



## *Our Lady of the Snow*

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

*December 13, 2020 Third Sunday in Advent - Joy  
"My soul rejoices in 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

### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:**

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

### **ROSARY:**

Tuesday Dec 15, 4:45 pm  
Mother Church

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Monday - Thursday

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

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**Director of Music:**

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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:**

*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....*

**Carol Thorn**

**In Sympathy**

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



*Altar Bread and Wine  
In Memory of Rose DiToro*

*Sanctuary Candle in Mother Church  
In Memory of Rose DiToro*

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT:  
\$ 8930**

## **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**



<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Dec 13, 3rd Sunday in Advent</b>
7:30 AM	Parishioners
9:00 AM	Giacomo Portuesi †
11:00 AM	Harold & Marion Wernig † Louis Duchatelier † Dr. Herman J Scharfenberger †
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Dec 14, St John of the Cross</b>
8:30 AM	William J Ward Jr. †
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Dec 15,</b>
8:30 AM	George Ferguson †
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Dec 16,</b>
8:30 AM	Vincenzo Croce †
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Dec 17,</b>
8:30 AM	Barbara Anne Edinger †
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Dec 18,</b>
8:30 AM	Kathryn Scottaline †
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Dec 19,</b>
5:00 PM	Fr. James Sullivan † Michael E. Reilly † Richard Dietz †
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Dec 20, 4th Sunday in Advent</b>
7:30 AM	Rose DiToro †
9:00 AM	Parishioners
11:00 AM	Guy Newham †



## *Bulletin Reflection by Michael Dawidziak*

“Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks”. This is the advice we get from Saint Paul in our second reading from his first letter to the Thessalonians. With 2020 drawing to a close, many of us probably feel we would like to tell Paul what to do with his advice. This year might seem like it came more from a novel by Stephen King rather than Christ the King. Too much darkness and not enough light. With Covid-19, strife in the world, political division in our country and natural disasters plaguing the planet, it seems pretty tough to be able to be rejoicing, praying and giving thanks all the time.

You’d have to be a saint. Well, yes, that is exactly what we are called to be. Our English word “saint” comes from the Latin root word “sanctus” translated from the New Testament Greek word “hagios” which simply means “holy”. The connotation is “a people set apart for God”. Okay, fine, but what do we have to rejoice and be thankful about? Many of us couldn’t even celebrate Thanksgiving with our families. Why should we look forward to Christmas? Many of us will again not be able to engage in our usual traditions with our loved ones. So, what’s to rejoice about? The way we celebrate Christmas this year may indeed be very different. But one thing that hasn’t changed is we are still celebrating the birth of our Savior and you don’t have to be a saint to realize that’s worth rejoicing over and being thankful for.

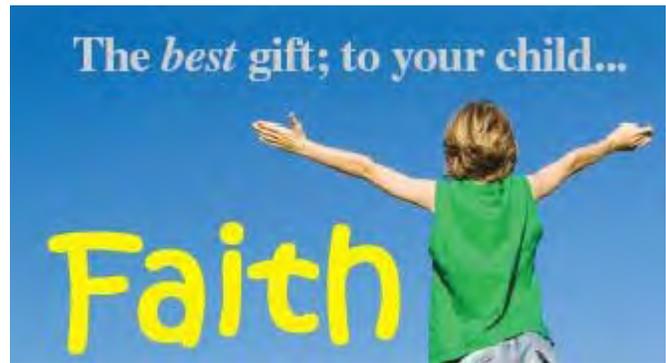
Last week, I made the point that it is often difficult to relate the prophecies from the Old Testament to their fulfillment in the New Testament. But last week’s reading from Isaiah was a perfectly obvious prediction of John the Baptist’s mission that we read about in the gospel. It’s also perfectly clear that this week’s prophesy from Isaiah is talking about Jesus. And if it weren’t so obvious, Jesus Himself tells us that this passage refers to Him. It can’t get much easier than that. In Luke’s gospel we read that Jesus went into the synagogue in Nazareth and stood up to read. In essence, Jesus served as the Lector at that Saturday evening’s religious service.

He was handed the scroll of the Prophet Isaiah and “**he found the place** where it was written”, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.” Jesus then told them “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” (Luke 4:16-21) Notice that Jesus didn’t just start reading from any old place in the scroll. He knew exactly what passage he wanted to read. So, no doubt about it. This prediction is about Jesus’ coming.

Isn’t it amazing that our parish lectors this week will stand up before the congregation and read the very same words from Isaiah that Jesus read almost 2000 years ago? Words that were written about Him 700 years before He read them. Not only does Jesus tell us that Isaiah was talking about Him in this reading but in our gospel reading, John the Baptist tells the Jewish leaders directly that Isaiah was talking about him. When they ask, “Who are you?” his answer is that, “I am the voice of one crying in the desert, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’ **as Isaiah the prophet said.**” John came to testify to the light. “One is coming after me”. “The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” (John 1:9,4-5)

No, the darkness has not overcome it. During Advent, we celebrate the light of all mankind coming into the world 2000 years ago. We also prepare to welcome Him when he comes again and into our hearts here and now. Many of us are looking towards the light at the end of the tunnel and for these tough times to come to an end. But we don’t have to wait. We have the true light of the world shining on us right now. Perhaps next year, we will be back to “normal” and be able to celebrate Christmas more traditionally. For this year, let us prepare to welcome the most important guest into our hearts and homes. Let’s keep rejoicing, keep praying and keep giving thanks. Because as Linus said, “and that’s what Christmas is all about, Charlie Brown.”

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**Bible Pick-Up for Levels 1-6**

Last month parents in Levels 1-6 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.

**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 on-site 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.

**What's Featured This Month in the Google Classrooms?**

In Google Classrooms this month all students have access to Part 1 of a video series on The Mass hosted by our Pastor, Fr. Kevin Smith. In addition, students can view a 4-part series, "Advent Traditions: The Advent Wreath & The Jesse Tree," led by Loren Christie.

**When is Virtual Work Due?**

We are beginning our third month of virtual learning. December assignments in the Google Classrooms for all nine levels are due the last day of December. 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](http://olsvc.blogspot.com).

**Confirmation Students-**

It is important that you fill out and submit the Confirmation Information Form located in the Classwork Page of your Level 9 Google Classroom. There is still no information about a Confirmation date; usually Confirmations are held in the Spring. In a typical school year we are able to inform parents of the date in January. As the DRVC updates us on moving forward, you will be informed.

**First Communion Students-**

There is still no information about dates for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion; this Sacrament usually takes place in the Spring. In a typical school year we are able to inform parents of the date in January. As the DRVC updates us on moving forward, you will be informed.



*Bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.*



## Christmas Mass Schedule

### **CHRISTMAS EVE:**

**2:30 PM Large Church (FULL)**

**3:00 PM Mother Church (FULL)**

**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.***

***If we see masses filling up we will  
encourage you to go to a  
different mass.***

## *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!

**Thanks to all who attended the National Night of Prayer last week. Thank you to Deacon Ed Karan for leading us in Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.**

**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.



*Thank you to Barbara Renner for organizing  
"Peace in the Womb: Pro-Life  
Christmas Caroling" at our  
Prayer Presence on December 12th.*