



Our Lady of the Snow

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

*January 10, 2020 Baptism of the Lord
“You will draw joyfully from the spring of 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:
Tuesday, January 12, 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....

Lawrence Murphy

Elizabeth Petroski-Murphy

In Sympathy

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

Thomas James Cochrane, Jr.



*Altar Bread and Wine
In Memory of Charles Mintzer*

*Sanctuary Candle in Mother Church
In Memory of Gail Herlihy*

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT:
\$ 7092**

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:

Mayonnaise
Juice
Cookies
Crackers
Tissues
Laundry detergent
Cleaning supplies
Dog food

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	Jan 10, Baptism of the Lord
7:30 AM	William Link †
9:00 AM	Parishioners
11:00 AM	Joseph Torma †
Monday	Jan 11,
8:30 AM	Joseph Annona †
Tuesday	Jan 12,
8:30 AM	Dobres Sutton †
Wednesday	Jan 13,
8:30 AM	Joseph Torma †
Thursday	Jan 14,
8:30 AM	John O'Connor †
Friday	Jan 15,
8:30 AM	Gail Herlihy †
Saturday	Jan 16,
5:00 PM	Gene Horton † Charles Mintzer †
Sunday	Jan 17,
7:30 AM	Parishioners
9:00 AM	Joseph Torma †
11:00 AM	Jack O'Connor †

Do you need to fulfill your Marriage Prep Requirement?

Engaged Encounter is an effective PreCana program designed to provide you with the tools for a successful marriage. Couples are provided with social-distancing during this time. Our next 2-day weekend will be held at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington on March 6-7, 2021. For information please call Lenny & Pat Walker at 631-563-1032 or visit www.longisland.engagedencounter.com to register.

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.

It is that time a year again. If you are an envelope user and would like a print out of your 2020 donations for tax purposes. Please call the office during business hours or feel free to email Loraine at ourladyofthesnowbp@gmail.com

The **Respect Life Ministry** is not attending the March for Life in Washington D.C. due to the pandemic, however, the DRVC Respect Life Office has invited the parishes to mark the day with local activities. Those who would like to join our ministry in remembering the March for Life this year are invited to attend morning Mass at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, January 29, 2021 in the Large Church. Following morning Mass, The OLS Respect Life Ministry will be gathering for Prayer Presence on the sidewalk facing Waverly Avenue at Planned Parenthood in Patchogue to pray the Rosary from 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. All are welcome. Please wear a mask.

- ⇒ If you have family in the military and would like to add their name to our prayer list, Please call Loraine in the office during regular business hours.
- ⇒ If you have a family member that is homebound and would like to have communion brought to them, Call Marlene at the rectory or email her at MTully@olsbp.com.

WHAT'S YOUR CATHOLIC IQ? A Self-Assessment for Your Fun and Enlightenment!

(Permission granted by
Joe Paprocki, D.Min., and
Catechist Magazine)

This educational self-assessment is a fun way to help you see how much you know about your Catholic faith. Answers can be found on the bottom of this page.

1. Western liturgical chant takes its name from...

- (a) Peter the Apostle; (b) Louis de Montfort; (c) Gregory the Great; (d) Antiphonus of Antioch

2. The 3rd century deacon and martyr who was roasted on a gridiron was...

- (a) Lawrence; (b) Sebastian; (c) Longinus; (d) Justinian the Apostate

3. The widow, mother, and foundress of a religious order who influenced the formation of America's parochial school system was...

- (a) Dolly Madison; (b) Bernadette Soubirous; (c) Elizabeth Seton; (d) Therese Martin

4. The early Christian martyr whose name is linked in the canon of the Mass with her slave girl Felicity is...

- (A) Perpetua; (b) Lucy; (c) Aurelia; (d) Hannah

5. The laywoman and mystic who helped persuade the pope to leave Avignon to return to Rome was...

- (a) Helena; (b) Teresa of Avila; (c) Catherine of Siena; (d) Pope Joan

**NO  PEEKING! Catholic IQ
Answers:**

1. c; 2. a; 3. c; 4. a; 5. c

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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.

When is Virtual Work Due?

We are beginning our fourth month of virtual learning. January assignments in the Google Classrooms for all nine levels are due the last day of January. 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.

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.

What's Featured in January in the Google Classrooms?

