



OUR LADY OF LOURDES
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
MALVERNE, NEW YORK

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 1, 2026



The Sermon on the Mount

Matthew 5:1-12a

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 GROTTA
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
MATTHEW 5:1-12a

BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS

One of the best ways to know, love, and live the life of Jesus is by reading what might be called his “autobiography.” In a very real sense, the Beatitudes are Jesus’ autobiography.

The Beatitudes we hear today are part of Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount, one of five great discourses he gives to the people. As he teaches from the mountain, Jesus stands before them as the new Moses—just as Moses once gave the Ten Commandments to the people of Israel. Yet Jesus does more than repeat the law. Through the Beatitudes, he fulfills and deepens the commandments, inviting us into a transformed way of living.

The Beatitudes lead us into a deeper intimacy with Christ and with every person we encounter in life. They are not commandments in the strict sense. They are not simply rules to be followed, but deep interior attitudes of the heart and mind. We may never live them perfectly, yet they remain the pathway to heaven. Their observance is only possible through a deep and abiding love for God and for others.

There is no room for complacency. We may follow the Beatitudes one day and fail the next, but they are always there—calling us forward, shaping us, and leading us toward our ultimate goal of eternal life in heaven.

One Beatitude worthy of special reflection today is: “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.” Peacemakers are those who build relationships of reconciliation and unity. They strive to bring people together—to understand differences, to listen without immediately responding, and to learn from one another—in order to help build the Kingdom of God here on earth.

The peace that peacemakers seek is not merely the absence of war or open hostility. It is an active and sincere pursuit of justice. It is a commitment to recognizing the dignity of every person and to removing all forms of violence, prejudice, and exploitation. Without justice, true peace cannot exist.

We can learn from a recent statement by Archbishop Bernard Hebda of Minneapolis following the killings of Jeffrey Petry and Renee Good by Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials. He wrote:

“The loss of another life amidst the tensions that have gripped Minnesota should prompt all of us to ask what we can do to restore the Lord’s peace. While we rightly thirst for God’s justice and hunger for his peace, this will not be achieved until we are able to rid our hearts of the hatreds and prejudices that prevent us from seeing each other as brothers and sisters created

in the image and likeness of God. That is as true for our undocumented neighbors as it is for our elected officials and for the people who have the unenviable responsibility of enforcing our laws. They all need our humble prayers.”

Rather than shouting past one another or allowing anger to turn into harm, we must urge our leaders to do the demanding work of meaningful immigration reform. Along with prayer and cooperation, this is one way we can begin to overcome the anger, political rhetoric, misinformation, and divisive forces that threaten the fabric of our nation—established nearly 250 years ago.

As Archbishop Hebda also observed, “Each year of inaction has made the debate louder, angrier, and less humane.”

As we reflect on the Beatitudes, may we strive to be people of peace. The Beatitudes are more than ethical guidelines; they are a way of life. They call us to care deeply about the world we inhabit and to help shape it into a place of truth, love, compassion, justice, freedom, and peace. This is what the Kingdom of God is all about.

The question for each of us is simple—and challenging: Am I ready for it?

WE WELCOME VERY REV. JAMES A. KUROYLY

We warmly welcome Fr. James Kuroly as part of the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Lourdes.



Fr. Kuroly has generously assisted our parish by celebrating Sunday and weekday Masses under the leadership of Fr. Duffy and myself. He was born in Queens, New York, and is from the parish of Saint Anthony of Padua. He attended Cathedral Preparatory Seminary High School in Elmhurst, New York, and later earned a degree in Philosophy from St. John’s University, while continuing his discernment at the Cathedral House of Formation in Douglaston.

Following his graduation, Fr. Kuroly entered the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington. He was ordained a priest in 2007 and assigned to Our Lady of Sorrows in Corona. From 2010 to 2016, he served as a faculty member and Assistant Principal at Cathedral Prep.

During this time, he also served as Spiritual Director of the Jornada Movement and as Chaplain for the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. He was later appointed Pastor of Saint Rose of Lima in Rockaway, where he served for three years.

In 2019, Bishop DiMarzio assigned Fr. Kuroly back to Cathedral Prep as Rector-President. Most recently, in 2022, Bishop Brennan appointed him Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, while he continued his role as Rector-President. He has also just been named Chair of the Diocese of Brooklyn's 175th Anniversary Celebration.

