



## *Our Lady of the Snow*

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

*August 9, 2020 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation*



**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:**  
Thursday, August 13, 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

**Mrs. Diana Mongan, Director**

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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....*

**Gail Herlihy**

**In Sympathy**

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

**Randi Dunn  
Warren Goercke**



*Altar Bread and Wine*  
*In Memory of Warren Goercke*

*Sanctuary Candle in Mother Church*  
*In Memory of Warren Goercke*

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT:  
**\$ 6,309.00**

### **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



**Sunday Aug 9,**  
 7:30 AM Parishioners  
 9:00 AM Bishop Harry Flynn †  
 11:00 AM Anthony Savino †  
 Frank Morgan †  
 Peggy Vigliotta (living)

**Monday Aug 10,**  
 8:30 AM Anthony Lentini †

**Tuesday Aug 11,**  
 8:30 AM Daniel Fitzpatrick †

**Wednesday Aug 12, St. Jane Frances de Chantal**  
 8:30 AM Anita Gillis †

**Thursday Aug 13, St. Pontian & Hippolytus**  
 8:30 AM Margaret Bergo †

**Friday Aug 14, St Maximilian**  
 8:30 AM Barbara Brancella †

**Saturday Aug 15, Assumption BVM**  
 5:00 PM Gabrielle Dooley †

**Sunday Aug 9, 19th Sunday**  
 7:30 AM Thomas Schaal 7th Anniv. †  
 9:00 AM Parishioners  
 11:00 AM Ellen Brady †

The 2021 Mass book is open  
 If you would like to have a mass  
 Intention for a loved one  
 deceased or living  
 Please call the office or stop by  
 and we can help you with that.

*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 connection 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.



## *Congratulations and God Bless*

*our RCIA Catechumens who will be*

*Confirmed, August 13th:*

*Beatriz Arias*

*Oliver Providoshin*

*Michael Stawecki*

*(Catechumen Jillian Cassar will be confirmed next year at the Easter Vigil.) I would also like to give a very special thank you to our RCIA Team, Carrie Logan, Rosemarie Libertelli, Sean McDermott and Mike Scottaline. It is such a wonderful experience to be involved with the RCIA team and to be a part of someone's faith journey!*

### **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. 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.



### Bulletin Reflection:

When the winds start to beat down on us and we feel as though we could drown in our stresses, sorrows and worries, do we trust in Jesus? Do we find it difficult to trust in Him when times are tough?

### Living Stewardship Pillar of Hospitality:

God is generous to His children. This week be generous and kind to all you meet.

## *Why Do I Choose to Be a Catholic Christian?*

*A reflection from our Faith Formation Director Loren Christie*

The major difference is authority. The Catholic Church has the ability to teach us and to establish doctrine. Why? Check out Matthew 16:18, where Jesus founds His church on Simon, whose name he changes to Peter to reflect the mission, (“petros” means “rock” in Greek). “Upon this rock I will build my church,” Jesus says. The mission Jesus charges the apostles with is spreading the Gospel across the earth with the help of the Holy Spirit. Peter becomes the first Pope, and the Holy Spirit equips him to lead the early church. Amazing.

Fr. Mike Schmitz of “Ascension Presents” points out that when Jesus said to Peter, “I give you the keys to the kingdom,” (Mt. 16:19), He was referencing the prophet Isaiah. In a kingdom governing structure there is the role of the Prime Minister, who has authority over the kingdom if the King leaves. Jesus gives the apostles the authority to teach in His name and the structure He establishes through Peter allows for the hierarchy we have today with Deacons, Priests, Bishops, Cardinals and the Pope as our guides and leaders.

Some Christians say that the Bible alone has the authority to teach us. As Catholics we believe that the Bible is the sacred word of God. We believe that word is infallible. The question is, are all of our diverse interpretations of the Bible infallible? There are some issues that the Bible does not specifically address. This problem came up for the early church leaders. In Acts of the Apostles, we see the apostles grappling with the question of whether or not to share the Good News with Gentiles. What did they do? They discussed, debated and prayed to the Holy Spirit for guidance. Then they made an authoritative decision. Throughout the history of the Catholic Church, this is how our leaders of the faith have answered questions that Jesus never specifically addressed. Jesus gave authority to the apostles and Peter as the head of the apostles and we should trust that, as fallible as some of our Catholic leaders have been over time. He gave them the Holy Spirit to guide their decisions. Pope Francis stands in the shoes of the apostle Peter today, by the power of the Holy Spirit, who we believe as Catholics guided the church to choose him for that role. That’s awesome.

Next, we have saints. Saints are the great heroes and heroines of our faith. They are our role models. The church takes great care in deciding who is made a saint, and we can count on the idea that these holy people are in the presence of God in heaven, and they are praying for us. How cool is that?

Catholics have the most beautiful way of venerating the Blessed Mother, Mary. Mary has an awesome role as our spiritual mother given to her by Jesus as she watched Him suffer on the cross. If you recall Jesus said to his disciple, “Behold, your mother,” (Jn 19:25-29). Mary’s mission is to bring us all closer to her Son Jesus. Mary is the Queen of Heaven. Jesus gave His mother to us as a gift. Catholics understand Mary’s role, and they reap the benefits of asking Mary to pray for them. Finally, Catholics have the enormous gift of Mass, where Jesus is made fully present in the Eucharist. The Eucharist is the ultimate spiritual food. Everyone is invited and those who become Catholic can receive Jesus into their hearts and minds daily through the sacrament of Holy Communion. Mass happens around the world daily and it’s the same wherever you go.

We learn from the parable of the Wedding feast, (see Matthew 22:1-14), there are some invitations you just shouldn’t pass up. Being Catholic is one of them.



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