



## *Our Lady of the Snow*

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

*January 17, 2021 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
“Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.”*



**\*\*\*\*DAILY MASSES:\*\*\*\***

**Monday - Friday 8:30 AM  
in Mother 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:**

Wednesday January 20, 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....*

**In Sympathy**

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

**Bernard O'Brien ♥**

**Agnes McCyrstall**



*Altar Bread and Wine*

*In Memory of Bernie O'Brien ♥*

*Sanctuary Candle in Mother Church*

*In Memory of Bernie O'Brien ♥*

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT:  
\$ 8281**

**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**



<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Jan 17,</b>
7:30 AM	Parishioners
9:00 AM	Joseph Torma †
11:00 AM	Jack O'Connor †
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Jan 18,</b>
8:30 AM	Joseph Torma †
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Jan 19,</b>
8:30 AM	Felipe Reyes †
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Jan 20, Ss Fabian &amp; Sebastian</b>
8:30 AM	Delvis Marty †
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Jan 21, St Agnes</b>
8:30 AM	Claire Abranson †
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Jan 22, St Vincent</b>
8:30 AM	John Nolan †
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Jan 23, St Marianne Cope</b>
5:00 PM	Jamie Magale †
	Pam Magale †
	James Orban †
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Jan 24, 3rd Sunday</b>
7:30 AM	Parishioners
9:00 AM	Rose Casey †
11:00 AM	Joseph Annona †

***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](http://www.longisland.engagedencounter.com) to register.

*A thank you note from Marlene*

*It has been an honor, a privilege, and a blessing to be the Pastoral Associate here at Our Lady of the Snow, but I will be stepping down from my position. I have received God's grace so many times while here at OLS, through the people I have met (I can't say THANK YOU enough to the volunteers!!), friendships I have made and the work I was entrusted with. My hope is that others will feel that during my tenure, I have made a small, yet positive contribution to Our Lady of the Snow, a church with such a rich history. Lastly, my sincere thanks to our parish priest, Father Kevin for giving me the opportunity to be the Pastoral Associate and thank you to Father Joseph and the rest of the OLS staff that I have enjoyed working with. You will still see me around, for OLS is my home parish. May God bless each and everyone of you and your families, I am truly grateful for the chance I have had to serve this parish, it has been a gift that I will cherish.*

**Great News - Worldwide Marriage Encounter has gone "Virtual"!**

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and some span multiple weeks on a given weekday. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call John & Toni Torio at 718-344-3700 or visit them at <https://wwmenyli.org/>.

"This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." Bring your marriage to its fullest on the upcoming virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience on Feb 12-14, 2021 in East Hartford, CT and Feb 22-Mar 15, 2021 in VIRTUAL 3RE, NY

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

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

- 1. What age group is invited to Mass on Sunday?**  
a. teenagers b. young families  
c. senior citizens d. all ages
- 2. A family that learns and lives the faith together prepares children to respond to God's call to serve as faith-filled \_\_\_\_\_, single, or married people.**  
a. priests or religious b. athletes  
c. foreigners d. world travelers
- 3. The disciples knew the resurrected Jesus was not a ghost because he showed them his wounds from the crucifixion and \_\_\_\_\_.**  
a. he didn't say "Boo" b. he didn't fly  
c. he ate food with them d. he rose from the dead on Easter and not on Halloween
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_ and sponsors are older, more experienced Catholics who promise to mentor and teach new Christians about living as disciples of Jesus.**  
a. Professional athletes  
b. Godparents c. Rap singers  
d. Bankers
- 5. Jesus predicts \_\_\_\_\_.**  
a. The winners of the Super Bowl  
b. the fall of the Roman Empire  
c. the day the world would end  
d. that he would rise from the dead.

Answers; 1,d; 2,a; 3,c; 4,b; 5,d

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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.

## *Bulletin Reflection by Michael Dawidziak*

“What are you looking for?” This is the question Jesus asks Andrew and his companion when He turns around and finds them following Him in today’s gospel reading. Why were they following Him? Because John the Baptist had testified on His behalf. The gospel tells us that they were disciples of John and as such, would trust in what he said. The day before our gospel reading takes place, John had seen Jesus coming towards him and proclaimed, “Look, there is the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world.” (John 1:29) Now, as Jesus walks by, John says to them, “Behold, the Lamb of God”.