Fr. Kuroly holds an M.A. in Theology, an M.S. in Education, and an Ed.D. in Educational Leadership.

Welcome back, Fr. Kuroly!

OUR LADY OF LOURDES FEAST DAY TRIDUUM FEBRUARY 8-11

You are invited to join us as we celebrate our Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes beginning next Sunday, February 8, through Wednesday, February 11. Please join us for at least one hour in church. Sign-up sheets are placed in the vestibule. It is the least we can do in giving our lives to Jesus for as much as He has done for us. What a great way to pray and to celebrate as we mark our 100th Anniversary as a parish. May we be grateful to our Lord and Our Lady for guiding us through this first century of our parish.

Thank you to our maintenance men, Rocco Bruzzese and Kevin Dieck, and to Matthew Overs and Matthew Kalin for keeping our sidewalks, parking lots, and driveways clean from all the snow and ice we received last week. Thank you to County Irrigation for plowing our parking lots. They did a great job.

Please remember to give to the snow-removal fund if you have yet to do so. May God bless you, and may Mary keep you and your families always.

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us!

Fr. Jim



Bishop Barres' New Pastoral Letter

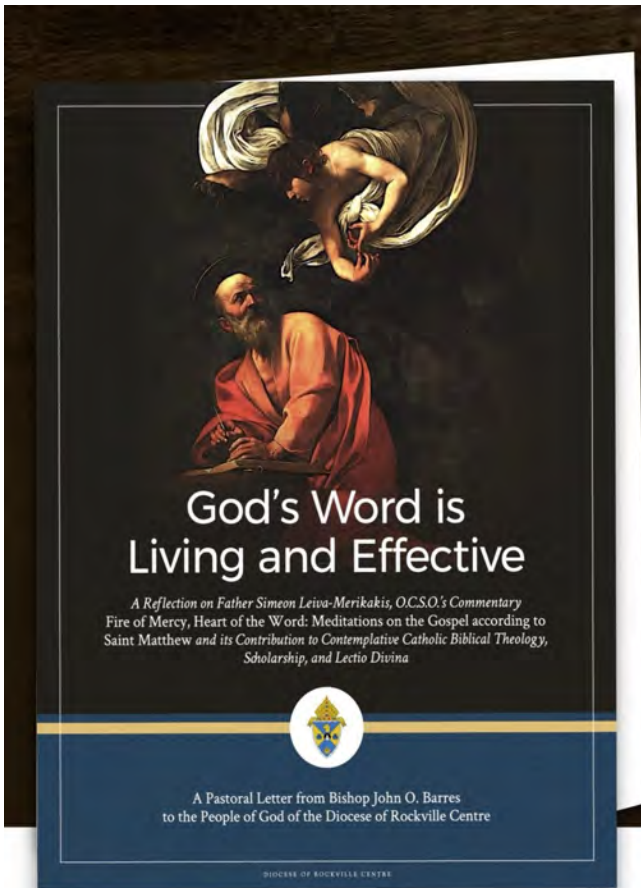
God's Word is Living and Effective

*A Reflection on Father Simeon Leiva-Merikakis, O.C.S.O.'s
Commentary Fire of Mercy, Heart of the Word:
Meditations on the Gospel according to Saint Matthew and
its Contribution to Contemplative Catholic Biblical Theology,
Scholarship, and Lectio Divina.*



To read, use the QR code or visit:

www.drvc.org/GodsWord



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
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Parish Website: OLLChurchMalverne.org

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

Parish Center: Jennifer Prizzi, Business Manager
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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
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Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 31st ~ Saint John Bosco, Priest

5:00 pm Mary Shekian Avino (d)

Sunday, February 1st ~ Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am Julia DeFelice (d)
9:00 am For the People of Our Lady of Lourdes
10:30 am Frank Olton (d)
12:00 pm Mary Lou West (d)
Bentz Philemy (d)
Agnes Murtha (d)
Jean Bouchereau (d)
Maria Melisi (d)
5:00 pm For the Living Intentions of the Baldacchino Family

Monday, February 2nd ~ The Presentation of the Lord

9:00 am Michael Dalmeto (d)

