



Our Lady of the Snow Catholic Church

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

*August 14, 2016 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Lord, come to my aid! (Psalm 40)*

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: Aug 16, 4:45pm
Mother Church

Visit us online!

www.OurLadyofTheSnowBluePoint.com

Msgr. Ronald Knox, one of England's great 20th century converts to Catholicism, was a translator of the Bible, a matchless expositor of the faith, a brilliant prose stylist, and a lightning wit. Engaged in a theological debate with scientist, John Scott Haldane, who argued: "In a universe containing millions of planets, is it not inevitable that life should appear on at least one of them?" Knox replied, "If Scotland Yard found a body in your cabin trunk, would you tell them: 'There are millions of trunks in the world; surely one of them must contain a body?' I think," said Knox, "they would still want to know who put it there."



The Pastoral Team Clergy

Rev. Msgr. Charles Fink, Pastor
Rev. John Amoah, Associate Pastor
Deacon Edward Karan
Deacon Bob Gronenthal
Deacon Frank Hartmann



Religious Education: 631 363-6394

Monday - Thursday
9:30 a.m. - to 4:30 p.m.

Mrs. Patricia Bartoldus, ext 113

Director of Faith Formation,

Mrs. Eileen Mulry, Secretary, ext.115

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631 363-2416 **Mrs. Beth Rivalsi,**

Director of Faith Formation for Adults

olsbeth@aol.com



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10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Monday - Thursday in the cottage

Mrs. Diana Mongan, Director ;

Mrs. Patricia Fulco, Outreach Assistant

olsoutreach@yahoo.com

Director of Music,

Mrs. Theresa Martin



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Hours: Mon -Fri 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Mrs. Lindsay Butler, Parish Asst., ext. 111;

Mrs. Loraine Gonzalez, . Asst., ext. 110

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Office is closed Saturdays in July and August



† 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

August 15, 2016

Saints and Special Observances also indicated

Monday Aug 15, Assumption BVM

8:30AM Angelo Manzo †

7:30 PM Marie Serritella †

Marie Locke †

Tuesday Aug 16, St. Stephen

8:30AM Margaret Doyle †

Wednesday Aug 17,

8:30AM Lena Latona †

Thursday Aug 18,

8:30AM Chiarina Santana †

Friday Aug 19, St. John Eudes

8:30AM Edward McCue †

Saturday Aug 20, St. Bernard

5:00PM Stanley Drake †

Sunday Aug 21,

7:30AM Thomas C. Schaal †

9:00AM Parishioners

11:00AM Alfred & Angeline Romeo †

Elaine & Harry Thyberg †

Pray for Our Sick

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

Jakob Brower & Esper Wenk

In Sympathy

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

Anna Smith

My dear parish family,

Atheism used to be something one was ashamed of or sorry for. It seems now to have become almost a badge of honor. Many in the media and academia promote the view that atheism is all about reason, faith about superstition. Allied to this position is the view that science and religion are essentially incompatible, that to be steeped in science is to cease to be a believer. The absurdity of this manifest in the fact that there are many believing scientists, but you would hardly know that from the way the picture is usually painted by so many of our opinion makers.

Years ago I had the privilege of meeting and befriending Fr. Stanley Jaki, a Hungarian Benedictine priest with doctorates in theology and physics, who also happened to be fluent in half a dozen languages. He was a living, breathing, very impressive, not to say imposing, refutation of the supposed irreconcilable conflict between religion and science. Google “Real View Books” or check out books by Stanley Jaki on Amazon to get some idea of the breadth and depth of his learning.

Dr. Stacy Trasancos, with a doctorate in chemistry and an MA in theology, has written a book called *Science Was Born of Christianity: The Teaching of Fr. Stanley Jaki*. It makes more accessible to the educated reader the contribution of Fr. Jaki. You can also go to her website, www.stacytrasancos.com, to read essays on Fr. Jaki and on the relationship between religion and science, as well as on human life/right to life issues.

Then there is John Lennox, Professor of Mathematics at Oxford University and an unabashed Christian. Go to www.aleteia.org and scroll down to “Videos”. There look for Lennox’s five minute dissection of atheism entitled “Why Atheists are Missing the Target”. Or go to his website, www.johnlennox.org, to learn more about and from him.

