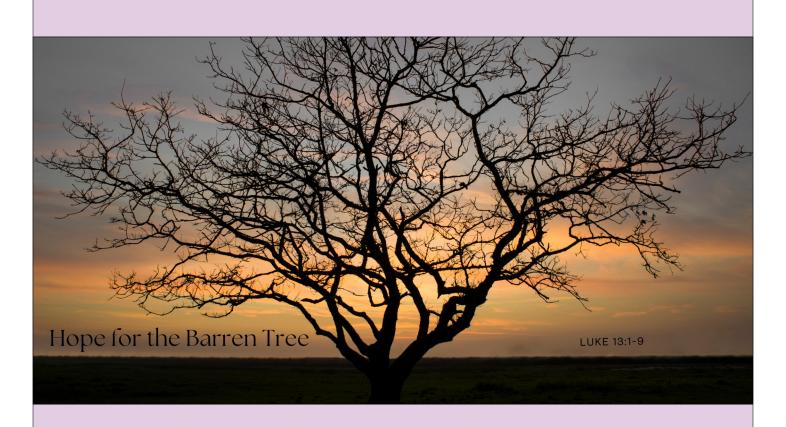


# **OUR LADY OF LOURDES**

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
MALVERNE, NEW YORK

Third Sunday of Lent March 23, 2025



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 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT LUKE 13:1-9



Quite often, death does not affect us until we lose a loved one like a parent, sibling, close family member, or friend. This past week, we buried Joan Schmitt, a matriarch of our parish who lived her life and faith to the full. Everyone has a story about Joan—of her courage, love, and faith in Christ. Yet, she too was called home by God, like so many of our ancestors, and one day so shall we.

Deaths like Joan's shake us to realize that we are not made solely for this world. We are created ultimately for God, with whom one day we hope we will be reunited. St. Paul tells us that this world is like living in a tent that is temporary. "While we are at home in the body, we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith and not by sight" (2 Cor 5:6-7). One day, "we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ" (2 Cor 5:10). We don't know the time or hour of our death, but we need to be prepared. Lent is the time to do it.

During the 3rd Sunday of Lent, the Church asks us, "Are we ready to meet Jesus today?" Have we taken steps to show a changed and repentant heart despite the sins we have committed? If we are not prepared, then we have the time of Lent to begin to change. Happily, we have a patient and merciful God who is willing to work with us and wait for us to convert from our sins.

In Luke's Gospel today, Jesus uses the parable of a barren fig tree to describe how God is waiting for us to change. According to Levitical law, you are required to wait four years before you consume any fruit on a new tree (Leviticus 19:23-25). The parable describes a landowner who waited for three years to find fruit on a fig tree yet found none. He says that since the tree is barren, it should be cut down and replaced by another fruitful tree. Its time is up; judgment must follow.

The gardener, who represents God (Isaiah 5:1-7), however, has a better idea. He suggests that more care and fertilization should take place to allow the tree one more year to produce fruit. If the tree does not bear fruit after the fourth year, then it is to be cut down. The fruit of the tree shows our repentance in life that will allow us to grow in faith.

Jesus connects this parable with the death of the Galileans at the hands of Pilate and the accident at Siloam. Both were tragic events. Jesus tells us that their tragic death had nothing to do with their behavior. There is no connection between how one lives one's life and a tragedy. Jesus tells us in Matthew "your Heavenly Father causes the rain to fall on the just and unjust" (Mt 5:45) Jesus' point was that their time was up no matter what. He asked if they were prepared to meet their God. Those of us who are still alive, however, have time to change and repent, to return to God and produce fruit so we can live.

Today 's Gospel message reveals God's mercy and patience with us, giving us time to change and grow. God, who is the giver of the law, is merciful, providing every opportunity for the tree, representing us, to produce fruit and remain in the orchard. Let us take every opportunity this Lent to review our lives, seek forgiveness, and repent of our sins. This will help us to bear lasting fruit and bring us back to God before it is too late.

#### LENTEN QUESTION

What would the gardener of your soul suggest in helping you produce more fruit in your life? Where are you dead?

