



OUR LADY OF LOURDES  
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
MALVERNE, NEW YORK

*Pentecost Sunday*  
May 19, 2024

PENTECOST SUNDAY

John 20:19-23

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

## LIVE OUT THE NEW PENTECOST

What does the word Pentecost mean to you? To many it means the birthday of the Church, which began with the Holy Spirit coming upon the Apostles and the Blessed Mother. To some, it means the end of the Easter season. To others it may be a day that just comes and goes without any notice. As one woman wrote “this is how I felt until I realized a week later that all the Easter decorations were gone.”

As we celebrate Pentecost 2024 this Sunday, may we recognize that Pentecost is a day that should not just come and go but continues every day. The Holy Spirit that came upon the Apostles in Acts 2 not only created the Church but helps to sustain the Church throughout her lifetime here on earth. We are the Church.

The Apostles, with the Blessed Mother, were praying, fasting, and waiting for God’s promises to be fulfilled. His promise was fulfilled by the descent and the power of the Holy Spirit upon them. That same Spirit that came upon the Apostles and Mary, came upon each of us at our Baptism and Confirmation. We received the gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and the fear of the Lord (wonder and awe). Now we can listen to the Holy Spirit and follow His will in our lives.

We continue to experience the Holy Spirit every time we participate in the Mass, receive the Sacraments, open the Scriptures, pray, share our faith, and witness our Catholic faith to others. Do we embrace this?

“Saint Pope John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI, and Pope Francis have all spoken about the coming of and need for a new Pentecost. As the world we live in grows increasingly secular, as the number of people who know and experience the love of Jesus Christ diminishes, it is our job as Christians, as missionary disciples, to cry out for a new Pentecost” (Catholic Apostolate Center 2023 ).

May we ask the Holy Spirit to fall afresh upon us so that like the first Apostles we too will spread the Good News of Jesus Christ to all we meet. The more we do this the greater the witnesses we are and the less fear we encounter.

You have an opportunity to witness your faith by stopping down in the Church Hall this weekend and visiting any of

the numerous ministries we have in our parish. Join us for our Ministry Fair after all the Masses. What is God calling you to?

As a sign of the Holy Spirit’s presence on us this Pentecost I am honored to Confirm **Anthony Ruscillo, Brandi LaRocca, and Brittany LaRocca at the 9:00 am Mass today.** Please pray for them and their sponsors as they are our new Apostles who are to go out in the world and proclaim the Good News. Thank you to the OCIA TEAM who helped form and prepare them. See you in the Church Hall this weekend!

Happy Birthday! Happy Holy Spirit Day! Happy Pentecost! May God bless you and Mary keep you and your families always. Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us!

*Fr. Jim*

## PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

*Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.*

*Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created.*

*And You will renew the face of the earth.*

Let us pray

*Lord, by the light of the Holy Spirit, you have taught the hearts of your faithful.*

*In the same Spirit help us to relish what is right and always rejoice in your consolation.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

*Amen.*



*May our nurses be blessed abundantly! We gathered to pay tribute to these extraordinary heroes on May 7th during a deeply meaningful Mass. Our heartfelt thanks to all who joined us in celebrating their unwavering dedication. Day in and day out, they exemplify the compassionate essence of God's work!*



### 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

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

**Parish Website:** OLLChurchMalverne.org

**Parish Center:** Jennifer Prizzi, Business Manager  
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 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, 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  
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(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, May 18th ~ Saint John I, Pope & Martyr

5:00 pm Living Intentions of Edwin & Grisleysi Ching  
(1st Wedding Anniversary)

#### Sunday, May 19th ~ Pentecost Sunday

7:30 am Richard Ware, Sr. (d)  
9:00 am Birdie Jean Maples (d)  
10:30 am Living Intentions of Judith & Joseph Canzoneri  
(61st Wedding Anniversary)  
12:00 pm Richard Ruocco (d)  
Alberto Rico (d)  
Edward Costa (d)  
Matthew & William Dittenhoefer (d)  
Josephine Paniccia (d)  
5:00pm Frank Hassett (d)

#### Monday, May 20th ~ The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

9:00 am Anna Lusardi (d)

#### Tuesday, May 21st ~ Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

9:00 am Rosemary Schwer (d)

#### Wednesday, May 22nd ~ Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious

9:00 am Rosa Prestigiacomo (d)

#### Thursday, May 23rd ~ Weekday

9:00 am Clairfilie Forestal (d)

#### Friday, May 24th ~ Weekday

9:00 am Andre & Marie Therese Fortunat (d)

