



Our Lady of the Snow Catholic Church

175 Blue Point Avenue
Blue Point, New York 11715
Telephone: 631-363-6385

February 7, 2016 , Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus directs Simon to take his boat into deep water for a miraculous catch of fish. Simon and his partners leave all to follow Jesus (Luke 5: 1-11)

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEK DAY MASSES:

Monday—Friday
8:30AM in Mother Church

WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday 5PM in Large Church
Sunday 7:30AM in Mother Church
9AM, and 11:00AM in
Large Church

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 4PM—4:30PM
in Large Church
Monday 6:15PM—7:15PM
in Mother Church

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Monday 6PM—8PM
in Mother Church

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA & BENEDICTION:

Monday 7:30—8PM
Mother Church

ROSARY:

Mother Church

Visit us online!

www.OurLadyofTheSnowBluePoint.com

The accidents of life separate us from our dearest friends, but let us not despair. God is like a looking glass in which souls see each other. The more we are united with God by love, the nearer we are to those who belong to God.

--St. Elizabeth Ann Seton



Wife, mother, convert to Catholicism, founder of the first American congregation of sisters (the Sisters of Charity) and the first Catholic girls' school in the United States, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was also the first American born canonized saint. What she packed into and accomplished in her short 47 years is astonishing. Her feast day was January 4.

†The Pastoral Team Clergy†

Rev. Edward R. D'Andrea, Pastor
Rev. Msgr. Charles Fink, Parish Administrator
Rev. John Amoah, Associate Pastor
Deacon Frank Hartmann
Deacon Edward Karan
Deacon Robert Gronenthal



Faith Formation for Adults:

363-2416

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Parish Outreach: 363-2417

Mrs. Diana Mongan, Director

Mrs. Patricia Fulco, Outreach Assistant

Office hours and food pantry

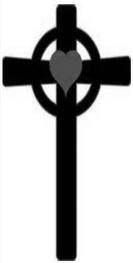
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Monday - Thursday in the cottage

Evening Hours Available

by Appointment

olsoutreach@yahoo.com



Director of Music

Mrs. Theresa Martin

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Rite of Christian Initiation (R.C.I.A.)

Persons interested in becoming Catholic and adults who have not received Confirmation or First Eucharist, please contact Beth Rivalsi at 363-2416.



Marriage:

Arrangements must be made at least **six to twelve months in advance**. It is advisable to call the church prior to arranging the reception.

Baptisms

Are celebrated on the second Saturday and fourth Sunday of *most* months. Please visit our website at for complete information



Respect Life Ministry

Coordinator : Jean Delaney

For more information or to join please call 631 472-0033



Communion for the Homebound:

To make arrangements to have Communion brought to the home, please call the parish office at 363-6385, ext. 110. For emergency sick calls, please call the parish at any time.

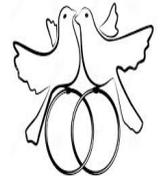


Catholic Marriage for couples married

outside the Church

If you have a civil marriage but now desire a Catholic sacramental marriage, call the Rectory for more information about a Convalidation .Convalidation is having a couple's marriage

recognized and blessed by the Church through the Catholic Rite of Marriage



New parishioners

Please register at the parish or call 363-6385, ext. 110 for information.

My dear parish family,

This week, February 10, is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. A few weeks ago in the January 17 bulletin, I made some suggestions for turning Lent into a more fruitful season than it might otherwise prove to be. If you missed that issue of the bulletin, you can access it on our parish website: www.ourladyofthesnowbluepoint.com.

Our parish book club is currently reading Fran Sheed's *To know Christ Jesus*, a masterful and insightful study of the four gospels. I highly recommend it as Lenten reading. Seven pages a day, each day of Lent, and you'll finish it knowing the gospels and Jesus as you've likely never known them before.

There are plenty of other excellent lives of Christ and studies of the gospels out there. Here's a selection of those I've found particularly rewarding. Not all are in print, but they are attainable from libraries or used from Amazon or other book sellers.

