



## *Our Lady of the Snow*

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

*August 2, 2020 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs*



**DAILY MASSES:**  
Monday - Friday 8:30 AM  
in Large Church

**WEEKEND MASSES:**  
Saturday 5:00 PM in Large Church  
Sunday 7:30 AM in Large Church  
9:00 AM and 11:00 AM in Large Church

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**

Saturday 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM  
in Large Church

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:**

Monday 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
in Mother Church

**ROSARY:**

Wednesday Aug 5, 4:45 pm  
Mother Church

**Rev. Kevin M. Smith, Pastor**

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**Office of Faith Formation:**

**Mrs. Loren Christie, ARE**

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Monday - Thursday

9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**(631) 363-6394**

**Director of Music:**

Mrs. Theresa Martin

**Parish Outreach:**

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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Monday - Thursday in the cottage

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Hours: Mon. - Thur. 9:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

Friday closed in July and August

**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 the rectory office.*

**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 at 1:00 p.m. on the second Saturday and fourth Sunday of most months. Please visit our website for complete information or call the rectory office.*



*Major Meghan Ederle*

*Major Kyle Brown*

*Major Robert Gervasio*

*Capt. Evan Bernstein*

*Lt. Sean Brown*

*LTJG Shannon Wojciechowski*

*Ensign Douglas Wojciechowski*

*LTJG Thomas Adair*

*DO, CPT, MC Kate Desmond-Baker*

*TSgt. Mark C. Erickson*

*SMSGT Harold L. Erickson*

*E3/ACAN Connor Rooney USN*

*Sgt. Samuel Campanella*

*Lt. Robert Fleming*

**Pray for Our Sick**

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

**Warren Goercke**

**Gail Herlihy**

**In Sympathy**

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

**Randi Dunn**



*Altar Bread and Wine  
In Memory of Michael Higgins*

*Sanctuary Candle in Mother Church  
In Memory of Kevin McAuley*

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT:  
\$ 7704

### **FOOD PANTRY ALERT**

During the Covid 19 crisis our food pantry has remained open to assist those in need in our community.

**We are in most need of mayonnaise, tea, coffee, pancake mix, syrup, tuna, jelly, boxed milk, paper towels, shampoo, conditioner, tissues, dish detergent, laundry detergent, Large size depends for women.**

All donations may be left outside the pantry doors in the large church before mass at the weekends, or during the week outside the doors of the large church – Monday – Thursday 10am-1pm.

If you are shopping in the Blue Point King Kullen there is also a box to the left of the exit doors for donations.

We are most grateful to the volunteers, the parishioners and the local community who have assisted our efforts to serve those in need during these difficult times.

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Aug 2,</b>
7:30 AM	Parishioners
9:00 AM	Michael Higgins †
11:00 AM	Marvin Eugene Boomgaarden †
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Aug 3,</b>
8:30 AM	Darin Gibson †
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Aug 4, St John Vianney</b>
8:30 AM	Jessica Bradley †
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Aug 5, The Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major</b>
8:30 AM	Mario Cello †
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Aug 6, The Transfiguration of the Lord</b>
8:30 AM	Kevin J. McAuley †
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Aug 7, St Sixtus</b>
8:30 AM	Mary & Gene McAuley St. †
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Aug 8, St Dominic</b>
5:00 PM	James Bast †
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Aug 9, 19th Sunday</b>
7:30 AM	Parishioners
9:00 AM	Bishop Harry Flynn †
11:00 AM	Anthony Savino † Frank Morgan †



**August 5**  
Is the Feast day of  
Our Lady of the Snow.  
Please join us for  
Mass at 8:30 am  
in the Large Church .  
Light refreshments  
to follow

*Our Lady of the Snow  
Faith Formation Office  
631-363-6394 [lchristie@olsbp.com](mailto:lchristie@olsbp.com)  
Visit our virtual classroom at  
[olsvc.blogspot.com](http://olsvc.blogspot.com)  
Office Hours: Mon. to Thurs.  
9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.*

The Faith Formation Office will be closed for vacation Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup> through August 13<sup>th</sup> and will reopen on Monday August 17<sup>th</sup>.

