What am I to do?” Here is a guide to help you know what is important to give up in order to have a healthy soul.

What to Give Up:

A Lenten Reflection

- Give up complaining - focus on gratitude.
- Give up pessimism - become an optimist.
- Give up harsh judgements - think kindly thoughts.
- Give up worry - trust Divine Providence.
- Give up discouragement - be full of hope.
- Give up bitterness - turn to forgiveness.
- Give up hatred - return good for evil.
- Give up negativism - be positive.
- Give up anger - be more patient.
- Give up pettiness - become mature.
- Give up gloom - enjoy the beauty that is all around you.
- Give up jealousy - pray for trust.
- Give up gossiping - control your tongue.
- Give up sin - turn to virtue.
- Give up giving up - hang in there!

For Lent, the following fasting and abstinence regulations are observed:

- **FASTING** is to be observed on Ash Wednesday (February 18, 2026) and Good Friday (April 3, 2026) by all Catholics from the age of 18 until the beginning of their 60th year. On days of fasting, one full meal is allowed. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one’s needs, but together should not equal another full meal, unless dispensed or excused.
- **ABSTINENCE** from meat is to be observed by all Catholics who are 14 years of age or older. Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday are days of abstinence.

During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ’s will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism, in which we were baptized into Christ’s death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.

Lent is a penitential season. It is a time to seek forgiveness, to look inward, and to admit our shortcomings and failures.

All the faithful of the Diocese of Rockville Centre are reminded that “the season of Lent is penitential in nature and during Lent, penance should be not only internal and individual, but also external and social” (Sacrosanctum Concilium, Nos. 5, 109).

Lenten and Holy Week Schedule 2026

Lenten Mission

Most Rev. Robert J. Brennan, Bishop of Brooklyn
Sunday, March 1 - Tuesday, March 3 ~ 7:00 pm

Confessions

Mondays during Lent in Church
February 23 ~ March 9, 16, 23
The Light is on For You
6:30 pm to 7:30 pm
Saturdays ~ 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm



Reconciliation Monday, March 30

2:00 pm to 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 7:30 pm

Daily Mass during Holy Week

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday ~ 9:00 am

Wednesday, April 1

Tenebrae Service ~ 7:30 pm

Holy Thursday, April 2

9:00 am ~ Morning Prayer
7:30 pm ~ Mass of the Lord's Supper
9:00 pm to 12 Midnight ~ Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Good Friday, April 3

9:00 am ~ Morning Prayer
12:00 pm ~ Living Stations
3:00 pm ~ Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord & Communion Service
7:30 pm ~ Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 4

9:00 am ~ Morning Prayer
9:45 am ~ Easter Food Blessing
Confessions ~ 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm
Easter Vigil ~ 8:00 pm
(NO 5:00 pm Mass)

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Church: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 pm
Overflow Mass: 10:45 am in Maier Hall (School)
(NO 5:00 pm Mass)

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: 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, 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, February 14th ~ Sts. Cyril, Monk, & Methodius, Bishop

5:00 pm Angelina Iadevaio (d)

Sunday, February 15th ~ Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

9:00 am June Carmiecke (d)

10:30 am David Mason (d)

12:00 pm John P. Dolan Sr. (d)

John P. Dolan Jr. (d)

Salvatore A. Balestrieri (d)

Jean Phillippe Magno (d)

Rev. Richard Donovan (d)

Theresa Chiafari (d)

5:00 pm Susan Morsellino (d)

Monday, February 16th ~ President's Day

9:00 am Rosa, Antonino & Rosario Prestigiocomo (d)

Tuesday, February 17th ~ The Seven Holy Founders of the

Servite Order

9:00 am Dr. Stanley J. Stachacz (d)

Wednesday, February 18th ~ Ash Wednesday

6:45 am Peggy Hannan (d)

9:00 am Louis Consolo (d)

12 Noon Marie Croce (d)

4:00 pm Word Service with Ashes

7:30 pm Rev. Richard Donovan (d)

Thursday, February 19th ~ Thursday after Ash Wednesday

9:00 am Timothy Guiheen (d)

Friday, February 20th ~ Friday after Ash Wednesday

9:00 am Frances Cummings (d)

7:30 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 21st ~ Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

9:00 am Felix Navarro (d)

For the deceased intentions of John P.
Dolan Sr. and John P. Dolan, Jr.