THANK YOU, FR. GREG RANNAZZISI—A great thank you goes out to Fr. Greg, our Lenten Mission Retreat Master, for sharing with us his spiritual thoughts and reflections on the mercy and redemption of God. Each of us is a work of art in progress made by our Creator God. Fr. Greg helped us to see how God has an image of us He wants to create. May we take the time in quietude this Lenten Season to be open to His plan, allowing us to be shaped by Him. If you have missed any of Fr. Greg's talks, you may watch them online at our parish website.

May God bless you and your families always. Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us!

#### Fr. Jim

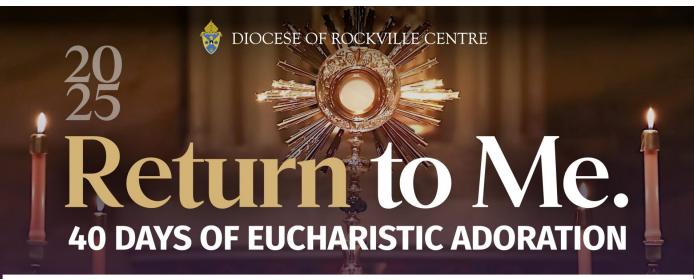


# SAVE THE DATE

JESUS INVITES YOU TO JOIN HIM Paschal Triduum April 18-20

Our Lady of Lourdes Church





Starting on March 7th, visit 40 different parishes across Long Island for the 40 days of Lent.

# **MARCH**

March 7: Our Lady of Ostrabrama Cutchogue | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

March 8: St. Gertrude Bayville | 3:00-4:45 p.m.

March 9: Mary Immaculate Bellport | 1:30-2:30 p.m.

March 10: St. Raymond East Rockaway | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

March 11: St. Luke Brentwood | 5:00-6:00 p.m.

March 12: Our Lady of Lourdes Malverne | 3:00-4:00 p.m.

March 13: Our Lady of the Assumption Copiague | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

March 14: St. Catherine of Sienna Franklin Square | 3:00-4:00 p.m.

March 15: St. Francis Cabrini Coram | 3:30-4:30 p.m.

March 16: Holy Cross Nesconset | 1:00-2:00 p.m.

March 17: St. Patrick Huntington | 12:00-8:00 p.m.

March 18: St. Joseph Hewlett | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

March 19: Most Holy Trinity East Hampton | 8:30-9:30 a.m.

March 20: Our Lady of Mercy Hicksville | 9:30-10:30 a.m.

March 21: St. Aloysius Great Neck | 5:30-6:30 p.m.

March 22: Sacred Heart

March 22: Sacred Heart Island Park | 3:30-4:30 p.m.

March 23: St. Anthony of Padua East Northport | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

March 24: St. Mary East Islip | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

March 25: Resurrection
Farmingville | 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

March 26: St. Boniface Elmont | 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

March 27: St. Agnes Greenport | 5:00-9:00 p.m.

March 28: Our Lady of Lourdes Massapequa Park | 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

March 29: Good Shepherd Holbrook | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

March 30: Sacred Heart North Merrick | 1:00-2:00 p.m.

March 31: St. Joseph Kings Park | 6:00-7:00 p.m.

# **APRIL**

**April 1: St. Bernard** Levittown | 12:30-1:30 p.m.

April 2: St. Jude Mastic Beach | 1:00-3:00 p.m.

April 3: St. Gerard Majella Port Jefferson Station | 7:00-8:00 p.m. April 4: St. Aidan

Williston Park | 1:00-3:00 p.m.

**April 5: Queen of the Most Holy Rosary** Roosevelt | 6:30-7:30 p.m.

April 6: St. John the Evangelist Riverhead | 1:00-2:00 p.m.

April 7: St. Martin of Tours
Bethpage | 7:30-9:00 p.m.

April 8: Our Lady of the Mirac. Medal Wyandanch | 8:00-9:00 p.m.

**April 9: Holy Name of Mary** Valley Stream | 7:00-8:00 p.m.

**April 10: St. Louis de Montfort** Sound Beach | 7:00-8:30 p.m.

**April 11: St. Thomas the Apostle** West Hempstead | 9:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

**April 12: Our Lady of Grace** West Babylon | 8:30-9:30 a.m.

April 14: St. Rose of Lima Massapequa | 8:00-9:00 p.m.

April 15: Our Lady of Lourdes
West Islip | 12:30-7:30 p.m.

April 16: St. Kilian Farmingdale | 12:45-7:30 p.m.





