



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MALVERNE, NEW YORK

First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2023



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MATTHEW 33:33-37

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

Msgr. Paul F. Rahilly, Pastor Emeritus

THE GUIDING LIGHT FROM THE GROTTO
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
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HAPPY ADVENT! HAPPY NEW CHURCH YEAR

If there is one Season during the Church Calendar year that seems to get lost every year it is ADVENT. More and more we as a nation go from Halloween right into Christmas. While I get the motivation to build up our economy, we should not forget about the true Spirit of the Season that leads us to Christmas. It is Advent. If we don't prepare properly for Christmas, then we miss out on the graces that we can receive during this time of Advent.

The Season of Advent begins the new Church Year! So Happy New Year! The Gospel we focus on during this year is the Gospel of Matthew.

The word Advent comes from the Latin word "Adventus" which means coming. During the season of Advent, the Church focuses on The 3 Comings of Jesus:

1. **The Second Coming of Jesus—Dec. 1 - Dec. 16th Christ coming again in full glory.**
2. **The Lord who came as a God made human in the Jesus December 17 - 24.**
3. **The Lord who comes to us each of every day of our lives.** Are we open to the coming of Jesus?

The 2nd Coming is all about the Adult Christ. Not the sweet little Jesus that is non-threatening but the one who will come and judge us on our lives. The phrase from the Boy Scouts help us by their motto "Be Prepared!" The first readings from the Old Testament at Mass focus on hope, joy and change by the Prophets.

St. Philip Neri was shooting pool one day with a group of young people. And a boy asked him what you would do if Jesus arrived right at this moment. He replied I would finish the game of pool. His point: Christians should live every moment and every minute of life in anticipation of Jesus' coming, so that they are always ready and there will be no need to rush around.

As we prepare for Jesus' coming this Advent here is a reflection that will help to prepare the way for Him into our lives and our hearts:

"Advent is the perfect time to clear and prepare the Way. By reflection and prayer, by reading and meditation, we can make our hearts a place where a blessing of peace would desire to abide and where the birth of the Prince of Peace might take place. Daily we can make an Advent

examination. Are there any feelings of discrimination toward [people because of] race, sex, or religion? Is there a lingering resentment, an unforgiven injury living in our hearts? Do we look down upon others of lesser social standing or educational achievement? Are we generous with the gifts that have been given to us, seeing ourselves as their stewards and not their owners? Are we reverent of others, of their ideas and needs, and of creation? These and other questions become Advent lights by which we may search the deep, dark corners of our hearts. May this Advent season be a time for bringing hope, transformation, and fulfillment into the Advent of our lives. **"A BIT OF SERIOUS ADVENT THOUGHT: An Advent Examination** (Edward Hays, *A Pilgrim's Almanac*, p. 196)

SIGN UP TO LIGHT THE ADVENT WREATH CANDLES

I am looking for families/people at each Mass to light the Advent wreath as we journey through the season of each Sunday. Please sign up. You will be asked to light the candles before Mass begins. A sign up sheet is located in the vestibule as you come in the front doors.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Please remember that this Friday is a Holy Day of Obligation as we celebrate our Nation's Patronal Feast Day the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. **NOTE: MASS CHANGE SCHEDULE BEGINNING THIS NEW SEASON: Vigil: 5:00pm | Day: 6:45am, 9:00am, and 7:30pm.**

Happy Advent! Take time for Christ to come into your hearts. May God bless you and Mary keep you and your families always. Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us!

Fr. Jim



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
Masks must be worn.

Confessions will be heard behind the screen for the protection of both the penitent and the confessor.

Welcome to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

65 Wright Avenue, Malverne, NY

Pastor: Rev. James T. Stachacz
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Parish Center Office Hours:

Monday to Friday:

9:00 am to 12:00 pm, 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Saturday and Sunday: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Music Ministry Team:

Tess Austin, Stephen Harth, &
Christine Solimeno
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Youth Director: Linda Baldacchino

Maintenance: Kevin Dieck
Rocco Bruzzese

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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

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 2nd ~ Weekday

5:00 pm Paul Turcco (d)

Sunday, December 3rd ~ First Sunday of Advent

7:30 am Helen Geraghty & Caitlin A. Ingoglia (d)
9:00 am Living Intentions of the Herzich Family
10:30 am Raymond W. Schmitt (d)
12:00 pm For the People of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
Doris A. Shanley (d)
James Hughes Sr. and Jr. (d)
Martin Francis O'Sullivan (d)
Michael Boccia & Pasqualina Pagano (d)
William F. Farrell & Anne Rainis (d)
5:00 pm Stephen Sullivan (d)

