



## *Our Lady of the Snow*

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Blue Point, New York 11715  
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*January 24, 2021 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
“Teach me your ways, O Lord”*



**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:**  
Thursday, January 28, 4:45 pm  
Mother Church

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

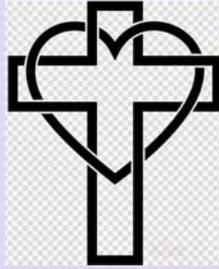
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*Meet our Staff*

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Monday - Thursday

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

**(631) 363-6394**

**Director of Music:**

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**Hours: Mon. - Thur. 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.**

**Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

**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...*

**Joyce Bonvillain**



*Altar Bread and Wine  
In Memory of Gaspar Romano*

*Sanctuary Candle in Mother Church  
In Memory of Gaspar Romano*

**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:**

- Mayonnaise
- Ketchup
- Juice
- Cookies
- Crackers
- Canned salmon
- Deodorant
- Hair conditioner
- 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 24,</b>
7:30 AM	Parishioners
9:00 AM	Rose Casey †
11:00 AM	Joseph Annona †
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Jan 25, Conversion of St Paul</b>
8:30 AM	Francis Lepore †
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Jan 26, Ss Thomas &amp; Titus</b>
8:30 AM	Geraldine Magnani †
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Jan 27, St. Angela Merici</b>
8:30 AM	William Long †
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Jan 28, St Thomas Aquinas</b>
8:30 AM	Peter D'Amico †
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Jan 29,</b>
8:30 AM	Jacqueling Lombardi †
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Jan 30,</b>
5:00 PM	Gaspar Romano † Roseanna & Sal Lentini
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Jan 31,</b>
7:30 AM	Mary & Eugene McAuley †
9:00 AM	Parishioners
11:00 AM	Dominick Valenti †

**"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.

***Background Screening Update***  
***The Office for the Protection of Children and Young People:***

The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People (The Charter) promulgated by the Bishops of the United States in 2002 outlines specific practices and guidelines providing standards of safety in parishes and dioceses throughout the United States. As directed in The Charter, the Diocese of Rockville Centre requires all employees, clergy, and volunteers to complete three requirements within thirty days of employment or volunteering:

Attend **Protecting God's Children Program (Virtus)**

Sign the Codes of Conduct;

Complete a background screen application. The Diocese requires all those who remain in active ministry be rescreened at 5 yr. intervals. volunteers/ employees.

**A Word on Background Screening of Volunteers:**

The Office for the Protection of Children and Young People (OFPCYP) has streamlined the volunteer application process enabling volunteers to complete the three safe environment requirements in one step. Individuals wishing to volunteer in a parish or school:

Register to attend a Protecting God's Children class and create a Virtus account on the Virtus website: [www.Virtus.org](http://www.Virtus.org)

Electronically acknowledge the Diocesan Code of Conduct- provided during the Virtus registration process.

Follow the instructions to complete the Sterling Volunteers background screening application background offered during the Virtus registration process.

**Active Volunteers:**

If you are active in a parish ministry, have already attended Virtus and have been background screened you may be at – or beyond- the **5yr. rescreening requirement**. If this is the case, you will receive an email from **Sterling Volunteers** asking you to complete the background screening application on-line. You may access the background screening application by following the prompt in the email or logging into your Virtus account. ***Please be aware-this is not a scam nor has your e-mail been hacked.*** The OFPCYP has been working with your parish to update the Safe Environment records and noted it is time for you to be rescreened. You may also be prompted to electronically resign the Code of Conduct when you log into your Virtus account.

**Edit Your Virtus Account:**

To access your Virtus account: [www.Virtus.org](http://www.Virtus.org) You will need your Username and Password. If you need assistance, please contact Virtus: 1-888-847-8870 or [helpdesk@virtus.org](mailto:helpdesk@virtus.org). Once in your account, review your account information-particularly your e-mail address. If your account requires updating, please hit the TOOLBOX tab at the top of the screen. On the left side of your screen in the green column click "Update My Account" You will be able to make the necessary changes-please remember to hit the SAVE button at the bottom of the screen.

Questions or concerns: [mmcmahon@drvc.org](mailto:mmcmahon@drvc.org); [amendoza-cantos@drvc.org](mailto:amendoza-cantos@drvc.org); [jwinter@drvc.org](mailto:jwinter@drvc.org);

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Thank you to all who continue to serve in a ministry during these extremely challenging days.