You may feel that the people I have cited are apt to speak and write over your head, and you may be right, but know that people like them, well-versed in science and at the same time practicing Christians, are greater in number than you may have been led to suppose. You are not alone in your belief. You are not foolish to believe. There is no necessary contradiction between science and religion when each is properly understood.

So be of good cheer, and be at peace. God bless and keep you always.

With love and prayers,

Fr. Charles Fink

PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS



Capt. Evan Bernstein
Major Meghan Ederle
Capt. Kyle Brown
Capt. Tara Brown Gomez
Capt. Thomas Gomez
Lt. Sean Brown
1/c Midshipman Shannon Brown
Army Specialist Justin Brown
E3/ACAN Connor Rooney USN
Capt. Dr. Kate Desmond-Baker

WEDDING BANNS

*Michael Scalon & Yasmin Ramos
Evan Schull & Margaret McCue
Travis Duryee & Jenna Olsen
Joseph Greatsinger & Kristen Kelly*



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

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.

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.

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.

Baptisms

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



PARISH PHOTO ALBUM

**The time is now to set up an appointment to get your family portrait!!!!!!
A couple of easy steps and
You are on your way.**

- 1- Go to the below website;
<https://www.securedata-trans14.com/ap/ourladyofthesnows/index.php>
- 2- Select number in group
- 3- Select day
- 4- Select time
- 5- Give email for confirmation
- 6- Give a login
- 7- Give password

That is it!!! So easy to do. Once you are on the website just follow their direction. If you do not have access to a computer, no problem. Call Loraine or Lindsay at 631 363-6385 ext 110 and they will set it all up for you. **Remember this is free, you get a 8X10 portrait and the Parish Photo Album**

WHAT CATHOLICS BELIEVE; WHY THEY BELIEVE IT **THE BENEFITS OF BELIEF** *by Peter Kreeft*

If God exists, then the world didn't just evolve by chance, but by deliberate design. There's an Artist behind this incredible work of art—this big and beautiful world.

If God exists, we're living in a great story, an epic like *The Lord of the Rings*, with real heroes and heroic tasks. Ultimately, all the twists and turns of this epic narrative will pay off; everything will make sense. It will even have a happy ending, not necessarily, or even likely, in our own lifetime—even Moses didn't get into the Promised Land—but over the grand course of time in an afterlife, which exists as surely as God exists.

If God exists, the presence of evil, hard as it is to accept, makes sense. God allows it for a reason—namely, to preserve our free will. And God will reconcile all injustices in the end. If there is no God, life is one big crapshoot.

If God does exist, morality is a real, objective feature of the world. If there is no God, morality is just the rules we make up for this little game of life we play.

If God exists, love is the nature of an eternal reality. If there is no God, love is just a fleeting feeling, no more than a bunch of chemical and neurological interactions.

If God exists, you are of infinite value. He knows you as a parent knows his child. He's accessible to you. If there is no God, each of us is as insignificant as a rock on an unknown planet.

If God exists, death is conquered because if there is a God there is a reality outside of space and time. If there is no God, there is nothing immortal, and all the good things in life are destroyed forever. You, and everyone you love, and everything you think matters are all consigned to oblivion. If there is no God, life is pointless. Everything we've done and lived for will ultimately be in vain.

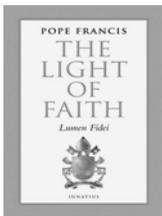
Can I prove with an absolute certainty that God exists? I can make the case that overwhelming evidence suggests that he does. But no I can't prove that He exists with absolute certainty. That's likely part of His plan. God deliberately doesn't give us absolute proof so that we're free to choose or not to choose to believe in Him.

Believing with Joy! Stewardship - A Way of Life

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Adults and children over seven years of age who are considering entering into the Catholic Church are welcome to join the **Inquiry Session** on August 21 after the 11 a.m. Mass. **The Inquiry Session for RCIA** aims to answer your questions about the Church and helps you discern if it is for you. The Inquiry session continues in September.

Baptized Catholics who have not received Holy Communion and Confirmation are also welcome. Call Beth Rivalsi at 631-363-2416 for more information.



New Book Discussion

Starting September 14!

We will be reading *The Light of Faith* co-authored by Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis. Here is an excerpt from the introduction of the encyclical by Pope

Francis himself.