To learn more, visit: drvc.org/return25

#### **Mass Schedule**

Monday through Saturday 9:00 am and live-streamed

#### **Weekend Masses**

Saturday ~ 5:00 pm

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

#### Confession

Saturday ~ 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm

#### Welcome to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

65 Wright Avenue, Malverne, NY

Pastor: Rev. James T. Stachacz

(516) 599-1269 ~ Fax: (516) 231-6750

fatherjim@ollchurchmalverne.org

Parish Website: OLLChurchMalverne.org
Church Hours: 8:00 am to 2:45 pm

**Parish Center:** Jennifer Prizzi, Business Manager

jenniferprizzi@ollchurchmalverne.org

Laura Larsen, Parish Administrative Assistant

(516) 599-1269

rectoryoffice@ollchurchmalverne.org

#### **Parish Center Office Hours:**

Monday to Friday:

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

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

Parish Trustees: Michael Hannan and Lorraine Korth Smith

#### **Music Ministry Team:**

Tess Austin, Stephen Harth, and

Christine Solimeno

sharth5620@ollmalverne.org

Youth Director: Linda Baldacchino Maintenance: Kevin Dieck

Rocco Bruzzese

#### **Religious Education:**

Mary Lasar, Director marylasar@ollchurchmalverne.org Marybeth Malone, Secretary

marybethmalone@ollchurchmalverne.org

(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 Magdalen Hamilton-Roldan, Administrative Assistant (516) 599-7328 ~ Fax: (516) 231-1440 www.OLLMalverne.org

#### Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 22nd ~ Lenten Weekday

5:00 pm Jo-Anne Gecewicz (d)

Sunday, March 23rd ~ Third Sunday of Lent

7:30 am Louis Bassi & William Farrington (d)

9:00 am John F. Coffey (d) 10:30 am Marija Braut (d) 12:00 pm Blanca Jurado (d)

Jim & Teresa Brennan (d)

Joseph Ciasulli (d) Giuseppe Intravaia (d)

For the People of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

5:00 pm Gene Mazzei (d)

Monday, March 24th ~ Lenten Weekday

9:00 am Walter Stachacz (d)

6:30 pm Confessions "The Light is On For You"

Tuesday, March 25th ~ The Annunciation Of The Lord

9:00 am Lois M. Kauczka (d)

Wednesday, March 26th ~ Lenten Weekday

9:00 am Helen Tuccillo (d)
1:00 pm Confirmation
3:30 pm Confirmation
Thursday, March 27th ~ Lenten Weekday

9:00 am Rosolino Cracchiolo (d)

Friday, March 28th ~ Lenten Weekday
9:00 am Frank DeRosa (d)
7:30 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 29th ~ Lenten Weekday

9:00 am Mary Maguire (d)

Pete Temoney (d)
Declan Ward (d)
Glen Robert Meyran (d)
John Sheridan (d)

5:00 pm Rose & Joseph Ciasulli (d)

Sunday, March 30th ~ Third Sunday of Lent

7:30 am Gloria Bitetto (d)

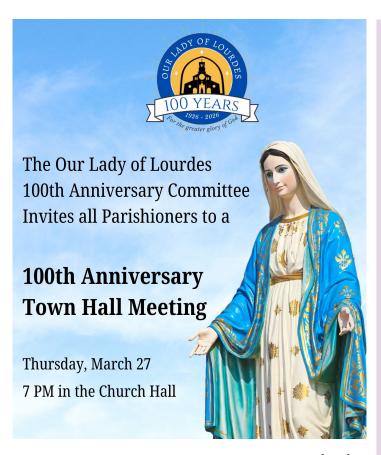
9:00 am For the People of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

10:30 am Robert Lee Corsaro (d)
12:00 pm Mary C. Hanmer (d)
Rose Scheidecker (d)
Matt Crimmins (d)

Eric T. Lobben (d)
Oscar Echeverri (d)

5:00 pm John F. Coffey (d)

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.



DEEPEN YOUR LENTEN DEVOTION – "Lent with Luke: A Time of Healing." Join the Friends of the Seminary on Sunday, March 30, 2025 from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm for a special Lenten day with Fr. Patrick J. Griffin, CM at the Immaculate Conception Retreat & Conference Center, 440 West Neck Road, Huntington. Day will include talks by Fr. Griffin, quiet time, opportunity for Confession, lunch and Mass. Donation - \$60. Advance registration required. Easy on-line reservation: www.icseminary.edu/events. For information: Seminary Development Office – (631) 423 – 0483 x 102, or bmalone@icseminary.edu.

