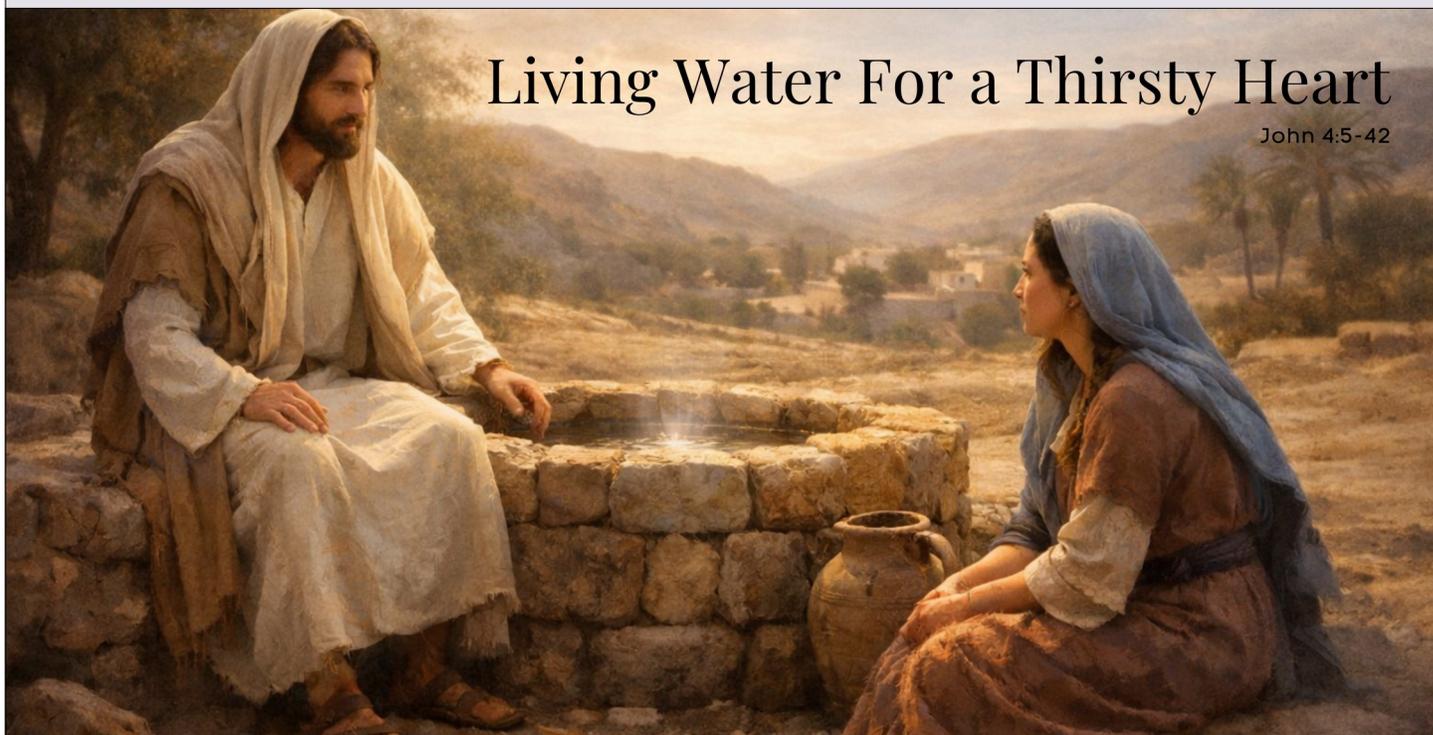




OUR LADY OF LOURDES
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
MALVERNE, NEW YORK

Third Sunday of Lent
March 8, 2026



Living Water For a Thirsty Heart

John 4:5-42

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
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
JOHN 4:5-42

WHAT ARE WE THIRSTING FOR?

As we enter the next three Sundays of Lent, I invite you to pray in a special way for our Elect in the OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults). They are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil on April 4: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

During these three Sundays, the Elect will celebrate what we call the Scrutinies at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. The Scrutinies are special rites that help prepare those who are to be baptized to enter more fully into the life of the Church. These rites focus on the reality of human sinfulness and our deep need for God's grace and mercy.

The Candidates preparing to receive Confirmation and the Eucharist will also reflect on their sinfulness.

