



Our Lady of the Snow

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

***November 8, 2020 Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God***



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**

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:

**Monday 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
in Mother Church**

ROSARY:

**Monday, November 9, 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....

Elva Echeverria

In Sympathy

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

Waltraut "Wally" M. Wickel



Altar Bread and Wine

In Memory of our Daniel Farrell ♥

Sanctuary Candle in Mother Church

In Memory of our Daniel Farrell ♥

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT:
\$ 5496**

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 Nov 8,

- 7:30 AM All Souls Novena
- 9:00 AM Joseph Cannizzaro †
Nina Kotarra †
Eileen Flynn †
- 11:00 AM Parishioners †

Monday Nov 9,

- 8:30 AM All Souls Novena †

Tuesday Nov 10, St Leo the Great

- 8:30 AM All Souls Novena †

Wednesday Nov 11, St Martin of Tours

- 8:30 AM All Souls Novena †

Thursday Nov 12, St Josaphat

- 8:30 AM Edward Micca †

Friday Nov 13, St Frances Xavier

- 8:30 AM Anthony Quintal Sr. †

Saturday Nov 14,

- 5:00 PM Raymond Steyert †

Sunday Nov 15,

- 7:30 AM Parishioners
- 9:00 AM Marie Mannino †
- 11:00 AM Marie Hermann †

***Please join us on Wednesday,
November 18, 2020
7:30 pm in the Large Church
for the
Mass of Remembrance***

Bulletin Reflection—by Michael Dawidziak

Jesus ends today's gospel parable by telling His disciples to "stay awake". In fact, Jesus repeats this advice to them many times throughout the gospels. Now as much as I like coffee, there's not enough caffeine in the world to make it feasible to stay awake all the time. All ten of the virgins, foolish and wise alike, became drowsy and fell asleep. So clearly, simply giving in to the body's need for rest was not the downfall of the five foolish virgins.

This parable foretells Jesus' second coming. The details of these wedding arrangements sound strange to our present-day ears. We are accustomed to our more modern wedding traditions. We go to the service at the church or temple and then attend the reception on the same day for a few hours. The first century listeners to Jesus' parable would have understood a wedding feast completely differently. The betrothal, in Jewish culture usually an arranged marriage, would have occurred months before. At this point, the bride and groom were as good as "hitched".

On the appointed day, the groom with his attendants, would go to the bride's family and receive his wife to escort to the wedding banquet and festivities which typically lasted seven days. At this point, everyone would escort the bride and groom with a torch-lit procession to the banquet hall. Everybody had to be ready to play their part when the time came. The five foolish bridesmaids did not have enough oil to keep their lamps lit, so they weren't ready to fulfill their obligations. When Jesus said to "stay awake", He was really saying "be ready".

So, what was lacking in the five foolish bridesmaids? Clearly, Jesus didn't mean oil literally. But He did mean it figuratively. Oil was used in biblical times for anointing. God tells Samuel to "fill your horn with oil" when sending him to anoint David as king. (1 Samuel 16:1) At our baptism, we were anointed with the oil of the holy chrism to mark our anointing with the Holy Spirit. The anointing of the Holy Spirit is not a one-time event. Many Christians feel: "I'm baptized so I'm saved. I received the Holy Spirit. I'm good". After the apostles first received the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, they received a further anointing while they were praying and "the house where they were assembled rocked; they were all filled with the Holy Spirit". (Acts 4:31) When checking on our own oil supply, it might be wise to ask if we "rock the house".

The wise bridesmaids represent Christians who seek a constant anointing of the Holy Spirit. Their desire for the indwelling Spirit of God is primary in their lives. We see this desire reflected in the first reading from the book of Wisdom. As is true of most of the wisdom literature in the Old Testament, this reading refers to wisdom as a person, specifically female. God is the source and the giver of all wisdom. The desire for wisdom in the Old Testament was a yearning to be imbued with the Spirit of God. Although not yet familiar with the concept of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, they innately sensed that God would reward the faithful with wisdom who greatly desired her and constantly sought her.

When the foolish five ask for some of wise five's oil, it is tantamount to asking, "let us get into Heaven on your coattails". When they come back from buying more oil, they ask to be let into the Heavenly banquet but find the door locked. Judgement Day has come and gone. Their roles as bridesmaids did not guarantee them a place at the banquet. Fulfilling their roles as bridesmaids would have gained them entrance. Similarly, our roles as Christians does not guarantee our salvation. Fulfilling our roles as Christians will. They had their entire lifetime to prepare but foolishly squandered their chance. In his letter to the Thessalonians, St. Paul wants to put to rest any concern for those of the faithful who have died. "For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus bring with him those who have fallen asleep." It is left to those of us "who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord" to remain faithful and Spirit-filled.

Jesus instructed us that our "light must shine in the sight of men". In a world full of materialistic shiny objects, it's all too easy to take our focus off God, run low on oil and let our lamps grow dim. Our advantage over the Old Testament wisdom-seekers and foolish bridesmaids is that through Jesus and the Holy Spirit we can know and love God personally. That makes it a lot easier to keep our desire for God strong and our light shining bright!

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!



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Student Bible Pickup

Level 1 through Level 6 will be receiving Bibles this year. We had to postpone the Bible Blessing Masses due to volume of people in the church, and it was determined that we will still not be able to handle the volume of a Bible Blessing Mass during the month of November, with social distancing protocols in place.

Parents in Levels 1-6 can pick up their children's Catholic Student Bibles anytime from 6 p.m.- 7 p.m. in the large church on the following days:

- Level 1: Monday, November 9
- Level 2: Tuesday, November 10
- Level 3: Thursday, November 12
- Level 4: Monday, November 16
- Level 5: Tuesday, November 17
- Level 6: Wednesday, November 18

Does my child need the Catholic Student Bible to complete assignments?

In the Google Classroom assignments there are 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 parents pick up a Bible and still have everything they need to complete online assignments successfully. We appreciate your patience and flexibility during this uncertain time.

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.

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.

Google Classroom Progress

We just finished the first month of virtual learning. 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 App.

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 from October 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.



About the Life Center:

Life Center has supported infants and their families with material aid for 34 years. They recently re-branded 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."





BOY SCOUT TROOP 329 FOOD DRIVE



**TO BENEFIT OUR LADY OF THE SNOW RC CHURCH
OUTREACH FOOD PANTRY**

**WHEN: SATURDAY, 11/7/20 @ 5pm
SUNDAY, 11/8/20 @ 7:30,9:00, and 11am**

*****PLEASE DROP OFF DONATIONS OF CANNED GOODS AND
NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS*****

Scouts will be available to receive your donations!!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !!!!!