# Lenten Hours

The Church will be open until 8PM Monday through Friday during Lent

Our normal hours will resume on April 21



## Lenten and Holy Week Schedule 2025

#### Confessions

Mondays during Lent in Church March 10, 17, 24 & 31 ~ April 7 The Light is on For You 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Saturdays ~ 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm Wednesday of Holy Week April 16 ~ 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

#### Reconciliation Monday, April 14

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

#### **Stations of the Cross**

Fridays at 7:30 pm

#### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Friday, April 4 at 8:00 pm

#### **Daily Mass during Holy Week**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday ~ 9:00 am

#### Holy Thursday, April 17

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 18

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 19

9:00 am ~ Morning Prayer 9:45 am ~ Easter Food Blessing Confessions ~ 3:00 pm to 4:00 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 (NO 5:00 pm Mass)





### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **Annual Communion Buffet Brunch**

Sunday, April 6, 2025 12 Noon ~ Hempstead Country Club (See full page Registration Flyer on Page 12)

#### RAS Famous Afternoon Tea Party

Thursday, May 15 ~ 1 pm Church Hall Hosted by our very own Doris Laxton and her Tea Party Helpers

Bring your favorite Teacup and wear your favorite hat

### THRIFT SHOP

#### MARCH MADNESS

Fill a bag of clothes \$10 ~ All coats \$4

#### **SPRING CLEANING??**

We are in need of donations. If a pickup is needed leave a message in the Parish Center.

For your convenience we will be open every Wednesday 9:30 am - 2:30 pm and every Saturday 9:30 am to 12:30 pm until the end of June.

#### **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.



miss it!

#### 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.

#### "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 "Issues in Life" Don't



**Pro Life Corner** 

Words matter. Mankind is really good at rationalizing evil behavior and words matter in the fight for truth. Oftentimes, positive-sounding phrases mask the true intent and outcomes of actions. In the fight for life, we have to shine a light on this false terminology. Perhaps this is why surveys show that ultrasounds are so powerful in changing the minds of abortionminded women. After all, a picture is worth a thousand words and words matter.



Please join us on a transformative 3-night Lenten retreat with Deacon Kevin McCormack, centered on the powerful themes of grace, conversion, and mission. Through prayer, spiritual talks, and quiet reflection, discover how God calls you to a renewed sense of purpose and mission, inviting you to embrace the season of Lent with intention and purpose.

Kevin McCormack was ordained a Deacon in 2002 by Bishop William Murphy and has served in Our Lady of Peace Parish in Lynbrook for the last decade. For over 40 years, he has been committed to Catholic Education.

In May 2022, Bishop Brennan named him Superintendent of Schools for the Brooklyn Diocese. Deacon Kevin was an adjunct instructor of Theology at Molloy University and for 12 years, he co-hosted 770 WABC radio show "Religion on the Line" with Rabbi Joseph Potasnik. Throughout his professional career he has been a speaker on Educational and Catholic Identity topics. He often offers parish missions, days of reflections, theological study days and adult education courses throughout the metropolitan area.

#### **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. Anthony Cardone Monday Rev. Robert Holz **Tuesday** Rev. Norbert D'Souza Wednesday Rev. Nicholas Frimpong **Thursday** Rev. Joseph Habila

Friday Rev. Sagayaraj Lourdusamy

Saturday All Bishops

### St. Vincent de Paul Society

In today's Gospel Jesus is quite clear in his message: "bear fruit or be cut down." This Lent we are called to cultivate and fertilize our spiritual lives through prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work; far greater than you think. Know that your nickel, dime or quarter is multiplied by the coins placed by others in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box.

Please contact us at rectoryoffice@ollchurchmalverne.org or call (516) 599-1269

#### **Needed in the Food Pantry**

Pasta, Rice-A-Roni, Cannellini Beans, Red Beans, Chef Boyardee, Chili, Rice, Progresso Soups, Jar Sauce, Mac N Cheese, Tomato Paste, Tea, Campbell's Soup

Please place donations inside the box, located in Church in the Elevator Lobby.