While the Elect participate in the Scrutinies, we are reminded of our own sinfulness and our continual need for conversion. Their journey reflects our own desire to be forgiven, healed, and strengthened by God.

Please keep the Elect and the Candidates in your prayers during this sacred time of preparation.

Each of the Scripture readings for the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent pertain to their ongoing conversion. They also speak to us of our journey of faith of how we can grow from no from no faith, to little faith, to a full faith in Christ.

As we focus on Jesus and the Samaritan woman for this Sunday, we can ask ourselves the question, what is it that I am thirsting for in life? Lent is an opportunity for us to allow ourselves to identify our spiritual thirst and to welcome the living water that Jesus offers which is Baptism, the Holy Spirit and Eternal Life. It is also a time to share that living water of Jesus with others. We too like the Samaritan woman are called to share our faith helping others to quench their thirst for salvation.

As Moses strikes the rock allowing water to break forth and Jesus strikes at the heart of the Samaritan woman helping her to come to faith in him; may God strike at the hardness and

stubbornness of our hearts so that we recognize that only God can quench our real thirsts in life.'

THANK YOU, BISHOP BRENNAN

Thank you to Bishop Robert J. Brennan who led us in our Lenten Retreat this past Sunday-Tuesday March 1-3. His topic was Come & See: An Invitation to Walk with Christ this Lent and Easter. The bishop reminded us to make Jesus the center of our lives and that without him, our nets will always be empty. Thank you to all who came from near and far. We had a wonderful turnout. Thank you to all who made this Lenten Retreat

possible. May the fruits of this retreat fill each of your hearts with the presence of Jesus leading you to his cross and resurrection. May God bless you and Mary keep you and your families, always.

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us!

Fr Jim



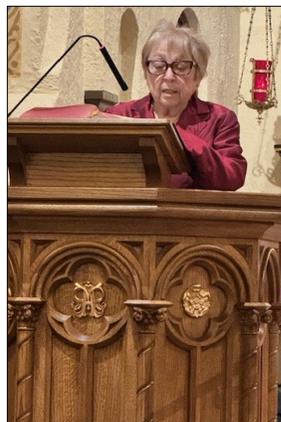
What to Give Up: 

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!

Welcome Home Bishop Robert J. Brennan!

Thank you to Bishop Brennan for three powerful nights of our Lenten Mission. As he reminded us: "Without Jesus our nets will always come up empty, and with Him—bursting hearts."



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, March 7th ~ Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

5:00 pm Joseph & Joe Lusardi (d)

Sunday, March 8th ~ Third Sunday of Lent

7:30 am Katherine Klein (d)
9:00 am Bismark Tetteh Addey (d)
10:30 am John Poggioli (d)
12:00 pm John P. Dolan (d)
Vincent Sommella (d)
Theresa Sommella (d)
Jean Phillippe Magno (d)
Concetta Dalmeto (d)
5:00 pm For the People of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

Monday, March 9th ~ Saint Frances of Rome, Religious

9:00 am John L. Poggioli (d)
6:30 pm Confessions

Tuesday, March 10th ~ Lenten Weekday

9:00 am Fr. Benedict Himmelreicher (d)—Founding
Pastor

Wednesday, March 11th ~ Lenten Weekday

9:00 am Beverly DeLyra (d)
10:00 am Memorial Mass for Peggy Hannan

Thursday, March 12th ~ Lenten Weekday

9:00 am For the Deceased Members of the Russo
Family

Friday, March 13th ~ Lenten Weekday

9:00 am Eva Steffens (d)
7:30 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 14th ~ Lenten Weekday

9:00 am Angie Fischetti (d)
Sean Ledwith (d)
Doloras Johnson (d)
Peggy Hannan (d)
For the Living Intentions of Sandra
DiBenedetto and Susan Perez
5:00 pm Julia Composto (d)

Sunday, March 15th ~ Fourth Sunday of Lent

7:30 am For the People of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
9:00 am For the Living Intentions of Edwin and
Grisleysi Ching
10:30 am Michael J. LoCasio (d)
12:00 pm Antonio and Virgilia Tuosto (d)
John Culley (d)
For the Deceased Members of the Crawford
and Rooney Families
Julio and Lira Diaz (d)
All Souls
5:00 pm Gerard Dierker (d)



2026 Events

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

Catholic Relief Services Collection – March 15, 2026

Next week our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ’s love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ’s love to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at:

www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

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

Patricia A. Donovan

Janice A. Vetrano

Robert J. West, Jr.