#### Saturday, May 25th ~ Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church

9:00 am For the People of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish  
Harry Green (d)  
Kevin Karl (d)  
Angie Licausi (d)  
Bill Serynek (d)  
Living Intentions of Joann Tumminello  
5:00 pm Kathryn Bradley (d)

#### Sunday, May 26th ~ The Most Holy Trinity

7:30 am For the People of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish  
9:00 am Helen Magno (d)  
10:30 am James J. Callahan III (d)  
12:00 pm Florence Intrabartola (d)  
Michael Levitt (d)  
Eugenia Jeanne Napp (25th Anniversary) (d)  
Salvatore Rivela (d)  
Linda Wong (d)  
5:00 pm Bobby Dunn (d)

### Wedding Times

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

Our Lady of Lourdes

# Ministry Fair

May 18th and  
May 19th  
after all Masses



*Come see what our  
Parish offers, and  
what you can offer!*

Please use the following check-off list to receive more information on any of these Ministries available in our parish.

Please return this form by dropping it in the marked box in the back of the Church after Mass.

**THANK YOU!**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred method of contact:  E-Mail  Phone  Mail

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Altar Servers                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Knitting/Quilting Ministry               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baptisms                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Legion of Mary                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boy Scouts                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Meal Train Ministry                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) | <input type="checkbox"/> Men's Club                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Choir - Adult                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Nocturnal Adoration                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Choir - Bells                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Order of Christian Initiation for Adults |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Church Bazaar                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Parent-Teacher League (PTL)              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Church Lectors                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer Group                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Church Ushers                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Pre Cana                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Consolation Ministry              | <input type="checkbox"/> Religious Education                      |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Eucharistic Ministers - Homebound | <input type="checkbox"/> Scripture/Bible Group                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Girl Scouts/Brownies              | <input type="checkbox"/> St. Vincent DePaul Society               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Homebound Ministry                | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Ministry                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Human Life Committee              | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER _____                              |

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

Baby Fiona Keogh  
John Barry  
Rose Ciasulli  
Kevin Connolly  
Joe Dean  
Marie Dineen  
Rev. Richard Donovan  
Deacon John Governale  
Richard Governale  
Joan Havern  
Sue Kielson  
Jeanette C. Larsen  
Michael Malone  
Joseph Manno  
Paul McGregor  
Emily Parini  
John Rotondi  
Bill Vogric  
Kurt Werber

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

**Bulletin Reflection**

Today we celebrate Pentecost, the day the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles.

**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.

<b>Sunday</b>	Rev. Antony Asir
<b>Monday</b>	Rev. Joseph Davanzo
<b>Tuesday</b>	Rev. Christopher Sullivan
<b>Wednesday</b>	Rev. Liam McDonald
<b>Thursday</b>	Rev. Steven Maddaloni
<b>Friday</b>	Rev. Christopher Heller
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Deceased Priest and Deacons</b>

**Wedding Banns**

**Banns II**

*Michael Waddell ~ Christ the King R.C. Church  
Commack, NY  
and  
Erin Stackowitz ~ Our Lady of Lourdes,  
Malverne, NY*