#### Diocese of Rockville Centre

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2025 Parish Totals Goal: \$75,000.00 ~ Pledges: \$28,160.00 Donors: 59 ~ Payments: \$15,337.00

#### **Bulletin Reflection**

This Lenten season, consider making a gift to the Catholic Ministries Appeal as your way of practicing almsgiving.

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.

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.

# Altar Server Schedule March 29th & March 30th

Saturday: 5:00 pm: Hayden Kunz

Kayla Prizzi

Sunday: 7:30 am: Gabriella Filakovsky

Colin Masse

9:00 am: Julie Baldacchino

Maura Baldacchino Daniel Baldacchino

10:30 am: Abigail Rudden

Melody Spring

12:00 pm: Daniel Clarke

Matthew Daskal

5:00 pm: Melissa Ospina

Dona Ospina

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS** - Sunday March 16, 2025

Budget Actual

Weekly

Collection \$18,000 \$16,642

Year to Date \$522,000 \$530,319

OLL Fiscal Year

Budget and Actual comprises envelopes, cash, online giving and second collections for Our Lady of Lourdes.

### **Supporting Our Parish**

In these challenging times, special gratitude is expressed to those who are able to support Our Lady of Lourdes Parish.

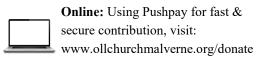


#### Ways to Give

**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





THIS WEEK AL OLL PATISH
Monday, March 24
9:00 am Legion of Mary
11:30 am OLL School Teachers Parish Center Dining Room
4:30 pm Cub Scouts Bear Den Church Hall
5:30 pm Girl Scout Troop 2101 Church Hall
6:00 pm Daisy Troop 2568
6:30 pm Confessions "The Light is On For You"Church
7:00 pm Cub Scouts Arrow of Light Parish Center Room #2
7:30 pm BS Troop 24Church Hall
Tuesday, March 25
9:30 am SVDP
11:30 am OLL School Teachers Parish Center Dining Room
1:30 pm Prayer Group/Scripture Study Parish Center Dining Room
7:00 pm CoDA Parish Center Dining Room
7:00 pm Bell Choir
7:30 pm SVDP Meeting Church Hall
7:45 pm Choir
Wednesday, March 26
9:30 am - 2:30 pm
1:00 pm Confirmation
2:45 pm Church Hall
3:30 pm Confirmation
5:30 pm Girl Scout Troop 2330 Church Hall
7:00 pm AA
7:00pm Prayer Group
Thursday, March 27
11:30 am OLL School Teachers Parish Center Dining Room
7:00 pm Knitting Club Parish Center Dining Room
7:00 pm RAS
7:00 pm 100th Anniversary Town Hall
8:00 pm Parish Financial Update
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Friday, March 28
9:30 am SVDP
11:30 am OLL School Teachers Parish Center Dining Room
7:00 pm AA Parish Center Dining Room
7:30 pm Stations of the CrossChurch
Colombia March 00
Saturday, March 29
Scavenger Hunt All day
4:00 pm Confessions
7:00 pm AA Parish Center Dining Room
Sunday, March 30
9:00 am Family MassChurch/Church Hall
10:00 am OCIA Parish Center Dining Room
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This Week at OLL Parish

#### Reflection for Next Sunday Fourth Sunday of Lent March 30, 2025

First Reading: *Joshua 5:9a,10-12* Second Reading: *2 Corinthians 5:17-21* Gospel Reading: *Luke 15:1-3,11-32* 

Jesus teaches about forgiveness in the parable of the Prodigal Son.

#### **Family Connection**

"Hey, that's not fair!" How many times have we heard this spoken in our family? Family members challenge one another's generosity, operating from the perspective of limited resources. If we have given to one, perhaps there won't be enough for the other. Jesus wants us to understand that this is not how it is with God's mercy and forgiveness. God offers his love to all of us in abundance. The forgiveness of the father in the parable is an image of God's love for us, generous beyond measure in his love for both of his sons. Can we truly believe that God acts this way towards us and accept his mercy without jealousy, knowing that God's love for another does not diminish his love for us?