The ministry of Faith Formation strives to bring all into a closer relationship with Jesus through Word, Worship and Service.

**New Office Location-** We have moved the Faith Formation Office, (previously known as Religious Education Office) from the basement of the Rectory to the Large Church. There is a Ring set up at the Large Church front entrance doors, left side. If you stop by, please ring the bell. Our phone number has not changed: 631-363-6394. Paperwork can be mailed or dropped off in the mail slot at the Rectory Office; we still have mailboxes there. Catechist manuals can be dropped off in the clear bin next to the Faith Formation Office doors in the Large Church before or after a Mass.

**Catechists Needed-** We are in dire need of volunteer teachers for the 2020-2021 school year, Levels 2 through 9. Here is a breakdown of what we need:

Level 2: 4 catechists

Level 3: 4 catechists

Level 4: 2 catechists

Level 5: 2 catechists

Level 6: 2 catechists

Level 7: 1 catechist

Level 8: 2 catechists

Level 9: 1 catechist

People are sometimes reluctant to be volunteer catechists because they think they don't know enough about their faith to teach it well. The truth is, all of us are on an incomplete faith journey and teaching the faith deepens and strengthens one's own connec-

tion to God. Teaching experience is not necessary; lesson plans and guidance will be provided through virtual and in-person catechist meetings. Requirements to teach are:

You have a desire to pass your Catholic faith on to the next generation, and a willingness to grow in your own faith journey.

You must have received the sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation and Reconciliation.

You must be a practicing Catholic who attends Mass regularly.

If you think you are being called to volunteer to teach our Catholic faith, call or email Loren Christie in the Faith Formation Office.

**Changes-** Class structure will be changing this year, in that each level will be meeting twice per month for onsite classes in the Large Church, rather than weekly. Level 2 will now meet in the Large Church for classes instead of the Mother Church basement. Online learning will become an integral part of our structure through our virtual classroom.

**Registration-** Thank you to those who have registered for next year thus far. Registration is ongoing, and you can sign your child up for the program online from our parish website, [ourladyofthesnowbluepoint.com](http://ourladyofthesnowbluepoint.com). Once there, you can also pay through PayPal from the website.

**Parents of First Graders-** Preparation for the sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation is a two-year program which begins in first grade. If you are registering a first grader, please call the Faith Formation to make an appointment to register in person. A copy of your child's baptismal certificate is needed for our records if your child was not baptized at Our Lady of the Snow.

**New Parishioners-** Welcome to our parish! Please call to make an appointment to register your children for Faith Formation classes. A transfer letter is needed for our records if your child has completed classes in another parish.

**Thank you Mike Dawidziak for this week's reflection. If you would like to contribute a reflection to the bulletin, please feel free to reach out to me at [Mtully@olsbp.com](mailto:Mtully@olsbp.com).**

Quick Catholic I.Q. quiz: Which is the only one of Jesus' miracles to appear in all four gospels? If you answered the Feeding of the Five Thousand, you got it right. This miracle must have held a very significant and important place in the teaching of the Apostles and the early church for all four evangelists to have included it. One of the reasons it is so integral to the Christian message is this sign given by Jesus is a fulfillment of the prophecy in the first reading from Isaiah that God "will renew the everlasting covenant".

In today's gospel reading of Matthew's account of this miracle, we read that when Jesus "saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them". The Greek word for pity used here (*esplanchnisthē*) actually directly translates as "to be moved in the inward parts" or a way of expressing "to feel compassion". Jesus was fully human and fully divine. He could feel this compassion towards the crowd as both their God and their brother. Who could have blamed Jesus if His attitude was, "I came here to get away and now look at this crowd!" How would we feel if we got to our vacation spot and found it overrun with people and in place of relaxation we had to work?

