



OUR LADY OF LOURDES  
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
MALVERNE, NEW YORK

*The Epiphany of the Lord*  
January 4, 2026

Guided By the Star

Matthew 2:1-12



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 Jubilee Year of Hope Concludes Today)



### CHRIST IS REVEALED TO THE WHOLE WORLD

Today we celebrate the 4th major feast of Christmas, the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. The word *Epiphany* means to manifest or to reveal.

In many countries, particularly in the East, the Epiphany is more important than Christmas because now Christ Jesus is made known to the whole world, as represented by the Magi (Three Wise Men) coming from other countries to visit and to worship Him.

Christ is now revealed through us as Church. We are the New Jerusalem. The Lord's plan of salvation has been passed down to us to help people come to know His presence as Lord and Savior. As we celebrate the Epiphany, this festival of lights, may we all come to know the light of Christ by worshipping Him each day, praying, reading the Scriptures, and participating in the sacraments. May we also come to know Christ by being His light for others through acts of love, kindness, forgiveness, unity, peace, and inviting others back to Mass. Our world, living in darkness, needs each of us to be like the star of Bethlehem, leading others to Jesus Christ.

As we celebrate our 100th Anniversary Year as a parish, where does God want me to find Him, serve, and follow Him? How am I going to be a light for others? May God bless you, and may Mary keep you and your families always. Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us!

### THE BLESSING OF HOMES

The visitation of the Wise Men (Casper, Melchior, and Balthasar) to the house of Jesus is a time when we can have our homes blessed by the Lord.

The home blessing can be done as follows: Use blessed chalk and write **20 + C + M + B + 26** above your doorway: 2026 for the year; C, M, B for the three Magi—Casper, Melchior, and Balthasar—and for *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, Latin for “May Christ bless this house.”

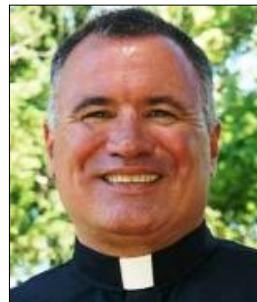
As you are writing, pray this prayer:

*Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only*

*begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*To all our parishioners: Thank you for all your Christmas gifts to our priests, deacon, and staff. As we have closed another year, please know that your kindness to our beloved Our Lady of Lourdes parish did not go unnoticed. May the New Year bring you happiness in abundance, success in all your endeavors, and prosperity at every turn. May God bless 2026 with His presence and peace.*

~ Fr. Jim and the Staff of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish



We welcome **Fr. James Donovan, S.J.** this Sunday for the 12:00 noon Mass as part of our 100th Centennial Celebration. Fr. Jim was born in Brooklyn and grew up in Malverne. His Catholic formation began here at Our Lady of Lourdes School. He is an alumnus of Maria Regina Diocesan High School in Uniondale.

A graduate of Le Moyne College in Syracuse, New York, he earned a bachelor's degree in biology in 1986. In 1991, he earned a master's degree in education from Fordham University in New York. Fr. Donovan entered the Society of Jesus in 2004, where he studied philosophy and theology. He was ordained in 2013, and his first assignment after ordination was at St. Anthony's Parish in Oceanside, where he is currently the pastor.



Next Sunday, January 11, 2026, we are thrilled to welcome back the **Very Rev. Michael Duffy** to celebrate the 12:00 noon Mass.

Please join us!



### Mass Schedule

Monday through Saturday  
9:00 am and live-streamed

### Weekend Masses

Saturday ~ 5:00 pm  
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am,  
10:30 am ~ live-streamed  
12:00 pm, 5:00 pm

### Confession

Saturday ~ 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm

### Welcome to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

65 Wright Avenue, Malverne, NY

Pastor: Rev. James T. Stachacz

(516) 599-1269 ~ Fax: (516) 231-6750  
fatherjim@ollchurchmalverne.org

Parish Website: OLLChurchMalverne.org

Church Hours: 8:00 am to 2:45 pm

Parish Center: Jennifer Prizzi, Business Manager  
jenniferprizzi@ollchurchmalverne.org  
(516) 599-1269  
rectoryoffice@ollchurchmalverne.org

### Parish Center Office Hours:

Monday to Friday:

9:00 am to 12:00 pm, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Saturday: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm  
No evening hours on Friday