MaryAnn Hill (d)

Michael LoCascio (d)

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

Sunday, February 22nd ~ First Sunday of Lent

7:30 am Michael Meyran

9:00 am For the Living Intentions of Maria Stella and
Salvatore Cracchiolo

10:30 am Peter Buitenkant (d)

12:00 pm John P. Dolan Sr. (d)

Howard Eckel (d)

Dolores Lavelli (d)

Baby Carmelo James Pappalardo (d)

Rose Scheidecker (d)

5:00 pm Sean Ledwith (d)



2026 Events

Thursday, February 26th—1 pm | Church Hall
A fun afternoon of games! Bring a deck of cards, your favorite game or hobby material. Refreshments will be served.

Thursday, March 19th—7 pm | Church Hall
St. Joseph/St. Patrick Celebration

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, April 19th—12 Noon
Annual Communion Breakfast
Knights of Columbus

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.

**Lenten Retreat
All Welcome!**

Wednesday, March 11, 2026
9:30am to 2:00pm
Kellenberg Memorial High School
With Father Tom Cardone
\$50.00 includes lunch

Make checks payable to St. Brigid Church
(write Lenten Retreat in memo)
Checks can be dropped off at the Parish Center
Att: Ellen Lamoreaux

Bulletin Reflection

In today's Gospel we are taught by Jesus how to live.

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



Vincent A. Guido
Peggy Cronin-Hannan

The Parish Center will be closed on
Monday, February 16th
in observance of President's Day

Pro Life Corner

It's easy to love life when it's beautiful and perfect. But the real test of our love is to love, respect, and defend all human life from beginning to end; young and old; born and unborn.

PARISH CENSUS UPDATE NEEDED

We need your assistance in maintaining an accurate Parish Census. When you change your address, telephone number or move out of the parish, please notify us. Just drop us a note or call us at 516-599-1269. Thank you.

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.

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| Sunday | Rev. Joseph Davanzo |
| Monday | Rev. Greg Breen |
| Tuesday | Rev. Martin Adu Gyamfi |
| Wednesday | Rev. Henry W. Reid |
| Thursday | Rev. Gustavo Perez Alzate |
| Friday | Rev. Jijo Joseph |
| Saturday | Deceased Priests and Deacons |

THIS WEEK AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH

Monday, February 16—Parish Center Closed—President’s Day

Tuesday, February 17

9:30 am..... SVDP Parish Center Room #2
 1:30 pm..... Prayer Group/Scripture Study.. Parish Center Dining Room
 7:00pmBell Choir.....Church
 7:00 pm..... CoDA..... Parish Center Dining Room
 7:30pm..... SVDP Dining Room
 7:30 pm..... Boy Scout Troop 24 Church Hall
 7:45pm..... Choir.....Church

Wednesday, February 18—Ash Wednesday

6:45 am..... Mass Church
 6:45 am..... Ash Distribution Train Station
 9:00 am..... Mass Church
 9:30 am - 2:30 pm..... Thrift Shop
 9:45 am - 12:00 pm...Ash Distribution Church
 12:00 pm Mass Church
 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm...Ash Distribution Church
 3:00 pm..... Cub Scout Pack 24—Arrow of Light..... Church Hall
 4:00 pm..... Word Service with Ashes Church
 5:00pm..... Children’s Choir Church
 6:30pm..... Cub Scout Pack 24 Church Hall
 7:00 pm..... AA Parish Center Dining Room
 7:00 pm..... Prayer Group..... Parish Center Room #2
 7:30 pm..... Mass Church

Thursday, February 19

Friday, February 20

9:30 am..... SVDP Parish Center Room #2
 7:00 pm..... AA Parish Center Dining Room
 7:30 pm..... Stations of the Cross Church

Saturday, February 21

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

Sunday, February 22

9:00 am..... Family Mass..... Church/Church Hall

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



**11th Annual Run
for Tomorrow’s Hope**
Saturday, March 14, 2026
St. Joseph School, Garden City

The 1-mile Fun Run begins at 8:30 AM, and the 5K begins at 9:00 AM, rain or shine! This beloved community event brings together runners, families, school spirit, and a shared commitment to support Catholic education.



The mission of Tomorrow’s Hope Foundation is to ensure the excellence as well as the continuance of Catholic schools on Long Island by increasing awareness and by providing scholarship and program funding for the needs of students and schools.