Instead, the pity Jesus had for the crowd led Him to cure their sick. The Greek word used here for sick (*arrostous*) translates to wretched ones. This would seem to indicate that Jesus cured more than just their physical problems. It sounds like He cured them emotionally, mentally and spiritually as well. In the reading from Isaiah, God tells all people to "Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life". That's exactly what the crowd did. How could Jesus not have compassion for them?

The disciples also feel compassion for the crowd as they very practically tell Jesus to send them away so they can buy themselves food. Their compassion doesn't lead to action and who can blame them? Don't we react the same way when faced with what seems to be overwhelming challenges? But Jesus' compassion for the crowd doesn't end with just curing them (as if that wouldn't have been enough). The first reading from Isaiah also includes an invitation from God to eat and drink without cost. Clearly, this invitation involves more than merely earthly food and drink but for now, the sign of God's actual presence among His people will be physical food. Sound familiar?

So now, Jesus decides He also wants to feed them. And He tells His apostles to do it! He instructs them to give them something to eat themselves. He orders them to. Translated from the original Greek, the word, "you," is an emphatic imperative – "YOU give them something to eat." They're stumped. They don't have the resources. They only have five loaves and two fish. Jesus tells them, "Bring them here to Me". The apostles don't perform the miracle but they do indeed distribute the food to the people. They "only" distribute God's mercy. God provides both the means and the people to serve.

And that is what God also tells us to do. If we give what we have, our talents, our means, etc., it might seem meager to us but God will make it enough. Mother Teresa said about Jesus, "He uses us to be his love and compassion in the world in spite of our weaknesses and frailties." In this miracle Jesus does not produce food out of nowhere although He could have. He takes the little that the apostles have, and he multiplies it a thousand-fold. "They all ate and were satisfied". You can't out-generous God. Jesus' instructions to His disciples should resound in our own ears: "YOU give them something to eat".

It doesn't matter if we feel inadequate or not up to the task. When we feel we have only meager talents and resources, Jesus says, "Bring them here to me". In his epistle to the Romans, Paul assures us that nothing "will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." With our faith assured, we can just give what we have and God will take care of the rest. He will take what we have to give and bless it and multiply it. As He did with the apostles, Jesus will work through us, if we let Him.



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July 21, 2020

Reverend Kevin Smith  
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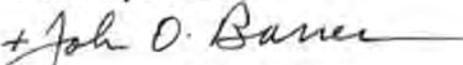
Dear Father Smith:

Barbara Kilarjian has shared with me the wonderful news that your parish has exceeded goal in pledges for the 2020 Catholic Ministries Appeal. What a wonderful tribute to you and your parishioners during this unprecedented time ~ congratulations and many thanks.

Your support is so vital to continuing our evangelization and discipleship ministries throughout the Diocese of Rockville Centre and I am most grateful for your commitment and leadership not only to the Catholic Ministries Appeal, but to your parish and the Diocese.

Thank you again for helping us to fulfill the promise of the future and continue to promote *dramatic missionary growth* across Long Island. I keep you and your parishioners in my Masses and prayers.

Fraternally in Christ,

  
Most Reverend John O. Barres  
Bishop of Rockville Centre

cc: Barbara Kilarjian

*So grateful Kevin*

## ***OLS Respect Life News***

The Respect Life Ministry is supporting a local teen mom and her baby, (an 18 month old baby boy), with a monthly monetary gift. If you would like to contribute to this effort please mail donations to the Rectory Office, Attention: Respect Life Ministry.

We are on Instagram: [@olsrespectlifeministry](https://www.instagram.com/olsrespectlifeministry). Follow us!

Our next meetings will be held on the following Thursdays: September 3, October 1 and November 5th in the cottage at 10 a.m.

Our regularly scheduled Prayer Presence in front of Planned Parenthood in Patchogue will be August 8th, September 12th, and October 10th from 10:30 a.m.– 11:30 a.m. on the sidewalk at 450 Waverly Avenue, Patchogue. Call 631-472-4314 for more information.