Our Lady of Lourdes Church

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 31, 2021

Rev. James T. Stachacz, Pastor

Deacon Richard H. Portuese

Deacon Gregory Fewer

Rev. Richard R. Donovan, In Residence

Rev. Eugene C. Umeyor, CMF, In Residence

GUIDING LIGHT FROM THE GROTTO

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Mark 1:21-28

JESUS AS TEACHER ~ CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK ~ FAITH, EXCELLENCE AND SERVICE

Today we see Jesus in His role as teacher. Our Gospel passage from Mark gives us a clearer image of Jesus' identity, of who He really is, through His words. Just by His words, "be silent and come out of him", a man was free from the shackles of an evil spirit. This story is one example that shows us that Jesus' power as teacher brought healing, liberation and life to all who encountered Him. Jesus' power to create a miracle were present not only in His actions but also in His teaching. The same power that enabled Jesus to force evil powers to obey Him was also found in His teaching.

Jesus shows us how important teachers are to our lives. During my time in Catholic school at St. Mary's Visitation, Dickson City, PA, I encountered many teachers who inspired me to be who I am today. Their words made a difference in my life and in my heart. Their teaching helped transform my life more into the life of Jesus, because of their love for Jesus, our Catholic faith, and our Church. They helped me form a discipline in making decisions that resisted temptations that would have caused me to be a slave to our culture.

I believe that your child(ren) can experience the same power of Jesus' teaching by enrolling them in Our Lady Lourdes Parish School. We have teachers who have a commitment to our faith, education and to our children. I can see that their love for education and commitment to Jesus Christ is making a difference in the lives our young people today.

This week begins Catholic Schools week. Our theme is Faith, Excellence and Service. Usually, we open with a special Mass and then offer tours throughout the school building. However, due to Covid-19, our school is offering individual tours and tours of the school online. If you are enrolling your child in a school for the first time or thinking about changing your child from the public school to a private system, please consider Our Lady of Lourdes. Mrs. Kathleen Cotilletta, our principal, her teachers and staff will show you their utmost professionalism and care that resembles the same Gospel values that Jesus brought to our world. Their teaching is more than just a job, it is a vocation. Please consider our school to help your child(ren) in making crucial decisions that will impact their lives forever. Their words like Jesus may bring miracles to our world. Our school will help them learn the language of Jesus in word and deed. May God bless our school principal, teachers, staff, all of our children and their families! Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us!

OUR LADY OF LOURDES FEAST DAY MASS/NOVENA

The Feast Day of our parish of Our Lady of Lourdes is on Thursday, February 11, 2021. Please join us for the Novena prior to the 9:00 am Mass beginning Tuesday, February 2. In addition to our 9:00 am Mass, we will also hold a special Mass at 7:30 pm on February 11th. Bishop Andzrej will be our main celebrant. Adoration will also take place beginning at 12:00 Noon to 5:00 pm.

Fr. Jim

Mass Schedule

Monday through Saturday
9:00 am and live-streamed

Weekend Masses

Saturday ~ 5:00 pm

Sunday:

7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 5:00 pm

12:00 pm ~ live-streamed

Confession

Saturday ~ 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm

Masks must be worn.

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

Welcome to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

Pastor: Rev. James T. Stachacz
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Parish Website: OLLchurchMalverne.org

Rectory Office: Yole Santino, Office Manager
Barbara Alessandria, Secretary
(516)-599-1269
rectoryoffice@ollchurchmalverne.org

Rectory 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 Director: Stephen Harth

Youth Director: Linda Baldacchino

Maintenance: Kevin Dieck
Rocco Bruzzese

Religious Education:

Mary Lasar, Director
Marybeth Malone, Secretary
(516)599-7222

Religious Education Office Hours

Monday to Friday: 11:30 am to 3:15 pm ~ Rectory
Tuesday & Wednesday: 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm ~ School
Saturday: 9:30 am to 10:30 am ~ School

School Office

Kathleen Cotilletta, Principal
Magdalen Hamilton-Roldan, Secretary
(516)599-7328 ~ Fax: (516)599-3813
www.OLLMalverne.org