Monday, December 4th ~ Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

9:00 am Deceased Members of the Prestigiacomo
Family

Tuesday, December 5th ~ Advent Weekday

9:00 am Charles & Jeanne Strype (d)

Wednesday, December 6th ~ Saint Nicholas, Bishop

9:00 am John Guiheen (d)

Thursday, December 7th ~ Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

9:00 am Deceased Members of the Gambino Family
5:00 pm Agatha Aham (d)

Friday, December 8th ~ The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:45 am James Ducey (d)
9:00 am Antionette Diaz (d)
7:30 pm Deceased Members of the Albert Castellano
Family

Saturday, December 9th ~ Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatatzin

9:00 am Ann & Richard McGowan (d)
John Heegan (d)
Deceased Members of the Smyth & Ezzo
Families
Erin S. Meade (d)
Living Intentions of Christine Laxton-Parini
5:00 pm Eileen Shaw (d)

Sunday, December 10th ~ Second Sunday of Advent

7:30 am Maureen Upton (d)
9:00 am Dorothy Costa (d)
10:30 am Joseph Maranzano (d)
12:00 pm Ann Rainis (d)
For the People of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
James Jughes, Sr. & Jr (d)
David Livingston (d)
Virginia Shea (d)
Michael Porciello (d)
5:00 pm Robert J. Kenney (d)

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

Ellen Butler
Alex Ching
Helen Confusione
Rev. Richard Donovan
Maureen Early
Alix Etheart
Monica Gelo
John Governale
Geraldine Graetzer
Dolores Grant
Dennis Houlahan
Mary Hotetz
Baby Fiona Keogh
Sue Kielson
Regina Marino
John Rotondi
Arthur Staudinger
William Vogric

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

Wedding Times

Fridays ~ 2:30 PM and 4:30 PM
Saturdays ~ 1:00 PM & 3:00 PM
Sundays ~ Ceremonies preferred

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 wrap 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. Cletus Nwaogwugwu
Monday	Msr. Thomas Coogan
Tuesday	Rev. Charles Mangano
Wednesday	Rev. Robert Scheckenback
Thursday	Rev. Evans Fwamba, CP
Friday	Rev. Joseph Lobo
Saturday	All Bishops



**Our Parishioners
Serving in the Military**

Please keep all our Military and

Support Personnel in your prayers, especially:

United States Navy

LT Geoff Hendrick
ICI Bryanne Heim Iddings
LCDR Ryan Patrick Mahon
LCDR Tara Mahoney

United States Army

Major Thomas Barrett
Spec Lotachukwu Okoye
Spec Tucker Andrew Peterson
2nd LT Katherine L. Macaluso

United States Air Force United States Marine Corps

1st Lt. William F. Cosgrove L Cpl Kristofer Katzenberger
PFC 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.

**Reflection for Next Sunday
2nd Sunday of Advent
December 10, 2023**

First Reading: *Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11*

Second Reading: *2 Peter 3:8-14*

Gospel Reading: *Mark 1:1-8*

Family Connection

The season of Advent invites us to renew our lives in preparation for the coming of Jesus. The people who heard the message of John the Baptist repented for their sins and were baptized as a sign of God's forgiveness. In Baptism, our sins are forgiven, and we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, who helps us in our life of discipleship. Led by the Holy Spirit, we use this Advent season to renew our lives so that we, like John the Baptist, might prepare the way for Jesus.

As you gather together as a family, talk about ways in which the example of others has called you to be a follower of Jesus. Name the people who have been examples to you of Christian discipleship and describe their characteristics that you have tried to emulate. Read together today's Gospel, Mark 1:1-8.

As John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus, Baptism commissions us to prepare the way of the Lord. The gift of the Holy Spirit leads us to continually renew our lives so that we might lead others to Jesus. As a family, identify at least one action that you will take this week to try to be more faithful followers of Jesus. Conclude in prayer together that God will receive this action and use it to lead others to Jesus. Pray the Prayer to the Holy Spirit.



Upcoming Events

Annual Christmas Luncheon

Friday, December 8th ~ 12Noon
Hempstead Country Club

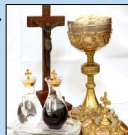
Sunday, December 10th ~ 1:00 pm

Sing-a-Long & Ugly Sweater
Church Hall - Refreshments Served
Bring and Share \$5 Grab Bag

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.

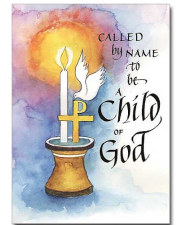


*The Sanctuary Lamp burns
in memory of*

***All Deceased Members of
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish***

*Requested by
Malverne Walsh Funeral Home*

Welcome Newly Baptized!