Since 2005, Tomorrow’s Hope Foundation has provided **more than \$37 million** in scholarship support to **approximately 26,000 students** within our network of **35 Catholic elementary schools** on Long Island.

50 Charles Lindbergh Blvd., Suite 500
 Uniondale, NY 11553
 516-745-7611

REMINDER

Please be sure to include your envelope number on your check in the Sunday collection if you are not using your envelopes. If you are using a plain white envelope, please include your name, address, envelope number, and the amount of your donation on the outside of the envelope to ensure you receive proper credit.

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!**

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

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

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

SAVE YOUR PALMS

Please bring your old palms to church now through February 15. We will burn them to create ashes for Ash Wednesday. A collection box will be placed in the vestibule for your palms.



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

Frank & Maureen Olton

Requested by

Andrea Sommella



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

1st Lt. William F. Cosgrove
Cpl Joseph M. Macaluso

United States Marine Corps

L Cpl Kristofer Katzenberger
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.

Reflection for Next Sunday

First Sunday of Lent

February 22, 2026

First Reading: *Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7*

Second Reading: *Romans 5:12-19;*

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 4:1-11*

Jesus fasts for 40 days in the desert and is tempted by the devil.

Family Connection

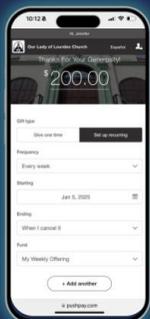
When Jesus resists the temptations presented to him by the devil, he draws on his religious upbringing and tradition. Jesus is able to quote from Scripture because he is the Son of God and because he was a human person who lived his Jewish beliefs fully. We who are responsible for raising children are also called upon to immerse them fully in our Catholic Christian tradition so that they too will be able to draw upon this tradition to resist the temptations they will face in their lives.

Use this Sunday as an opportunity to call your family's attention to the importance of Scripture in our lives. Gather your family around the family Bible and read today's Gospel, Matthew 4:1-11. Recall that Jesus rebuked the devil's temptations by quoting Scripture. Take some time as a family to talk about the words that are found in the Bible and the importance of Scripture to our faith. Perhaps the older members of the family can share a favorite Scripture passage with everyone. Younger family members can tell their favorite story from the Bible and be shown where that story can be found. In each case, encourage a deeper sharing of faith by asking each person to tell why the Scripture passage shared is important to him or her. Conclude your time together by again reading Jesus' reply to the devil found in Matthew 4:4 ("One does not live by bread alone . . .") and praying the Lord's Prayer.

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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Our Lady of Lourdes Ash Wednesday Schedule

6:45 AM

Mass in Church

Ash Distribution at Train Station

9:00 AM

Mass

9:45 AM - 12:00 PM

Ash Distribution in Church

12:00 PM

Mass

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

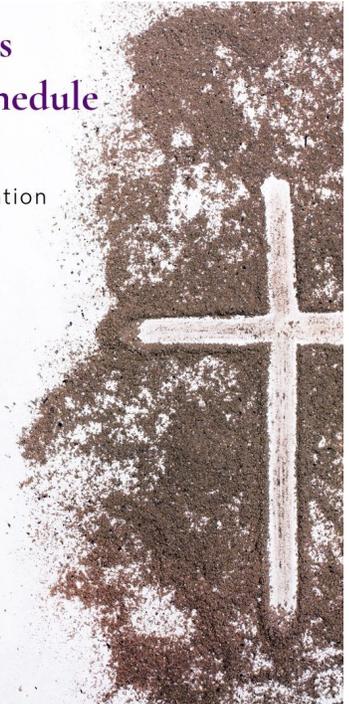
Ash Distribution in Church

4:00 PM

Word Service with Ashes

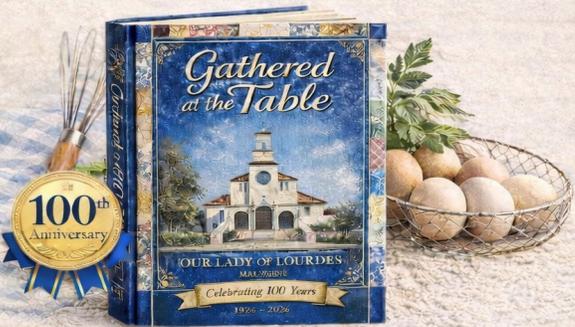
7:30 PM

Mass



Gathered at the Table

A Century of Faith and Flavor



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We are placing a Re-order!
Reserve your copy today!