Jesus and His Times by Henri Daniel-Rops
The Life of Christ by Giuseppi Ricciotti
The Lord by Romano Guardini
Life of Christ by Fulton Sheen
Jesus, the Man Who Lives by Malcolm Muggeridge
The Man Born to Be King by Dorothy Sayers

There is also a beautiful book by Fr. John Lynch, *A Woman Wrapped in Silence*, that looks at the life of Christ through the eyes of Mary. Be warned, however, it's several hundred pages of poetry, so if that's not your cup of tea, best to pass it up.

Think about choosing one of these to read over the course of Lent, or any time for that matter. You'll be better for it—guaranteed.

With love and prayers,

Fr. Charles Fink

† MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK †

Altar Bread and Wine

In loving Memory of our Parishioners

Sanctuary Candle in Mother Church

In loving Memory of our Parishioners

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

February 8, 2016

Saints and Special Observances also indicated

Monday	Feb 8,	St. Jerome Emiliani
		St. Josephine Bakhita
8:30AM		Genevieve & Harvey Townsend†
Tuesday	Feb 9,	
8:30AM		Marjorie Rush †
Wednesday	Feb 10,	Ash Wednesday
8:30AM		Elizabeth Voisey †
4:30 PM		(service)
7:30 PM		Lisa Rooney †
Thursday	Feb 11,	
8:30AM		Ann Malerba †
Friday	Feb 12,	
8:30AM		Frank & Josephine Sblendorio †
Saturday	Feb 13,	
5:00PM		Michael Wojchowski †
Sunday	Feb 14,	
7:30AM		Parishioners †
9:00AM		Richard Higgins †
11:00AM		John Cooper †

Major Meghan Ederle

Capt Kyle Brown

Capt. Tara Brown Gomez

Capt. Thomas Gomez

Lt. Jg Sean Brown

2/c Midshipman Shannon Brown

Army Specialist Justin Brown

E3/ACAN Connor Rooney USN

Capt. Dr. Kate Desmond-Baker



Pray for Our Sick

We pray for all who are sick, for their healing in both body and spirit....

Larry Wolfe, Don Aviano Marie & Jean & Matty Family, Carol Zauner

In Sympathy

For all who have died this past week, that they rejoice in the heavenly banquet...

Lisa Rooney

Live Lent!

February 26 Join us for our Simple Lenten Supper



- ◆ What is a Simple Lenten Soup Supper? It is an opportunity for people as a community to come together in solidarity with those who are poor. Our dinner will consist of soup, salad and bread, this is simple to most of us, but it is a feast for many of the world's hungry.
- ◆ We ask that participants bring a pot of soup, (meatless as it is Lent), a salad, bread or a donation to Parish Outreach. We will have signup sheets for the food, and for families to let us know how many participants we will need to feed. You can sign up after the masses the sign-up sheet will be on the stage, or call the rectory.
- ◆ After the meal all are welcome to join us in the Large Church to hear speakers and visit tables of representatives of organizations who are committed to help others in the spirit of the Corporal Works of Mercy. Many of these representatives are parishioners or people involved in our community.



The knitting club will be meeting on the third Thursday of the month. All Welcome!!

KNOWING OUR FAITH

LV. ABORTION AND EUTHANASIA

To speak of love and killing in the same breath is to strike a terribly discordant note, but as we have seen, there are certain carefully defined circumstances in which even lethal force may be used to protect the innocent or to punish the guilty. One may never, however, directly take an innocent human life. This is what lies behind the Church's prohibition of abortion and euthanasia.

Few are so crass as to suggest that unborn children or those suffering some painful illness are guilty of anything that might throw their right to life into question. Rather it is argued that, on the one hand, a fetus is not a true human person and, on the other, that it is an act of mercy and compassion to put a hopelessly suffering human being out of his or her misery. But from the beginning, a fetus is a genetically complete human being. All it needs to continue its development is what we all need to survive: oxygen, hydration, nutrition, shelter. We all began as fetuses. Jesus and Mary began as fetuses. The presumption must be in favor of treating the fetus as having the rights to life of an innocent person, and nothing can justify directly killing such a one.