Maeve Bridget Curtin

Joseph Robert Gitli

Zachary Alexander Simmons

Anthony Barrett Dispensa

Linda Kathleen Turrisi

Nicolas Anthony Livreri

Rory Patrick Carton

Lauryn Chierici Skei

Brady Skei

Asher Peter Lewis

Caden James Cove

Margot Kate Cove

***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: \$60

Flowers by Blessed Mother Statue: \$30

Flowers by St. Joseph Statue: \$30

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 only.

Memorials available throughout the year.

Please come to the Parish Center to make
arrangements.

Bulletin Reflection

In today's Gospel, Jesus warns us to always be
vigilant in our spiritual life.

We are in need of volunteers for
the lighting of our Advent Wreath
at all Masses. Our signup sheet is
located in the vestibule.

Thank You!



St. Thomas the Apostle Legion of Mary & Divine Mercy Ministry

Invite you to join us as we pray for the
Healing of Our Nation on the
Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception

****The Hour of Grace****
as requested by Our Blessed Mother



***"I AM THE
IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION"***

When: Friday, December 8th, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Where: St. Thomas the Apostle **Chapel** (Hempstead Ave. & Nassau Blvd.)

Time: Beginning at **11:30am with Eucharistic Adoration**. Then at 12 noon, we will be reciting the Holy Rosary, Psalm 51, The Chaplet of Divine Mercy and other prayers while adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

*Refreshments will be served at the end of the event in the Chapel Center.

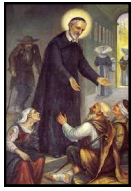
*****This event is not a Holy Mass in celebration of the
Feast of the Immaculate Conception.***

From the Diary of St. Faustina, #1414: The Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Before Holy Communion I saw the Blessed Mother inconceivably beautiful.

Smiling at me She said to me, *My daughter, at God's command I am to be, in a special and exclusive way your Mother; but I desire that you, too, in a special way, be My child.*

St. Vincent de Paul Society



As we begin Advent we are called to "Be watchful! "Be alert" as we stand in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives

Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Christmas.

Food Pantry

Spaghetti/Pasta, Mashed Potatoes, Rice, Rice A Roni, Jelly, Ready made sauce, ~~Canned Spinach~~, Black eyed peas

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



***Philip Loughran
John Robert Armstrong***

"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 "Healing" Don't miss it!



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.

Pro Life Corner

Just because something happens to be legal does not make it moral, ethical or right. Abortion is perhaps one of the most dramatic examples of a situation where something is legal, but is very much a sin against God.

Diocese of Rockville Centre

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2023 Parish Totals

Goal: \$75,000.00 ~ Pledges: \$49,104.00

Donors: 136 ~ Payments: \$47,699.00

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
2024 Calendars that will be at the
doors of the church.

Please remember to take one home with you.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

	<u>Budget</u>	11/26/23	11/27/22
Weekly Collection	\$13,476	\$15,305	\$11,768

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 PayPal or Credit Card for fast & secure contribution, visit:
www.ollchurchmalverne.org
(Will be reflected the following month)

NCYC! THANK YOU!

The 15 teens who went to the National Catholic Youth Conference would like to thank this parish for their tremendous generosity, support and prayers! With special thanks to our Rosary Altar Society! Here are some of their reflections on this experience.

The most meaningful part of NCYC was...

- Going to confession because I felt so alive with the Holy Spirit and I wanted everyone else to feel the joy that I felt.
- Learning the story of Lazarus from the perspective of Martha. She went from "not having the time" to sit down with Jesus to proclaiming His Word profoundly and beautifully.
- Everyone saying the creed.
- Meeting all of these new people and trading with them. Growing closer with the people in our group. Learning from all of the speakers, priests, sisters and bishops. Being able to feel God and grow closer to Him. Being able to sing all of these songs and praise God with all of these other people from all over.
- The final Mass was so powerful. Seeing everyone singing and praying together was a great sight. In the homily he tied in comedy to keep us engaged but also conveyed the message in a way that will stick with me for a long time.
- Everyone running to the stage at the end.
- Probably confession - it was insanely cool! (it was a giant room with 40-50 priests and thousands of kids in line waiting for the gift of forgiveness.)
- The bishop's homily at the closing Mass, he gave a great example of how to live a life of faith, fun and family. His humor and love got such a great response from the crowd and seeing this was very powerful.
- Talents to be shared are like Christ spread to the world.
- I loved hearing Valimar Jensen singing, This Little Light of Mine.
- The closing Mass, it fully showed the Catholic community and everyone coming together. The bishops were leaving the Mass smiling and everyone was screaming the Church songs, it was truly unification and I'm so glad I was a part of it.
- Simply acting in the huge community. Parts of our faith that often become dull or "go through the motions" were so amplified and brought to life that we were able to relearn its greatness, importance and meaning. The truth is brought to life.
- When the bishop gave the homily... he was amazing. I think he really understood his audience and gave the message that we needed to hear. He made it fun and understandable where many people were able to find meaning in it.
- The confession on Friday really helped me because I was able to openly talk with the priest who was very talkative.
- The final Saturday night Mass was very incredibly meaningful to me because it successfully combined every aspect of NCYC together.
- The Mass on Saturday night and the level of connection I felt with everyone that was there. The homily was so inviting and intriguing and the worship after created the best adrenaline rush.
- The confession that I had, the priest I had was the most sweet and welcoming as well as comforting person. He really helped me and created a new mindset for myself on how to be the best version of myself.
- The closing Mass. I really enjoyed the bishop's homily. The whole Mass was the most impactful one on my life.
- Adoration. The silence of all of us coming together to pray to God was so powerful.
- Being able to come together as youth to have one common goal to strengthen our faith.

