



Our Lady of the Snow

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

*September 13, 2020 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
“The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.”*



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:

Monday, September 14, 4:45 pm
Mother Church

Rev. Kevin M. Smith, Pastor

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Monday - Thursday

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

(631) 363-6394

Director of Music:

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

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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:

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...

**Claire Abranson &
Rebecca DiTomasso**



Altar Bread and Wine
In honor of Jim & Elaine Space
50th Wedding Anniversary

Sanctuary Candle in Mother Church
In honor of Jim & Elaine Space
50th Wedding Anniversary

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT:
\$ 6059

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

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 ;

- Salmon
- Potatoes
- Chili
- Water
- Pasta
- Toothpaste
- Paper towels
- Cleaning supplies

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 Sept 13,
 7:30 AM Joseph Perrera †
 9:00 AM Joan & Paul Maio †
 11:00 AM Daniel DiCicco †
 Eileen Flynn †

Monday Sept 14,
 8:30 AM Marie Haloulos †

Tuesday Sept 15, Our lady of Sorrows
 8:30 AM Carol McCluskey †

Wednesday Sept 16, St Cornelius
 8:30 AM Brigitte Hortsmann †

Thursday Sept 17, St. Bellamine
 8:30 AM Belinda Lynch †

Friday Sept 18,
 8:30 AM Timothy Rowland †

Saturday Sept 19,
 5:00 PM John W Hunt Jr. †

Sunday Sept 20,
 7:30 AM Raj Manie †
 9:00 AM Jim & Elaine Space
50th Wedding Anniversary
 11:00 AM Richard P. Fox †



Wedding Banns

Ryan Conrow
 &
Theresa Sblendorio



Parish Outreach
Thanksgiving
Christmas food and giving tree program

This year due to the Covid 19 Pandemic we are making some necessary changes to our holiday giving program to ensure the health and safety of all. This year the holiday food baskets and giving tree gifts will be all gift cards.

How do I donate to this program?

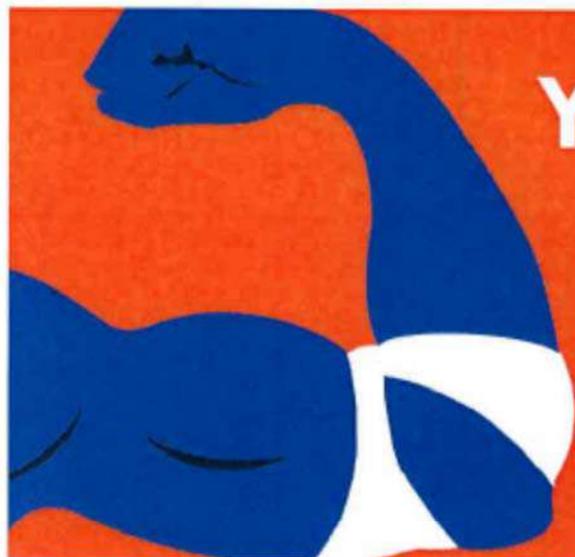
- 1) May we suggest purchasing a \$25 supermarket gift card, a gift card to Target, CVS or Marshalls, or write a check to Our Lady of The Snow, and we will purchase the gift card as requested. Drop off in the collection basket at mass, or at the outreach office Monday-Thursday 10am-1pm. (A basket will be outside the outreach door for this purpose) Mail to The Outreach office at Our Lady Of The Snow , 175 Blue Point Avenue, Blue Point, NY 11715.
- 2) Go online to Our Lady Of The Snow website and virtually donate using PAY PAL for the desired amount to be used to purchase the gift cards. Go to Outreach heading Go to Giving-Outreach You will see the categories for your donation. We will then purchase the gift card as requested.

We would appreciate these donations as soon as possible to ensure all our families' needs are met during this very difficult economic time.

Please follow us on Facebook at OLS BP for frequent updates to our program. Please call the Outreach Office at 363-2417, Monday through Thursday 10AM - 1PM with any questions or further inquiries or leave a message and we will get back to you ASAP.

