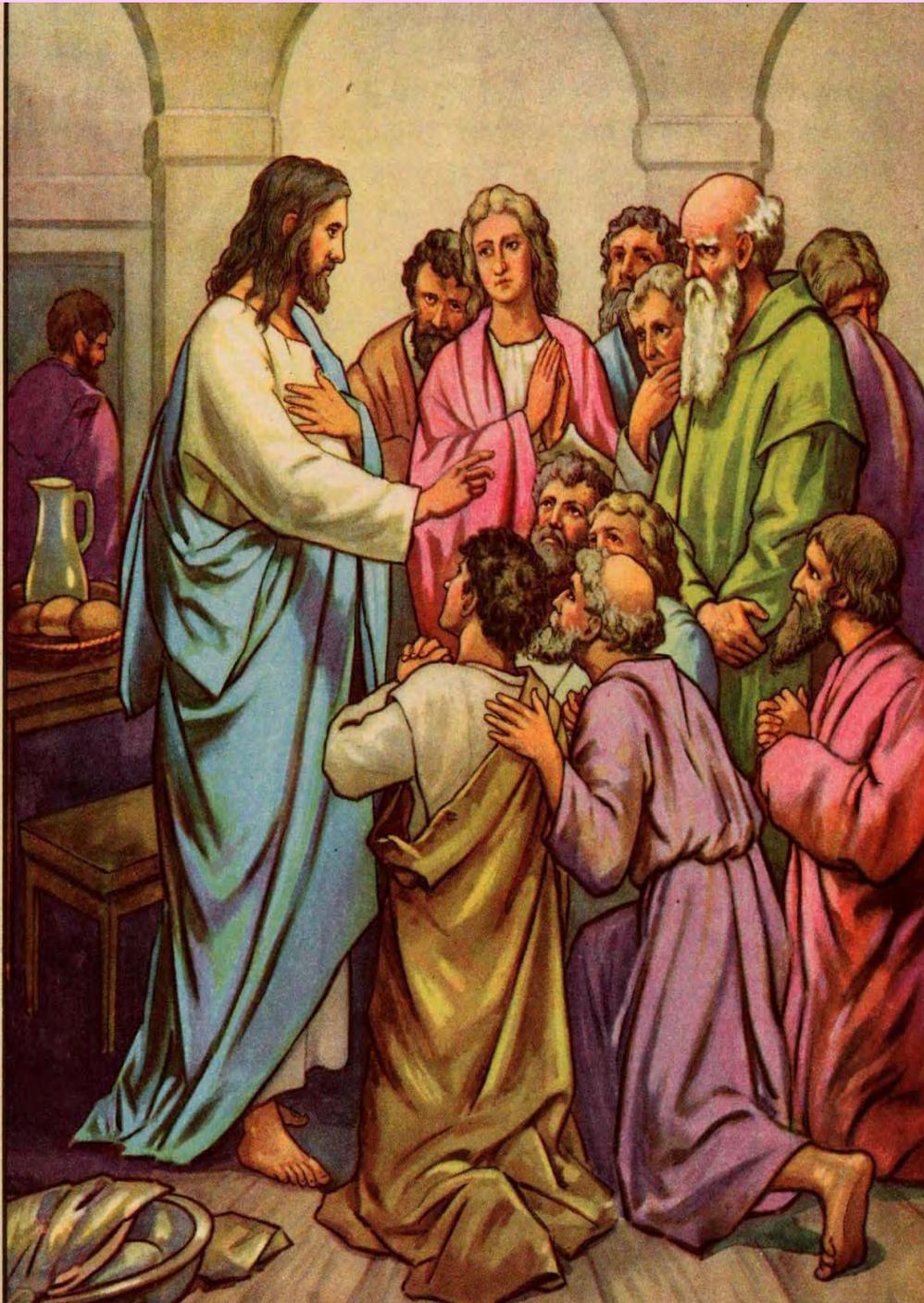




Our Lady of the Snow

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

*October 25, 2020 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
I love you, Lord, my strength*



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:

Oct 29, 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:

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

Lt. Ross Oley

Pray for Our Sick

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

**Deborah Buchanan, Kurt & Helen
Reinenking**

In Sympathy

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

Adrienne Lucas & John Benkenftein



*Altar Bread and Wine
In Memory of Shirley Dietz*

*Sanctuary Candle in Mother Church
In Memory of Richard Dietz*

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT:
\$ 7,455**

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 ;

- Juice*
- Crackers*
- Cookies*
- Tuna fish*
- bar soap*
- Shampoo*
- Conditioner*
- Tissues*
- Laundry detergent*
- Paper towels*
- Kitchen garbage bags*
- 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	Oct 25,
7:30 AM	Parishioners
9:00 AM	Nancy L Bowman †
11:00 AM	John Holfester †
Monday	Oct 26,
8:30 AM	Gerald Murray †
Tuesday	Oct 27,
8:30 AM	Robert Veiga †
Wednesday	Oct 28, Ss Simon and Jude
8:30 AM	Donny Fromm †
Thursday	Oct 29,
8:30 AM	Jerry Pickrel †
Friday	Oct 30,
8:30 AM	Randi Dunn †
Saturday	Oct 31,
5:00 PM	Henry Gore †
Sunday	Nov 1,
7:30 AM	Parishioners
9:00 AM	Thomas Rowden †
	James Rowden †
11:00 AM	Dennis Keneally †