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Email: _____ # of Books: _____

Please be advised that Wednesday Words of Wisdom and Movie Night are cancelled for the month of February.

St. Vincent de Paul Society



In the Gospel Jesus says "Whoever fulfills and teaches these commands shall be great in the kingdom of God."

By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you indeed put your faith into action as you fulfill the commands of Jesus.

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.

Diocese of Rockville Centre

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2025 Parish Totals
Goal: \$75,000.00 ~ Pledges: \$52,483.24
Donors: 136 ~ Payments: \$52,483.24



CHURCH OPENING TIMES

ALL ARE WELCOME

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

8 AM - 2:45 PM

SATURDAY

8 AM - 6 PM

SUNDAY

7 AM - 6 PM

Altar Server Schedule

February 21st & February 22nd

<u>Saturday:</u>	5:00 pm:	Mason Diaz Frank Morsellino
<u>Sunday:</u>	7:30 am:	Anmarie Sussman Meghan Sussman
	9:00 am:	Duggan McKeon Luke McKeon
	10:30 am:	Scarlet Heine Melody Spring
	12:00 pm:	Abigail Rudden Tiernan Schutta
	5:00 pm:	Marina Biccocchi Clara Lang

WEEKLY OFFERINGS - Sunday, February 8, 2026

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Weekly Collection	\$18,000	\$15,532
Year to Date <i>OLL Fiscal Year</i>	\$414,000	\$424,434

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





Our Lady of Lourdes



World Read Aloud Day! The whole school participated. Our older students read to our littlest students. What a great way to encourage all of our students to develop a love of reading!



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
OF LONG ISLAND

Your word is a lamp for my feet,
a light for my path.

PSALM 119:105

Principal's Message



As we reflect on our patroness, Our Lady of Lourdes, we are reminded that God often works in quiet, unexpected ways.

This week, we gathered as a school community for our Wednesday liturgy as we celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Coming together in prayer gave us the opportunity to pause, reflect, and place our school in Mary's loving care.

In Lourdes, Mary appeared not to the powerful or the learned, but to a young girl, Bernadette, whose life was marked by poverty and illness. Through her, Mary offered a simple invitation: pray, trust God, and turn your heart toward Him. That message continues to speak clearly to us today.

At Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School, we strive to live that spirit of humility and faith each day. We encourage our students to understand that holiness is not about being perfect or impressive, but about being faithful, kind, and open to God's presence in ordinary moments. In our classrooms, on the playground, and in our relationships, we are called to see Christ in one another.

Our Lady of Lourdes is also closely associated with healing. While Lourdes is known for physical cures, healing can take many forms. It can mean patience during challenges, forgiveness after conflict, or courage when learning feels difficult. As a school community, we pray that Mary's intercession brings healing to our families, strength to those who are struggling, and peace to all who carry heavy hearts.

As we honor our patroness, may we follow her example of trust and compassion. May we listen carefully for God's voice, serve one another with generosity, and continue to grow together in faith. Through Our Lady of Lourdes, may our school remain a place where learning, prayer, and love walk hand in hand.

~ Stephen Harth
Principal



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

— 1 CORINTHIANS 1:9 —

Religious Education News

FEBRUARY EVENTS

Saturday, February 14 through Sunday, February 22—Presidents' Holiday, no classes

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

DETAILS TO FOLLOW IN THE 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.

"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 "Renewal"  Don't miss it!



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OUR LADY OF LOURDES MEN'S CLUB FUNDRAISER EVENT!

\$10,000 GIVEAWAY!!!

Saturday, March 14, 2026
7PM-11PM

GRAND PRIZE
OF \$10,000!
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81 Horton Ave
Lynbrook, New York, 11563

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SOUPER SCAVENGER HUNT!