As you gather as a family, talk about the words and phrases you speak to one another when angry. Identify words or phrases that reflect jealousy towards one another. Talk about why we sometimes feel jealousy towards one another. Read aloud today's Gospel, Luke 15:1-3,11-32. Talk about why the older brother is jealous of the younger brother. Identify words that the family members in the parable might say to one another to begin to heal their broken relationships. Make a family commitment to say these types of words and phrases to one another with greater frequency. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.



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

John Barry Michael Haines Carolyn Biondo Peter Hellers John Biyona Sue Kielson Richard Clarkson Grace Landisi Jack Craven Baby Leonardo Bill Cullen Michael Malone Grayson Danielski Joseph Manno Joe Dean Agnes Murtha **Emily Parini** Marie Dineen Rev. Richard Donovan Frank Pawlowski

Richard Early Dale & Carol Reisenger

Alix Etheart John Rotondi Nancy Fiala Joseph Siino Raymond Foley Bill Vogric

Deacon John Governale Yvonne Jones Williams

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

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

Brother Richard Harts
Nicholas Gelorum
William Sanderson
Virginia McGonigle

The Sanctuary Lamp has been donated for



Prayers for Our Sons & Grandsons

Requested by

Del & Ray Farrington

#### **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.

#### 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.

# Our Parishioners Serving in the Military

Please keep all our Military and

Support Personnel in your prayers, especially:

United States NavyUnited States ArmyLT Geoff HendrickMajor Thomas BarrettLCDR Ryan Patrick MahonSpec Lotachukwu OkoyeLCDR Tara MahoneySpec Tucker Andrew Peterson1st LT Katherine L. Macaluso

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

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

LCpl 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."

<u>Please let us know if any of our Military and Support Personnel have</u> 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 <u>flowers</u> during the Advent and
Lenten seasons only.

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

#### Parish Mission Statement

We, the parish family of Our Lady of Lourdes, are a faith-filled people who welcome all to join us as we listen to the Word of God and celebrate the Eucharist together. We encourage each other to grow in Christ as we use our God-given gifts to serve the people of our community.

Through the Holy Spirit we are inspired through our Patroness, Our Lady of Lourdes, and we strive to imitate her charity and love in making the will of God our own.



#### Dear Friends:

In announcing the Jubilee Year, Pope Francis asked us to celebrate, "with deep faith, lively hope and active charity." During this most holy season of Lent, let us be reminded that we are called to discover hope in current times and to be the instruments of hope for others.

One tangible way to accomplish this is by giving to the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Through our shared support of our pastoral, educational and charitable ministries, we are assisting those most in need and spreading the message of hope in the Lord.

Your gifts to the Appeal support the education of our seminarians and priests who are dedicating their lives to serving Christ and His Church; assist college students and our young people to grow in their faith and relationship with the Lord; and ensure that vital resources are made available for children and families through Catholic Charities, Respect Life, and our Parish Outreach programs.

During this time of Jubilee in the life of our Church, I ask you to consider contributing to the 2025 Catholic Ministries Appeal so that we can enrich the lives of others and that the hope of Christ may abound more fruitfully throughout our diocese.

Thank you for your support and prayers.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres Bishop of Rockville Centre



# **Spring Open House**

Sunday, April 6th, 2025 at 12:00 PM Register at: www.molloy.edu/openhouse25



Congratulations to the following students of
St. Francis Preparatory School for receiving Honor Roll Status during the second quarter!

Jexina Barra Henry Correa

Analiese Mathieu

# FORM A TEAM OF YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS OR NEIGHBORS... JOIN YOUR COMMUNITY ....

**ALL AGES WELCOME....** 

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# It's the **Souper Scavenger hunt!**SATURDAY MARCH 29, 2025

\*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 meet back between 12:00 – 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 registe	r I would like to be placed on a team
	ER:	PHONE
PARTICIPANT	(S) NAMES	
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CIRCLE ONE:	Will travel by car	Will travel by foot (please bring wagon(s))
Addre	ess and car availability w	ill determine your assigned territory.

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

\*Territories will be given out on a first-come first serve basis.

If your team would like to have designated streets ahead of time and pre-flyer those houses, let us know and we will provide an appropriate flyer. \*



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# Sunday, April 6, 2025 @ 12 noon

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Reservation deadline is Monday, March 25, 2025

Limited Seating

Table seating arrangements can be requested by enclosing a note with your check.