Pro Life Corner

We cannot build a just society if we discard the weakest—whether the child in the womb or the elderly in their frailty—for they are both gifts from God.

Bulletin Reflection

In today’s Gospel, we hear the story of the Transfiguration.

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.

Elevator Notice

The elevator is currently out of service until further notice. We apologize for the inconvenience and will notify parishioners once it has been restored. Thank you for your understanding.

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** Rev. Anthony Stanganelli
- Monday** Rev. Dante Manuel Sabban
- Tuesday** Rev. Damian Umeokeke
- Wednesday** Rev. Thomas Arnao
- Thursday** Rev. Msgr. William Hanson
- Friday** Rev. Casmir Nwachukwu
- Saturday** **All Priests and Deacons**

Reflection for Next Sunday Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 15, 2026

First Reading: *1 Samuel 16:1b,6-7,10-13a*

Second Reading: *Ephesians 5:8-14*

Gospel Reading: *John 9:1-41*

Jesus heals the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man.

Family Connection

When infants are baptized, parents, with the help of the godparents, assume responsibility for raising the child as a follower of Jesus. The process of maturation in the faith is much like the example found in the story of the man born blind. The man is cured of his blindness, a symbol of his sin. Each time he meets someone after the healing, the man comes to a deeper awareness of who Jesus is. In a similar way, we who are baptized continue to mature in faith as our relationship with and knowledge about Jesus grows.

Invite each member of your family to draw a timeline of his or her life. On the timelines, ask family members to identify significant moments in their lives, especially their life of faith. Invite each person to reflect upon who Jesus was to him or her at each significant moment. How has each person's relationship with Jesus changed or matured? Then read together today's Gospel, John 9:1-41. Note how the relationship between Jesus and the man born blind changes and grows throughout the Gospel. Pray together that your relationship with Jesus will continue to grow and develop, becoming ever deeper. Conclude by praying together the Lord's Prayer.

Gifts from Bethlehem

OLIVEWOOD HANDCRAFTED FROM THE HOLY LAND
A TRADITIONAL ART AND LIVELIHOOD FOR HOLY LAND CHRISTIANS

The handicrafts trade evolved as a cultural tradition of Christians in the Holy Land for many centuries. This indigenous form of art has since become an industry of great importance to the local people of the Holy Land who rely on it for livelihood, and to Christian pilgrims from all around the world whose holy pilgrimage can be memorialized for a lifetime in cherished olive wood or mother of pearl souvenirs. The olive wood carving market is the major source of income in the Bethlehem area. More than 65 percent of the income of the community in Bethlehem comes from this work.

In recent years, however, the holy crafts trade has suffered many hardships due to social and economical pressures. Because of a sharp fall in tourism and also as a result of diminishing numbers of craftsmen who leave their traditional trade and emigrate due to the difficult conditions in their homeland, the Holy Land handicraft market is facing serious danger, and so is the Christian community in the Land. Sixty five years ago the Christians represented more than 28% of the total population in the Holy Land, today they are less than 1.5%. The loss of Christians in the land of Christianity's birth will represent a tragedy of immeasurable proportions for the billions of Christians worldwide. Thank you for your vital support for a Christian tradition and in protecting this very important culture and industry.

JOIN US AFTER ALL MASSES MARCH 15/16 IN THE CHURCH HALL

Memorial Mass for Peggy Hannan

Please join us as we gather in prayer to remember and celebrate the life of **Peggy Hannan** at a **Memorial Mass on Tuesday, March 11 at 10:00 AM at Our Lady of Lourdes Church.** Together as a parish family, we will entrust Peggy to the loving mercy of God and pray for comfort and peace for her family and loved ones.

Refreshments will follow in the Church Hall.

All are welcome to attend.

Holy Thursday – Volunteers Needed

On **Holy Thursday**, during the Mass of the Lord's Supper, Father Jim will take part in the **Washing of the Feet**, recalling Jesus' humble service to His disciples. We are looking for **six more volunteers from our parish community** who would be willing to participate in this meaningful part of the liturgy.

If you would like to volunteer, please **contact the parish office**. Thank you for helping us reflect the spirit of service and humility that Jesus showed to us all.

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



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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.