At NCYC I learned...

- How to praise God and honor Him.
- That God has a sense of humor which was demonstrated by Bishop Joe's homily. I learned that we are not only the church of the future but the church of the present.
- About how I can talk about and be a better witness to my faith.
- That God is always with us and always forgives us. To always be joyful! God will help us through any of the hard times.
- That there are many other nice people that believe in God in this world and that have deep faith.
- How to pray to God, the feeling of being surrounded by holy/happy people, it is okay to take baby steps in your walk with Christ, God loves everyone just the way that they are.
- People from all over the country can meet, know nothing about each other but can talk like they are best friends.
- That I want to have a greater relationship with God. Seeing the Bishop speak so passionately about his relationship with God was truly moving.
- That a single moment really can bring people together, and a single uniting blip in a lifetime can impact so many different people in so many ways.
- How to be more faithful, there are so many ways to pray whether aloud or within the silence of our hearts. I love music and there were so many versions... I learned about new singers and bands.

- About topics of mental health and how it can affect our relationship with God and others...Hurt people, hurt people. If you are hurt you can easily repeat the cycle and hurt others whether you mean to or not.
- To share my faith with others and make friends.
- Adoration...find the silence, stay in the silence, see how the silence responds
- That there are many people who are struggling. We may make mistakes but God will always cherish us.
- About Catholic conferences for politics.
- People are not a problem to be solved but a mystery to be contemplated
- We need to bless people, not curse them.
- Even though you may be going through the lowest part of your life, no matter how much you have sinned and no matter the distance you have between yourself and the Lord, He is always there reaching out a hand and welcoming you with full, open, extended arms, because He loves you so much more than you know. He would leave the 99 for the 1.
- That you can always be more involved in the church, for example...at Mass.
- We must serve because Jesus died for us to serve Him.
- I also learned that having virtues like patience and generosity is always a step in the process of you becoming the best version of yourself.
- Pray as though everything depends on God, work as though everything relies on you.
- That so many people my age believe in God and are participating members in the Church.
- That joy is an essential part of living out our faith.
- Dignity is inherent in humanity.
- I have so much to be grateful for.
- that the faith is not dead.
- To put JOY over FEAR!
- To deepen my relationship with God.
- that it is okay to not be okay.
- A new way to pray.About the Eucharistic revival.
- That we have the greatest pastor, Fr Jim.
- To always have faith.

Now that I am home from NCYC...

- I want to spread the joy of going to confession and I want to share my testimony.
- I want to pray more.
- I will listen to the podcast, Sainthood in the City!
- I will be more consistent in my prayer life.
- I want to be able to use the things I learned to help me be a better role model in my community.
- I will keep trying to live out my faith but I have also gained more insight to talk to others about it. I want to challenge myself to be more deep and outgoing in faith conversations.
- Take with me what I have learned.
- I'm very sad that it's over. I'm so grateful that I had this chance to go on this trip and for everything I learned. I'm going to go home and sing all of the songs.
- I will try to attend Mass more often and dedicate time to pray.
- I will be more alive and closer to God.
- I will follow the Eucharistic Revival.
- I will pray everyday and know that Jesus is with me.
- I will reflect on my experience. The people there were so amazing and I had a sense of comfort I have never felt.
- I will miss NCYC.
- I will keep my relationship with God.
- I can reflect on my experiences and apply them to myself, my life and how I affect the lives of others.
- I want to be more involved in youth ministry. I love being with these people and being a part of the church. I want to be closer with God.
- I will be happier.
- I will listen to the music and podcasts.
- I miss it a lot. I feel inspired to spend more time in the Word, more time in prayer, more time in adoration and more time in worship. Being surrounded by thousands of other young Catholics was the most empowering thing - to know that we were all there for the same reason, to deepen and strengthen and learn more about our relationship with Christ.
- NCYC was and has been one of the best experiences of my life. The power of the Lord is unexplainable.