Undoubtedly, Andrew and his companion would have had no clue what the term “Lamb of God” meant. Lambs were the most common animals used for Jewish sacrifices. As observant Jews, they would clearly be familiar with the yearly sacrifice of the Passover lamb to mark the people of Israel’s deliverance from Egypt. But the Jewish people were expecting a Messiah who would be a great warrior king in the mode of David whose throne he would claim. The idea of a suffering Messiah who would be a paschal lamb sacrificed for the forgiveness of sins would have been a foreign concept to them. In fact, throughout the gospels, Jesus tries to explain to His disciples that the Messiah must suffer and die but they never understood this until after He is risen.

Two thousand years later, we modern day Christians know exactly what John meant. The words wouldn’t sound strange to us at all. In fact, we hear the priest say them every time at Mass, after the consecration and before communion. ‘Behold the Lamb of God. Behold He who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those called to the supper of the Lamb.’ But to Andrew and his friend, the term would hold no meaningful significance. So why do they follow Him?

For one, their teacher, John, is clearly impressed with Jesus. In fact, he had told his disciples that he was “not fit to undo his sandal strap”. Now, in John’s time, undoing a sandal strap was a task for a slave. The great John the Baptist is saying that he isn’t even fit to be a slave for Jesus! So, this guy must be pretty important. And then you have John’s obvious star-struck pronouncement. It’s the biblical equivalent of, “Hey, there goes Elvis!” So, intrigued by John’s words and with their curiosity piqued, they follow Jesus.

When Jesus asks them, “What are you looking for?” they ask Him where He is staying. I think we can safely assume that their question wasn’t based on desiring Jesus’ correct address. What they were really asking was “can we stay with you”. Jesus answers them, “come and you will see”. Jesus doesn’t answer their question directly because He knows that’s not what they’re really asking. He could have just said, “I’m staying at the Judea Holiday Inn” and let it go at that. Jesus’ answer to their question is meant to invite them to experience Him in relationship. “Come and you will see”. You will see if you want to stay with me. These first two disciples have no idea what it will entail to follow Jesus. They only know that after this first day with Jesus, they chose to devote their lives to following Him. After only one day, they are convinced that He is the Christ and they are all in. Andrew exclaims that fact to his brother, Peter. “We have found the Messiah”. They no longer need John’s testimony. They have seen for themselves and believe.

Jesus’ question comes echoing down through the years to each one of us: “What are you looking for?” What are you seeking? What do you want in your life? If the answer is money, fame or power then you’re following the wrong guy. If the answer is to know, love and serve God, then, like those first two disciples, you are definitely following the right guy. And just as Jesus’ question to them is the same one He asks us, so is His answer: “Come, and you will see”. Just like he did for Andrew and his companion, Jesus invites us to experience Him in relationship. Our response to this invitation must be like Samuel’s in our first reading, “Speak, for your servant is listening.” Where do we hear the Lord speak to us? Certainly, in His written word in scripture and also in prayer. But we are also invited to an even closer and more intimate relationship with Jesus where He will speak to us in our hearts. We can experience His real presence every time we receive Holy Communion. And that is why the priest echoes John the Baptist, “Behold the Lamb of God”.

## "Informed: Life is Worth Living" Film Presentation

Long Island Coalition for Life will show the film "Informed: Life is Worth Living" at its meeting on Monday January 25, 2021, 7:30PM at St. Regis Council K of C Hall (Rosevale Ave. & Pond Rd., Ronkonkoma). This video, produced by Human Life Alliance, interviews people who have dealt with life and death health situations involving themselves, their family, and medical practitioners. The film (~ 1 hour) discusses end-of life decisions and experiences with assisted suicide, adverse prenatal diagnosis, organ donation, hospice and withholding of medical care. Please join us and become informed. Information: [info@prolifeLI.org](mailto:info@prolifeLI.org); 631-243-1435.

