



Our Lady of the Snow

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

*November 22, 2020 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
"The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want."*



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:

Nov. 25, 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 to schedule a Baptism



Major Meghan Ederle

Major Kyle Brown

Major Robert Gervasio

Capt. Evan Bernstein

Lt. Sean Brown

LTJG Shannon Wojciechowski

LTJG 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...

Barbara Martorello



Altar Bread and Wine

In Memory of Marie Strynkowski

Sanctuary Candle in Mother Church

In Memory of Marie Strynkowski

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT:
\$ 8609**

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 ;

- Pancake syrup**
- Juice**
- Tissues**
- Laundry detergent**
- Paper towels**
- Toilet Paper**
- 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.**

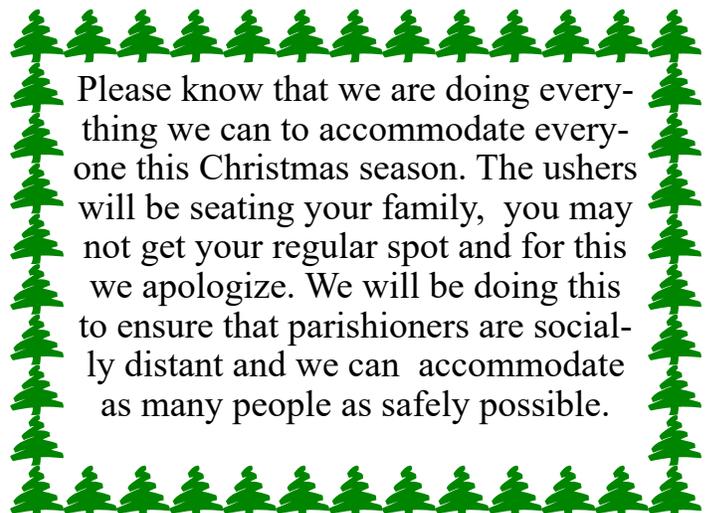
If you are shopping in the Blue Point King Kullen there is also a box to the left of the exit doors for donations.

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	Nov 22,
7:30 AM	Marie Affenita †
9:00 AM	Parishioners
11:00 AM	Helen M. Smith †
Monday	Nov 23, St. Clement
8:30 AM	Kathryn Scottaline †
Tuesday	Nov 24, St Andrew Dung-Lac
8:30 AM	Joseph Cannizzaro †
Wednesday	Nov 25, St Catherine
8:30 AM	Lucy Ruland †
Thursday	Nov 26, Thanksgiving
8:30 AM	Patricia Torma †
Friday	Nov 27,
8:30 AM	Dcm Frank Hartmann †
Saturday	Nov 28,
5:00 PM	Eleanor J. McDonald † Theresa Scheff †
Sunday	Nov 29,
7:30 AM	Parishioners
9:00 AM	Warren Goercke †
11:00 AM	Brian Miller †


Please know that we are doing everything we can to accommodate everyone this Christmas season. The ushers will be seating your family, you may not get your regular spot and for this we apologize. We will be doing this to ensure that parishioners are socially distant and we can accommodate as many people as safely possible.

Bulletin Reflection—by Michael Dawidziak

With our national elections now over, I have friends that are elated, others devastated and some confused. While validating their feelings and not devaluing America's democratic processes in any way, my response is while it certainly is important who sits in the White House, it is much more paramount that Jesus is seated on the throne.

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, which many will remember referred to as "Christ the King". In today's materialistic, "me first", consumer driven society, it might surprise people to know that Pope Pius XI established this feast day in 1925 as an antidote to secularism. The Pope was distressed by too many people living their lives as if God did not even exist. He intended this feast as way of proclaiming God's dominion over our lives, country, world and yes, the entire universe.

The question isn't whether Jesus reigns or not. He does. The question is do we belong to Him? Are we His loyal, royal subjects? The sheep of His flock? Are we, as St. Paul puts it in our second reading, among "at his coming, those who belong to Christ"? A debate has raged through church history whether we are saved by faith or good works. St. Paul's letter to the Romans is one continuous argument that we are saved by faith alone and he's right. Salvation is a free gift from God that cannot be earned by our own efforts. However, in his epistle, St. James writes if we accept this free gift and claim we have faith, the evidence of this will be our good works.

Why are good works so important? Jesus gives us the answer in today's gospel. Ultimately, this is the way our commitments to faith and love will be demonstrated and judged. Yes, I said judged. There are many different accounts from numerous sources about the end of the world. From attempting to understand the Book of Revelation to trying to decipher the works of Nostradamus, many have come up with numerous theories and timeframes. Jesus himself, however, only gives us one account of the final judgment in His own words and this is it.