In Google Classrooms this month students are learning about The parts of the Mass, The Epiphany, The Holy Trinity, Theological and Cardinal Virtues. They are studying January Saints such as Elizabeth Ann Seton, St. Angela Merici, Mary: A Model of Gratitude, St. John Henry Neumann and St. Sebastian. Students are examining Catholic Social Teaching in scripture, specifically: Human Dignity and Rights & Responsibilities. Confirmation students are focusing on the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Bulletin Reflection by Michael Dawidziak

We start the First Sunday in ordinary time with our gospel reading being Mark's account of the Baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist in the River Jordan. Hold it! Wait it a minute! Last week's gospel reading was about the visit of the Magi to the Infant Jesus. Now one week later, we are hearing about His baptism. That might make sense if Jesus, like many of us who are "cradle Catholics" was baptized as an infant. But Jesus was a full-grown adult, about thirty years old, by this time. And why is Jesus getting baptized in the first place? John's baptism was about repentance and forgiveness. Jesus doesn't need to repent or be forgiven. In Matthew's account of this story, John even points this out to Jesus and tries to dissuade Him from being baptized. "It is I who need baptism from you and yet you come to me!" (Matthew 3:14)

This gospel reading, however, does make eminent sense as the choice to kick off Ordinary Time. In many ways it introduces all the elements of our faith. Mark's gospel starts just 6 verses before our reading and opens with, "The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God". (Mark 1:1) Mark's account is unique amongst the four gospels as it is the only one to introduce itself as a gospel (which means good news). Mark's gospel contains no nativity story. Nor anything about Jesus' childhood or adolescence or genealogies. Mark calls "the beginning" the start of Jesus' mission. And that's what we read about and study during Ordinary Time. During Advent, we prepare for His birth. During Lent, we contemplate His passion and death. During the Easter Season, we celebrate His Resurrection. But during Ordinary Time, we study His teachings, miracles and mission.

And this, Mark tells us, is the beginning of that mission. Like a good storyteller, Mark sets out the key elements of the story right in the beginning. Journalists know to emphasize their main talking points in the first or "lede" paragraph in order to grab the attention of their readers. Who could read the first 11 verses of Mark's gospel for the first time and not thirst to know more? Right here, at the very beginning of the story, we have the introduction of God as the Holy Trinity. All three persons of the Trinity are present. Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Mark doesn't bury the lead. God, as the Trinity, makes an appearance right at the onset of the story.

There's another reason why this reading is so fitting to be right after last week's. As we discussed last week, an epiphany is a revelation. Today's gospel reading is another epiphany story. Jesus is once again being revealed to mankind as the Savior of the world and as God's own Son. But this time, it's not angels or a star that is the means of the revelation. This time it's God the Father Himself doing the revealing. For all mankind and for all generations to hear that this is "My beloved Son".

But getting back to the earlier question, why did Jesus choose to be baptized when He didn't need it? Because this is the beginning of His mission. Jesus initiates a rite of initiation for all who would follow Him. Baptism is the beginning of *our* mission of following Jesus just as it was the initiation of His mission. To be truly baptized in Jesus means to follow Him. Jesus challenges the apostles, James and John by asking them if they can "be baptized with the baptism with which I must be baptized?" (Mark 10:38) Jesus challenges us with the same question. How far are we willing to go to follow Him? Baptism is symbolic of death and resurrection. St. Paul teaches that "when we were baptized we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life." (Romans 6:4)

From the very beginning of the church, baptism was considered the beginning of being Jesus' disciple. When Peter is asked by the first converts what they must do, his instructions are clear. "Every one of you must be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." (Acts 2:38). Just as the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus after His baptism, so we received this great gift of God's Spirit at our baptism. Whether we knew it at the time or not, this was the beginning of our mission of following Jesus. It's both the meaning of the gospels and the meaning of our lives and there's nothing ordinary about that.



Our Lady of the Snow Food Pantry



Parish Outreach would like to say “Thank You” to all who helped to support our ministry this Thanksgiving and Christmas season.

Due to the pandemic we had to make some changes for the health and safety of all concerned.

Thank you for understanding and supporting us through these changes. With your wonderful generosity we were able to provide bountiful meals and Christmas gifts to those in need.

Your generous response during these difficult times is deeply appreciated.

Special thanks as always to our wonderful volunteers who have worked tirelessly through the Covid pandemic to provide assistance to those in need.

Please continue to keep those we serve in your prayers.