## *Bulletin Reflection by Michael Dawidziak*

The time is at hand. Repent. Believe. This is the common theme running through our three readings this week. The “time that is at hand” is different in all three readings. The response of repenting and believing, however, remains consistent. In our first reading, “the time that is at hand” is God’s intended destruction of the great but wicked city of Nineveh.

To set the scene, God had previously told Jonah to go to this notorious city and tell them to repent. Basically, to use a modern-day comparison, it would be like God sending one of us to sin city, Las Vegas and telling us to stand in the middle of the Vegas strip and preach repentance and the coming of God’s vengeance. Most of us would probably do exactly what Jonah did and run in the opposite direction. While it might sound humorous that Jonah thought he could run away and hide from God, I think we can all sympathize with his fear of doing what was commanded of him. Of course, you can’t run away from God. God intervenes and has Jonah cast down into the depths of the sea. From the belly of the fish, Jonah repents because he realizes that he has ruptured the relationship with the God He loves. He finishes his repentance with the words, “Salvation comes from the Lord” (Jonah 2:9). After his repentance, God gives Jonah another chance to go in the right direction and complete the mission. This time he follows where God leads and surprise, surprise...the people of Sin City believe, repent and are spared.

In today’s gospel reading, “the time that is at hand” is the establishment of “The Kingdom of God”. Jesus’ mission marks the “fullness of time” as it fulfills God’s master plan of salvation predicted in the prophecies of the Old Testament. When Jesus says, “The Kingdom of God is at hand”, He’s saying that the moment has arrived that you all have been waiting for these many years. Listen up, everybody! This is really big news! As we remarked two weeks ago, Mark’s gospel is the only one to actually identify itself with that word (the original Greek word, *euangelion*, where we get the word *evangelism*, translates as “good news”). In fact, the word “gospel” occurs three times in the first 15 verses of Mark. Jesus’ prescribed reaction to this good news is repent and believe. Sounds simple. But simple isn’t the same as easy. Belief requires faith in something that cannot be seen. The Greek word for repent, *metanoeo* literally translates to change one’s direction. What direction is the right way? Following where Jesus leads. That’s why Saint Paul will say “we walk by faith, not by sight” (2 Corinthians 5:7).

Next, we hear of the calling of the first four disciples. These were the people whom Jesus would choose to send out and carry forth the message that the Kingdom of God is at hand. He would clearly need very special people for this task. Common sense would dictate that you should do a proper “executive search” for the most qualified people. Scrutinize their resumes and choose learned scriptural scholars and scribes from Jerusalem, the epicenter of Jewish theology. Right? So, who does Jesus pick? Four uneducated, blue collar workers from the northern backwater of Galilee. Men engaged in the back-breaking, dirty, smelly job of fishing. (Makes you wonder where the saying “cleanliness is next to Godliness” came from.) But these men have “the right stuff” that Jesus is looking for. They are capable of having faith and are willing to change their direction in life and follow Him.

In Paul’s letter to the Corinthians, he also tells them the time is at hand. In fact, he tells them that time is running out. The “time that is at hand” Paul is talking about is Jesus’ second coming. At first, it seems like Paul is saying that because Jesus’ return is imminent, you might as well drop out of life. Forget about your spouse, your job or anything else. But that’s not what Paul is saying at all. Paul is talking about an attitude adjustment. A change of direction. A different way of looking at the world and the things in it. Keep your eye on the prize. This world is temporary, so make following Jesus your focus, not the things of this world. Two thousand years later, we can look around and see a lot of people who don’t seem to really believe the good news of Christ. They certainly don’t seem to be going in the right direction. The message of Jonah, Jesus and Paul is as urgent and essential today as it was then. No matter how long you have travelled in the wrong direction, you can always turn around. Which way do you go? Jesus says, “Follow Me”.

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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.

Level 2 and Level 9 Parents:

We are eager to offer the Sacraments of First Eucharist, First Reconciliation and Confirmation to your children, and as part of our planning process during the pandemic, we have put together a survey that needs your input. The surveys were sent out in Remind messages. They are also linked in the Level 2 and Level 9 Google Classrooms. Also regarding Level 9: Please fill out and submit the Confirmation Information Form located in the Classwork Page of your Level 9 Google Classroom.

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 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.

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](http://olsvc.blogspot.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.

#### 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.