Today's gospel is often called "The Parable of the Sheep and Goats". But this really isn't a parable. A parable is an allegorical story that uses fictitious events and characters to make a theological point. This reading is a revelation or prophecy that describes an actual future event. It's going to really happen and we're all going to be there. St. Paul informed us that, "We shall all have to stand before the judgment seat of God". (Romans 14:10) In the first reading from Ezekiel, God states that He will "rescue" His sheep "from every place where they were scattered". The reading ends with God saying, "I will judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats." Sheep and goats might look similar to us but a shepherd would absolutely know the difference. Jesus could have chosen to be more obvious and used sheep and wolves but He is not choosing between the obviously bad and the obviously good as the world might judge them. Jesus is the Good Shepherd. There's no fooling Him.

God doesn't give pop quizzes, trying to catch us not knowing the answers. God judges fairly and justly. Jesus is clearly telling us that the pass/fail grade is our commitment to good works or our failure to perform them. Notice it is not overt evil deeds that are singled out as the cause for eternal damnation...it is neglect or lack of compassionate actions. How many of us feel righteous just because we do not *commit* evil or sinful acts while not accounting for all the times we *omitted* doing good? This is not what Jesus tells us will get us a passing grade. Choosing not to do something is still a choice. Notice that there aren't any violations of "Thou shall nots" listed. Jesus focuses solely on willful disobedience to God's command to love and to serve and to care. Judgement here is based on neglecting to do the "Thou *shalls*".

Jesus tells us that if we want to belong to His flock we have to follow Him. We have to try to be like Him. We have to show great love. We have to be able to see Him in "one of these least ones". Any teacher grading students or employer considering promotions knows there are standards by which to judge. Jesus states clearly what His standards are. Are we willing to make them ours?

Growing Together in Faith

Over the last two weeks parents in Levels 1-6 have picked up their children's Bibles that will be used during class and for virtual assignments during all nine years of Faith Formation. Students in Levels 7-9 are using their Breakthrough Bibles that were distributed in Level 6. If you haven't picked up a Bible yet, please call the Faith Formation Office to make an appointment.

Thank you to the following catechists for volunteering to assist with Bible Pick-up nights:
Kristin Maggi, Melissa Lessing, Corinne Baran, Lauren Hogan, Melanie Stafford, Jacqui Squillacioti, Jennifer Roberts, Tina Festa and Amy Vario.

Google Classroom Progress

Students are still completing assignments virtually until further notice. All classwork is asynchronous, meaning none of it is "live" and the assignments can be accessed by registered families at any time. Catechists have rosters and are on standby in the event that we can return to onsite classes. Meanwhile, in level-specific Google Classrooms, students can work at a pace that is comfortable for them. If you registered your child for 2020-2021 Faith Formation classes, you received information in the mail about signing up for Google Classroom and the Remind Ap. Please email or call Loren in the Faith Formation Office with any questions.

When is Virtual Work Due?

November Assignments in the Google Classrooms for all nine levels are due the last day of November. Assignments for this year's program will be posted through March of 2021 in all nine levels. Students turn in work through their level-specific Google Classrooms.

Can Parishioners Without Children in the Program See What Students Are Learning?

Yes! While access to level specific Google Classrooms is for registrants only, parishioners can see some of what students are learning by visiting olsvc.blogspot.com.



CHRISTMAS EVE:

- 2:30 PM Large Church
- 3:00 PM Mother Church
- 3:30 PM Large Church
- 4:00 PM Mother Church
- 4:30 PM Large Church
- 5:00 PM Mother Church
- 10:00 PM Large Church
- Midnight Large Church

CHRISTMAS DAY:

- 7:30 AM Large Church
- 9:00 AM Large Church
- 11:00 AM Large Church
- 11:30 AM Mother Church

We are not taking reservation, but please call us and let us know what mass you want to go to so we can get a head count.

Respect Life Ministry is holding a Diaper Drive for the Life Center of Long Island for the month of November, (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.

**HELP
WANTED**

Help wanted - Part-time custodial Position at St. Lawrence the Martyr, Sayville. Perform cleaning, facilities set-up, ice and snow removal, assistance to the staff, and other building and grounds maintenance activities for the church and parish facilities. Cleaning duties include mopping, sweeping, dusting, vacuuming, cleaning bathrooms, trash removal, etc. Flexible early afternoon hours, approximately 15 hours per week. If interested, call the Parish Facilities Manager at (631) 589-0042 x121

**OLS Respect Life Ministry
Evening of Prayer**

Tuesday, December 8

7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

In the Mother Church

Join us for a Rosary for life and Eucharistic Adoration/ Benediction. Make it a family activity to celebrate the 2nd Week of Advent. Stay for all or part of the time. All are welcome.



**About the National
Night of Prayer Event**

Each year, the National Night of Prayer for Life takes place from 9 pm Dec. 8th to 1 am Dec. 9th. It was on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (then celebrated on December 9th) that Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas and the unborn, first appeared to St. Juan Diego. The National Night of Prayer for Life bridges these two feasts to honor Our Blessed Mother and to pray for the sanctity of all human life.



Parish Outreach 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!