***We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all your support! Love,
Matt, Sophia, Peter, Patrick, Colin, Kate, Reagan, Owen,
Abigail, Tommy, Jexina, Colin, Audrey, Julie & Jenna***



OLL Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop will be open

Every Wednesday 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM

The 1st & 3rd Saturday of every month
9:30 AM to 12:30 PM

*Come to the OLL Thrift Shop for all your
Christmas gifts & decorations!*

This Week at OLL Parish

Monday, December 4

9:30 amLegion of Mary Parish Center Room #2
11:30 am.....OLL School TeachersParish Center Dining Room
4:30 pmCub Scout Troop 24 - Wolf Den Church Hall
5:30 pmBrownie Troop 2101 Church Hall
7:30 pmBoy Scout Troop 24 Church Hall
7:30 pmAlAnon Parish Center Dining Room

Tuesday, December 5

9:30 amSVDP Parish Center Room #2
11:30 am.....OLL School TeachersParish Center Dining Room
1:30 pmScripture/Prayer GroupParish Center Dining Room
4:30 pmReligious Ed. Confessions Gr. 4 Church
7:00 pmBell Choir Church
7:15 pmCoDA Parish Center Dining Room
7:15 pmGRASP Church Hall

Wednesday, December 6

9:30 am - 2:30 pm RAS Thrift Shop
2:45 pmCub Scout Troop 24 - Bear Den..... Church Hall
4:30 pmReligious Ed. Confessions Gr. 5 & 6..... Church
7:00 pmMovie Night Church Hall
7:00 pmWednesday Prayer Group Parish Center Room #2
7:30 pmAA Parish Center Dining Room

Thursday, December 7

4:15 pmDaisy Troop 2499Maier Hall
7:00 pmCub Scout Troop 24 - Webelos I.....Maier Hall
7:00 pmAdult Choir Church

Friday, December 8

9:30 amSVDP Parish Center Room #2
11:30 am.....OLL School TeachersParish Center Dining Room
7:30 pmAA Parish Center Dining Room

Saturday, December 9

4:00 pm.....Confessions Church
7:30 pmAA Parish Center Dining Room

Sunday, December 10

9:00amFamily Mass..... Church Hall
10:00 am.....OCIA..... Parish Center Dining Room
1:30 pmRAS.....Sing-a-Long

Fall Raffle Thank You!!

We thank all who were a part of our Fall Raffle. Thank you to all our school families, alumni and parishioners who made this raffle a success!
We are Lourdes!

Grand Prize - Rose and George Abdilla

**First Prize - The Flanagan Family
Second Prize - The Giordano Family
Third Prize - The Krull Family**

The students of our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School say Thank You!
You help us to be a beacon of light in today's world!

Altar Server Schedule

December 9th ~ December 16th

Saturday:

5:00 pm: Ronin Alger
Grace Alger

Sunday:

7:30 am: Meghan Susman
AnnMarie Sussman
Mary Kate Sussman

9:00 am: Caitlyn Carew
Abigail Rudden

10:30 am: Duggan McKeon
Luke McKeon

12:00 pm: Daniel Clarke
John Loeffler

5:00 pm: Cate Darcy
James Darcy

THE FAMILY AND MORAL TRUTHS PART 3

The LGBTQ+ pride flag, and all other such symbols of the pride ideology, must be opposed and rejected for the sinful and hateful agenda they represent The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines pride as “an inordinate self-esteem or self-love, which seeks attention and honor and sets oneself in competition with God”. Pride is considered the original and most serious of the seven deadly sins, and the source of all the others. Dante’s definition of pride is “love of self, perverted to hatred and contempt for one’s neighbor”. Catechism of the Catholic Church 1865: Sin creates a proclivity to sin; it engenders vice by repetition of the same acts. This results in perverse inclinations which cloud conscience and corrupt the concrete judgment of good and evil. Thus, sin tends to reproduce itself and reinforce itself, but it cannot destroy the moral sense at its root. 1866: Vices can be classified according to the virtues they oppose, or also be linked to the capital sins which Christian experience has distinguished, following St. John Cassian and St. Gregory the Great. They are called “capital” because they engender other sins, other vices. They are pride, avarice, envy, wrath, lust, gluttony, and sloth or acedia.