SATURDAY, MARCH 21st



**For a team of family, friends, or neighbors
Join your community to help those in need
Have fun and celebrate the kindness of others
Fun competition among teams to collect the most food**

***Prior registration is needed - all teams must check-in before hunt.**

***All teams will be given instructions, materials and assigned territory about one week before the hunt. All collecting will be done between 9am-3pm.**

***Your team may choose to pre-flyer your territory to make residents aware of the collection.**

***Your team will set out by car or by foot to collect any non-perishable food items throughout the town of Malverne.**

***Your team meets back between 11:00am – 3:00pm with all donated items to be weighed in.**

***Your team will receive a point for each pound of goods collected plus bonus points for highly needed items.**

***If you are unable to join a team you may participate by leaving a bag of non-perishable foods on your stoop during these hours (please call if outside of Malverne).**

SOUPER SCAVENGER HUNT REGISTRATION

Circle One: I have a team to register I would like to be placed on a team

ADULT LEADER: _____ PHONE _____

PARTICIPANT(S) NAMES

- | | |
|----------|-----------|
| 1) _____ | 6) _____ |
| 2) _____ | 7) _____ |
| 3) _____ | 8) _____ |
| 4) _____ | 9) _____ |
| 5) _____ | 10) _____ |

CIRCLE ONE: Will travel by car Will travel by foot (please bring wagon(s))

Address and car availability will determine your assigned territory.

***Please send this form to the OLL Parish Center (65 Wright Ave., Malverne)
or Call 516-241-1896 to register.**

***Territories will be given out on a first-come first serve basis. If your team would like to have designated streets ahead of time and pre-flyer those houses, let us know and we will provide an appropriate flyer. ***

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Lent is a perfect time for us to pray for those in need - whether it is for their material, emotional or spiritual needs. And when you practice fasting and abstinence during these forty days, please remember those of our neighbors who reach out to us for help.

One way to do this is by making a gift to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**, which supports programs that help people in our community each year through Catholic Charities and our Parish Outreach programs.



For more information about the Catholic Ministries Appeal, please visit CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org or call 516-678-5800 ext. 296.

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The Appeal helps bring our youth and young adults to Christ through our Faith Formation programs and through our summer camp, Quo Vadis—a beautiful faith experience, where young people attend Mass and Eucharistic Adoration with like-minded friends and peers.

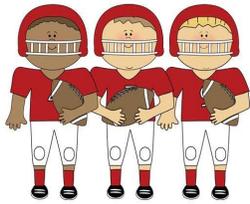
All those ministries, and more, benefit from your support of the CMA. **Our parish also receives a rebate from the Appeal, to help us support our own programs**, so please consider making a gift to help us reach goal in 2026! No gift is too small, and every gift makes a difference in the lives of others.

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SOUPER BOWL OF CARING & MIDNIGHT RUN

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Thank you to all of the parishioners that contributed to the annual SOUPER BOWL OF CARING and to the collection for our Midnight Run!

Over \$2,500 was collected and will go to the Interfaith Nutrition Network on Long Island, the Bread of Life Soup Kitchen in Brooklyn, and to buy our supplies for Midnight Run thanks to the overwhelming generosity of so many!

In addition to the money, many items were donated as well! Donations of new socks, underwear, toiletries, jeans, sneakers and more! These items were perfect for our midnight run which was held on February 27th.

Thank you to the amazing teens who helped to collect at all of the Masses!

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.



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.

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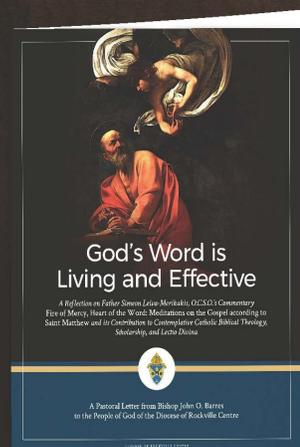
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For further information, please call also to verify there will be a meeting—Terry [516-650-5528](tel:516-650-5528) or Maryanne [516-205-2590](tel:516-205-2590)

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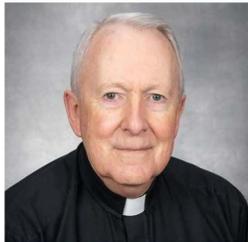


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Msgr. Charles R. Fink

Celebrating almost 50 years of priesthood, Msgr. Fink is a former pastor, Seminary spiritual director, and Seminary rector. Currently living in retirement from administrative duties at Notre Dame Parish in New Hyde Park, he is well known throughout the Diocese of Rockville Centre for his retreat work and days of recollection. He is a regular contributor to The Catholic Thing.

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