“For the Year of Faith, Pope Benedict XVI had started this Encyclical, which follows on from those on charity and hope. I picked up this project and I have finished it. I offer it with joy to the whole People of God: in fact, especially today, we need to go to the essentials of the Christian faith, to deepen it, and to measure current issues by it. But I think that this encyclical, at least in some parts, can also be useful to those who are searching for God and for the meaning of life. I put it in the hands of Mary, the perfect icon of faith, that it may bring in the fruits that the Lord wants.”

(Sunday Angelus July 7, 2013)

Please join us; we meet in the Cottage from 7:30 to 9 p.m. every Wednesday. To reserve a book call Beth at 363-2416.

Celebrating 100 years! Preparing for our Town Hall Meeting

1. Confirm the date on your calendar, September 20 at 7:30 p.m.
2. Think of ways in which to celebrate 100 years of Our Lady of the Snow
3. Listen to what is suggested
4. Be ready to commit to head or work on a committee
5. Bring fellow parishioners to the meeting and encourage them to get involved in our celebration.

Our Cookbook deadline is October 31!

We have over 128 recipes but would like twice as many. Send those treasured recipes in now!

Photo Session Greeters Needed



We will need people to greet parishioners as they come to the Cottage for their family portraits on September 20-24. If you can come between 2p.m. and 9 p.m. during the week of September 20 please call Beth. We need your help!

Don't forget to go online to reserve a time for your family portrait!

Summer of Mercy

“Love builds a bridge over which truth can cross”

~Dan Burke~

DynamicCatholic.com/summer

STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT
For the week of July 10, 2016 \$

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

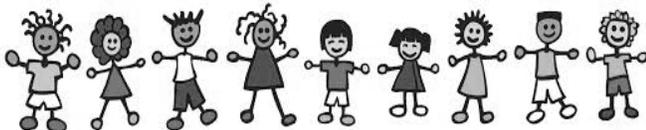
The ministry of Religious Education strives to bring all into a closer relationship with Jesus

Week of August 14

Religious
Education
Office will
reopen on
August 16

WE'RE BACK

Children Entering 1st Grade-Sept 2016 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



LATE REGISTRATION

Registration was June 7. All children need to be re-registered each year. If you have not registered please drop your forms off at the Religious Education Office as soon as possible.

Forms can be found on the parish website or hard copies are available on the backstairs of the Religious Education Office.

Children will be placed in classes on a first come first served basis.

If no catechist is available by start of classes in October children will be placed in the Home Study Program.



Catechist Training

Echoing the Word from the Centre is a Diocesan Training Program for catechists. We will be holding the following workshops in the Mother Church Basement. Please call or email the Religious Education Office if you will be attending.

Tues. 8/16 Sessions 1&2—The Catechist & Catechetical Tasks 7-9pm

Wed. 8/17 Sessions 1&2—The Catechist & Catechetical Tasks 10am-12 Noon

Wed. 8/17 Sessions 3,4&5 - The Environment, Session & Resources 7-9pm

Thurs. 8/18 Sessions 3,4&5 - The Environment, Session & Resources 10am—12 Noon

Mon. 8/22 Sessions 9&10 - Human Experience & Growth 7-9pm

Tues. 8/23 Session 6 - Scripture 10—11am

Tues. 8/23 Session 7 - Sacraments 7—8pm

Wed. 8/24 Session 8—Social Justice 10am—12 noon

Wed. 8/24 Session 11 - Faith, Morality & Sexual Development 7—8pm

Thurs. 8/25 Session 12 - Seasons, Saints, Prayers & Devotions 10am—12 noon

WHY Training ?

Catechists

Our primary task as catechists is to share the faith of the Catholic Church which gives each child the opportunity to grow in knowledge, love and service of Jesus Christ.

This is not an easy task. That is why the Bishop has asked that every catechist have catechetical training.. To assist with that training the diocese has put in place, **Echoing the Word** from the Centre Certification Training. It is important that **ALL** catechists attend and complete all 12 sessions. We have condensed the 12 sessions into 8 workshops.