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



***Dorothy Gardner  
Eugene Summers***

**Reflection for Next Sunday  
The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity  
May 26, 2024**

First Reading: *Deuteronomy 4:32-34,39-40*

Second Reading: *Romans 8:14-17*

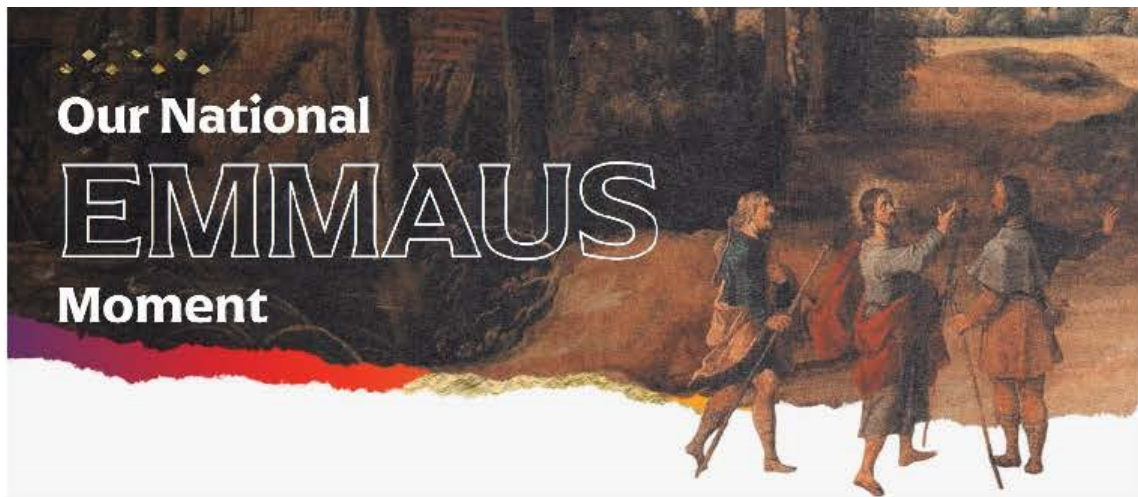
Gospel Reading: *Matthew 28:16-20*

Through the Spirit, we have been adopted as children of God.

**Family Connection**

The Solemnity of the Holy Trinity invites us to remember that God has revealed himself to us as one God in three Persons. As Jesus departed from his disciples, he shared with them the power to make disciples of all nations. He taught his disciples to invite others to share in the life of the blessed Trinity by sharing with others the gift of Baptism. This continues to be the mission of the Church. Each of us who has been baptized shares in the life of the blessed Trinity and also shares in the Church's mission of inviting others to share in God's love.

As you gather as a family, bring out pictures and other mementos of family celebrations of the Sacrament of Baptism. Talk about the significance of Baptism with your family. Read together today's Gospel, Matthew 28:16-20. Notice that Jesus taught his disciples to baptize all nations in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. What else does this remind you of? (the Sign of the Cross) Recall that whenever we pray the Sign of the Cross, we are reminding ourselves that we are united with God through our Baptism and share in the life of the blessed Trinity. Conclude by thanking God for sharing his life with us. Pray together the Glory Be to the Father.



# Be A Part Of It!



NATIONAL  
**Eucharistic  
Revival**

Throughout the National Eucharistic Revival, local communities are gathering in response to God's invitation for revival, calling on the Holy Spirit to bring the flame. In keeping with this vision, the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will accompany Jesus from city to

city, lighting hearts on fire along the way. Then, at the National Eucharistic Congress in July 2024, all these flames will blaze together.

Join with our own **Fr. Jim of Our Lady of Lourdes** and  
**Fr. Tony from St. Thomas the Apostle** on  
**Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>**

On Monday, May 27, join the "Brooklyn Segment" of the Pilgrimage. We will leave West Hempstead train station at 7:00 a.m. (7:03 to be exact). When we get off at Atlantic Terminal, Brooklyn, we will walk to Saint Charles Borromeo Church and join all the other pilgrims there. From Saint Charles we will go to Mother Cabrini Park for prayer. Then on to Sacred Heart-St. Stephen Church-St. Mary Star of the Sea Church. From there we will go to Holy Family - St. Thomas Aquinas Church then to St. Michael Church, Our Lady of Angels Church - St. Andrew Church and finally down to Pier 69 to Dorothy Day Ferry and Metuchen pier by 3:30 p.m. Our day's journey will take us through Brooklyn Heights, Cobble Hill, Carroll Gardens and Park Slope.

Throughout the day, we will stop, pray, have adoration and be with believers and brothers and sisters. And the cost is FREE!

To register to join Fr. Jim and Fr. Tony for the Eucharistic Pilgrimage, please go to:  
<https://www.stawh.church/headlines/364-be-part-of-something-grand>

For more information on the Eucharistic Pilgrimage, please go to:  
<https://www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org/>



## Upcoming Events

**Thursday, June 20**

Mommas House Baby Shower

7:00 pm ~ Church Hall

Please bring a baby gift

(Girl, Boy or Both)

and

YOUR favorite baby picture

## Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop is open every Wednesday  
9:30 am - 2:30 pm and the 1st and 3rd Saturday  
of every month 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

## END OF YEAR SALE!

Starting May 29th fill a bag of unmarked clothes  
for \$10. All decorative cut glass and Lenox  
items will be sold at half price.

The Thrift Shop will be closing June 26th for  
the summer. Thank you for all your support  
and donations.

Have a happy and joyous summer!



## 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.



## **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

2nd LT Katherine L. Macaluso

### United States Air Force United States Marine Corps

1st Lt. William F. Cosgrove

PFC Joseph M. Macaluso

L Cpl Kristofer Katzenberger

LT Sam Olive

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

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

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

### Church Flowers:

Altar Flowers: \$100 Tabernacle Flowers: \$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.