St. Vincent de Paul Society



In today's Gospel, Jesus says: "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work."

Through your almsgiving you are doing the will of the Father and finishing the work of Jesus. Know that your nickel, dime or quarter is multiplied by the coins placed by others in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box.

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 Chicken Breast, Green Peas, Rice-A-Roni,
Cannellini Beans, Baked Beans, Chili, Tomato
Paste, Cereal, Oatmeal & **JELLY**

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

Diocese of Rockville Centre

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2026 Parish Totals
Goal: \$78,750.00 ~ Pledges: \$17,136
Donors: 38 ~ Payments: \$7,432



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 March 14th & March 15th

<u>Saturday:</u>	5:00 pm:	Mason Diaz John Kutch
<u>Sunday:</u>	7:30 am:	AnnMarie Sussman Meghan Sussman
	9:00 am:	Maura Baldacchino Daniel Baldacchino Julie Baldacchino
	10:30 am:	Marian Bicocchi Abigail Rudden
	12:00 pm:	Tomas Ner Tiernan Schutta
	5:00 pm:	Ronin Alger Christipher Miro

WEEKLY OFFERINGS - Sunday, March 1, 2026

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Weekly Collection	\$18,000	\$19,779
Year to Date <i>OLL Fiscal Year</i>	\$468,000	\$486,328

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



THIS WEEK AT
OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH

Monday, March 9

9:00 am.....Legion of Mary..... Parish Center Room #2
 11:30 amSchool Teachers.....Parish Center Dining Room
 5:00 pm.....Confirmation Practice..... Church
 5:30 pm.....Girl Scout Troop 2568 Church Hall
 7:30 pm.....Pre-Baptismal MeetingParish Center Dining Room
 7:30 pm.....Liturgy Committee Meeting Parish Center Room #2

Tuesday, March 10

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

Wednesday, March 11

9:30 am - 2:30 pm Thrift Shop
 11:30 amSchool 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

Thursday, March 12

11:00 amSenior Club..... Church Hall
 11:30 amSchool Teachers.....Parish Center Dining Room
 12:00 pmAdoration..... Church
 4:00 pm.....Cub Scout Pack 24—Webelos..... Church Hall
 5:00 pm.....Cub Scout Pack 24—Bear Den..... Church Hall
 7:30 pm.....Knitting Club.....Parish Center Dining Room

Friday, March 13

9:30 am.....SVDP..... Parish Center Room #2
 11:30 amSchool Teachers.....Parish Center Dining Room
 7:00 pm.....AA.....Parish Center Dining Room
 7:30 pm.....Stations of the Cross Church

Saturday, March 14

9:30 am - 12:30 pm..... Thrift Shop
 12:00 pmCub Scout Blue and Gold..... School Hall
 4:00 pm.....Confessions Church
 6:00 pm.....Wood Carvings from Bethlehem..... Church Hall
 7:00 pm.....AA.....Parish Center Dining Room

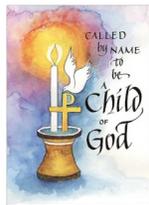
Sunday, March 15

7:30 am - 6:00 pm...Wood Carvings from Bethlehem..... Church Hall
 9:00 am.....Family Mass.....Church/Church Hall



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.



*Welcome Newly
Baptized!*

Jacob Peter Lopresti

Paige Cecilia Aresta

Ryan Jargal Valerio

Reign Yeruul Valerio

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES MEN'S CLUB
FUNDRAISER EVENT!**

\$10,000 GIVEAWAY!!!

**Saturday, March 14, 2026
7PM-11PM**

**GRAND PRIZE
OF \$10,000!
IT'S THE BEST PARTY
OF THE YEAR!**





LOCATION:
Lynbrook Fire Dept
81 Horton Ave
Lynbrook, New York, 11563

INCLUDES:
Open bar, buffet dinner, DJ
Multiple chances to win cash prizes totaling \$14,000!!!

FEES:
\$150 Dinner for 2 + Chance To Win | \$100 Chance to Win

TICKETS:
See OLL Men's Club Member for tickets or
Email mensclub@ollchurchmalverne.org for more info!

JOIN THE OLL MEN'S CLUB
Help us support our School and Parish through social events and annual fundraisers.
Join a great group of men making a difference.

