



## *Our Lady of the Snow*

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

*January 3, 2020 The Epiphany of the Lord  
"Lord, every nation on earth will adore you."*



### **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:**

, 4:45 pm  
Mother Church

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**Office of Faith Formation:**

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Monday - Thursday

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

**(631) 363-6394**

**Director of Music:**

Mrs. Theresa Martin

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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...*

**Thomas James Cochrane, Jr.  
Elizabeth Petroski-Murphy, Emily  
Grawrock, Ray Diemer & Msgr Can**



*Altar Bread and Wine  
In honor of Filippo Galluppi*

*Sanctuary Candle in Mother Church  
In honor of Filippo Galluppi*

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT:**  
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### **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>Jan 3,</b>
7:30 AM	James Dowd †
9:00 AM	Parishioners
11:00 AM	Isaiah Ammar †
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Jan 4, St Elizabeth Ann Seton</b>
8:30 AM	Joseph Horan †
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Jan 5, St John Neumann</b>
8:30 AM	Angelina Bomgermino †
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Jan 6, St Andre Bessette</b>
8:30 AM	Joseph Torma †
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Jan 7, St Raymond of Penafort</b>
8:30 AM	Murphy Family †
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Jan 8,</b>
8:30 AM	Filippo Galluppi (Living) †
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Jan 9,</b>
5:00 PM	Gail Herlihy †
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Jan 10, Baptism of the Lord</b>
7:30 AM	William Link †
9:00 AM	Parishioners
11:00 AM	Joseph Torma †



## **Bulletin Reflection by Michael Dawidziak**

Today we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. Now, we all know this is the day we commemorate the visit of the Magi to the Infant Jesus. But what exactly is an epiphany and why do we use this particular word for this important date on our liturgical calendar? Most people use the word epiphany to describe a sudden inspiration that leads to a life altering change. As in, "I've had an epiphany!". In modern, normal life we might use it to describe an out of the blue realization that leads us to change life plans or vocation choices. The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines the word epiphany as "an appearance or manifestation especially of a divine being" or "a usually sudden manifestation or perception of the essential nature or meaning of something". Lastly, we get our English word from the ancient Greek epiphaneia meaning manifestation or striking appearance. Essentially "suddenly come into view".

All of these help and get us closer to the reason why we call it "The Epiphany". In his letter to the Ephesians, St. Paul wants them to know that he received his stewardship of the message by "God's grace" and that "the mystery was made known to me by revelation". In other words, he had an epiphany! A sudden manifestation! It doesn't get much more sudden than being knocked off your horse by a blinding light. And this message is for all peoples as "the gentiles are coheirs...and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel".

In our homes and our churches, we have mangers or creches depicting the nativity scene. This tradition dates back to a custom started by Saint Francis of Assisi. In the town of Greccio in 1223, he created a nativity scene using live models. He did this as a way of putting the focus of the holiday back onto its true meaning as opposed to an overemphasis on earthly things. (And you thought materialism was a relatively modern Christmas problem!)

These mangers depict the Holy Family, sometimes angels, a star and some typical livestock. There are also two other sets of characters represented. Shepherds and three kings or wise men. There are only two nativity narratives in the gospels. One from Matthew and one from Luke. The one from Luke that we read on Christmas, has the shepherds. The one we read today from Matthew has the Magi. Chronologically, they didn't visit the Holy family at the same time. So, why are they depicted together in our mangers and creches? The shepherds' visit to the manger was symbolic of the manifestation of the birth of their Messiah to the Jewish people. The visit of the Magi is our celebration of the manifestation of Christ to the gentiles. And that's the point. The salvation being offered by God was for *all* mankind. Starting with the Jewish people but then on to everyone.

In our first reading from Isaiah, we hear, "Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you". "The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world." (John 1:9) At the end of the reading from Isaiah, we read, "Caravans and camels shall fill you... bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the Lord". These are, of course, two of the gifts of the Magi with one addition: myrrh. Why these particular gifts? Saint Peter Chrsologus explains, "Today the Magi gaze in deep wonder at what they see: heaven on earth, earth in heaven, man in God, God in man, one whom the whole universe cannot contain now enclosed in a tiny body. As they look, they believe and do not question, as their symbolic gifts bear witness: incense for God, gold for a king, myrrh for one who is to die."

Yes, these are gifts for God and for a King but also for one who is destined to die so that all might live. The Magi's gifts are merely earthly presents that are symbols of God's greatest gift of all time to all people. God's great gift is offered to all but how many seek it? Notice that both the shepherds and the Wise Men sought it out. After the revelation of something big having happened, in one case by angels and in the other by a star, they set out to find it. And once they did, they are changed forever. That's what an epiphany does. It transforms us permanently. It changes the course of our life. Once having looked into the face of the Infant Jesus, neither the shepherds nor the Magi would ever be the same again. We may not hear angels or see a wondrous star but when we choose to follow Jesus, that indeed changes everything!

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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.

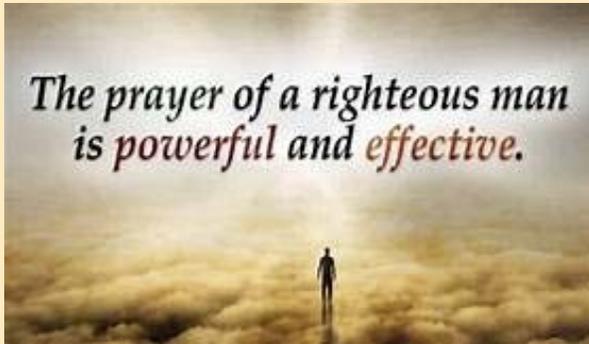
### **First Communion Students-**

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.



## 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.



*Merry Christmas!*

We would like to thank all of our parishioners who throughout 2020 have been so generous. Especially those who helped us during our Christmas masses. 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!

*Merry Christmas!*



**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.

Great Job to all the students!!!!