Tuesday, February 3rd ~ Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr

9:00 am Carolina DiMaggio (d)

Wednesday, February 4th ~ Weekday

9:00 am Gloria Alvarez (d)

Thursday, February 5th ~ Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

9:00 am Carol Jewels (d)

Friday, February 6th ~ Saint Paul Miki and Companion, Martyrs

9:00 am Larensina Amoto (d)
8:00 pm Adoration

Saturday, February 7th ~ Weekday

9:00 am For the Living & Deceased Intentions of Maria and Joseph Baumgarten
Michael Monahan (d)
Anthony D. Cecere (d)
Bruce Tweitmann (d)
John Dolan (d)
5:00 pm Julia Composto (d)

Sunday, February 8th ~ Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am Matthew Klein (d)
9:00 am James F. Harrington Jr. (d)
10:30 am For the Deceased Friends & Family of the DiBenedetto Family
12:00 pm Michael LoCascio (d)
Anthony D. Cecere (d)
Richard & Thomas Mundy (d)
John Dolan (d)
Marie Hanley (d)
5:00 pm Frank Solimeno (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.



2026 Events

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

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

SAVE THE DATE

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

BOUTIQUE (THRIFT SHOP) NEWS!

Hours of Operation

Wednesday 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

Saturday 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

3" or more of snow and 10 degrees below we are closed. Thank you for understanding!

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.

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. Seán Gann
Monday	Rev. Cletus Nwaogwugwu
Tuesday	Rev. Cyril Obi Bayim
Wednesday	Msgr. John C. Nossier
Thursday	Rev. Allan Sikorski
Friday	Rev. Anthony Sebmalai
Saturday	<i>For Priests Families</i>

Bulletin Reflection

In today's Gospel we hear about the Beatitudes and how important it is to spend time trying to live in accordance with God's will.

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



Deacon Charles J. Graff

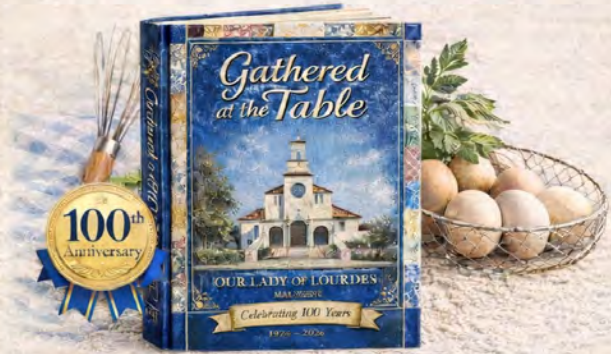
Msgr. Joseph Curley

Pro Life Corner

"The right to life is the first among human rights...Every child that is born brings hope to the world and is a reminder that God is not tired of humanity."
 ~Pope Francis

Gathered at the Table

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THIS WEEK AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH

Monday, February 2

9:00 am..... Legion of Mary..... Parish Center Room #2
 11:30 am School Teachers Parish Center Dining Room
 5:30 pm..... Girl Scout Troop 2568..... Church Hall
 7:30 pm..... Pre-Baptismal Program..... Parish Center Dining Room

Tuesday, February 3

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..... Bell Choir Church
 7:00 pm..... CoDA..... Parish Center Dining Room
 7:30 pm..... Boy Scout Troop 24 Church Hall
 7:45 pm..... Choir..... Church

Wednesday, February 4

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, February 5

11:30 am School Teachers Parish Center Dining Room
 7:30 pm..... RAS Board Meeting..... Parish Center Dining Room

Friday, February 6

9:30 am..... SVDP Parish Center Room #2
 11:30 am School Teachers Parish Center Dining Room
 7:00 pm..... AA Parish Center Dining Room
 8:00 pm..... First Friday Adoration..... Church

Saturday, February 7

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

Sunday, February 8

9:00 am..... Family Mass..... Church/Church Hall
 10:30 am Scout Sunday Church

Reflection for Next Sunday Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 8, 2026

First Reading: *58:7-10*

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 2:1-5*

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 5:13-16*

*Jesus teaches that his disciples are to be the salt of the earth
and the light of the world.*

Family Connection

Following upon the teaching of the Beatitudes, Jesus uses the now familiar metaphors of salt and light to describe the life of discipleship. We take salt and light for granted in our society, but these commodities were more precious in ancient cultures. Just as now, salt was used in Jesus' time for flavoring, as a preservative, and as a healing agent. Similarly, the widespread use of electricity in the modern world makes us less aware of the value and importance of light in our lives.

