



## *Our Lady of the Snow*

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

*December 27, 2020  
Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*



**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:**

Dec 31, 4:45 pm  
Mother Church

**Rev. Kevin M. Smith, Pastor**

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**Office of Faith Formation:**

**Mrs. Loren Christie, ARE**

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Monday - Thursday

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

**(631) 363-6394**

**Director of Music:**

Mrs. Theresa Martin

**Parish Outreach:**

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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Monday - Thursday in the cottage

**Mrs. Diana Mongan, Director**

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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....*

**In Sympathy**

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



*Altar Bread and Wine  
In Memory of Raj Manie*

*Sanctuary Candle in Mother Church  
In Memory of Urban Manie & Kian Manie*

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT:  
\$ 7353**

### **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.

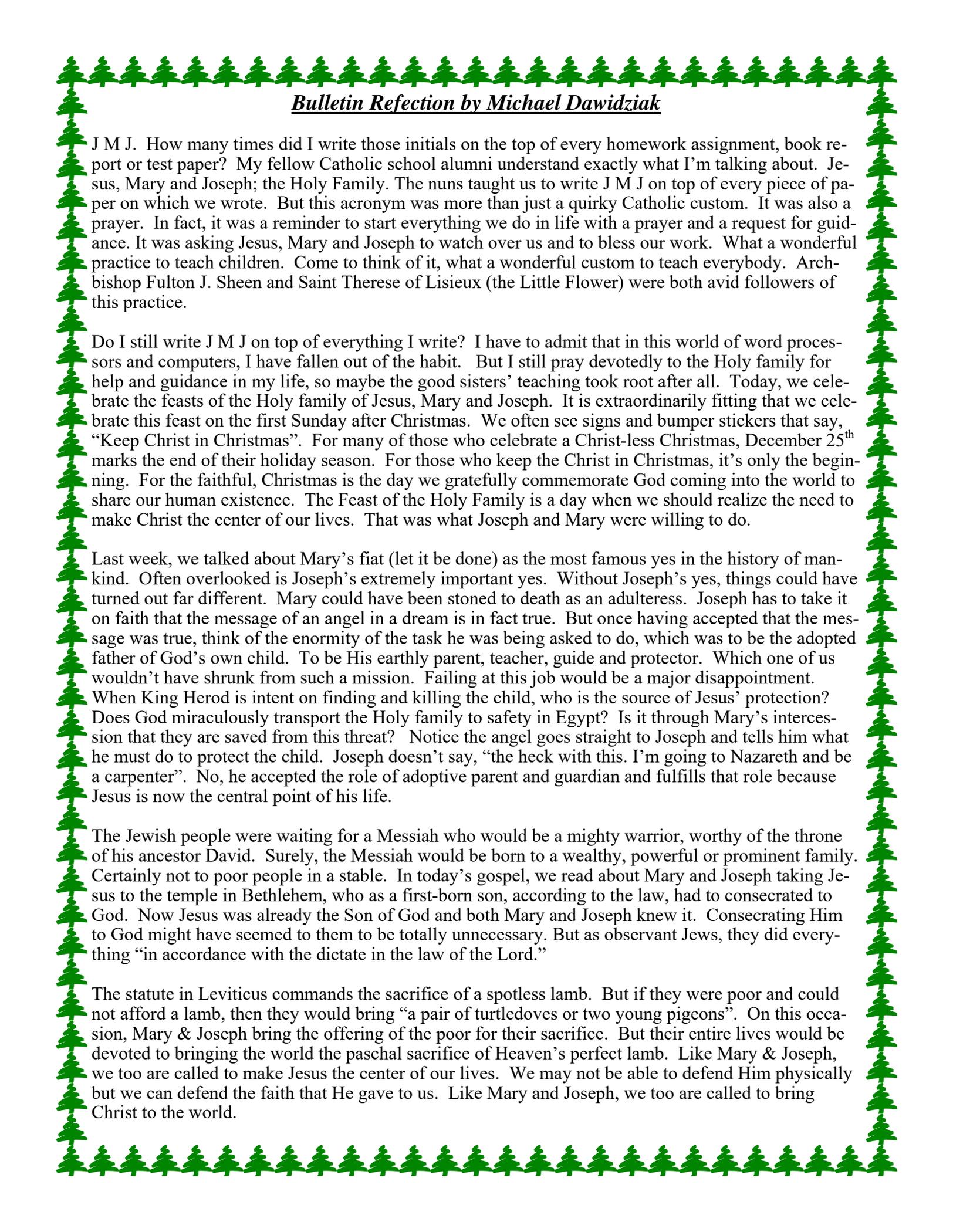
We are most grateful to the volunteers, the parishioners and the local community who have assisted our efforts to serve those in need during these difficult times.