MISSION: Supporting the OLL community.	IMPACT: It's For The Kids!	EMAIL US: mensclub@ollchurchmalverne.org
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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	Peter Hellers
Joan Bahna	Justin Hosman
Baby Henry	Morgan Rourke Lee
Baby Sean	Jennifer Kenny
Baby Violette	Sue Kielson
John Barry	Baby Leonardo
Carolyn Biondo	Speranza Marmo
John Bivona	Michael Malone
Maria Capper	Joseph Manno
Lucia Cimino-Gambino	Pat Mantel
Richard Clarkson	Paolo Miceli
Francesca Medoro	Emily Parini
Consolazio	Frank Pawlowski
Grayson Danielski	Carol Reisenger
Stanley Durant	Dot Rotondi
Alix Etheart	John Rotondi
Anthony J. Falke	Thomas Scudero
Barbara Fumai	Teresa Spyntiuk
Nicholas Gibbons	Anthony Virgadamo
Deacon John Governale	Bill Vogric
Kevin Hanson	Yvonne Jones Williams
Michael Haines	

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

United States Army

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

United States Air Force United States Marine Corps

1st Lt. William F. Cosgrove L Cpl Kristofer Katzenberger
Cpl Joseph M. Macaluso LT Sam Olive

“Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Our Lord and Savior. Amen.”

Please let us know if any of our Military and Support Personnel have returned home safely, so that we may update our prayer list.

A donation to our church is a beautiful way to remember, honor or give thanks for loved ones.

Church Flowers:

Altar Flowers: \$100 Tabernacle Flowers: \$120 for 2
Flowers by Blessed Mother Statue: \$60
Flowers by St. Joseph Statue: \$60

Memorials

Altar Bread: \$25 ~ Altar Wine: \$25
Sanctuary Lamp: \$25

An acknowledgement of your donation will appear in the Sunday bulletin.

No flowers during the Advent and Lenten seasons.

Memorials available throughout the year. Please come to the Parish Center to make arrangements.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Growing in faith together!

Ages 18-25

Questions? Contact

ollya.malverne@gmail.com

Interested? Scan to connect



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.

Our Lady of Lourdes

Centennial Anniversary

Journal Entry Submission Form



Name/Company:

Date:

Home/Business Address:

City, State, Zip:

Telephone:

Email:

Sponsorship Levels:

Select the level you wish to sponsor.

- Gold Page: \$750
- Silver Page: \$500
- Full Page (B&W): \$300
- Half Page (B&W): \$175
- Quarter Page (B&W): \$125
- Business Card Ad: \$100
- Patron/Family Listing (Name Only): \$75

Text to be included:

Ad Submission Deadline: March 31st, 2026

Ads may be submitted as camera-ready artwork (PDF or JPG) or simple text using the area below - we are also happy to design your ad for you!

Please send all ads and inquiries to:
angelacarbone@ollchurchmalverne.org

Checks can be made payable to:
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
Memo: 100th Gala Journal

Mail or drop off to:
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
Attn: 100th Gala Journal Committee
65 Wright Avenue, Malverne, NY 11565

All proceeds from the journal will benefit centennial projects, parish ministries and ongoing improvements to ensure that Our Lady of Lourdes remains a vibrant spiritual home for generations to come.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO CELEBRATE
THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF



OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH



If you would like to sponsor a priest or
religious sister to attend the celebration,
please contact the Parish Center.

BLUE & WHITE BALL

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2026

SAND CASTLE

505 FRANKLIN AVE., FRANKLIN SQUARE, NY

COCKTAIL HOUR, DINNER & DANCING

7:00 PM TO MIDNIGHT

\$185 PER PERSON | 21 & OVER

Kindly register by March 31, 2026

Please return payment with guest count by mail or to the Parish Center,
or register online at www.ollchurchmalverne.org/blueandwhiteball



Our Lady of Lourdes



Principal's Message



As we reach the Third Sunday of Lent, we find ourselves in the middle of a season that invites us to pause, reflect, and grow. Lent is not only about giving something up. It is about making space. Space for prayer. Space for kindness. Space for becoming the people God calls us to be.

In this Sunday's Gospel, we are reminded that God is patient with us. Like a gardener who tends to a tree that has not yet borne fruit, God continues to care for us, nourish us, and give us opportunities to grow. That message speaks deeply to us as a school and parish community.

Growth takes time.