The false and pernicious transgender ideology, which is subjecting our children and vulnerable adults to life-altering sterilizations, castrations, and mutilations, must be completely eradicated from our culture

Catechism of the Catholic Church 2333: Everyone, man and woman, should acknowledge and accept his sexual identity. Physical, moral, and spiritual difference and complementarity are oriented toward the goods of marriage and the flourishing of family life. 2334: In creating men “male and female,” God gives man and woman an equal personal dignity. Man is a person, man and woman equally so, since both were created in the image and likeness of the personal God. 2291: The use of drugs inflicts very grave damage on human health and life. Their use, except on strictly therapeutic grounds, is a grave offense. 2295: Research or experimentation on the human being cannot legitimize acts that are in themselves contrary to the dignity of persons and to the moral law. The subjects’ potential consent does not justify such acts. Experimentation on human beings is not morally legitimate if it exposes the subject’s life or physical and psychological integrity to disproportionate or avoidable risks. Experimentation on human beings does not conform to the dignity of the person if it takes place without the informed consent of the subject or those who legitimately speak for him. 2297: Except when performed for strictly therapeutic medical reasons, directly intended amputations, mutilations, and sterilizations performed on innocent persons are against the moral law.

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Religious Education News

DECEMBER EVENTS

Saturday December 2

Take home midterms—Grades 1-4

Tuesday, December 5

Take home midterms—Grades 1-4

Confessions—Grade 4

Wednesday, December 6

Confessions—Grades 5 & 6

Saturday, December 9

Return midterms—Grades 1-4

Grades 5-8 Midterms in class

Tuesday, December 12

Return midterms

Wednesday, December 13

Grades 5-8 midterm in class

Saturday December 16

Report Cards and Mass at 9:45 AM

Tuesday, December 19

Report Cards distributed in class

Wednesday, December 20

No class. Report Cards to be mailed home

Wednesday, December 20 through January 2, 2024

Christmas Holiday

Classes resume on Wednesday, January 3, 2024

Please refer to the bulletin, website, and social media for any changes or updates made to the current monthly events.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION PROGRAM:

All Confirmation preparation students, this is the time to review and complete all your paperwork.

Monthly Mass sheets will be reviewed to ensure that each reflection has been turned in on time. (including Christmas)

Return all your service sheets in as you complete each assignment. Do not hold on to them until the last minute. If you need extra forms, either copy them or request additional ones from the Religious Education Office.

Eighth grade students: Saint Report, Confirmation fee, and gown measurements must be submitted to the Religious Education office on or before January 12, 2024.

Thank you to all from our parish who donated to the Annual Catholic Ministries Appeal 2023. These donations help our Diocese to serve the 1.3 million Catholics and more across Long Island with compassionate health care, housing, education, food security, substance abuse, mental health, grief counseling, immigration services, Priestly and Diaconate Formation, religious and spiritual care. Our Goal is \$75K and what we made so far in payments is \$47,699. If you have not given yet, the CMA is open to receive donations up to the end of January 2024. When we receive 80% to up to 100% of our Goal the parish receives money back. If we go over 100% the parish receives anything over 100% back. This is a Win Win scenario.

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2023

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

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*One Family - Journeying together in
Communion, Participation and Mission*



“Advent, then, is a time for overturning our perspectives ... for letting ourselves be surprised by the greatness of God’s mercy,”
-Pope Francis

Pause and Reflect this Advent Season

During the Advent Season we are called to slow down during the frenetic season of shopping, visiting friends and family, baking, wrapping gifts and perhaps even studying for finals.

Are you still struggling to get a unique present for someone special? Consider a gift for all seasons – a donation to the Catholic Ministries Appeal. It’s a special gift that touches the lives of over 600,000 people by supporting programs that allow us to build of community of faith, hope and love in our diocese and beyond.

How does the **Catholic Ministries Appeal Care for God’s People**? It supports programs that help to feed people in our community each year through Catholic Charities and our Parish Outreach programs, providing food and nutrition to more than 15,000 people.



Have you tried Text-to-Give to make a donation!
It’s fast and secure.

Go to the following link to find your parish’s
keyword: bit.ly/3VFrMCE

TEXT your parish’s Keyword To:
(516) 271-3338

Please consider donating to the Appeal and making a difference in someone’s life. Thank you!

Make checks payable to: Catholic Ministries Appeal

Parish _____

Pledge: \$ _____

Name _____

Down payment: \$ _____

Address _____

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Phone: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

To make a donation, you can also visit **CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org**
or call us at **516-678-5800 ext. 296**

Thank You!