Still, our familiarity with this passage from Matthew's Gospel speaks well to the abiding power of the imagery that Jesus presented. Jesus' call to be salt for the earth and light for the world powerfully states our mission as Church and as Christians. Our commitment to social justice flows from the exhortation that Jesus gives us in today's Gospel. Some of the activities that this commitment leads us to are given more concrete expression as the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. When we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, console those who mourn, and so on, we show ourselves to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. When we do these things with the community of faith, the Church, we are indeed acting as "a city set on a mountain" that cannot be hidden!

Join Our Consolation Ministry

*"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."
~ Matthew 5:4*

Our Lady of Lourdes is seeking compassionate individuals to join our **Consolation Ministry**, a vital part of our parish's outreach to those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Members of this ministry provide support, comfort, and prayerful presence to families during funeral liturgies and the preparation of the Mass.

If you feel called to accompany others in their time of sorrow and offer the healing love of Christ, please consider becoming part of this meaningful ministry. Training and guidance will be provided.

To learn more or express interest, please contact the Parish Center at 516-599-1269.



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

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

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

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

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 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.

The Flowers by the Blessed Mother Statue have been donated in Loving Memory of

Frank & Lidia Casamasima



*Requested with love by
Lynn, Frankie, Donna,
and Family*

The Flowers by St. Joseph’s Statue have been donated in Loving Memory of

Father Richard Donovan

*Requested by
Madeleine Sewell*



All parishioners are invited to volunteer to be a part of the offertory procession at the Mass which you attend. This may be especially appropriate if the Mass is being offered for a relative or friend. Please see one of the Ushers before Mass begins to make your intention known.



Lost and Found

If you think you have lost anything in the church ~ phone, keys, jewelry, etc. please check the vestibule and then call the Parish Center at 516-599-1269.



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.



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Ann Seccia at 516-593-5324

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Double	\$559	\$100 ea	\$459 ea
Single	\$748	\$100 ea	\$648 ea

Deposit Check Dated **February 1**

Balance check Dated **February 14**

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Pantry Hours

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

Please contact us at
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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.

Altar Server Schedule February 7th & February 8th

<u>Saturday:</u>	5:00 pm:	Abigail Hassett John Hassett III
<u>Sunday:</u>	7:30 am:	Gabriella Filakovsky Mae Lawler
	9:00 am:	Andie Fage Christopher Miro
	10:30 am:	Colin Owen Melody Spring
	12:00 pm:	Scarlet Heine Juliana Thevenot
	5:00 pm:	Savannah Diaz Brooklyn Diaz

WEEKLY OFFERINGS - Sunday, January 25, 2026

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Weekly Collection	\$18,000	\$8,468
Year to Date OLL Fiscal Year	\$378,000	\$401,316

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



Diocese of Rockville Centre

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

OLL FAMILY SQUARE DANCE

SUNDAY, FEB. 1
1:30PM - 3:30PM
OLL SCHOOL MAIER HALL

CHILDREN CAN BRING THEIR PARENT OR GRANDPARENT
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\$20 per couple
\$5 each additional family member
(\$25 at the door)

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Our Lady of Lourdes



**CATHOLIC
SCHOOLS**
OF LONG ISLAND

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

PSALM 119:105



Our torch ceremony kicked off Olympic Catholic Schools Week in a big way! Each class researched a different Winter Olympic sport and explored the countries that excel in the Games. It was a fun, meaningful way to learn, celebrate global cultures, and start the week together.

Principal's Message



As we come to the close of Catholic Schools Week, my heart is filled with gratitude for our community at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School.

Our celebration began on Monday with a gift many children eagerly hope for each winter snow day. The fresh snowfall set a joyful tone for the week, giving our students a chance to enjoy the simple pleasures of play, rest, and togetherness. It served as a reminder of the importance of balance and gratitude.

A special highlight of the week was our Olympic-themed celebration of winter sports, which was thoughtfully integrated into all areas of learning. Students explored various winter sports, studied their countries of origin, and learned about the nations renowned for their excellence and medal achievements. Equally important, they reflected on values like sportsmanship, teamwork, and respect—qualities that mirror our Catholic faith on and off the field.