Thank you for your support of our ministry!





**YOU HAVE THE
POWER TO
SAVE LIVES.**

△ New York *Blood Center*

BLOOD DRIVE

Our Lady of the Snow RC Church

Monday, October 5th

10:30am-7:30pm

Basement, Mother Church

175 Blue Point Ave. Blue Point, NY 11715

To remain in compliance with the federal guidelines for social distancing

Appointment Preferred

Walk-ins welcome if drive capacity permits

To make an appointment please contact Parish Outreach – 631-363-2417

DONORS PRESENTING:

- Must wear a mask or face covering
- Will have their temperature taken
 - Must be 14 days symptom free if recovered from COVID-19
 - May **NOT** donate if they have had a positive diagnostic test or experienced symptoms of COVID-19 in the last 14 days
 - May **NOT** donate if they are currently on self-quarantine restrictions

www.nybc.org

1.800.933.BLOOD

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Weekly Reflection By Michael Dawidziak

The most popular prayer in the world is the one that Jesus gave us: The Lord's Prayer. It's likely that this is the prayer that you and I will recite the most often in our lifetime. And yet, there are two lines in this prayer that we as Christians seem to constantly struggle with. The first one is "Thy will be done". Being completely subjected to God's will is often difficult for us. The second one is "as we forgive those who have trespassed against us".

We're well aware of the fact that forgiveness is an integral, if not the key element of Jesus' message. Forgiveness of our sins and therefore the promise of salvation is the whole reason for the incarnation in the first place. It's all through the gospels and Jesus even prayed for His Father to forgive His executioners while they were in the very act of putting Him to death. So why is it often so hard for us to forgive?

In today's gospel, Peter asks what seems to be a very practical question. He's already heard Jesus teach often on the necessity of forgiveness. The Jewish tradition of Peter's time limited to three the number of times forgiveness was to be extended. Once again, we can relate to Peter's all to human limitations. He has probably figured out by this point that Jesus' standard will be higher than that of the scribes and Pharisees. He probably thought he was being very evolved by more than doubling the existing standard. How about seven times? Once more, Jesus teaches Peter (and us) that we must strive to act in God's ways. "Not seven times but seventy seven times". The Greek here can also be translated as seventy times seven times, as it is in the King James Version. Jesus is essentially telling Peter not to even count. Forgiveness is unlimited.

Jesus then goes on to tell the parable about a servant who owed a huge debt to the king. The original Greek puts the sum at ten thousand talents. That would be like saying several billion dollars today. The point is that the servant owes an amount that he can't possibly ever pay back. The king does an amazing act and forgives the servant the entire debt. Now when this servant, after having been shown such compassion meets a fellow servant, who owes him a "much smaller amount", he also does an amazing thing. He refuses to forgive the debt. The original language puts the amount owed at one hundred denarii. Modern estimates of the size of this debt vary but the point here is that it's an amount that could be easily forgiven but he doesn't.

The king is understandably furious with the unforgiving debtor and revokes his previous generous treatment. At this point, Jesus does something remarkable. He ends the parable narrative and suddenly switches to reality with a dire warning on the consequences of not forgiving. He makes it crystal clear that the king in the parable is His Father and we are the fellow servants. Jesus doesn't give us any wiggle room here. And yet, in our culture, "don't get mad, get even" seems to be a much more common attitude.

When we feel we are the victims of injustice, it is often our first reaction to seek revenge. This reaction is obviously not new. In the Old Testament reading from the Book of Sirach, we are warned that "the vengeful will suffer the Lord's vengeance" and "Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the Lord?"

Jesus teaches us that we are to show our gratitude for our forgiveness by showing great love. Through His forgiveness, God has given us the privilege of knowing that we are His children and that we have the opportunity to please Him by serving Him in this life by showing great love. That includes forgiving one other. If we are going to call ourselves a Christian, forgiveness is a non-negotiable item. It's not often easy, but it's God's way and we should strive to make it our way.