As for mercy killing, no matter what the motive, it is still taking an innocent human life. A non-believer may ask, "What is the point of permitting suffering to continue when there is no hope of improvement?" A Christian must take the attitude of the late Cardinal Cooke who, while dying of cancer, wrote:

The "gift of life," God's special gift, is no less beautiful when it is accompanied by illness or weakness, hunger or poverty, mental or physical handicaps, loneliness or old age. Indeed, at this time, human life gains extra splendor as it requires our special care, concern and reverence. It is in and through the weakest vessels that the Lord continues to reveal the power of His Love.

St. John Paul II wrote that God permits suffering in the world in order to release love. We see the truth of his words in the lives of people like Mother Teresa of Calcutta and countless others who care for those in need. Our response to things like unwanted pregnancy, terminal illness, or severe handicap shapes us, drawing us into either conformity or conflict with Christ, making us either more loving—which is to say more selfless, sacrificing, and serving—or the opposite. What are we making of ourselves as individuals and a society by our tendency to destroy human life in order to avoid suffering or responsibility?

Believing with Joy! Stewardship - A Way of Life



Year of Mercy and Lent

Lent begins this week, it is a perfect time to reflect and act upon the Corporal Works of Mercy and make these works part of your Lenten Journey. Pope Francis writes, *“As we can see in Sacred Scripture, mercy is a key word that indicates God’s action towards us. He does not limit himself merely to affirming his love, but makes it visible and tangible.”*

The Corporal Works of Mercy makes our love for our brothers and sisters tangible. Feed the Hungry-Nearly 842 million people are suffering from hunger according to CRS

- Research world hunger; Catholic Relief Services offers a wealth of information.
- Donate food or money to Our Lady of Snow Food Pantry
- Avoid wasting food.
- Come to our Simple Lenten Soup Supper and Evening of Social Justice on Feb.26

Give Drink to the Thirsty –Many of our brothers and sisters to do not have access to clean water and suffer from the lack of this basic necessity.

- Donate to organizations that help build wells for people in need.
- Do not waste water

Shelter the Homeless- there are many reasons why people become homeless. We need to be part of a solution

- Donate good blankets to homeless shelters, knit or sew blankets, hats and scarves for the homeless. There are people at OLS who are doing that now.
- Research what our communities are doing for the homeless, get involved.

Visit the Sick – those who are sick are often forgotten or avoided.

- Give blood
- Spend time volunteering in a nursing home or hospital
- Visit an elderly neighbor or relative

Visit the Imprisoned- people in prison are children of God and should be shown mercy.

- Support and/or participate in ministries to

those who are incarcerated

• Pray for families of inmates
Give Alms to the Poor-Jesus says “what ever we do for the least of my brothers you do unto me”

- Use the CRS Rice Bowls this Lent
- Chose a charity that is meaningful to you and volunteer your time or donate money
- Carry fast food gift cards with you and hand out to people you encounter who are in need

Bury the Dead- funerals give us the opportunity to grieve and to show our respect for the gift of life.

- Be faithful about attending wakes/and funeral Masses
- Participate in a bereavement ministry, we need ministers here at OLS
- Visit the cemetery and pray for your deceased loved ones
- Send Mass cards to families of those who have died.

ANOTHER LENTEN IDEA-

Don’t Give up Chocolate-Join Dynamic Catholic for the BEST LENT EVER!

**Sign up for free at
DynamicCatholic.com/Lent**

Moms and More

will meet this Thursday at 10 a.m. in the Mother



Church Basement. We have activities for the children and a chance for the adults to enjoy adult conversation.

Our Weekly Financial Report will be in next week’s bulletin.