Wedding Banns

*Alex Gonzalez
&
Elyse O'Sharghnessy*

Bulletin Reflection—by Michael Dawidziak

The Beatles famously sang, “All you need is love”. In the gospel reading, Jesus doesn’t say that love is the only thing but He does say that it is the greatest thing. It is hard to think of any topic that has so captivated people’s attention, obsessions and fantasies more than love. A large part of our culture (ancient, past and present) is devoted to the topic of love. Books and movies tell us stories about it and self-help books and television psychiatrists tell us how to find it, keep it, or get it back after you’ve lost that lovin’ feelin’. People spend a lifetime looking for it and sometimes spend a fortune trying to find it. Let’s face it, we are creatures of love.

And why wouldn’t we be? We are made in God’s image and according to St. John, “God is love”. (1 John 4:8) It’s funny that we frantically look for experts to tell us about love when we all have the greatest expert on the topic in the history of the universe right in front of us: Jesus. He is the ultimate expert on love. So, what does Jesus teach us about love? First and foremost, that it is faith based. All loving relationships whether between friends, lovers or spouses require a leap of faith. Marriage is certainly a leap of faith. In fact, relationships not only need a leap of faith to get started but also constant daily leaps of faiths to keep them alive. So, with apologies to the Beatles, love isn’t all you need. You need faith too. Without faith there can be no love.

In the first reading from Exodus, God tells the Israelite people to care about the most vulnerable in their society: the aliens, the widows, the orphans and the poor. He tells them to be compassionate because He is compassionate. In essence he is telling them to be imitators of God. In the second reading, St. Paul echoes this sentiment when he praises the Thessalonians for being “imitators of us and of the Lord”. God cares about them, so we need to care about them. We can’t say we love God if we don’t love His people.

Jesus tells us that we are to love God with all our being and our neighbor as ourselves. But how is this love expressed and what is it like? How does it manifest itself? Many who live in today’s self-centered, secular society are not going to like the answer. The answer is sacrifice. “A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.” (John 15:13) Our culture has gotten away from the whole idea of sacrifice. It’s not a concept we like to think about very much.

But sacrifice is the very basis of God’s love for us and the very basis of a successful loving relationship. Any parent who loves their child with their whole heart knows the lifetime of sacrifice that is entailed in raising that child. In his famous discourse on love, St. Paul tells us that even if he should accomplish great works of faith but does not have love, then he is nothing at all (1 Corinthians 13:1-3). Saint James tells us that faith without good works is dead (James 1:17) and Paul tells us that faith without love is dead. Saint James tells us we can’t have faith without good works and Saint Paul tells us that we can’t have love without sacrifice.

It’s truly awesome and humbling to know that God’s love for us is the greatest love in the universe. But if we accept that love, if we wear a cross around our necks and dare to call ourselves Christians then we need to follow his commandments about love. He didn’t say to love one another as best you can or as it fits into your busy schedule. He didn’t say to give love as well as you receive it. He said, “This is my **commandment**. Love one another, **as I have loved you.**” (John 15:12) As the first two readings taught us, we are to be imitators of Christ. A life of loving, giving and sacrifice. How many Christians do you know who would want to define their Christianity in that way? When St. Paul tells the Thessalonians that, “you became a model for all the believers”, the Greek word he uses for model is *typos* which is where we get the English word of *typical*. When people say that we are “typical” Christians, they probably don’t mean it as a compliment. What that should mean is that we are great practitioners of selfless love. We are imitators of Christ. Loving others is the outward manifestation of our faith. They will know we are Christians by our love!

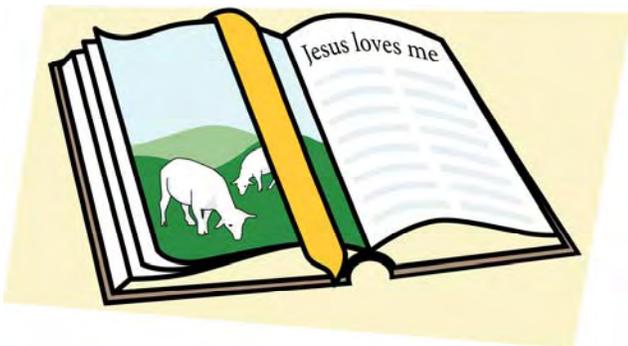
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Bible Blessing Masses Postponed

Out of an abundance of caution, in light of the appearance in the last few 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 25th are postponed. In consultation with our Pastor, Fr. Kevin Smith, the decision was made to postpone the Masses and wait until November to revisit the possibility of having them.

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.