Simply put, God wants us to forgive each other. God has forgiven us much and in so doing opened the door to eternal happiness for us to walk through if we choose. That choice, however, includes forgiving others as a mandate. In his plea for unity in his letter to the Romans, St. Paul writes, "For this is why Christ died and came to life". We have been forgiven a debt that we never could have repaid ourselves. When we don't love and deny forgiveness, we invalidate the significance of Jesus' sacrifice and resurrection in our own lives. When we choose to love and forgive, we affirm that God is alive in our hearts.

Our Lady of the Snow Faith Formation Office

631-363-6394 lchristie@olsbp.com

Visit our virtual classroom at olsvc.blogspot.com

Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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

Congratulations to all of our students making a long-awaited First Holy Communion and Confirmation this month! God bless all of our students as they return to school this year!

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.

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. Once there, you can also pay through PayPal from the website.

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.

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: 1 catechist

Level 3: 2 catechists

Level 4: 2 catechists

Level 5: 3 catechists

Level 6: 3 catechists

Level 7: 1 catechist

Level 8: 1 catechist

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:

1. You have a desire to pass your Catholic faith on to the next generation, and a willingness to grow in your own faith journey.
2. You must have received the sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation and Reconciliation.
3. 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 the Faith Formation Office.

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.



Our Lady of the
Snow Church

MONEY FROM HEAVEN

GOLF BALL DROP

****Fundraiser****

October 24, 2020

**ONLY 400 GOLF BALLS
WILL BE SOLD**

Here is how it works:

1. Purchase a ball for \$100.
2. Show up or don't on October 24, 2020 after the 5 p.m. Mass and watch the ball drop.
3. Say a prayer that your ball is closest to the pin.
Have fun, get a hot dog and ice cream.

(Due to the small number of golf balls being sold, we cannot accommodate special number requests)

1 in 400 Chance to Win

1st Prize - \$5,000.00

2nd Prize - \$2,500.00

3rd Prize - \$1,500.00

4th Prize - \$1,000.00

*****You do not need to be present to win.*****





*OUR LADY OF THE SNOW
MONEY FROM HEAVEN*

OCTOBER 24, 2020 6:00 pm
AFTER THE 5:00 pm Mass



Name _____

Name of Company _____

Address _____

Town, Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Check Amount _____

Number of Golf balls _____

If you have multiple people, please list below:

Please mail this form back to:
Our Lady of the Snow, 175 Blue Point Ave, Blue Point,
New York 11715 or
feel free to drop it off at the rectory office.

School Blessing for our Teachers and Students:



Lord God,
Your Spirit of wisdom fills the earth and teaches us your ways.

Look upon these students.
Let them enjoy their learning and take delight in new discoveries.
Help them to persevere in their studies and give them the desire to learn all things well.

Look upon these teachers.
Let them strive to share their knowledge with gentle patience; and endeavor always to bring the truth to eager minds.

Grant that students and teachers alike may follow Jesus Christ, the way the truth, and the life, for ever and ever.

Amen.

If you are not comfortable coming into the Church, **tune into 100.1 FM** while in the parking lot of the Church and listen to the Mass live. (We can bring you Communion too, just let us know before Mass by calling the office during the week or by having someone tell Marlene you're in the lot).



Who is Presiding at Mass?

Week of September 19-20

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Father Kevin

Sunday 7:30 a.m. Father Joseph
9:00 a.m. Father Kevin
11:00 a.m. Father Joseph

Holy Communion will be distributed in the proper order during Mass this weekend.

