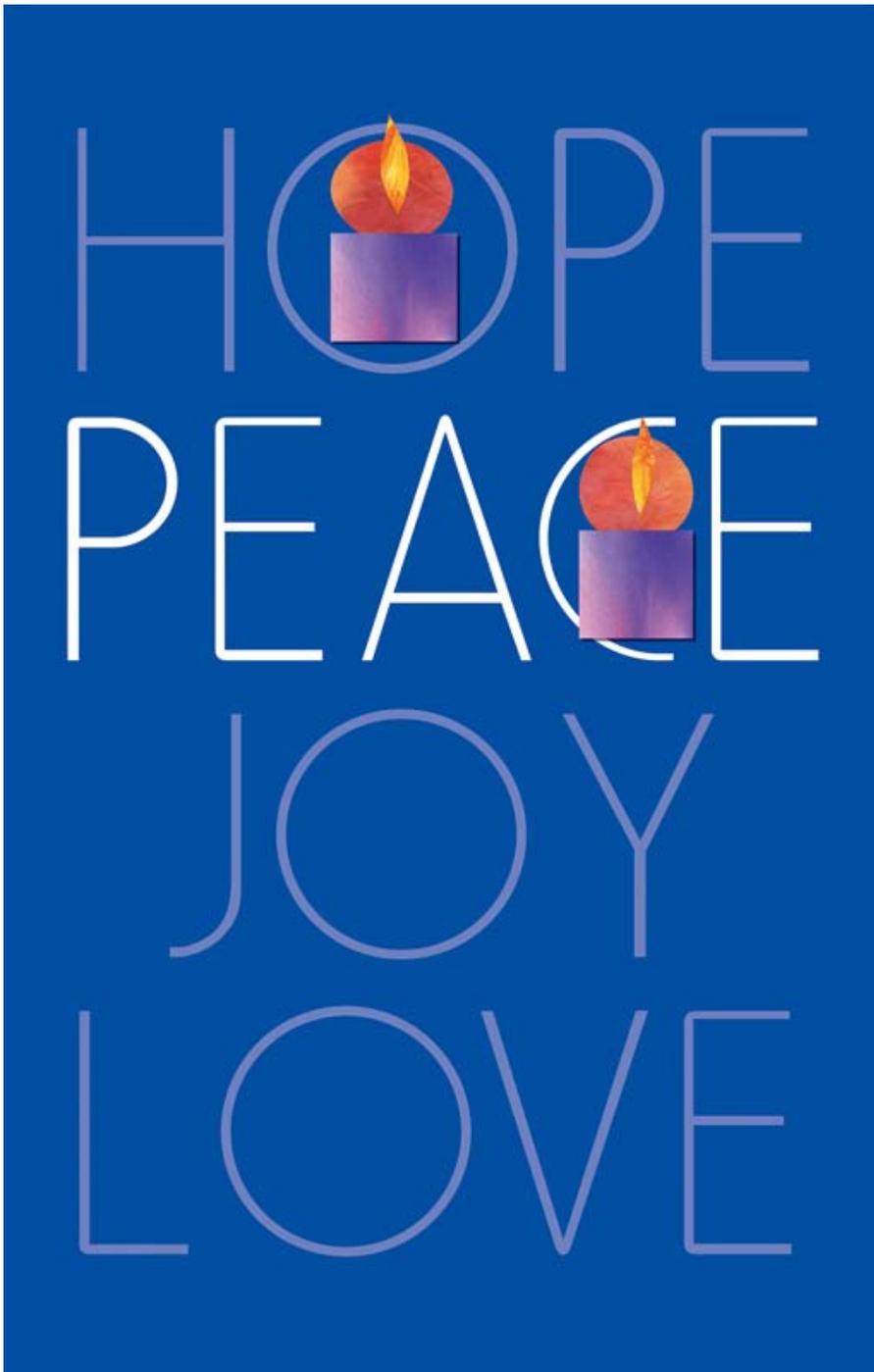




Our Lady of the Snow

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

*December 6, 2020 Second Sunday in Advent
“Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.”*



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:

Monday Dec 7, 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...

**Mark Charvat, Geraldine Tuttle
& Carol Campanella**



*Altar Bread and Wine
In Memory of George Ferguson*

*Sanctuary Candle in Mother Church
In Memory of George Ferguson*

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT:
\$ 5,863**

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	Dec 6,
7:30 AM	Parishioners
9:00 AM	Joan Maio †
11:00 AM	George Ferguson † Don DiCocko †
Monday	Dec 7, St. Ambrose
8:30 AM	Jeanne Stegman †
Tuesday	Dec 8, Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:30 AM	John Connor †
Wednesday	Dec 9, St Juan Diego
8:30 AM	Patricia O'Reardona †
Thursday	Dec 10,
8:30 AM	Henry Escobar †
Friday	Dec 11, St. Damasus
8:30 AM	Mary Brussell †
Saturday	Dec 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe
5:00 PM	Maureen Rose † Tim Rowland †
Sunday	Dec 13, 3rd Sunday in Advent
7:30 AM	Parishioners
9:00 AM	Giacomo Portuesi †
11:00 AM	Harold & Marion Wernig † Louis Duchatelier †

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

“Me first!” “You’ve got to take care of number one.” (and I’m number one) “But enough about me. What do you think about me?” If you haven’t noticed, and I’m sure you have, we live in an extremely selfish and self-centered culture. The term the “Me Generation” was coined back in the 1970’s to describe what older generations thought back then about Baby Boomers. A few years ago, Time Magazine described Millennials on their front page as the “Me Me Me Generation”. Does this mean that the problem has gotten three times worse? Don’t believe it. Self-entitled bad behavior has been around since there have been people. Does the name Cain ring a bell?