Our speaker will be Brother Lawrence Syriac, S.M. Chaminade High School

## **Religious Education News**

#### **March Events**

March 26th-Sacrament of Confirmation

1 pm and 3:30 pm in the Church.

No religious classes today.

March 29th, Saturday - Take home exams for Grades 1-4

#### **CONFIRMATION DAY**

Students must arrive one hour prior to each ceremony. 12pm, noon for the 1pm ceremony and 2:30pm for the 3:30pm ceremony. All students must be in their Confirmation gowns. Boys need to wear only a shirt and tie and trousers under their gowns during the ceremony. Students doing a reading or one of the petitions, please read slowly, and clearly for the entire congregation to hear and respond. Remember to respond to Bishop Andrzej as he confirms each of you.

#### **Confirmation Preparation Program**

7th grade students must submit their service hours before or on March 29th

Mass Passes must be put in the collection basket until the end of the semester, last Sunday of April which is April 27th.

If your full name is not on the pass, no credit will be given. In addition, all details must be filled out or no credit will be given.

#### Revised Date: First Communion Meeting

The First Communion meeting originally scheduled to be held on Wednesday, March 19th, 2025 will now be held on Wednesday, April 2nd in the Church at 7pm.





We welcome you to take part in our 9:00 am Mass each Sunday that will be geared toward families with young children. It is our hope that the Family Mass will allow children to enter more fully into the liturgical life of the parish and enable parents to enter more fully into the Mass knowing that your children are engaged.

#### Join us every Sunday at the 9 am Mass!

Children's Liturgy of the Word Format: Children will be invited to the Church Hall for the Children's version of the Liturgy of the Word. This will include a reflection and activity or craft to go along with the Gospel message. Children will return to their parents during the offertory procession.

The Family Mass (with Children's Liturgy of the Word) will be each Sunday at the 9:00 AM Mass, until Pentecost Sunday,

June 8th (excluding certain holidays)

If you have questions or would like to volunteer with the Family Mass, please call 516-241-1896.



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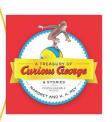
Monday, March 31st and Tuesday, April 1st - during school hours

**Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School** Sunday, March 30th - Open to All the Parish Community

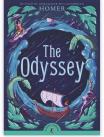
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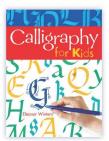
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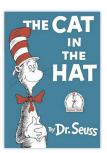
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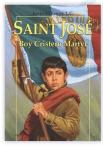
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The Kids Book of Chess







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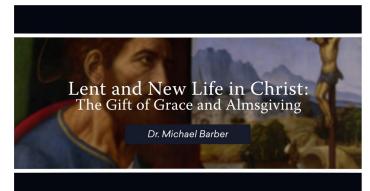
The mission of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School is to provide an opportunity for each child **to grow in the knowledge, friendship, and love of the Lord** while aspiring to reach his or her full potential spiritually, academically, and socially.



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Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It is a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter.

The following fasting and abstinence regulations are observed:

**FASTING** is to be observed on Ash Wednesday (March 5, 2025) and Good Friday (April 18, 2025) by all Catholics over 18 years of age to the beginning of their 60th year. On days of fasting, one full meal is allowed. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs, but together should not equal another full meal, unless dispensed or excused.

**ABSTINENCE** from meat is to be observed by all Catholics who are 14 years of age or older. Ash Wednesday, all of the Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday are days of abstinence.

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

All faithful of the Diocese of Rockville Centre are reminded that "The season of Lent is penitential in nature and during Lent penance should be not only internal and individual, but also external and social (Sacrosanctum Concilium, No. 5, 109).



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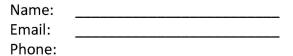


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**Pansies** 6 1/2", \$10ea OR 3 for \$25

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Purple		
White		
Red		
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Option:	<u>Qty:</u>	<u> 10tai \$:</u>
1 Stem Easter Lily 8", \$12ea		
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Hydrangeas, 3-5 Flowers, \$24	4ea	
Pink		
Blue/Violet		
White		
Succulents, 4 ½", \$8ea		
Flowering Basket wrapped i	n clear	film
with Easter egg/Bow, \$20		
10" Bulb Garden (Tulip/Tete-	a-tete/	Grape
Hyacinth), \$20		

Orders due by Friday, March 28" by sending this form in backpacks and check payable to OLL PIL to
Debbie Reidy c/o Thomas 5-2 grade or order through parish store at https://www.olldonate.org/school.
Pickup or delivery Saturday, April 12th, between 8AM and 12PM at Our Lady of Lourdes.