## Mass Intentions

### FOR THE WEEK

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Dec 27, Holy Family</b>
7:30 AM	Kenneth Lofink †
9:00 AM	Parishioner
11:00 AM	Richard Affenita †
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Dec 28, Holy Innocent Martyrs</b>
8:30 AM	Jean Ann Georgeo †
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Dec 29, St Thomas</b>
8:30 AM	Bernard Rush †
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Dec 30,</b>
8:30 AM	Gail Herlihy †
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Dec 31,</b>
8:30 AM	William Haverkamp † Marilyn Sue Maggi †
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Jan 1, Naivity of the Lord</b>
8:30 AM	Fred Rufino † Tom Muratore †
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Jan 2,</b>
5:00 PM	Tom Muratore † Gerry & Vernon Schmidt †
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Jan 3,</b>
7:30 AM	James Dowd †
9:00 AM	Parishioners
11:00 AM	Isaiah Ammar†





**Bulletin Reflection by Michael Dawidziak**

J M J. How many times did I write those initials on the top of every homework assignment, book report or test paper? My fellow Catholic school alumni understand exactly what I'm talking about. Jesus, Mary and Joseph; the Holy Family. The nuns taught us to write J M J on top of every piece of paper on which we wrote. But this acronym was more than just a quirky Catholic custom. It was also a prayer. In fact, it was a reminder to start everything we do in life with a prayer and a request for guidance. It was asking Jesus, Mary and Joseph to watch over us and to bless our work. What a wonderful practice to teach children. Come to think of it, what a wonderful custom to teach everybody. Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen and Saint Therese of Lisieux (the Little Flower) were both avid followers of this practice.

Do I still write J M J on top of everything I write? I have to admit that in this world of word processors and computers, I have fallen out of the habit. But I still pray devotedly to the Holy family for help and guidance in my life, so maybe the good sisters' teaching took root after all. Today, we celebrate the feasts of the Holy family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. It is extraordinarily fitting that we celebrate this feast on the first Sunday after Christmas. We often see signs and bumper stickers that say, "Keep Christ in Christmas". For many of those who celebrate a Christ-less Christmas, December 25<sup>th</sup> marks the end of their holiday season. For those who keep the Christ in Christmas, it's only the beginning. For the faithful, Christmas is the day we gratefully commemorate God coming into the world to share our human existence. The Feast of the Holy Family is a day when we should realize the need to make Christ the center of our lives. That was what Joseph and Mary were willing to do.

Last week, we talked about Mary's fiat (let it be done) as the most famous yes in the history of mankind. Often overlooked is Joseph's extremely important yes. Without Joseph's yes, things could have turned out far different. Mary could have been stoned to death as an adulteress. Joseph has to take it on faith that the message of an angel in a dream is in fact true. But once having accepted that the message was true, think of the enormity of the task he was being asked to do, which was to be the adopted father of God's own child. To be His earthly parent, teacher, guide and protector. Which one of us wouldn't have shrunk from such a mission. Failing at this job would be a major disappointment. When King Herod is intent on finding and killing the child, who is the source of Jesus' protection? Does God miraculously transport the Holy family to safety in Egypt? Is it through Mary's intercession that they are saved from this threat? Notice the angel goes straight to Joseph and tells him what he must do to protect the child. Joseph doesn't say, "the heck with this. I'm going to Nazareth and be a carpenter". No, he accepted the role of adoptive parent and guardian and fulfills that role because Jesus is now the central point of his life.

The Jewish people were waiting for a Messiah who would be a mighty warrior, worthy of the throne of his ancestor David. Surely, the Messiah would be born to a wealthy, powerful or prominent family. Certainly not to poor people in a stable. In today's gospel, we read about Mary and Joseph taking Jesus to the temple in Bethlehem, who as a first-born son, according to the law, had to be consecrated to God. Now Jesus was already the Son of God and both Mary and Joseph knew it. Consecrating Him to God might have seemed to them to be totally unnecessary. But as observant Jews, they did everything "in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord."

The statute in Leviticus commands the sacrifice of a spotless lamb. But if they were poor and could not afford a lamb, then they would bring "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons". On this occasion, Mary & Joseph bring the offering of the poor for their sacrifice. But their entire lives would be devoted to bringing the world the paschal sacrifice of Heaven's perfect lamb. Like Mary & Joseph, we too are called to make Jesus the center of our lives. We may not be able to defend Him physically but we can defend the faith that He gave to us. Like Mary and Joseph, we too are called to bring Christ to the world.

# Merry Christmas!

We would like to thank all of our parishioners who throughout 2020 have been so generous. This has been a challenging time for so many, yet the parishioners of OLS truly exemplify "love thy neighbor".

The gift cards, food and monetary donations to our Parish Outreach, have been constant. Those of you who have made your Sunday contributions to Our Lady of the Snow a priority, even when you were unable to attend mass, please know you have made a difference in your giving.

The volunteers who usher, proclaim the word, the extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, as well as the people who help disinfect the church after mass. Volunteers who help lock up the church, turn on and off the lights and microphones and who say 'yes' when asked for assistance. To those who help decorate the church, even during a pandemic. Thank you.

We miss our parishioners who are unable to come back to mass right now, but please know you are in our prayers. We wish for your family, health, love, joy and peace today and always. May God bless you and your family and keep you all safe during this Christmas Season!

*Unto Us  
a Child is Born*



*Thank  
you!*

## 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.

*The prayer of a righteous man  
is powerful and effective.*



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

In October 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 in December 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.



**CONGRATULATIONS Honor Roll Recipients St John the Baptist**

Joseph Peterson, Rose Peterson , William Casey, Andrew McKenna, Rebecca Brower, Adam Johnson, Mackenzie Riordan, Christie Lovito, Nolan Christopher and Liam Mitchell

**CONGRATULATIONS Honor Roll Recipients at  
Chaminade High School**

Jack McCarthy, Sebastian Rakowski and Patrick Dougherty.