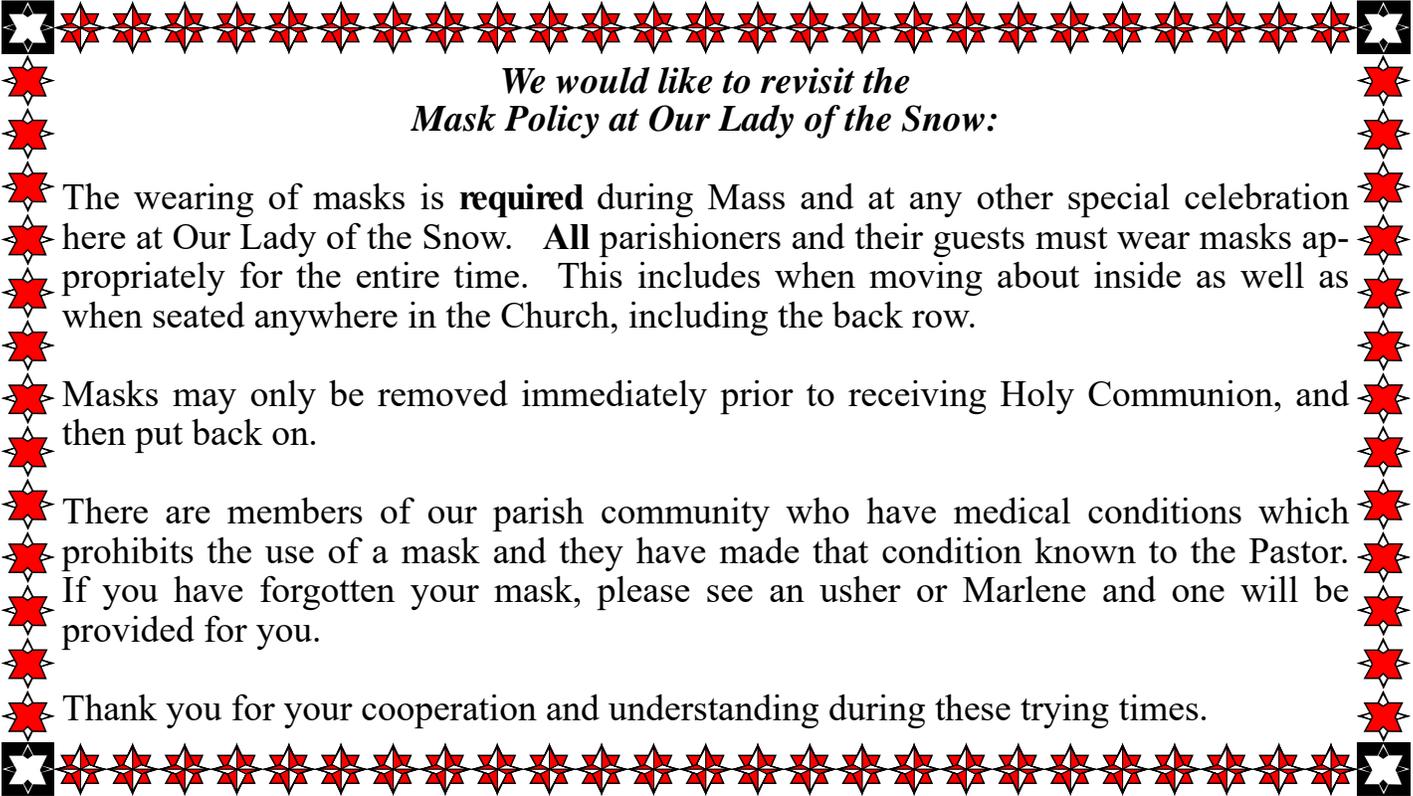
Please maintain social distancing.

Thank you!



Thank you to all of our volunteers that help out at Our Lady of the Snow.

The gifts that you all have and have selflessly shared is much appreciated!



*We would like to revisit the
Mask Policy at Our Lady of the Snow:*

The wearing of masks is **required** during Mass and at any other special celebration here at Our Lady of the Snow. **All** parishioners and their guests must wear masks appropriately for the entire time. This includes when moving about inside as well as when seated anywhere in the Church, including the back row.

Masks may only be removed immediately prior to receiving Holy Communion, and then put back on.

There are members of our parish community who have medical conditions which prohibits the use of a mask and they have made that condition known to the Pastor. If you have forgotten your mask, please see an usher or Marlene and one will be provided for you.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding during these trying times.