Google Classroom Progress

If you registered your child for 2020-2021 religious education classes, you should have received information in the mail about signing up for Google Classroom and the Remind Ap. Classes have begun, virtually. Assignments are due the last day of the month. While access to Google Classroom is for registrants only, parishioners can see some of what students are learning by visiting olsvc.blogspot.com.

Student Work Highlight:

Students were asked: What was the most interesting part of Fr. Kevin's teaching video about the Tabernacle?

Answers:

Seeing the tabernacle and how beautiful it is. When Fr. Kevin Smith explains the purpose of the Tabernacle. When he explained that the Tabernacle also means small house. That the priest brings the Body of Christ to sick people. That the candle burns when Jesus is there. There is a light above the tabernacle saying Jesus is with us. The priests bring the Eucharist to very sick people. I found the Tabernacle interesting because it was gold. The red candle above the Tabernacle. The name and meaning of the place the Eucharist is stored. The information was new for me. The most interesting part of the video for me was when he showed the inside of the Tabernacle and how the Eucharist is kept safe.



Our Lady of the Snow Church
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)

*****This weekend
after the 5pm
mass*****

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

- 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.

*****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:

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.

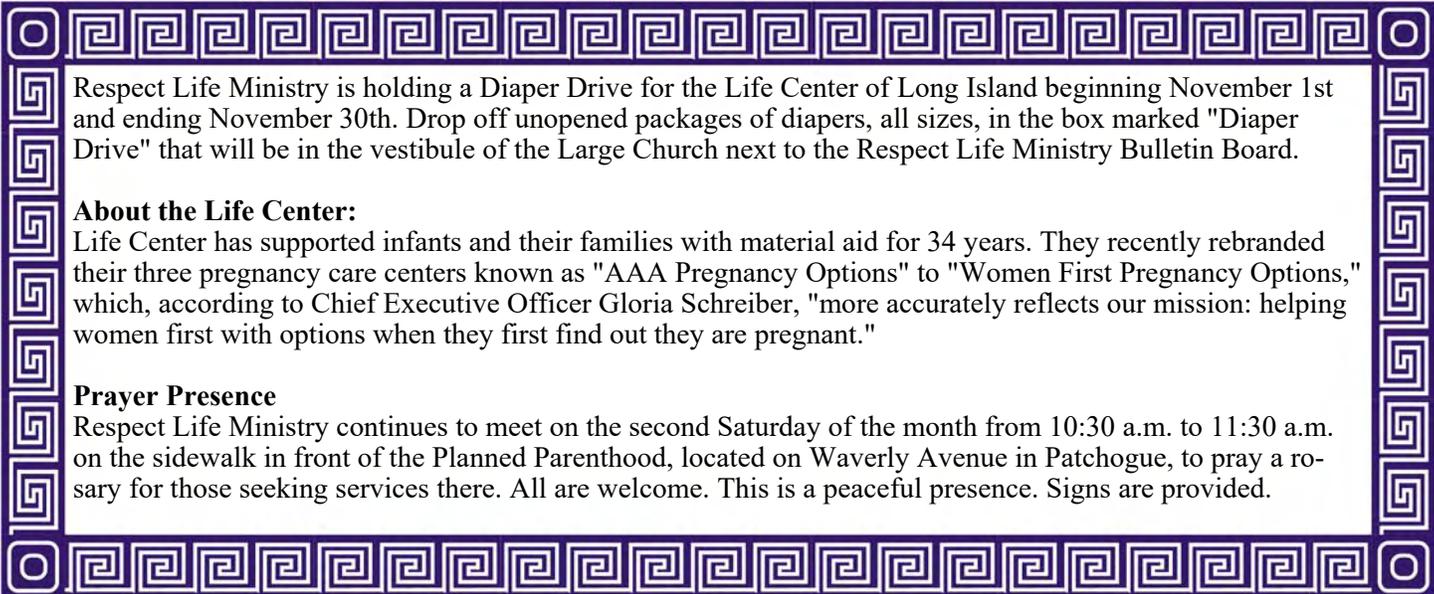
2) Go online to Our Lady Of The Snow website and virtually donate using PAY PAL for the desired amount to be used to purchase the gift cards. Go to Outreach heading Go to Giving-Outreach You will see the categories for your donation. We will then purchase the gift card as requested.

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!





Respect Life Ministry is holding a Diaper Drive for the Life Center of Long Island beginning November 1st and ending November 30th. Drop off unopened packages of diapers, all sizes, in the box marked "Diaper Drive" that will be in the vestibule of the Large Church next to the Respect Life Ministry Bulletin Board.

About the Life Center:

Life Center has supported infants and their families with material aid for 34 years. They recently rebranded their three pregnancy care centers known as "AAA Pregnancy Options" to "Women First Pregnancy Options," which, according to Chief Executive Officer Gloria Schreiber, "more accurately reflects our mission: helping women first with options when they first find out they are pregnant."

Prayer Presence

Respect Life Ministry continues to meet on the second Saturday of the month from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on the sidewalk in front of the Planned Parenthood, located on Waverly Avenue in Patchogue, to pray a rosary for those seeking services there. All are welcome. This is a peaceful presence. Signs are provided.