In classrooms, growth happens when a student struggles with a math problem but keeps trying. It happens when someone chooses to apologize. It happens when a child includes a classmate who feels left out. These small moments may not seem dramatic, but they are signs of roots growing deeper.

As a parish, we are also entering a very special time. Our 8th graders will soon receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. This is an important milestone in their faith journey. Through Confirmation, they will be strengthened by the gifts of the Holy Spirit and called to live their faith with courage and conviction. We keep them in our prayers as they prepare to say yes to this deeper commitment.

Their journey reminds all of us that faith is not something we complete. It is something we continue to grow into. Just as the gardener gives the tree time and care, God continues to shape and guide each of us at every stage of life

Lent is a time to look honestly at our hearts and ask: What needs attention? Where do I need to grow? Am I being patient, kind, and forgiving? Am I using my gifts to serve others?

As a school community, we are called to bear good fruit. That fruit looks like compassion, responsibility, respect, and faith in action. It looks like helping without being asked. It looks like choosing what is right even when it is hard.

This season reminds us that we are not alone in our efforts. Just as the gardener cares for the tree, God supports us through prayer, through Scripture, and through one another. Teachers guide. Parents encourage. Friends uplift. Together, we help each other grow.

May this Third Sunday of Lent be a gentle reminder to slow down, reflect, and recommit to what truly matters. Let us keep our 8th graders in prayer as they prepare for Confirmation, and may we all open our hearts more fully to the work of the Holy Spirit.

~ Stephen Harth
Principal



Religious Education News

MARCH EVENTS

Monday, March 9th—Confirmation Practice—5:00 pm—
Church for Religious Education and Brother Fox
Students

Tuesday, March 10th—Return Finals—Grades 1 to 4

Wednesday, March 11th—Finals taken in class—
Grades 5 to 8

Saturday, March 14th—Return Finals—Grades 1 to 4

Saturday, March 14th—Finals Taken in Class—Grades 5
to 8

Tuesday, March 17th—Mass and Report Cards

Wednesday, March 18th—Mass and Report Cards

Saturday, March 21st—Mass and Report Cards

Tuesday, March 24th— Sacrament of Confirmation

1:00 pm—Our Lady of Lourdes Students

3:30 pm—Religious Education Students and Brother
Fox Students

**The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on
Tuesday, March 24th. The celebrant will be the
Most Rev. Bishop Robert Coyle.**

CONFIRMATION NEWS

Reminder: Service hours for all 7th grade Confirmation Preparation students must be returned to your teacher, Catechist or to the Religious Education Office in the Parish Center no later than March 14, 2026.

7th and 8th Grade Confirmation Preparation Students put your Mass Passes in the collection basket each Sunday or give them to your Catechist during the week before the following Sunday for Credit.

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



“Dear friends, let us ask for the grace of a Lent that leads us to greater attentiveness to God and to the least among us...”

- Pope Leo XIV

Dear Friends:

During the special Lenten season, please allow me to share a special request with you. If you have never contributed to the Catholic Ministries Appeal, or if you haven’t contributed in a number of years, please consider making this the year that you join with me and other members of our Parish family to make a donation to the 2026 Appeal.

As you may already be aware, 100% of all the money raised is used to support the ministries of the Appeal that serve more than 600,000 people each year, and our parish shares in the money raised to use for our own local needs.

These programs include services to people in need; affordable housing for senior citizens; people with disabilities and our veterans; respect life initiatives; and formation of our priests, deacons, lay leaders, and young people. These are just a few of the programs that help make our church and this Island a vibrant and wonderful place to live.

But to help ensure that we can always serve those who come to us for aid, support and spiritual guidance, we need help from you!

If 100 of our parishioners who have not supported us in the recent past made a \$25 contribution this year – think about how many more people we could help! If that amount is more than you can manage, consider \$5 or \$10.

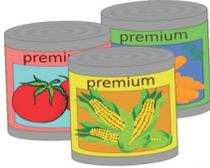
Every gift counts and makes a difference in the lives of others! THANK YOU!!

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To make a donation, you can also visit drvc.org/CMA
 or call us at 516-678-5800 ext. 296
 Thank You!