Parish Trustees: Michael Hannan and Lorraine Korth Smith

### Music Ministry Team:

Stephen Harth, and Christine Solimeno  
sharth5620@ollmalverne.org

Youth Director: Linda Baldacchino

Maintenance: Kevin Dieck  
Rocco Bruzzese

### Religious Education:

Mary Lasar, Director  
ollreled@gmail.com  
Marybeth Malone, Secretary  
(516) 599-7222

### Religious Education Office Hours

Monday to Friday: 9:30 am to 3:15 pm ~ Parish Center

Tuesday & Wednesday: 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm ~ School

Saturday: 9:30 am to 10:30 am ~ School

### School Office

Stephen Harth, Principal ~ sharth5620@ollmalverne.org  
Lisa LoGrande, Administrative Assistant  
(516) 599-7328 ~ Fax: (516) 231-1440  
www.OLLMalverne.org

### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, January 3rd ~ The Most Holy Name of Jesus

5:00 pm Robert Grieco (d)

#### Sunday, January 4th ~ The Epiphany of the Lord

7:30 am Lyn Schneider (d)  
9:00 am For the People of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish  
10:30 am Joan Figlozzi (d)  
12:00 pm Carmela Oliviero (d)  
John Karam (d)  
Genevieve McDermott (d)  
Joshua Cohen (d)  
In Thanksgiving  
5:00 pm For the Living Intentions of Mickey Ackerman

#### Monday, January 5th ~ Saint André Bessette, Religious

9:00 am Msgr. Alexander T. Kulik (d)

#### Tuesday, January 6th ~ Saint Raymond of Peñafort, Priest

9:00 am Larensina Amoto (d)

#### Wednesday, January 7th ~ Saint Raymond of Peñafort, Priest

9:00 am Stephen Diaz (d)

#### Thursday, January 8th ~ Christmas Weekday

9:00 am Thomas Guiheen (d)  
12:00 pm Adoration

#### Friday, January 9th ~ Christmas Weekday

9:00 am Stephen Ristano (d)

#### Saturday, January 10th ~ Christmas Weekday

9:00 am Mairead Rourke Schutta (d)  
Thomas Gallign (d)  
Stephen Mariotta (d)  
In Thanksgiving for the Skelly Family  
For the Living Intentions of the Kim Family  
For the Living Intentions of Tozia Stachacz  
5:00 pm Jo-Anne Gecewicz (d)

#### Sunday, January 11th ~ The Baptism of the Lord

7:30 am For the People of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish  
9:00 am Michael Walsh (d)  
10:30 am John Kissinger (d)  
12:00 pm Lidia Casamassima (d)  
Mary & Gus Hotetz (d)  
Ronald W. Gades (d)  
Fred Zoccoli (d)  
Anette Rossi (d)  
5:00 pm John M. Fischetto (d)

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

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

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



## Preview of 2026 Events

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

### **BOUTIQUE (THRIFT SHOP) NEWS!**

#### **Hours of Operation**

**Wednesday 9:30 am - 2:30 pm**

**Saturday 9:30 am - 12:30 pm**

#### **All Rosary Altar Society Members**

As a group, please try to attend 10:30 am Mass on the first Sunday of each month. The first few rows by the Blessed Mother Statue will be roped off.

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.



## **CENTENNIAL MERCH SALE**

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## **CENTENNIAL HOMECOMING**

JOIN FATHER DUFFY AS HE CELEBRATES  
MASS AT OLL AS PART OF OUR 100<sup>TH</sup>  
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS!

**SUNDAY, JAN. 11**

**NOON**

### **Pro Life Corner**

I do not hesitate to proclaim before you and before the world that all human life—from the moment of conception and throughout all subsequent states—is sacred, because human life is created in the image and likeness of God...and when God gives life, it is forever.

### **Pray for Priests**



God, our Father, please send us holy priests, all for the Sacred and Eucharistic Heart of Jesus, all for the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, in union with St. Joseph. We pray that the Blessed Mother wraps her mantle around your priests, and through her intercession strengthen them for their ministry. We pray that Mary will guide your priests to follow her own words, “Do whatever He tells you.” (Jn 2:5) May your priests be holy, filled with the fire of Your love, seeking nothing but Your greater glory and the salvation of souls. Amen.