## **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.



## St. Vincent de Paul Society



Today as we celebrate Pentecost the Holy Spirit wants to make us advocates of God's presence to bring new life to others, especially those who do not know the love of God in their lives.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring the love of God to the poor by assisting families, providing in food, for utility and rent bills, etc. Thank you!

**We will now be making home visitations for those in need of our services.**

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

### Food Pantry

Spaghetti/Pasta, Progresso, Campbells, and Ramen Soups, Canned Fruit, Jelly, Rice A Roni, Canned Carrots, Canned Spinach, Bathroom Tissue

*The Altar Bread and Altar Wine have been donated in memory of*  
**James Gilligan**

*Requested by*  
*The Andrews Family*



*The Flowers by The Blessed Mother Statue have been donated in loving memory of*

**Andre & Marie Therese Fortunat**

*Requested by*  
*Marie M. & Huguette Fortunat*



*The Flowers by St. Joseph's Statue have been donated in loving memory of*  
**Rosemary Hoppenhauer**



### Pro Life Corner

Say a special prayer for women who have had abortions. Pray that these mothers may come to peace with God themselves and others involved in the abortion decision.

## Altar Server Schedule

May 18th ~ May 19th

Saturday: 5:00 pm: Brian P. Guiheen  
Abigail Guiheen

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

9:00 am: Gigi Barton  
Mea Barton

10:30 am: Melody Spring  
Cian Walsh

12:00 pm: Rylin Kenney  
Charlie Lawler

5:00 pm: Ronin Alger  
Grace Alger

### WEEKLY OFFERINGS

	<u>Budget</u>	5/12/24	5/14/23
Weekly Collection	\$13,476	\$13,353	\$14,492
Ascension	5/9/24	\$2,475	

## 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](http://www.ollchurchmalverne.org)

(Will be reflected the following month)

# SAVE THE DATE

Save the date for our annual Corpus Christi procession on June 2nd with St. Thomas the Apostle Chapel in West Hempstead. It will begin with Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle at 11:30 am, followed by a procession to Our Lady of Lourdes, Malverne. More information to follow.



## St. Monica's Intercessory & Special Needs Prayer Group

*As we are made in God's image, so may we live in God's Likeness.*

**Saturday, May 25th 2024**

*Come pray for those you love to "Come Home to the Catholic Faith"*

**All Are Welcome**

**IN THE CHURCH HALL AFTER 9 AM MASS**

Together we will pray for the conversion of all God's children, by entrusting them to God Our Father, through the intercession of Our Blessed Mother and St. Monica.

***We also pray prayers for those with special needs.***

For further information contact:  
Peg Hannan 887-3390

Join us in prayer in the Church Hall every 4th Saturday or list the names of those that you would like us to pray for, return to the Parish Center or place in the collection basket:

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### American Legion Malverne Post 44


The American Legion Malverne Post 44 will be distributing Poppies after all Masses this weekend for our Veterans. ***Thank you for your support!***

**Ordination to Priesthood 2024**



Rev. Mr. Joseph Lettieri



Rev. Mr. Dennis Gannon

Let us pray for the two men who will be ordained by Bishop John O. Barres to the Holy Priesthood of Jesus Christ on **Saturday, June 8, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.** in the Cathedral of St. Agnes in Rockville Centre.

The Ordination will air live on Catholic Faith Network (CFN). It will be replayed later that evening at 8:00 p.m. CFN is available on Optimum channel 29/137, Verizon FiOS TV channel 296, and Charter Spectrum channel 162/471 throughout the New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut area. CFN is also available on select cable and satellite systems and through live stream on cfntv.org. You may also view CFN on Roku, Apple TV, Amazon Fire TV, Android, or by downloading the CFN iOS mobile app at the app store by searching "Catholic Faith Network" or "CFN".

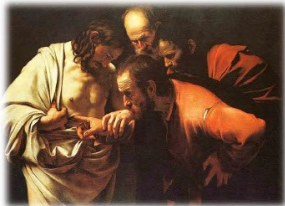
# LECTIO DIVINA

- Lectio
- Meditatio
- Oratio
- Contemplatio



Join Bishop Andrzej  
For Scripture Reflection Series  
on St. THOMAS the APOSTLE - Part II

Wednesday, May 22, 2024  
at 7:30 pm - ZOOM webinar.