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 30th ~ Weekday
5:00 pm Eileen McElhill (d)

Sunday, January 31st ~ Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 am Violet Hintze & Helen Geraghty (d)
9:00 am Patrick Farrell (d)
10:30 am Virginia Shea (d)
12:00 pm Mary Shekian-Avino (d)
Carol Kenney (d)
Lillian Sullivan (d)
5:00 pm Christopher Dunn (d)

Monday, February 1st ~ Weekday
9:00 am Alice Nelson (d)

Tuesday, February 2nd ~ The Presentation of the Lord
9:00 am Philip Leaden (d)

Wednesday, February 3rd ~ Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; Saint Ansgar, Bishop
9:00 am Tomas O'Sullivan (d)

Thursday, February 4th ~ Weekday
9:00 am Alys McCrane (d)

Friday, February 5th ~ Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
9:00 am Zoila Pernett (d)

Saturday, February 6th ~ Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
9:00 am Vincent Morris (d)
Josephine Larosa (d)
5:00 pm Julia Composto (d)

Sunday, February 7th ~ Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 am Matthew Klein (d)
9:00 am Kyle Boulhosa (d)
10:30 am Audrey Zink (d)
12:00 pm Agatha & Joseph Curto (d)
Gloria Hassett (d)
Joseph & Anna Lusardi (d)
Louis Palermo (d)
For the People of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
5:00 pm Betty Abdilla (d)

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

Kathy Carriere
Thomas Castellani
Gerardina Corrado
James Dineen
Rocco Esposito
Henry Hinton
Teresa Isidore
Sue Kielson
Doris & Joseph Laxton
Kevin Ledwith
Phyllis Mayoka
Kevin McQuade
Mary Ellen Rahilly
Laura Ruggiero
Geraldine Schullenberg
Joan Thomason
Baby Eliza Ann Urick

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

Parish Mission Statement

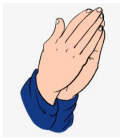
We, the parish family of Our Lady of Lourdes, are a faith-filled people who welcome all to join us as we listen to the Word of God and celebrate the Eucharist together. We encourage each other to grow in Christ as we use our God-given gifts to serve the people of our community.

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.

Bulletin Reflection

The people in the synagogue hear Jesus' teachings and understand that there is something powerful about Him.

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. Richard Donovan
Monday	Rev. Msgr. Thomas Harold
Tuesday	Rev. German Villabon
Wednesday	Rev. James T. Stachacz
Thursday	Rev. Seth N. Awo Doku
Friday	Rev. Msgr. Robert Morrissey
Saturday	All Bishops

Our Parishioners
Serving in the Military

Please keep all our Military and Support Personnel in your prayers, especially:

United States Navy
CDR Andrew E. Glassing
LT Geoff Hendrick
ICI Bryanne Heim Iddings
LT Ryan Patrick Mahon
LCDR Tara Mahoney

United States Army
Major Thomas Barrett
Joseph Greco ~ Infantry
Spc Lotachukwu Okoye
Spc Tucker Andrew Peterson

United States Air Force
1st Lt. William F. Cosgrove

United States Marine Corps
L Cpl Kristofer Katzenberger
CWO-4 Kris Kurrus
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."

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

Reflection for Next Sunday
February 7, 2021
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Malachi 3:1–4
Second Reading: Hebrews 2:14–18
Gospel: Luke 2:22–40

Simeon recognizes the infant Jesus as the promised Messiah.

Family Connection

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Discuss with the family the persons of Simeon and Anna as they meet Jesus. (Luke 2: 25–40)

Because Simeon and Anna lived lives of prayer and fasting in the Temple, they were filled with the Spirit of God. That is why they were able to identify Jesus as the Savior even though Jesus was only a baby. To these two holy people, He was recognizable as the Redeemer who had been promised. Simeon described Jesus as "a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel."

We too are called to recognize Jesus as Lord. Together as a family discuss ways to recognize Jesus as Lord by praying and attending Mass, fasting, and serving others. As a family, decide on one specific sacrifice you can make in order to alleviate the suffering or need of someone you know.