<b>Sunday</b>	Rev. Josef Norys
<b>Monday</b>	Rev. Felipe Rufes
<b>Tuesday</b>	Most Rev. Luis Miguel Romero
<b>Wednesday</b>	Rev. Jinwoo Michael Nam
<b>Thursday</b>	Rev. Joseph H. Fitzgerald
<b>Friday</b>	Rev. Michael Edathil
<b>Saturday</b>	<b><i>All Priests &amp; Deacons</i></b>

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

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

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

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



*John G. Adamo*

*Angela Capo*

**BULLETIN DEADLINES**

Parish organizations wishing to submit notices for the bulletin should send items at least 7 days prior to the bulletin's publication date (the deadline is Monday at 11:00 a.m.). Any submissions received after the deadline may be held for the following week's bulletin. Please email items to: [rectoryoffice@ollchurchmalverne.org](mailto:rectoryoffice@ollchurchmalverne.org).

**"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 "Life's Struggles." Don't miss it!



**Our Parishioners**

**Serving in the Military**

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

**United States Navy**

LT Geoff Hendrick  
LCDR Ryan Patrick Mahon  
LCDR Tara Mahoney

**United States Army**

Major Thomas Barrett  
Spec Lotachukwu Okoye  
Spec Tucker Andrew Peterson  
1st LT Katherine L. Macaluso

**United States Air Force United States Marine Corps**

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

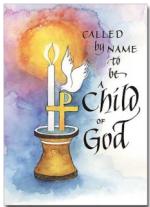
**No flowers** during the Advent and Lenten seasons.

**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.



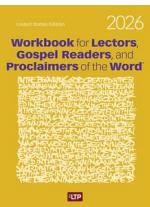
Welcome Newly  
Baptized!

Cillian Edward King

Luca James Romanelli

Lily Linh Sikorski

Noemie Ann Fenech



### Attention Lectors

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

# THANK YOU!

A very special thank you to  
David G. Walsh and Tammy J. Walsh  
of the Walsh Malverne Funeral  
Home for their generous donation  
of the 2026 Calendars that have  
been at the doors of the church  
since December 21.

*Please remember to take one  
home with you.*

### Bulletin Reflection

In today's Gospel, we hear the story of the Magi.

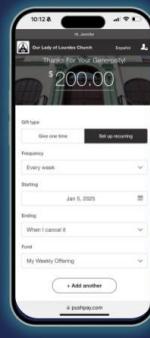
### Lost and Found



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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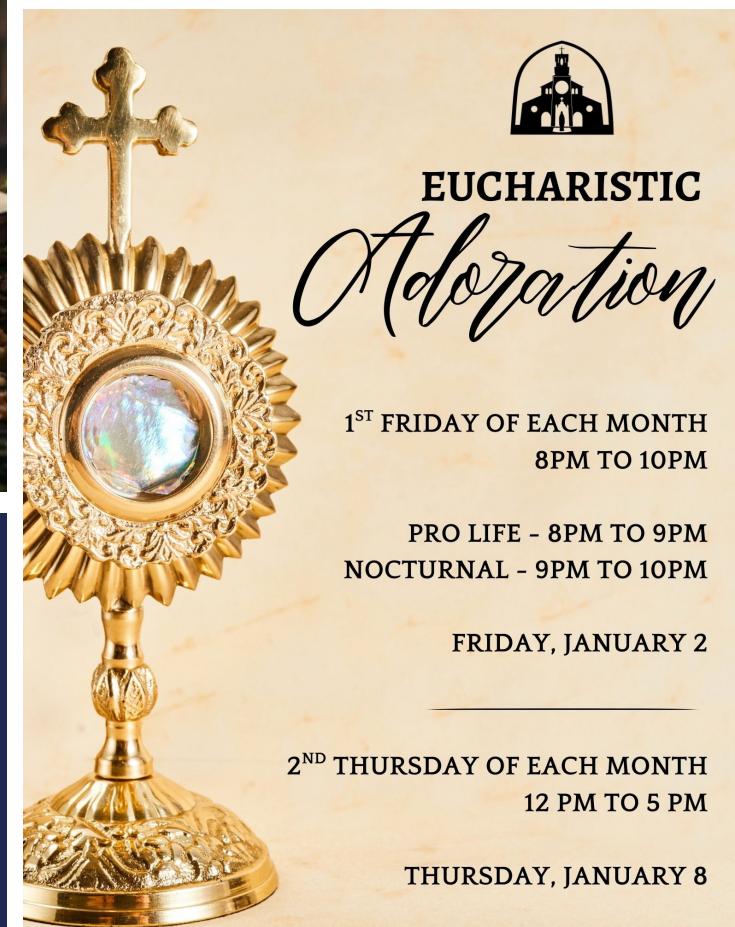


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PRO LIFE - 8PM TO 9PM

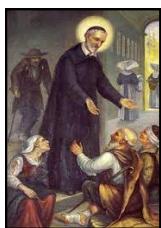
NOCTURNAL - 9PM TO 10PM

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2

2<sup>ND</sup> THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH  
12 PM TO 5 PM

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8

## St. Vincent de Paul Society



Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn King and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

**In the spirit of the Magi, please put your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child.**

### 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.**

## THANK YOU OLL FAMILY!

On behalf of the Saint Vincent de Paul Conference, we would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes for your continued generosity this Christmas season. Because of your generosity, we were able to provide food and gifts to some of our neediest neighbors.