Notes: 6", 10" indicate the diameter of the pot. Mother's Day/ Spring Plant Sale coming soon!

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



#### The Sodality of Our Lady

invites women of faith to our 7th Annual Women's Day Retreat Saturday, April 5, 2025

We will begin at the 8:45 mass then proceed to the school cafeteria for coffee. The presentation begins at 10:00 and concludes at 3:00 with a break for lunch at noon.

> A Lenten Renewal Presented by Sr. Marie Mackey, CSJ

Topic: Praying in this Jubilee Year of Hope

Suggested Program Fee: \$35 (includes lunch) Registration Closes: Monday, March 31 Maximum attendees 60

Checks made payable to: Sodality of Our Lady Please remit payment along with registration form to: Sodality of Our Lady, St. Raymond Church 263 Atlantic Ave, East Rockaway, NY 11518

Name:
Address:
Telephone #:
Email:
Dietary Restrictions:
If you have questions inlesses contact Evaness Corio or Mary Thorne through the vectory, 516, 502, 5000

### **OUR LADY OF LOURDES** BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Beginning the week of May 5th, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish will be offering an eight-week support group for those who have experienced the death of someone close to them within the last year.

#### Thursday evenings 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm from May 8th through June 26th

The primary goals of the group is to help the participants learn about the grief process, develop skills to manage their grief, and to help them adjust to living in a world without the deceased. The group is open to anyone who has lost a spouse/partner, parent, child, grandchild, sibling, or other loved one.

If you are interested in joining, please call the Parish Center at 516-599-1269 requesting that a registration form be mailed to you. Completed registration forms, along with a one-time registration fee of \$25 to cover the cost of materials and supplies used in the group, must be returned to the Parish Center by Thursday, April 17, 2025.

You are invited to join Father Jim, the Finance Committee, and the Parish Trustees for an updated discussion on parish finances and to address any questions you may have. If you cannot attend but have a question, please submit it to the Parish Center, and it will be addressed.

### Thursday, March 27 at 8:00 PM in the Church Hall

### **OUR LADY OF LOURDES** PARISH AND SCHOOL SUMMARY OF FINANCIALS FOR FISCAL YEAR SEPTEMBER 2024 THROUGH FEBRUARY 2025

DESCRIPTION	CHURCH INCOME
REGULAR COLLECTIONS	480,366
FUNDRAISING	5,055
PARISH PROGRAMS	132,439
AUXILIARY REVENUE	66,397
DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS	29,241
INTEREST	10,016
TOTAL INCOME	723,514
DESCRIPTION	CHURCH
	EXPENSE
SALARIES	213,566
FRINGE BENEFITS	92,825
FUNDRAISING	8,443
PARISH PROGRAMS	101,672
SCHOOL SUBSIDY	60,000

PRINTING/OFFICE

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TOTAL EXPENSE

**NET INCOME** 

**AUXILIARY EXPENDITURES** 

DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS

REPAIRS/RENOVATIONS

**NET OPERATING BALANCE** 

RECTORY/HOUSEHOLD

DESCRIPTION	SCHOOL INCOME
TUITION AND FEES	1,265,774
SUBSIDY	97,500
FUNDRAISING	205,207
OTHER INCOME	91,644
ACTIVITIES	96,472
INTEREST	224
TOTAL INCOME	1,756,821

DESCRIPTION	SCHOOL EXPENSE
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ADMIN SALARIES	73,103
ADMIN EXPENSE	88,563
INSTRUCTIONAL SALARIES	653,694
OTHER INSTRUCTONAL	23,791
JANITORIAL EXPENSE	36,037
OPER/MAINT	92,707
FRINGE BENEFITS	255,777
FUNDRAISING	48,955
ACTIVITIES	55,778
SUBTOTAL	1,328,405
CAPITAL OUTLAYS	99,140
TOTAL EXPENSE	1,427,545
NET INCOME	329,276
NET OPERATING DALANGE	100.252
NET OPERATING BALANCE	190,25

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20,378

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