January 31, 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Beginning Sunday, January 31, 2021 and continuing through February 6, 2021, the 35 Catholic elementary schools in the Diocese of Rockville Centre will participate in the annual national celebration of Catholic education: Catholic Schools Week. The theme for National Catholic Schools Week 2021 is "Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service." Schools typically observe the week with Masses, open houses and other activities for students, families, parishioners, and community members. Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides young people and its contributions to our church, our communities, and our nation.

This year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Catholic Schools Week will look a bit different. In lieu of the traditional open houses our schools have held in the past to meet with prospective families, the schools will be offering virtual open houses and one-to-one meetings with principals that will allow prospective families to 'visit' the Catholic school(s) of their choice from the safety and comfort of their homes.

This year, in spite of the pandemic, we have made significant progress transforming our schools through the Morning Star Initiative (MSI). Many elements of the Morning Star Initiative are already in place, like key academic improvements in mathematics, reading, and religious studies, which are helping students reach new potential. I am so grateful for the tireless dedication of the MSI team.

Working with the MSI team, Long Island's Catholic elementary school faculty and staff continue to put the needs of the 11,626 students (nursery-8th grade) and their families first. From maintaining the continuity of instruction during remote learning when the Covid-19 pandemic hit back in March, to taking all of the necessary precautions to welcome students back into a safe school environment this fall, I am extremely grateful for the grit and determination demonstrated by our school community to address the academic, spiritual and social needs of our students.

Earlier this month, on January 4, 2021, we celebrated the 200th anniversary of the death of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton (1774-1821), one of the great native-born American Evangelizers and champions of Catholic Education. Please join me in praying that Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton and Mary, Star of Evangelization continue to intercede for each of us, for our Morning Star and Department of Education teams, and for our principals, teachers, and staff. With prayers and gratitude for your efforts, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,
+John O. Barres
Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

The Altar Bread and Altar Wine have been donated In Loving Memory of Mary & Anthony Consolo Requested by Frances Poggioli

The Saint Joseph Votive Candle will be lit In Memory of The Carrington & Rountry Families Requested by Kay Rountry

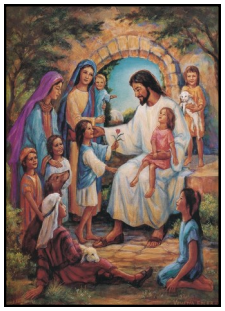
Year of St. Joseph

Throughout the year we strive to honor St. Joseph as the guardian and protector of the Church and her faithful with heartfelt prayer and devotion, encouraging all to take his virtuous life as our model for fulfilling our personal vocation to holiness. As a parish family, we invite you to prayer for the families of our parish throughout this year and offer them up to the guardianship of St. Joseph. We have placed a candle at St. Joseph's altar that will burn each week for the intentions and protection of a given family at the request of a parish family. We invite you to request the lighting of this candle for a family dear to you. Please call or stop into the rectory to make this request. The donation is $25.

"Let us ask St. Joseph to intercede for us, to obtain God's blessing on us as we make our way in life this year."

Religious Education News

"Sometimes in life we become so focused on the finish line that we fail to find the joy in the journey."



The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** will be celebrated on **Saturday, February 6th**. Specific details have been sent to all parents. If you have not received the instructions, please let us know as soon as possible.

Mass Sheets

Mass sheets should be completed each Sunday and returned at the appropriate time with your completed lessons.

There is absolutely no reason for anyone to miss Mass on any Sunday. You can attend Mass in Church or view it from home. It is essential that we hear the Word of God and understanding what He is preaching about each week.

Confirmation Forms and Paperwork

All forms and paperwork should be turned into the Rectory immediately.

This includes saint report, measurements, sponsor form, Mass sheets, journal sheets, etc. We will be reviewing them and if you have not returned all required information, you will not be eligible to be confirmed this year.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Tuesday, March 23rd and Wednesday, March 24th at 1:30 pm and 3:30 pm both days.

We are blessed and delighted that Bishop Andrzej will be here to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with us.