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. ***

Our Lady of Lourdes Easter Plant Sale 2026

Name: _____
 Email: _____
 Phone: _____



6 1/2" Pot, \$13 ea OR 3 for \$35



<u>Tulips:</u>	<u>Qty:</u>	<u>Total \$:</u>
Red	_____	_____
Yellow	_____	_____
Purple	_____	_____
White	_____	_____
Pink	_____	_____

<u>Hyacinths:</u>	<u>Qty:</u>	<u>Total \$:</u>
Blue	_____	_____
White	_____	_____
Pink	_____	_____
Mixed	_____	_____



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<u>Pansies:</u>	<u>Qty:</u>	<u>Total \$:</u>
Yellow	_____	_____
Purple	_____	_____
White	_____	_____
Red	_____	_____
Light Blue	_____	_____

<u>Daffodil:</u>	<u>Qty:</u>	<u>Total \$:</u>
Tet-a-tet	_____	_____



	<u>Qty:</u>	<u>Total \$:</u>
Easter Lily 8"		
1 Stem \$15ea	_____	_____
2 Stem \$25ea	_____	_____
Hydrangeas, \$25ea		
Pink	_____	_____
Blue/Violet	_____	_____
White	_____	_____

\$25 ea

<u>Baskets/Gardens:</u>	<u>Qty:</u>	<u>Total \$:</u>
Flowering Basket	_____	_____
wrapped in clear film & bow		
Bunny Planter	_____	_____
with plant		
10" Bulb Garden	_____	_____
(Tulip/Tete-a-tete/Grape Hyacinth)		



Delivery for \$10 _____ Deliver to: _____ Total Amount Due: \$ _____

Orders due by Friday, March 20th by sending this **form with checks made to OLL PTL** in backpacks to Elisa Artusa c/o Nicky Castrovilla 6-2 grade, the parish office or order through parish store at <https://ourladylourdesschool.betterworld.org/>

Pickup or delivery Saturday, April 4th, between 8AM and 11AM at Our Lady of Lourdes near Maier Hall entrance. **Mother's Day/ Spring Plant Sale coming soon!**

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)

"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 "Traditions" Don't miss it!



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February 27, March 13 and 27 at 11 am
for Webinar Lenten Reflections

Registration Required
Call Suzanne at 516.744.6850
or email - westernvicariate@drvc.org
to receive Zoom Webinar Link

Liturgical Minister Training- Spring 2026

The Diocese of Rockville Center will offer training for those who wish to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors. No walk-ins permitted, all participants must be registered in advance, with a letter from their pastor.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Part A - This training is required for **all** those who are beginning as Ministers. This “BASIC” training is required for **all** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Those who wish to minister in hospitals, nursing homes and to the homebound are required to attend Part B training in addition to BASIC training. One **must** attend Part A training prior to Part B training. A **Lector Workshop** is available for both new and experienced lectors.

Dates and Locations for Liturgical Minister Training

- **Lector Workshop and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion – Part A:**

Tuesday, April 21 – St. Elizabeth/Melville – Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm – 10 pm

Monday, April 27 – St. Agnes Cathedral Parish Hall/RVC – Msgr. Kelly Parish Center;
7 pm – 10 pm

You may ask your pastor to register you for EITHER the Lector Workshop OR Extraordinary Minister training at these sessions.

- **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion – Part A:**

Saturday, May 30 – Immaculate Conception/Westhampton Beach – Parish Center;
9:00 am – 12 noon. There is NO Lector Workshop offered at his session.

You may only be registered with your Pastor’s nomination. Doors open 30 minutes before the training start time.
End time is an estimate, session may end prior to 10 pm, please be prepared.

- **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Part B** – presented in conjunction with Catholic Health.

These sessions will run from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm. Doors open at 6:30 pm.

Monday, May 4 - St. Agnes Cathedral Parish Hall / RVC – Msgr. Kelly Parish Center

Tuesday, May 26 – St. Elizabeth/Melville – Msgr. Kane Hall pm

A letter from your pastor will be required to reserve your space at any of these trainings and must be received at least five days prior to the session you wish to attend. To request registration for any of these sessions, please contact your rectory. Do not call the host parishes with questions. For questions, call Suzanne Lynn at 516-744-6850. Thank you for your interest.

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Quick Facts for 2026:

Limit: Up to \$111,000 per person.

Deadline: December 31st.

Must go directly from your IRA custodian to the charity.

How to Give via QCD:

Contact Your IRA Custodian: Ask them to send the funds directly to your parish or Diocese and mention it's for a QCD.

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