Sometimes, the prophecies from the Old Testament can seem obscure and difficult to relate to their fulfillment in the New Testament. Not today! In our first reading from Isaiah, we hear, “A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the Lord.” If it weren’t obvious enough to us that this is a prediction of the mission of John the Baptist, the very first verses of Mark’s gospel tell us outright that Isaiah was prophesying about John.

Our reading from Mark’s gospel flies in the face of today’s narcissistic philosophy. John the Baptist knows he’s not number one and openly declares it. He proclaims, “one mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals”. In a different gospel, when John is told by his disciples about Jesus that “all are going to him”, he responds: “You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, I am not the Christ, but I have been sent before him. He who has the bride is the bridegroom; the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom’s voice; therefore this joy of mine is now full. He must increase, but I must decrease.” (John 3:26-30)

Wow! John not only knows he’s not number one but his joy is complete at being subordinate. He’s not fighting and striving for every bit of fame and glory he can get for himself. He doesn’t sound like someone who would fit in very well in today’s world. He wouldn’t. Come to think of it, he didn’t fit in very well in his own time either. Advent is a time for us to ask ourselves who is number one in our lives. With the pressures of work, family, finances and societal demands, it’s all too easy to relegate God to number two, or number three or maybe even lower on our list of priorities. Advent is a time to get those priorities straight. John isn’t the only one who needs to prepare the way of the Lord. In the tumultuous times we live in, we also need to “Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!” and that highway leads straight through our hearts.

The Jewish people waited 700 years from the time Isaiah spoke his prophesy to the coming of the Messiah. The first century Christians believed that Jesus’ return was imminent. It has now been almost 2000 years since His first coming. In our second reading, St. Peter explains “that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day”. The “delay” is God “being patient with you, not wishing that any should perish”. But echoing Jesus’ own words, he adds that “the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night”. No time like the present to start preparing ourselves!

Do we say to ourselves, “me first” or do we say to God, “You first”? The autobiography (and inspiration for the movie “Brian’s Song”) of Hall of Fame football player Gale Sayers was titled “I am Third”. It encapsulated his philosophy that God is first, others are second, and I am third. Sayers knew who was number one in his life and he didn’t even consider himself number two. Where do we rank God, others and ourselves? St. Peter tells us that God is giving us this time to figure that out. And what better time to reflect on God’s mercy than during Advent?

Jesus is the only one who gets to say, “Me first”. He wants to be number one in our lives. He freely offers us everything in exchange. But Jesus also says “Me first” in a loving, self-sacrificial way. Jesus turns the “Me first” paradigm on its head. You will have to suffer but “Me first”. You will have to die but “Me first”. We can enjoy eternal happiness in Heaven because Jesus was willing to say, “Me first”. Like John the Baptist, we have to be able to say, “You first” and then be willing to follow.

Our lady of the Snow Respect Life Ministry
invite you to
Evening of Prayer
December 8, 2020 7 -9 pm
in the Mother Church
Parish of Our Lady of the Snow
175 Blue Point Avenue, Blue Point, NY

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 cele-
brated on December 9th) that Our Lady
of Guadalupe, patroness of the Ameri-
cas 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.

Thank you to parishioners who donated
over 3,000 diapers and baby food
during the month of November to our Dia-
per Drive for the Life Center of
Long Island! Thank you also to Bob Wil-
liams for filling his car twice
and delivering all the donations.

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 seek-
ing services there. All are welcome. This is
a peaceful presence. Signs are provided.

A decorative border of green Christmas trees surrounds the text. At the top, a semi-circular illustration depicts a nativity scene with the text "I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." written in a curved path above it.

Christmas Mass Schedule

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.*

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

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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 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. 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.

Virtual Classroom Assignment Highlights:

Recently, Faith Formation students at the Middle School levels were asked to research a Saint they admire and write briefly about him or her, relating the life of the Saint to the Beatitudes. Below are responses from two Level 8 students.

"Saint Patrick is one of the most popular Saints. Saint Patrick was born in Roman Britain. When he was about 14 he was captured by Irish Pirates. His captivity lasted until he was 20; he escaped after he had a dream of God telling him to leave Ireland. He often used shamrocks to explain the Holy Trinity to people after hearing his message. Patrick died at Saul, where his first Irish church was built.

I admire Saint Patrick because he was humble, gentle, and had love and trust in God. He was a great inspiration to many, many people. Saint Patrick was also a very brave man to escape and express what he loved and trusted."- Abigail Eve

"My Saint's name is Catherine of Alexandria. One fact about her was that her father was the Alexandria Governor. Because of this Catherine was very educated and smart. Also because of this she was raised as a princess and was treated very well. Because of how intelligent she was, she was challenged in many debates. Also, another cool fact about her is that people actually do not know if she ever really existed. They think this because there were no accounts of her until the 9th and 10th century. Some people believe her story was made for educational purposes.

The first reason I admire Saint Catherine of Alexandria is because she was very educated and intelligent. Because of how smart she was, in the debates she was challenged to she converted many people to Christianity just by being a smart woman. I hope that one day I can be as smart as her and educate more people about Christianity."- Ali Dobson



Second Collection

Support Our Religious .

Our second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little or no pay. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders.

Please be generous.

