



Our Lady of the Snow

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

February 14, 2021 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

I turn to you , Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation



Mass Schedule

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

***Office is closed Monday to
celebrate Presidents day***

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 17, 4:45 pm
Mother Church

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Meet our Staff

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Monday - Thursday

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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



**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

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...

Bonnie Chance & Lolita Hellberg



*Altar Bread and Wine
In Memory of Arlene Brady*

*Sanctuary Candle in Mother Church
In Memory of Arlene Brady*

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT:
Last week \$ 7,152
This week \$ 5,915

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:

Mayo
Mustard
Ketchup
Deodorant
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.

MASST INTENTIONS

Sunday	Feb 14,
7:30 AM	Parishioners
9:00 AM	Kathryn Scottaline†
11:00 AM	Guy Newham †
Monday	Feb 15,
8:30 AM	Joseph Briscoe †
Tuesday	Feb 17, Ash Wednesday
8:30 AM	Pat Sblendorio†
Wednesday	Feb 17, Ash Wednesday
8:30 AM	Kraig Delaney †
4:30 PM	Service
7:30 PM	Paul Renna †
Thursday	Feb 18,
8:30 AM	Patricia Mondri †
Friday	Feb 19,
8:30 AM	David Brand †
Saturday	Feb 20,
5:00 PM	James Kelly † Joyce Bonvillain †
Sunday	Feb 21,
7:30 AM	Vicky Maios †
9:00 AM	Parishioners †
11:00 AM	Sheila Fitzgerald †

St. Valentine,

while in prison, fell in love
with a jailer's daughter
and when he was being taken to be killed
on the 14th February,
he wrote a love letter to her and signed it
"From your Valentine".
Thus the name 'Valentine' was born.





**YOU HAVE THE POWER
TO SAVE LIVES.**

BLOOD DRIVE

Our Lady of the Snow RC Church

Monday, March 15th

10:30am-7:30pm

Basement, Mother Church

175 Blue Point Ave. Blue Point, NY 11715

Appointment Preferred

Walk-ins allowed if capacity permits

**For more information or to schedule an appointment contact Parish Outreach
- 631-363-2417**

Or Call 1.800.933.2566 or go to:

https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/288524

Or scan QR code below with your phone and enter zip code-11715



DONORS PRESENTING:

- Must wear a mask or face covering
- Will have their temperature taken
- Must be 14 days symptom free if recovered from COVID-19
- May **NOT** donate if they have a positive diagnostic test or experienced symptoms of COVID-19 in the last 14 days
- May **NOT** donate if they are currently on self-quarantine restrictions

*Please be aware that we
do NOT test for COVID-19. You should
contact your health care provider if
you want to be tested.*



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New York Blood Center

Bulletin Reflection by Michael Dawidziak

“If you wish, you can make me clean.” Thus, says the leper to Jesus in today’s gospel reading from Mark. Such a simple single sentence offers a powerful example to us on how we should pray to God. To fully appreciate the beauty and fullness of his prayer, we have to understand the implications of his affliction. In Biblical times, the term leprosy was used for a wide range of skin conditions and not just the infection we know today as Hansen’s Disease. Boils, eczema, psoriasis or ringworm could get you a diagnosis of leprosy. As we hear in our Old Testament reading from Leviticus, the consequences of being identified as a leper were dire. Lepers were outcasts who had to live apart from the rest of society. They had to keep their garments torn, their hair unkempt and their heads bare so they could be easily identified. This sounds harsh to our modern-day ears but there was both a practical and a theological basis for the severity of the treatment.

Many of the regulations in the Mosaic Law were designed to keep the people, whole, clean and healthy. Survival and continuation of the race of God’s chosen people depended on it. Not only did these skin conditions have no known cause but they also had no known cure. Add to that they were also thought to be highly contagious and so were mightily feared. The risk of physical contamination to the greater community had to be avoided at all costs. Also, there are several occasions recounted in the Old Testament of God inflicting leprosy on someone as a punishment including Moses’ own sister, Miriam (Numbers 12:10). Like Job’s friends in last week’s reading, many Israelites came to the conclusion that leprosy was a punishment from God for committing sin. Theologically, the unrepentant sinner needed to be driven from their midst lest they contaminate others spiritually.