JOIN US FOR A FILM & TALK BY FR. O'BRIEN



TUESDAY 12/12

1ST HALF

WEDNESDAY 12/13

2ND HALF

7PM START TIME

**MOVIE & A TALK TO
FOLLOW EACH NIGHT**

The Cardinal (1963) is a fascinating film which depicts the meteoric rise (punctuated with several pitfalls) of an American priest through the hierarchy of the Church. It takes place in the period between the two World Wars and touches on a number of themes including Vatican politics, the Catholic Church in the twentieth century, and moral responsibility in the face of evil.

Father O'Brien will discuss the theological, moral, sacramental, historical, political, canonical, ecclesiastical, and (even) humorous themes which this film masterfully depicts.

IN THE CHURCH HALL

Light refreshments



Our Lady of Lourdes School

Weekly Newsletter

OLLCS

WE ARE LOURDES

*Christ Has No Body Now But Yours... We are the heart,
mind, hands and feet of Christ in today's world!*



The 6th grade wrote their names on clay tablets like the ancient peoples we've been learning about using the Phoenician alphabet. They shaped the clay and then used a wood stylus to write their names just like ancient people did.

You're Invited to take part in the Annual OLL Parish...

Christmas Caroling Night!



Thursday, December 21st



6:00pm: Meet on the Grounds off OLL for Singing Warm-Ups

6:20pm: Head Out in groups to Bring JOY to the people of Malverne

7:45 – 8:30pm: Meet back at OLL Christmas Cookies & Hot Chocolate!

All ages welcome! *Must have Christmas Spirit! QUESTIONS: Please call 516-241-1896

Please complete the form below & return to rectory or email ollyouthmalverne@gmail.com

CAROLER REGISTRATION FORM

All Carolers should come with their own transportation. We will team you up into groups of 5-6 cars full of singers and give you a designated section of Malverne. Please bring cookies for our sharing table. Santa hats & jingle bells encouraged!

NAME: _____

NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN MY CAR: _____

I WOULD LIKE TO BE A GROUP LEADER IF NEEDED: YES

NO THANKS



Joy to the World!

I WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE CAROLERS

If you could use an extra lift this Christmas Season. Sign up here.

Would you like to sign up to receive carolers on December 21st? CHECK HERE!

☐

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

A PHONE CALL BEFORE IS REQUIRED: YES NO PHONE # _____

I WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST SOMEONE TO CAROL TO

Do you have a friend or neighbor that you feel could use extra Christmas spirit this year?

CHECK HERE!

☐

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

A PHONE CALL BEFORE IS REQUIRED: YES NO PHONE # _____

MY NAME and PHONE NUMBER: _____



Youth Ministry

Christmas Service Project!

We are looking to put together
46 gift bags for the men and women at
Glory House homeless shelter in Hempstead

and we need
your help!

GETTING THE GIFTS

We are making 24 women's bags and 24 men's bags.

We need items such as hand sanitizer, socks, gloves, \$5 gift cards, earrings...or any item you can think of. It is best when items are donated in sets of 24. (24 pairs of socks, 24 decks of playing cards, 24 candy canes..) Call 516-241-1896 to let us know an item that you would be willing to donate. (possibly a good project for your family/ friends/ coworkers)

Or if it is easier to donate money we will do the shopping for you.

MAKING THE CARDS

We are looking for students (any age) to make handmade Christmas Cards for the residents of Glory House. Make them colorful and uplifting and tell them that the people of OLL Malverne love them and wish them a Merry Christmas. (All cards due to the rectory by December 17th)

WRAPPING AND PREPARING THE GIFTS

We are looking for high school students to wrap and prepare these packages on the evening of December 17th from 6-8pm. Please let us know if you would like to help with this project. 516-241-1896



Congratulations to the following Members of Kellenberg Memorial High School's National Honor Society!

Grace Augustin	Ava Negrino
Brian Barrett	Max Noel
Christina Callahan	Marc Orffano
James Cardito	Samantha Overs
Olivia Connolly	Francesca Racanelli
Patrick Flanagan	Matthew Reiter
Joshua Intravaia	Ava Rella
Grace Lamoreaux	Angelina Rodriguez
John Laudicina	Emma Russo
Brooke Lundgren	Alex Smith
Maeve Lyle	Eoghan Walsh
Kate Migdalen	Lily Wischerth
Kelly Miller	Paige Zaslow

Congratulations to the following Members of Kellenberg Memorial High School's National Junior Honor Society!