With your support, we provided food for 25 families and gifts for 41 children. In addition, we were able to provide 10 gifts to mothers who live at Momma's House and gifts for 12 children at Momma's House.

Our Saint Vincent de Paul Conference is truly blessed by the care and generosity of our parishioners.

Once again, thank you for all your support.

## Altar Server Schedule

**January 10th & January 11th**

<b>Saturday:</b>	5:00 pm:	Nicholas Signora Hope Signora
<b>Sunday:</b>	7:30 am:	Gabriella Filakovsky Mae Lawler
	9:00 am:	Christopher Miro Mackenzie Grace Upton
	10:30 am:	Duggan McKeon Luke McKeon
	12:00 pm:	Cate Darcy James Darcy
	5:00 pm:	Daniel Clarke Ryan Rivas

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS - Sunday, December 28, 2025**

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Weekly Collection	<b>\$18,000</b>	\$18,461

Year to Date **\$306,000** *will report next week*  
*OLL Fiscal Year*

*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.



**In Person:** At Mass during the collection or dropped off at the Parish Center.



**By Mail:** Mail to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 65 Wright Avenue, Malverne, NY 11565



**Online:** Using Pushpay for fast & secure contribution, visit: [www.ollchurchmalverne.org/donate](http://www.ollchurchmalverne.org/donate)



## Diocese of Rockville Centre

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2025 Parish Totals  
Goal: \$75,000.00 ~ Pledges: \$49,693.27  
Donors: 131 ~ Payments: \$49,318.27



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Mary & Joseph Anen by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Anen \* Onofrio Avvinti by Mr. & Mrs. Vito Avvinti \* Health & Well Being of my whole family by Ann Baren \* Ida & Tony Codoluto, Joseph Schortt, Fannie & Sam Barone by Mr. & Mrs. Patrick D. Barone \* Barrett & Esoff Families by Mr. & Mrs. Brian Barrett \* Stella Zielonka, Mary Strick, Angelina Barzyz by Mr. & Mrs. Anthony C. Barzyz \* Chris Behen & Family by Kathleen Behan \* Emma & Joseph Benes by Carol Benes \* Thomas Rice, Alfred Maggi, Thomas Patrick Maggi, Kathryn W. Bradley, Patricia Burns Maggi, Francis J. Bradley by Mr. & Mrs. Francis James Bradley, Jr. \* Kelly & Britt Families by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Britt, Jr. \* Rose & Joseph Ciasulli, Mary & Jerry Buckridge by Mr. & Mrs. William Buckridge \* Guy J. Buonomo, Jr., Angelina & Antonio Marino, Rosina & Joseph Buonomo, Rose & Joe LaSalvia by Evelyn Buonomo \* The Bonura & Woltering Families by Mr. & Mrs. Michael F. 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## The Rosary Altar Society Christmas Luncheon

The Rosarians joyfully celebrated the Christmas season with a beautiful luncheon at the Hempstead Country Club on Thursday, December 11. Sincere thanks to everyone who helped plan, organize, and attend this wonderful event.





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# Christmas



## Principal's Message



As we journey through the Christmas season, I am filled with gratitude for our parish family and for the many blessings we share. I am especially thankful for our children and their parents, whose faith, generosity, and daily commitment bring life and joy to our school and parish community.

Christmas reminds us of the gift of family and of God's presence among us. In the celebration of the Epiphany of our Lord, we recall the Magi who traveled far and long, guided by faith and trust, to find the Christ Child. Their journey reminds us that God is revealed to those who seek with open hearts. As Scripture tells us, "They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother" (Matthew 2:10-11).

Like the Magi, we too spend our lives searching for Christ. We look for Him in our families, in our classrooms, in our parish, and in one another. We search for the peace that Christmas promises, a peace that does not fade with the season but lives on through acts of kindness, understanding, and love. As the familiar hymn reminds us, "What can I give Him, poor as I am? ... I give my heart."