The excitement continued with two energetic days of Olympic-style events during physical education classes. Students cheered one another on, celebrating perseverance, effort, and fair play. Additionally, our second through fifth graders enjoyed a fun-filled morning of bowling, further reinforcing the spirit of camaraderie and shared celebration.

Catholic Schools Week also allowed us to honor the people who make our school so special. I am deeply grateful for our dedicated teachers and staff, whose creativity and commitment made this week so memorable. I thank our families for their partnership and trust, and I am proud of our students, who filled each day with joy, energy, and enthusiasm.

A memorable moment came when we welcomed back alumna Samantha Augeri, Class of 1997, founder of Sam's Weather School and a respected meteorologist with News 12. Her visit powerfully reminded our students of what is possible when faith, education, and perseverance come together. Seeing a graduate return to inspire the next generation was profoundly meaningful for our entire school community.

None of this week's success would have been possible without our extraordinary faculty, who served as the coaches of the 2026 Olympic Games at Our Lady of Lourdes. Their energy, enthusiasm, and creativity brought the celebration to life. More than just organizing events, they modeled encouragement, fairness, and teamwork. Through their leadership, our students experienced what it means to compete with integrity, uplift others, and value effort as much as achievement. We are truly blessed by a faculty that goes above and beyond to make learning joyful, meaningful, and rooted in faith.

We concluded our week in a special way by celebrating Mass on Friday, where we had the honor of welcoming Bishop John Barres. Coming together in prayer reminded us that the Eucharist is at the heart of our Catholic identity. Bishop Barres' presence affirmed the importance of Catholic education and deepened our connection to the wider Church. It was a prayerful and uplifting conclusion to a meaningful week. ~

~ Stephen Harth

Principal



Religious Education News

JANUARY/FEBRUARY EVENTS

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

Wednesday, February 11 ~ Confessions
Grades 7, & 8 in Church 4:30 pm

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

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

DETAILS TO FOLLOW IN 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.

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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 "**Relationships**" Don't miss it!



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Aligned with next-generation standards, our curriculum emphasizes inquiry-based learning, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills, ensuring that children are prepared for future academic success. Foundational literacy and numeracy are integrated with science, technology, engineering, arts, and math (STEAM) activities to inspire curiosity, creativity, and exploration.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

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SOUPER BOWL OF CARING & MIDNIGHT RUN COLLECTION WEEKEND February 7th & 8th



On Superbowl weekend, February 7th and 8th at all Masses the teens from this parish will be collecting money for our local soup kitchens as they do each year as part of the national SOUPER BOWL OF CARING.

A portion of that money will also go to our MIDNIGHT RUN.

We will also be collecting items to be distributed to the homeless on the evening of Feb 27th on the streets of NYC with the MIDNIGHT organization.

Due to limited space we will only be collecting the following items:

USED ITEMS



****Jeans (Men's especially needed)

****Sneakers (Men's especially needed)

-Men's Sweatpants and Sweatshirts

-Gloves, Scarves, Hats

Blankets (thin light weight)

Backpacks



NEW ITEMS

Underwear (Men's & Women's)

Men's Deodorant

Hand sanitizers

Handwarmers

Travel size toiletries



Items can be left in the back of Church or in the designated space in the Church Hall

If you are a high school teen interested in helping with or participating in the Midnight Run please call Linda at 516-241-1896.



OUR LADY OF LOURDES 100TH ANNIVERSARY YEARBOOK

FREE 8X10 PHOTO

Sign up for a FREE family or individual photo shoot to be a part of OLL history in our 100th Anniversary Yearbook. All participants will receive a FREE copy of the yearbook when it's printed and a FREE 8x10 print!

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First Friday Evening Devotions

February 6, 2026 ~ 8:00 pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Prayer Hour for Life

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

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

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

Nocturnal Adoration

We are privileged to have Nocturnal Adoration in our church. We meet on the First Friday of the month to pray to Jesus exposed on the altar. If you are looking to show devotion to our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, please join us.

Everyone is welcome!

Lent is fast approaching, and this is a good way to prepare for this time of penance.

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