Parish Outreach

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

****SUMMER FOOD PANTRY ALERT****

*During the summer donations to our food pantry
drop drastically, but the need for food
is always present*

The Pantry is in need of the following:
***** Indicate we are very low in supply**

- ◆ Coffee, tea and milk
- ◆ Crackers
- ◆ Spinach
- ◆ Jelly
- ◆ Mayonnaise
- ◆ Instant and canned potatoes
- ◆ Canned Chicken***
- ◆ Stew
- ◆ Toothpaste
- ◆ Laundry detergent
- ◆ Peas
- ◆ Carrots
- ◆ Canned Spinach***
- ◆ Mixed vegetables
- ◆ Juice
- ◆ Soap
- ◆ Body wash
- ◆ Deodorant***
- ◆ Macaroni & Cheese
- ◆ Chili
- ◆ Ketchup
- ◆ Shampoo & Conditioner
- ◆ Rice
- ◆ Cat and Dog Food
- ◆ Cleaning supplies
- ◆ Mustard
- ◆ King Kullen gift cards \$10***
- ◆ Baby wipes
- ◆ Cake mix
- ◆ Tissues
- ◆ Feminine Hygiene Products
- ◆ Syrup
- ◆ Napkins***
- ◆ Salad dressing***
- ◆ Tomato Sauce***

We have a good supply of pasta and soup now, please refer to the list above for what we are in need of. Thanks.

WHAT CATHOLICS BELIEVE; WHY THEY BELIEVE IT

9. FAITH AS CHOOSING (AND WE HAVE TO CHOOSE)

Sometimes you will hear faith rather cavalierly dismissed as a crutch, the obvious implication being that it's all right for weak, crippled folks, but for the emotionally and intellectually whole, it's entirely unnecessary. There are several things that need to be said about this. First, it's pretty hard to make a case that Thomas More, Louis Pasteur, John Paul II, and Mother Teresa of Calcutta were poor, inferior specimens of humanity, unworthy of comparison with all the brave, bright atheists of the world.

Second, the statement that faith or religion is a crutch begs the essential question, namely: Does this faith, does this religion correspond to anything real? If God exists, He might very well have made us with an in-built need to relate to Him, in which case those who deny this need are as foolish as a person who denies the human need of food or exercise. Calling faith a crutch as an excuse not to believe is no more than name-calling; it certainly is not deep thought.

Another charge brought against believers is that they are subscribing to something that cannot be proven and that, therefore, they are not as intellectually honest as the agnostic who simply says, "I do not and cannot know." Well, as we have seen, a very strong case can be made that God does indeed exist. It certainly is not unreasonable to believe in Him. Moreover, and this is seldom adverted to, there are situations in which not to make a decision is, in fact, to make one. In other words, under such circumstances, it is impossible not to choose.

Consider, e.g., a man proposing marriage to a woman. She does not say yes; she does not say no. She says she cannot make up her mind. This may be okay for a week, a month, maybe even a few years, but if her neutrality lasts a lifetime, well then, she will never marry the man, and as far as he is concerned, she might as well have said no in the first place.

Belief in God is something like that. To go a lifetime without committing is tantamount to unbelief. If God exists, since God does exist and wants to marry us, sooner or later we have to say yes or no. At a certain point, maybe is equivalent to no, and it is intellectually dishonest not to admit that

(The last paragraph was missing in last weeks bulletin)

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

“Who you are is God’s gift to you – who you become, is your gift to God”



Now and at the Hour of Our Death

A Catholic guide to
End-of-Life
Decision-Making

Continue—Family Health Care
Decisions Act (FHCDA)

The FHCDA establishes a protocol for hospitals to use that prioritizes the persons who can make decisions for you should you become incapacitated. The surrogate decision-makers who have legal authority to make medical decisions for you, ranked in priority order by the law are;

1. Legal Guardian (for the mentally ill)
2. Spouse for Domestic Partner
3. Adult Son or Daughter
4. Parent
5. Adult Brother or Sister
6. Close Friend

If conflicts arise among any of the persons on the list regarding a health care decision, or if the attending physician objects to the surrogate’s decision, the matter must be referred to a hospital ethics review committee.

THANK YOU & GOD BLESS YOU IF YOU URGED

Congress to enact common- sense protections for pro-life health care workers in **H.R.4828**, the **Conscience Protection Act of 2016**. It was introduced on 3- 22-16 upholding the right of conscientious objection to abortion and **PETE KING** (2nd Cong. District) 339 Cannon Building, Washington, D.C.20515-3202 (phone (202)225-7896) responded / he wrote: “We are in complete agreement on this issue, I voted for it and it passed the House on July 14th.” “I have a 100% pro-life voting record and will continue to oppose abortion and support life”

Now the bill needs to pass the Senate & the president needs to sign it.

**KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK, SEND A THANK
YOU TO CONG. KING & CONTINUE TO
FOLLOW UP**

*“All it takes for evil to exit is for good people to do
nothing”. . . Ed Burke*



VOTE!



*“IT IS MORALLY OBLIGATORY ... TO
EXERCISE THE RIGHT TO VOTE”*

*CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC
CHURCH (2240)
AND*

***IF YOU ARE TEMPTED NOT TO VOTE THIS
YEAR BECAUSE YOU ARE DISGUSTED –
CONSIDER THIS:
THERE ARE MANY IMPORTANT PUBLIC
OFFICES IN PLAY ON ELECTIONS
NOVEMBER 8, 2016. WE WILL ELECT A
PRESIDENT, WHO MAY APPOINT MULTIPLE
SUPREME COURT JUSTICES. WE WILL
ELECT ONE US SENATOR AND IN ADDITION
ALL OUR LOCAL US CONGRESSMEN. WE
WILL ALSO BE ELECTING ALL THE
MEMBERS OF THE NYS SENATE AND
MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY. MANY OF
THE ELECTIONS WILL BE VERY CLOSE AND
EVERY VOTE WILL COUNT.***

*STAY TUNED IN - WE HOPE TO HELP
YOU NAVIGATE THROUGH THE ELEC-
TION PROCESS*



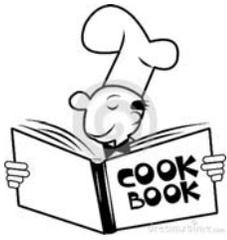
Coming Soon
**“March for Life, NY
Fundraiser Dinner”**
Monday – August 29,
2016

**7PM @Villa Lom-
bardi’s Holbrook**

\$95.00 pp

Make checks to

Grace & Truth Church
26 Westfield Rd Coram, NY 11727
631-681-7275



For the **100th Anniversary** we will be putting together a cook-book. We would love for it to be filled with recipes of our parishioners, past and present. The cook-book will be completed in time for the Chili cook-off on January 29, 2017 . Please send in your favorite recipe to be added to the cookbook. All recipes need to be in by October 31, 2016. We prefer if you email the recipes, If that is not possible, just drop them off or mail to the rectory.



**Jubilee Year of Mercy
Pilgrimage
Saturday,
September 24, 2016
Diocesan Pilgrimage to the
National Shrine of the
Immaculate Conception**

As part of the celebration of this Jubilee Year of Mercy, please consider participating in the Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC. The date fo the pilgrimage is Saturday, September 24, 2016. Please contact Elizabeth Pesante at 631 514-5313 or the Rectory office 363-6385 ext . 110 for more information on this wonderful event and reserve a seat on the bus. Please join us!



8-week support groups are now forming for children, families and individuals grieving the loss of a family member to suicide or overdose. Groups will meet

**Tuesday evenings
September 13th through
November 1st 6-8:30 p.m. at
New Life Community Church,
380 Lakeland Avenue, Sayville.**

**There is no cost for participating.
Deadline to register and schedule
an intake is August 18th.**

**To set up a registration appointment, please call
or email Michelle
at (631) 589-0055 / info@tnh-hope.org**

**For more information check out our facebook
page: The Neighborhood House of Sayville or our
website: www.tnh-hope.org**

2016
Our Lady of the Snow
Annual Golf Outing
October 5, 2016



SAVE THE DATE !!!!!

**CYO BASKETBALL
SIGN UP
AUGUST 16-17
6-9 pm
IN THE COTTAGE**

For more information email Liz @
oboysogirl@hotmail.com

ANTIQUÉ CAR
SHOW



ST. JOHN
NEPOMUCENE
AND K OF C SUNRISE COUNCIL 6607

Saturday, September 24, 2016 Rain or shine
From 8:00am—3:00pm

Pre-registration fee is \$15, this admits 1 driver
and 1 passenger, who must arrive with the car.

Registration on day of show is \$20

General admission is \$5.00—under 12 are free

Cars wishing to be judged must enter prior to
3:00PM

Trophies will be awarded starting at 3:00PM

Further information call James 631-275-0940

A little humor from Father Fink

A man who had too much to drink was making his way home with great difficulty. Then he saw two nuns coming towards him. They moved apart and let him pass between them. He stopped, gaped at them in amazement and said, “How did she do that?”