Christmas is a time of hope and gratitude. It invites us to pause, give thanks, and recognize the many ways God blesses us each day. May the light of the Christ Child continue to guide our hearts, bring peace to our homes, and strengthen the bonds of our parish family throughout the year ahead.

**~ Stephen Harth**

Principal



# Called



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

— 1 CORINTHIANS 1:9 —

## Religious Education News

### JANUARY/FEBRUARY EVENTS

**Classes resume on Tuesday, January 6, 2026**

**Saturday, January 10** ~ Reconciliation  
Church 11:00 am and 1:30 pm

**Tuesday, January 13** ~ Confessions  
Grades 3&4 in Church 4:30 pm

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

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

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

**Wednesday, February 4** ~ Confessions  
Grades 3, 4, & 5 in Church 9:45 am

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

**Wednesday, February 10** ~ Confessions  
Grades 7 & 8 in Church 4:30 pm

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

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

### CONFIRMATION NEWS

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

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

Remember to return your sheet after you have completed each hour of service. Your progress will be reviewed in December. At that time, we hope that all our students will be continuing in their preparation for Confirmation.

**All Confirmation paperwork is due on or  
BEFORE January 30, 2026.**



OUR LADY OF LOURDES 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY YEARBOOK

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## THIS WEEK AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH

### Monday, January 5

9:00 am..... Legion of Mary ..... Parish Center Room #2  
11:30 am ..... School Teachers ..... Parish Center Dining Room  
7:30 pm..... Pre-Baptismal Program ..... Parish Center Dining Room

### Tuesday, January 6

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

### Wednesday, January 7

9:30 am - 12:30 pm ..... Thrift Shop  
11:30 am ..... School Teachers ..... Parish Center Dining Room  
3:00 pm..... Cub Scout Pack 24—Arrow of Light..... Church Hall  
5:00 pm..... Children's Choir ..... Church  
7:00 pm..... AA ..... Parish Center Dining Room  
7:00 pm..... Prayer Group ..... Parish Center Room #2  
7:15 pm..... Grasp ..... Church Hall

### Thursday, January 8

11:30 am ..... School Teachers ..... Parish Center Dining Room  
12:00 pm ..... Adoration ..... Church  
4:00 pm..... Boy Scout Troop 24 Webelos ..... Church Hall  
5:00 pm..... Boy Scout Troop 24 Bear Den ..... Church Hall

### Friday, January 9

11:30 am ..... School Teachers ..... Parish Center Dining Room  
7:00 pm..... AA ..... Parish Center Dining Room

### Saturday, January 10

9:30 am - 12:30 pm ..... Thrift Shop  
11:00 am ..... Reconciliation ..... Church  
1:30 pm..... Reconciliation ..... Church  
4:00 pm..... Confessions ..... Church  
7:00 pm..... AA ..... Parish Center Dining Room

### Sunday, January 11

9:00 am..... Family Mass ..... Church/Church Hall  
10:30 am ..... Mass of Baptism ..... Church



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## Focus on Religious Freedom

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### National Religious Freedom Day: Jan. 16, 2026 Freedom of Religion is Much More than Freedom to Worship

Freedom of Religion is asserted in the First Amendment to the Constitution.

That freedom of religion includes worship in the church, home and community. It protects sharing and teaching different faiths freely. It protects acts of worship in the public square and an active discussion of faith and morals as they affect public policies. It also protects classroom discussions of religion from cultural and historical points of view.

Some countries and societies will only tolerate religion as long as it is confined to places of worship and there is no evangelization to the public. Many of the American colonists had come to this New World seeking freedom and safety to practice their religion without government interference and persecution. When the time came for writing a Constitution which would frame and preserve the natural rights from our Creator, the colonists believed enabling a plurality of religions would protect the practice of every religion.

In support of our freedom of religion, on Oct. 23. 1992, it was resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, that January 16, 1993, is designated as "Religious Freedom Day", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to join together to celebrate their religious freedom and to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities. Since then each President has proclaimed each Jan. 16 to be Religious Freedom Day emphasizing the importance of religious freedom to human rights, to our society, to personal and national stability and to the formation of individual codes of ethics without which a country cannot survive.

**"We should begin by setting conscience free. When all men of all religions...shall enjoy equal liberty, property, and an equal chance for honors and power...we may expect that improvements will be made in the human character and the state of society."** John Adams

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### 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.

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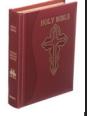
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