



Our Lady of the Snow

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

*October 11, 2020 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
“I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.”*



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

**Parish Offices are closed Monday, October 12
in observance of Columbus Day**

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, October 12, 4:45 pm
Mother Church

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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:

Call the rectory office for more information



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

Lt. Ross Oley

Pray for Our Sick

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

In Sympathy

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

Frederick W. Hergott



*Altar Bread and Wine
In Memory of Cregg Family*

*Sanctuary Candle in Mother Church
In Memory of Cregg Family*

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT:
\$ 7364**

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
10 am-1 pm*

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	Oct 11,
7:30 AM	Maureen Kelley †
9:00 AM	Parishioners
11:00 AM	Dennis Keneally † Marion Clark † Warren Goercke †
Monday	Oct 12,
8:30 AM	Marylee Backhaus †
Tuesday	Oct 13,
8:30 AM	Nicola DiLuzio †
Wednesday	Oct 14,
8:30 AM	Genevieve Duham †
Thursday	Oct 15, St Teresa
8:30 AM	Annabelle Grant †
Friday	Oct 16, St. Hedwig
8:30 AM	George Apuzzi †
Saturday	Oct 17, St. Ignatius
5:00 PM	Edward Davis †
Sunday	Oct 18,
7:30 AM	Eleanor Schaal 14th Anniversary
9:00 AM	Julia Christie † Kris Pawlitschek
11:00 AM	Parishioners



Wedding Banns

*Michelle Braga
&
Michael DeSanti*

Gospel Reflection: Written by Michael Dawidziak

There's a lot of feasting and talk of banquets all through the Bible. Jesus sets many of His parables in the context of a feast. He even gave many of His lessons while eating with people, even if He was criticized by the Pharisees for not always choosing the best of dinner companions. And, of course, Jesus gave us some of the church's most important doctrines and the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper which was a celebration of the Passover Feast.

But the feast that Isaiah tells us about in the first reading is a very special one. God is doing the cooking! God is serving the wine! Who wouldn't want to be invited to this feast? The most prestigious event on the social calendar of all time! Why is this feast so special? Only because it commemorates God's ultimate defeat of nothing less than death itself. God will not only destroy death but will destroy the mourning caused by death. God will destroy the veil that is over all peoples. What is this veil? Sin and death. This reading from Isaiah is one of the greatest prophesies of Jesus in the Old Testament and it is set around a feast.

In our gospel reading, Jesus tells a parable about the same feast that was prophesied by Isaiah. The parable is mostly concerned with who were invited and who did and did not get to attend. Or, to put it another way, who gets saved and who doesn't. How foolish were the people who did not accept the invitation? Why didn't they? A powerful King invites them to the wedding feast of His Son and they say no. Worse, they mistreat the servants who are sent to them. These servants represent the prophets of the Old Testament (like Isaiah) who were trying to keep the promise of salvation preeminent in the people's minds who had fallen in love with the things of this world. They forgot that this is not our permanent home and so they did not want to hear the invitation.

Jesus' parable is about the Nation of Israel, who were invited first to the feast but rejected the messengers, the invitation and ultimately the bridegroom himself. To make this point abundantly clear to them, Jesus had earlier told them that "many will come from the east and the west, and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 8:11) But this is also a cautionary warning for all generations to come.

God sends us an invitation every day. And, every day, many people make the same choice as the invited guests in the parable. The hustle and bustle and demands of everyday life can often deafen us from hearing God's call. Notice that Jesus says that they "ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business". He doesn't say they committed grave sins; only that they cared more about the things of this life as compared to the permanent one. The Greek word used here for ignore (*amelēsantes*) actually translates to "be careless". When somebody is being careless, we often think of them putting themselves in some kind of danger. This kind of carelessness was putting their immortal souls in grave danger.

At the end of the parable we read about a person in the banquet hall without a wedding garment. Who is this person and what was his transgression? Not being dressed properly at a formal event would be a sign of great disrespect. But Jesus is not talking about an actual physical garment. Someone who says he is a Christian but has not "put on" Christ is a hypocrite. This is what angers the King. It's not enough to simply say you are a Christian. You have to actually act like one.

In his letter to the Philippians, St. Paul makes it clear that it's not earthly food and drink that he cares about. He cares about the feast in Heaven. He's learned the secret of how to live a confident and worry-free life, no matter what the circumstances...whether rich or poor, well-fed or hungry. It's one of the most quoted verses in the entire Bible. "I can do all things in him who strengthens me."

Heaven is a banquet and the invitation to attend is offered to all. But we don't have to wait to partake in the Lamb's Supper. Jesus invites us everyday to share in the very special meal of His Body & Blood. I'm looking forward to the heavenly feast but in the meantime, I have no intention of starving while there is "real food" and "real drink" available. As my Italian grandmother liked to say, "You gotta eat!"

OUR LADY OF THE SNOW FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

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Bible Blessing Masses Postponed

Out of an abundance of caution, in light of the appearance in the last two weeks of cases of Covid-19 within the Bayport-Blue Point, Sayville and Pat-Med School Districts, **the Bible Blessing Masses that were scheduled for 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. on October 18th and October 25th are postponed.** In consultation with our Pastor, Fr. Kevin Smith, the decision was made just this morning to postpone the Masses and wait until November to revisit the possibility of having them. This means that the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Masses on October 18th and October 25th will be normal Masses, and the Bibles will not be blessed then, nor will they be distributed then. While the response to Mass RSVPs was wonderful, based on that feedback so far, the Blessing Masses would have put our large church building at capacity with mandated social distancing restrictions in place. The weather also being unpredictable, it is not feasible to hold the Masses outdoors.

Does my child need the Catholic Student Bible to complete assignments? In the Google Classroom assignments I've put in links to the Bible online at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, so the Catholic Student Bible is not needed to complete the online assignments. Students can wait until we are able to have a Bible Blessing Mass to get the Bible and still have everything they need to complete online assignments successfully. We appreciate your patience and flexibility during this uncertain time. I will notify you in Remind when the Bible Blessing Masses can be rescheduled. The health and safety of our parish families continues to be our first priority.

Sincerely,
Loren Christie
Director, OLS Faith Formation





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MONEY FROM HEAVEN

GOLF BALL DROP

****Fundraiser****

October 24, 2020

ONLY 400 GOLF BALLS WILL BE SOLD

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

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.

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.

Name _____

Name of Company _____

Address _____

Town, Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Check Amount _____

Number of Golf balls _____

If you have multiple people, please list below:



PRAY FOR OUR NATION

Thursdays from 7:30 to 8:30 PM

at St. Patrick Church

280 East Main Street in Smithtown

St. Patrick Parish in Smithtown invites you to join us in prayer and adoration on Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30 PM in the church as we pray for our country. Please wear a facemask. Social distancing protocols will be observed.