Connor Byrne
Reagan Cruz
Chloe Drinks
Zoe Duperval
Olivia Edwards
Owen Gillis
Claire Glassing
Ava Intal
Avery Intravaia
Sabrina Jones
Luke McKeon
Bridget Overs
Matthew Tarter



ADVENT

O blessed Lady,
you received the good news
of the angel's message
with faith and humility.
In your womb, you carried the hope
of the world, our Savior Jesus Christ.
As we enter the season of Advent,
we contemplate the mystery
of the Incarnation and the love
that led God to become one of us.
Help us, dear Mother,
to prepare our hearts
for the coming of your Son.
May we imitate your obedience
to God's will and embrace
his plan for our lives.
Like you, may we always say "yes"
to God and walk in His ways.
—St. Anselm of Canterbury

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*"Virgin most pure,
conceived without
original sin,
Mary, pray for us."*

- St. John Henry Newman

**Feast of the
Immaculate Conception**
December 8th

DIocese of Rockville Centre
**Office of Human Life,
Family and Bioethics**



National Night of Prayer for Life

Diocese of Rockville Centre

Friday December 8th to Saturday December 9th
9:00 PM - 1:00 AM

WE ASK EACH PARISH TO JOIN IN PRAYING ON THIS HOLY OCCASION.
We understand that not every parish is equipped to host prayer during those late hours thus you
may modify your prayer schedule to be united in prayer at a time that works best for your parish
that evening. Please consider having a Holy Hour for life that evening.

Hour of Unity 12:00 AM - 1:00 AM EST
We will be united in prayer with churches across the country.

Brief History

On the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (then celebrated on December 9th), our Lady of Guadalupe,
Patroness of the Unborn and of the Americas, first appeared to Juan Diego. The National Night of
Prayer for Life bridges these two feasts to honor Our Blessed Mother and to pray for the Lord's mercy
and restore life, liberty, faith, and peace.

Sign up: www.nationalnightofprayerforlife.org

A Child is Born

Advent 2023

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

<p>3 DECEMBER THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT The PROPHETS say... "This is the day!"</p> 	<p>4 Some prophets looked for a day of justice. Some prophets looked for a day of mercy.</p> 	<p>5 All the prophets looked for the day God's ways would be followed by all people. Ask your family, "How do we follow God's ways together?"</p> 	<p>6 ST. NICHOLAS St. Nicholas loved children, so this day is for you. Ask a family member to read aloud your favorite book.</p> 	<p>7 God wants all people to live without fear. Do you feel afraid sometimes? Who can you ask to help you with your fear?</p> 	<p>8 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Advent is a time to prepare for the birth of Jesus. God prepared for the birth of Jesus by choosing his mother—before Mary was born!</p> 	<p>9 God wants all people to be free of hunger. Ask your family to fill a bag with food to share.</p> 
<p>10 THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT JOHN THE BAPTIST says... "Prepare the way!"</p> 	<p>11 Advent is a time to prepare—a time to get ready. How will you get ready for Christmas? Can you learn a new song to share? Can you make up a Christmas game to play?</p> 	<p>12 OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE Our Lady reminds us that standing with the poor gets us ready for Jesus. How can you and your family share with the poor?</p> 	<p>13 One way to share with the poor is to give our time. Does your parish help the poor? Can your family help with this work?</p> 	<p>14 Ask your family: What is God asking of us? How can we prepare?</p> 	<p>15 Talk with your family about your hopes for Christmas. Do you want time with friends or family? Is there something you wish you could do with mom or dad?</p> 	<p>16 "In the desert prepare the way of the Lord! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!" Isaiah 40:3</p> 
<p>17 THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT JOSEPH says... "Let us go to the City of David!"</p> 	<p>18 Joseph and Mary traveled to Bethlehem. Will you travel this Christmas? Will travelers come to you? Pray for safe travels for all!</p> 	<p>19 Good thoughts can travel, too! Make a Christmas card to travel to a friend or family member.</p> 	<p>20 Kindness travels with a smile. Does your family have a friend or family member in a retirement community or nursing home? This is a good week for a visit.</p> 	<p>21 "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary into your home. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus." Matthew 1:20-21</p> 	<p>22 Food can travel, too! Make a batch of your favorite Christmas cookies to share with friends or neighbors.</p> 	<p>23 Prayers travel most quickly of all. Finish these two short prayers: "God, please help me." "God, thank you for."</p> 

24 **THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
MARY says...
"To us a child is born!"



25 **CHRISTMAS DAY**
Say a prayer of thanks today for God's gift of Jesus Christ to each and every person on earth!



Good news of great joy that will be for all the people.
Today in the city of David a savior has been born
for you who is Christ the Lord!

