



Our Lady of the Snow

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Blue Point, New York 11715
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*January 31, 2021 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
“If today you hear His voice harden not your hearts.”*



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:

Feb 1, 4:45 pm
Mother Church

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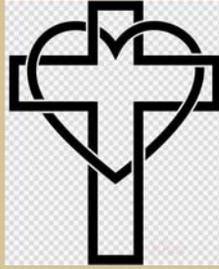
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Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**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



**Remember
in
Prayer**

Major Meghan Ederle

Major Kyle Brown

Major Robert Gervasio

Capt. Evan Bernstein

Lt. Sean Brown

LTJG Shannon Wojciechowski

LTJG Douglas Wojciechowski

LTJG Thomas Adair

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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....

Bonnie Chance

In Sympathy

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



*Altar Bread and Wine
In Memory of
Genevieve & Harvey Townsend*

*Sanctuary Candle in Mother Church
In Memory of
Genevieve & Harvey Townsend*

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT:
\$ 6205**

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.

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INTENTIONS**

Sunday	Jan 31, 4th Sunday
7:30 AM	Mary & Eugene McAuley †
9:00 AM	Parishioners
11:00 AM	Dominick Valenti †
Monday	Feb 1,
8:30 AM	Edward Joseph Dietz †
Tuesday	Feb 2, Presentation of the Lord
8:30 AM	Pasquale Sblendorio †
Wednesday	Feb 3, St Blaise
8:30 AM	Genevieve & Harvey Townsend † (Blessing of the Throats after mass)
Thursday	Feb 4,
8:30 AM	Pasquale Sblendorio †
Friday	Feb 5, St Agatha
8:30 AM	Richard Collins †
Saturday	Feb 6,
5:00 PM	Jaqueline Hender † Filippo Galluppi (Living) Richard Boyce (Living)
Sunday	Feb 7, St Paul Miki
7:30 AM	Parishioners
9:00 AM	Patsy & Josephine Sirianni †
11:00 AM	John McDonald †



Feb 3rd after the 8:30 am Mass Father Kevin will do the blessing of the throats.

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

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 You will need your Username and Password. If you need assistance, please contact Virtus: 1-888-847-8870 or 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; amendoza-cantos@drvc.org; 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

“Let us not again hear the voice of the Lord, our God”. This was the plea of the Israelite people that Moses refers to in our first reading from Deuteronomy. The people were encamped at Mount Horeb (a.k.a. Mount Sinai) when God’s presence descended onto the mountain. They had seen the mountaintop engulfed in smoke with great flashes of light and heard sounds like thunder and were seized with fear. So, they plead with Moses, “You speak to us, and we will hear; but let not God speak to us, lest we die” (Exodus 20:19). It sounds funny that the people would not want to hear the voice of God. Most of us would love to hear God talking to us directly and clearly, wouldn’t we? The Israelites basically tell Moses, “**You** go talk to Him and come back and tell us what He had to say”. Which is exactly what happened. This is why the Israelites would need prophets throughout the history of the Old Testament.

We most often think of a prophet as somebody who can tell the future. Biblically, that’s only partially true. The correct definition of a prophet is *somebody who speaks for God*. Biblical prophets only tell the future when they foretell of God’s plans as revealed to them by God. Our responsorial psalm today is a familiar one, “If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts”. But the people did harden their hearts because they wouldn’t listen to the voice of God. And that’s why they needed prophets...to tell them what God had to say. Before we judge them too harshly, how many people today act exactly the same way? They don’t especially try to have a personal relationship with God or to hear His voice. I’ll just go to church on Sunday, they think, sit in the pew and let father tell me what God has to say.

But why didn’t and why don’t people want to hear God’s voice? Maybe they were intimidated or scared or just plain felt unworthy. Perhaps but I think it was because they didn’t really want to hear what He had to say. Certainly, they rejected the prophets who spoke for God like Elijah and Jeremiah when they told them what they didn’t want to hear. It is human nature to reject authority (or worse, pretend it doesn’t even exist) when people want to misbehave. Now Moses prophesies about the coming of the ultimate prophet. First, he establishes his authority as someone who speaks for God by saying, “The Lord said to me”. Then He relays God’s promise to “raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin, and will put my words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him.”

In the beginning of John’s gospel, we are told that Jesus was the Word (Logos) and that “He came to his own domain and his own people” (John 1:11). Later He will say, “For I have not spoken on my own authority; the Father who sent me has himself given me commandment what to say and what to speak” (John 12:49). In today’s gospel reading, we continue with the beginning of Mark’s gospel that we began in the first and third Sundays in Ordinary Time. So far, Jesus has been baptized, had the Holy Spirit descend on Him, heard the Father’s voice from heaven identifying Him as His Son, been tempted in the wilderness, started to preach and called his first four disciples...and we’re still only in the first chapter! The beginning of Mark’s gospel is devoted to establishing who Jesus is and where His authority comes from. Now He goes into the synagogue and starts to teach. We are told that the people were astonished because He taught with authority. Well, of course He spoke with authority. He was the ultimate prophet. The one Moses told the people would come. He was the Son of God and the Word of God. But actions speak louder than words and now Jesus puts that authority into action. A man possessed with an unclean spirit approaches Him and says, “I know who you are – the Holy One of God!”. Even a demon recognizes the voice of God and submits to its authority.

It has often been said that God hasn’t stopped talking, we’ve just stopped listening. There are many places we can hear His voice. We can read Jesus’ own words as recorded in the gospels. We can hear Him in the silence of our hearts when we pray. We can listen to Him whisper to us in the solemn quiet after receiving Him in the Eucharist. And from Maximillian Kolbe to Bishop Fulton Sheen to Mother Teresa, He has sent us many modern-day prophets. The real question is, do we really want to hear what He has to say?

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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. Please download and print the Testimony of Sponsor form, and ask your child's sponsor to sign and return it either by email or mail. The need to bring it to a parish for a witness to the signature has been waived. Addresses are listed above.

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.

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.

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 statement of your donations. Please call the office during business hours and we will get that right out to you.