Parish Outreach

Outreach office ; 363-2417

Open Monday thru Thursday 10:00am –1:00 PM

40 years (1976-2016) of assisting those in need in our community

The Pantry is in need of the following:

***** indicate we are very low in supply.**

- ◆ Coffee, tea and milk
- ◆ Cereal , hot and cold, pancake mix
- ◆ Crackers
- ◆ Spinach
- ◆ Jelly ***
- ◆ Mayonnaise***
- ◆ Instant and canned potatoes
- ◆ Canned Chicken, Salmon***
- ◆ Stew***
- ◆ Toilet paper, paper towels and tissue paper***
- ◆ Hand soap
- ◆ Toothpaste ***
- ◆ Laundry detergent***
- ◆ Peas
- ◆ Carrots
- ◆ Canned Spinach
- ◆ Mixed vegetables
- ◆ Juice
- ◆ Soap
- ◆ Body wash
- ◆ Deodorant
- ◆ Macaroni & Cheese
- ◆ Chili
- ◆ Ketchup***
- ◆ Conditioner***
- ◆ Rice***

The pantry is located in the lobby of the large Church. All donation can be left outside the pantry door or at the Outreach office.

Catholic Charities Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)

You are ELIGIBLE IF:

- ◆ You are aged 60 and over
- ◆ You live in New York State

And

- ◆ You meet gross monthly income guidelines
Single Senior \$ 1,276 Senior Couple \$1,726
Bring proof of birth date, address and income to register



For information call;

Catholic Charities at 516 623-4568 or call Parish Outreach 363-2417



HEARTFELT CARDS FOR THAT SPECIAL PERSON FOR VALENTINES DAY

Need a unique gift for that special someone for Valentines day, birthday or special occasion? Purchase a HEARTFELT CARD in honor of that special person. Your donation however, small will assist parish outreach in our efforts to help those in need in our community. These cards can be purchased at the Parish Outreach office and Rectory office during normal business hours.

See page 2 for hours of Operation



Are you working but having a hard time making ends meet?

Check your eligibility for a wide range of work support at:

myBenefits.ny.gov

It's quick, easy and confidential

OUR LADY OF THE SNOW RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

363-6394 olsbpre@aol.com

Office Hours: Mon. to Thurs. 9:30—4:30 or by appointment

The ministry of Religious Education strives to bring all into a closer relationship with Jesus

Week of Feb 7

THIS WEEK

Feb. 7 Liturgy of the Word 9am Mass

Our Classes

No Wednesday Classes-Ash Wednesday

Feb. 10, 2016

Wednesday Classes please do assigned chapters at home

Week of Feb. 8 & 9

- ◆ Level 2– Mon & Tues 4:30
- ◆ Level 3-6-Mon, Tues 4:30
- ◆ Level 7&8-Mon 7-8 & Tues 6-7pm
- ◆ Level 1-Parent/Child Activity Lenten Prayer & Church Tour Thurs. Feb. 11 - 4:30 or 7pm Large Church



Ashes will be distributed at the 8:30am Mass, 4:30 Service and 7:30pm Mass

The 4:30 Service is geared towards children and is VERY CROWDED! Please give yourself enough time to get a parking spot and a seat.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 14- Liturgy of the Word 9am Mass

Week of Feb. 15, 16 & 17

NO CLASSES—Winter Recess

Classes will resume Feb. 22, 23 & 24



Feb. 22, 23 & 24-Level 5 classes will meet in the Mother Church for a lesson on the “Treasures of the Church” Parents are asked to join us.



Children Entering 1st Grade—Sept 2015 should be registered in the Religious Education Program. Participation in Level 1 is the first level of the Diocesan mandated 2 year preparation program for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. Registration forms can be found on the parish website or on the backstairs of the Religious Education Office and should be returned to the Religious Education Office as soon as possible.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

*Life is worth living- when we are giving - Life is worthwhile”
..Bishop Fulton J. Sheen’s*

Dear Parish Family,

With mixed emotions and relief in our hearts for the wise decision of the North Fork Express Bus Co. and the Diocesan Respect Life Office, the bus to Washington, DC for the “43rd Annual March for Life” was canceled due to the impending blizzard in Washington.