Bible Study Verse

**APOSTLE THOMAS**  
**Touching the Present Lord**  
**Gospel of John 20. 19-31**

Encountering the Risen One



Registration is required in order to receive the ZOOM link to each session.  
Please contact the Western Vicariate office with your name, parish, email address and phone number.  
Send your email to:  
[westernvicariate@drvc.org](mailto:westernvicariate@drvc.org)  
or call Suzanne at 516-744-6850.

The Marcus family wishes to announce with deep sadness the passing of

## Anne Marcus

A Funeral Service will be held at  
Flinch & Bruns Funeral Home  
34 Hempstead Avenue, Lynbrook  
516-599-3600

### Wake Date & Time

Sunday, May 19, 2024

2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Service will take place at 3:30 pm

*Please keep her family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*



[www.enteringcanaan.com](http://www.enteringcanaan.com)

## Entering Canaan

### Day of Prayer & Healing

for those suffering from a past abortion

Saturday

June 22, 2024

Come begin your healing journey!

His mercy and peace is waiting for you!

for confidential reservations  
call Joanne c. 516-647-5353

Sponsored by:  
the Life Center of Long Island  
Led by Theresa Bonoparis  
Co-developer of Entering Canaan &  
Director of Lumina/hope & healing after abortion

### This Week at OLL Parish

#### Monday, May 20

11:30 am .....OLL School Teachers.....Parish Center Dining Room  
4:30 pm .....Cub Scout Troop 24..... Church Hall  
5:30 pm .....Brownie Troop 2101 ..... Church Hall  
7:30 pm .....Boy Scout Troop 24 ..... Church Hall

#### Tuesday, May 21

9:30 am.....SVDP ..... Parish Center Room #2  
11:30 am .....OLL School Teachers.....Parish Center Dining Room  
1:30 pm .....Scripture Study .....Parish Center Dining Room  
7:15 pm .....CoDA ..... Parish Center Room #2  
7:30 pm .....Liturgy Meeting..... Church Hall  
7:30 pm .....St. Vincent De Paul Society .....Parish Center Dining Room

#### Wednesday, May 22

9:30 am - 2:30 pm .....RAS Thrift Shop  
11:30 am .....OLL School Teachers.....Parish Center Dining Room  
2:45 pm .....Cub Scout Troop 24, Bear Den ..... Church Hall  
6:00 pm .....Cub Scout Troop 24, Webelos I..... Church Hall  
7:30 pm .....AA.....Parish Center Dining Room

#### Thursday, May 23

11:30 am .....OLL School Teachers.....Parish Center Dining Room  
4:15 pm .....GS Troop 2449..... Church Hall  
6:00 pm .....GS Troop 2330..... Church Hall  
7:00 pm .....Knitting Club.....Parish Center Dining Room

#### Friday, May 24

9:30 am.....SVDP ..... Parish Center Room #2  
7:30 pm .....AA .....Parish Center Dining Room

#### Saturday, May 25

9:30 am.....St Monica's Group..... Church Hall  
7:30 pm .....AA.....Parish Center Dining Room

#### Sunday, May 26

Happy Memorial Day Weekend!

## Religious Education News

### May Events

Saturday and Sunday, May 18th and 19th is the Ministry Fair. Please stop by the Religious Education booth and learn how just one hour a week can foster our students' relationship with God. We are looking for Catechists, Hall Monitors, and Teacher Assistants.

### 7th Grade Confirmation Preparation Students:

We are approaching the end of our Religious Education year. This is a firm reminder that many of you owe us Mass sheets and service sheets for this year. Please submit all outstanding paperwork to the Religious Education Office **no later than JUNE 7th, 2024**. If you are not aware of what is owed to the Religious Education Office, please contact us immediately. If your first year of Confirmation Preparation is incomplete, you cannot begin your second year of preparation.

### Re-Registration for 2024/2025 Religious Education Program

Re-registration forms will be mailed to our families who are currently participating in our Religious Education Program. Please complete the form and return it to us at your earliest convenience. If any changes need to be made, please update the form accordingly. **If you are joining our program for the first time, please contact the office at (516) 599-7222 or email us at [ollreled@gmail.com](mailto:ollreled@gmail.com) for specifics regarding Religious Education and for a NEW RE-REGISTRATION FORM.**

### Diocese of Rockville Centre

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2024 Parish Totals

Goal: \$75,000.00 ~ Pledges: \$42,230.00

Donors: 107 ~ Payments: \$30,849.00

### "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 "Remembering" Don't miss it!



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.