Those to be confirmed are as follows:

Tuesday:

1:30 pm ~ Our Lady of Lourdes students

3:30 pm ~ 8th grade students attending Brother Fox

Wednesday:

1:30 pm ~ Religious Education students in Deacon Rich's class and Mr. Comando's class

3:30 pm ~ Religious Education students in Mrs. Cullen's class and Mrs. Mallen's class

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

Flower Donations

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

St. Joseph Votive Candle ~ $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 Rectory Office to make arrangements.

Pro-Life Corner

"You are called to stand up for life! To respect and defend the mystery of life always and everywhere, including the lives of unborn babies, giving real help and encouragement to mothers in difficult situations. You are called to work and pray against abortion."

~ Pope St. John Paul II

STEWARDSHIP

Time • Talent • Treasure

January 24, 2021.....$6,922

Last Year $11,550

Christmas 2020: $57,796

Christmas 2019: $61,821

Only down $4,025 or 6.5% over last year, not bad during the pandemic!

First Friday Evening Devotions

Friday, February 5th, 2021 ~ 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.

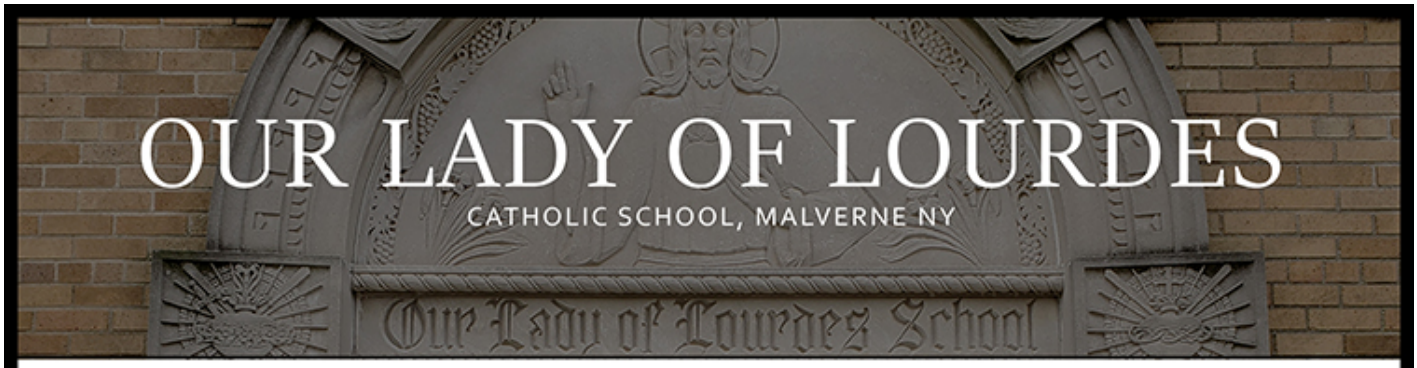
Nocturnal Adoration

We are so privileged to have Nocturnal Adoration in our parish. We meet on the First Friday of the month from 9:00 pm to 10:00 pm to pray to Jesus before the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the altar. Everyone is welcome. If you are looking for a way to show devotion to our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, please join us.

We pray for our parish, our families and our country, for our new president. We also pray for an increase in vocations.

The next hour of Adoration will be this coming Friday, February 5th from 9:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

Jesus will be there, will you?



Our Lady of Lourdes School provides Early Childhood (2yr & 3yr), Pre-K and K-8 education.

Getting to know us is easy.
Attend one of our Virtual Open Houses to learn more about what makes us special!

OLL VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSES:

Feb 2 | 7 PM - 8 PM | Grades PK - 2
Feb 3 | 7 PM - 8 PM | Grades 3 - 5
Feb 4 | 7 PM - 8 PM | Grades 6 - 8

Register Online: ollmalverne.org/virtualopenhouse

"Our Lady of Lourdes School provides a nurturing learning environment focused on academic and spiritual development."

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS DAY OF GIVING

February 2, 2021

Your generosity will directly benefit the STEM Program at Our Lady of Lourdes School.