Let it be known that any donations received to help defray the cost of the bus will go to the various efforts to help the babies, mothers and families wounded by the effects of abortion.

Thank you and God bless you for your constant and faithful support.

She is a child not a choice

***WHEN THEY SAY....
WE SAY.....***



I’m personally opposed, but....

What if U.S. citizens had been willing to accept this justification for tolerating slavery? Our forefathers took away the “rights” of slave owners in order to give freedom to African Americans. Today our youngest and most vulnerable are still slaves to the life and death decisions of others.

It’s just a blob of tissue...

Simple tissue does not have a beating heart, brain waves, fingerprints, or a unique DNA. Only 12 weeks after fertilization, every system of a preborn child’s body is in place and functioning. Nothing new is added after the moment of fertilization except oxygen, nutrition and time.

What’s Happening

2/19/2016 Friday, Respect Life Ministry general meeting @ 2PM in the cottage

2/13/2016 Saturday, Prayer Presence @ Planned parenthood on Waverly Ave Patchogue 10:30 –11:30 am

2/13/16 Saturday: “Love Them both Pro-Life Vigil” Peaceful Presence from 9:30-10:30 am @ West Islip Planned Parenthood 180 Sunrise Hwy.



Inspirational Family Movie Suggestions
“Little boy”
“For Greater Glory”
“God’s Not Dead”

Post—Abortion Retreats

Prayer and Healing Retreats, help those suffering the effects of abortion. We offer a safe place, a way out of the pain, in a non-judgmental atmosphere. All retreats are led by the Sisters of Life and women, who have experienced both the suffering of abortion and the joy of healing in Christ. For more information visit our Website :hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org



**Entering Canaan
Days of Prayer & Healing**
February 13, 2016
March 19, 2016

Our Lady of the Snow 2nd Annual Raffle

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2nd Annual Raffle

First Prize \$10,000

Second Prize \$5,000

Third Prize \$1,000

Seller of Winning Ticket \$500

Early Bird \$500

(at the Chili Cook-off Jan 31, 2016)

Tickets on Sale NOW !!

Tickets \$100.

Only 500 Tickets being sold.

You can purchase your Ticket at the Rectory Office, or you can pick up a form on the stage of the Large church. and mail it in with your payment.

The drawing for the Raffle will be on **May 6, 2016** at the Dinner Dance.

Please fill out the below information and mail back to the Rectory with payment.
GOOD LUCK!!!!

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE # _____

ADDITIONAL NAMES _____

The Church in Need

On **February 14, 2016** a collection will be taken for "The Church in Need." The monies collected at this time will be shared among three areas of the world where there is particular need for help:

Church in Central and Eastern Europe - the Collection provides support for basic pastoral programs and makes scholarships available for students studying to serve their local church. These students become vital participants in the renewal of the Church in the region.

The Church in Latin America faces many difficult challenges. Natural disasters in many areas caused lasting damage to the Church, while a significant loss of parishioners to migration and to other faiths, the inability to support itself financially, and a lack of priests and religious to help effectively minister to the large number of Catholics continue to trouble the region.

The Church in Africa – the funds will go to assisting African countries where poverty, sickness and political strife prevent people from living in dignity.

Thank you for your generosity

Who is doing the mass??

February 14, 2016

5:00PM Fr. Amoah

7:30 AM Fr. Fink

9:00 AM Fr. Fink

11:00 AM Fr. Amoah

***Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule**

8:30 am Mother Church - Mass

4:30 pm Large Church - Service

7:30 pm Large Church - Mass

A little humor from Father Fink

The elderly pastor visited the 4th grade class and found them studying the states. He asked how many states they could name, and they came up with 40. He jokingly told them that when he was their age, the students could name all the states, to which a little boy responded, "Yes, but in those days there were only 13."