# 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!*

**Our Middle School Kickball League has been competing since April 29. They are gearing up for their last game at Field Day on May 20.**



**Mother/Son Sports Night!**  
Moms and sons competed in many fun races and relays! A great fun filled night!



**Easter Flowers donated in Loving Memory of...**

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## Taking a Stand to Understand

David G Bonagura, Jr.

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Much has been said about the Millennial and Gen Z cohorts, roughly today's 20 to 42 crowd, especially their hesitancy towards commitment. They marry later than previous generations – if they marry at all; have driven the U.S. birthrate to dangerously low levels; are more likely to change jobs; and less likely to own a home than their older counterparts.

And if we turn from sociology to faith, we find that this same hesitancy towards commitment is driving younger Americans away from religion. The most cited reasons for rejecting “organized” religion are doubts about religious teachings and about God, dislike of religious organizations, and poor experiences with religious people – all of which are often symptoms of a more basic unwillingness to give oneself to other persons or causes. We can trace this back further to a general lack of trust that fears uncertainty and brokenness. Younger Americans turn the old adage on its head: It is worse to love and lose, so let's not love at all.

The desire for certainty is natural. Jesus Himself acknowledged it: “For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it?” (Luke 14:28)

But commitment does not function on the level of technical knowledge, the kind of knowledge deemed most valid in the modern world. It cannot be calculated or manufactured because it belongs to another field of knowledge that the world and the educational establishment have ceased to nourish.

This other field where commitment functions is belief. Joseph Ratzinger articulates the essence of belief in modern terms in his magisterial Introduction to Christianity, which is the subject of TCT's latest course, which begins this evening. The great theologian and pope makes clear that belief “is ordered not to the realm of what can be or has been made. . .but to the realm of basic decisions that man cannot avoid making.” Questions like: Whom I should marry, what I ought to do with my life, how many children should I have, where I should live, and what I should worship? The answers are fundamental decisions that defy mathematical certainty or scientific scrutiny.

Belief, Ratzinger continues, “is entrusting oneself to that which has not been made by oneself and never could be made and which precisely in this way supports and makes possible all our making.” That is, in order to do and understand anything, Ratzinger writes, we have to first take a stand on some ground, which is what the Hebrew word *amen* signifies.

Younger Americans today, deprived of a strong religious upbringing and formed by ideologies and technologies that marginalize questions of belief, fear commitment because they have no ground to stand on. Despite the illusion of control that their smartphones offer, they float without rudder or compass. Hence, they are less inclined to marry, to have children, to give themselves to work and to the community, or to go to church.

The modern world tries to lull us into believing that we can create our own meaning, our own ground to stand on. But Ratzinger's caution from nearly fifty years ago has been proven correct by increases in drug addiction, suicides, and generational dissatisfaction. Surveys show that Americans are less happy than ever:

Man does not live on the bread of practicability alone; he lives as man, and, precisely in the intrinsically human part of his being, on the word, on love, on meaning. . . .But meaning is not derived from knowledge. . . .Meaning that is self-made is in the last analysis no meaning. Meaning, that is, the ground on which our existence as a totality can stand and live, cannot be made but only received.

Without the humility to admit that they are not their own gods, younger Americans demanding certainty will continue to drown in uncertainty. Without the courage to take a stand on a ground that is not of their own making, they will make nothing of themselves. Without the audacity to step outside the cave of technological knowledge, they will not know the love that God wishes to rain down on them.

“The tool with which man is equipped to deal with the truth of being is not knowledge but understanding: understanding of the meaning to which he has entrusted himself. And we must certainly add that ‘understanding’ only reveals itself in ‘standing,’ not apart from it.”

To believe in Jesus Christ and to stand on the rock that is the Church transforms commitment from something to be feared into an adventure to be embraced. “Christian belief is the option for the view that the receiving precedes the making,” Ratzinger observes. In embracing Christianity we are not receiving shackles on our freedom or personal fulfillment, as the world alleges. Rather, “Christian faith lives on the discovery that not only is there such a thing as objective meaning but that this meaning knows me and loves me, that I can entrust myself to it.”

Ratzinger acknowledges that the believer “will repeatedly experience the darkness in which the contradiction of unbelief surrounds him like a gloomy prison from which there is no escape.” But those fearing commitment should not see this as a ready excuse to remain in limbo. He assures us that we have no reason to doubt the ground on which we have chosen to stand. For in professing the Christian faith, we say, “I believe in you, Jesus of Nazareth, as the meaning (logos) of the world and of my life.”

If young people have the courage to make this commitment to Christ, all the other commitments they must make obtain meaning in the light of eternity. But this reality they will only understand if they first take a stand.