For more information or to donate please go to:
https://ollmalverne.org/stem

To see our current STEM program in action, we invite you to watch:
Mr. Miller's Seventh Grade Science Class Investigates: COVID-19

Premieres February 2, 2021
https://ollmalverne.org/stem

***Bishop Andrzej's Lecture Series,* Continues this Spring**

Liturgical Catechesis

Tuesdays this Spring @ 7:30 p.m.

February 23	Liturgy and Our Covenant with God
March 23	Liturgy and the Paschal Mystery in Us
April 27	Liturgy and St. John Paul II Reform
May 25	Liturgy and Personal Growth

So that Bishop Andrzej can safely continue his Liturgical Catechesis lecture series, the first presentation will be available only through ZOOM. In order to be emailed the ZOOM link, you must register by noon on January 26. **Please call or email to register -** Suzanne Lynn at 516-744-6850; westernvicariate@drvc.org. If you already receive updates regarding Bishop Andrzej's presentation schedule, the ZOOM link will automatically be emailed to you. Bishop Andrzej hopes to hold future in-person presentations at Cure of Ars School Auditorium in Merrick. Information will be shared as it becomes available.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

In the Gospel today we read that because Jesus spoke with authority, His reputation spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee. As His disciples, we can also speak with authority when we put our faith into actions by helping the poor and suffering.

Have you considered answering the call to serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

Food Pantry

Canned Vegetables, Ramen Soups,
Rice-A-Roni, Peanut Butter, Jelly,
Progresso Soups, Tuna Fish
Oatmeal, Bathroom Tissue, Soap

"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 **"Forgiveness",** don't miss it! To listen online or receive more information regarding *Religion and Rock* go to *www.Religion and Rock.com* or at "*Religion & Rock" on ITUNES.*

Don't forget to tune into

CATHOLIC FAITH NETWORK, cablevision Channel 29/137 or Verison / FIOS 296 or visit www.cfntv.org !

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING & MIDNIGHT RUN

COLLECTION WEEKEND

FEBRUARY 6TH AND 7TH

On Superbowl weekend, February 6th and 7th 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 February 26th 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

Men's Winter Jackets

Gloves, Scarves, Hats

Blankets (thin light weight)

Backpacks

NEW ITEMS

Underwear (Men's and Women's)

Men's Deodorant

Hand sanitizers

Handwarmers

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 the preparation for Midnight Run, please call Linda at 516-241-1896.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Please Help Save St. Mary's Maris Stella Council

After a century of serving our community, St. Mary's/Maris Stella Knights of Columbus, a Lynbrook institution needs our help. The community has been dedicated to service through monetarily supporting seminarians, providing scholarship opportunities for high school students, and providing aid to those in need throughout the community and beyond. We host yearly food pantry drives, toys for tots, blood drives, and winter coat donations to our local parishes. Through our continued effort, we have been able to support such organizations as Camp Anchor, FEIS Na Nailog, National Multiple Sclerosis, Little Sisters of the Poor, Queen of Peace Resident, Saint Jude's Hospital, Nassau Charities. Mayham Long Island is a band of young adults with disabilities related to the Police Athletic League. Privately, we held fundraisers for Jessica Venditto and friends of Daniel to help cover medical expenses. In the last eight years we have made donations in excess of $121,750.

We are an organization which began one hundred years ago on February 13, 1921. In 1940, our building hosted Our Lady of Peace Church Mass for over a year while construction of the Church was underway. Since then, we have worked with both Our Lady of Peace and Our Lady of Lourdes.

The Covid-19 Pandemic has hit St. Mary's/Maris Stella extremely hard, and although we were able to survive a year with limited income and continue our work. It has become abundantly clear we will be unable to survive another. We are suffering, and there is no immediate relief in sight. 2021 is our centennial year and in order to keep this great organization able to serve the community for another hundred years, we will need to be able to cover our expenses. Fixed expenses for St. Mary's/Maris Stella are $8,500 a month. In order for us to continue to pay for our building, we will need to raise $100,000.00—our goal.

We know things are difficult for everyone right now, and many worthy causes are seeking support. It's our hope that St. Mary's/Maris Stella can count on yours.

Please Donate @

https://www.gofundme.com/f/please-help-save-st-marys-maris-stella-council