Lepers had to keep their distance from “clean and pure” people. Traditionally, they had to maintain a distance of fifty paces (a lot more than the six feet that we are supposed to socially distance today). Mark’s gospel tells us the leper came to Jesus and knelt down before Him. It doesn’t sound like he was observing the fifty paces rule. And that’s the first example for us on how we should pray. No matter how unworthy and reviled this person was made to feel, he is not afraid to approach Jesus. We too often feel unworthy to approach God and that’s because we are. But that shouldn’t stop us from reaching out to our Savior.

The leper kneels down in front of Jesus. He acknowledges Jesus’ majesty and gives Him the proper awe and respect due the King of Kings. He doesn’t plead his innocence or the unjustness of his condition and he doesn’t demand. He begs. He simply says, “If you wish” or “If you are willing”. I’m asking for this but only if it be Your will. Sound familiar? We say, “Thy will be done”, every time we say the prayer Our Lord gave us. Then he states as a given fact that he believes Jesus has the ability and power to do what he asks. The Greek word used here (*dunasai*) means to be able or to have power. Thine is the power. Lastly, what does the leper actually ask for? Not just a physical healing. He asks to be made clean. To be cleansed spiritually, physically and socially. To be seen as acceptable by God and brothers as not only one of God’s chosen people but one of God’s children. Jesus is moved with compassion and just as simply says to the leper, “I do will it. Be made clean.” No conditions. Jesus wills it and it is done.

Then Jesus “warning him sternly” tells him to “see that you tell no one anything”. But the man goes out and begins to publicize (the Greek word *kerussein* actually means to preach), so that Jesus could no longer enter a town publicly. Have you ever thought about the conversation Jesus had with this guy when he got to Heaven? “Was I not clear about the telling no one anything part?!” But Jesus knows everything. John’s gospel tells us that He “needed no one to testify about anyone; for he himself knew what was in everyone.” (John 2:25). So clearly, Jesus knew he was going to blab it to everyone he met. Wouldn’t you? But what was the consequence of his actions? Like him, people now had to go to Jesus. Our gospel ends, “He remained outside in deserted places, and people kept coming to him from everywhere”. The leper is not only an example of how we should pray but also of how our words and examples should encourage people to go to Jesus...to seek Him, approach Him and say, “If you wish, You can make me clean.”



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January 26, 2021

Mrs. Loren Christie
Our Lady of the Snow Respect Life
175 Blue Point Avenue
Blue Point, NY 11715

Dear Loren and Our Lady of the Snow Respect Life Committee:

Thank you for your recent donation of diapers and wipes. Your group has always been supportive of the Life Center of Long Island and we truly appreciate your generosity.

Today, our social climate appears to have turned a blind eye to life. At the Life Center we are aware of the challenges and opportunities before us, as we reach out to our clients with God's message of hope, love and everlasting peace.

Our three centers, located in Deer Park, Hempstead and Massapequa provide much needed services, free of charge, to women facing an unplanned pregnancy and those families that require material, spiritual, and emotional assistance to embrace God's plan for life.

At the Life Center of Long Island, we believe that 2021 can be the year when we reach more people, and in so doing, save more lives than ever before. Thank you for being part of our mission to "promote, encourage and foster public sentiment and respect for the dignity of human life from conception to natural death."

Your gift is appreciated, and we endeavor to be the best stewards possible in making your donation work to benefit the lives of those we serve.

Sincerely,

Gloria Schreiber
Chief Executive Officer



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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 we are in the process of planning and scheduling them. You will be notified by letter in March. Thank you for your response to our surveys.

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 February in the Google Classrooms?

In Google Classrooms this month students are learning about the Rosary, the Mass, The Holy Trinity, Sacraments, Marks of the Church, the character trait of humility, and the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. They are studying February saints such as St. Paul Miki. Middle school level students are examining the Catholic Social Teachings of Solidarity and caring for the poor & vulnerable. Confirmation students are focusing on the Fruits 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 completing assignments through the end of our religious education cycle in March. 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 fifth month of virtual learning. February 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. For those making up work, all the Google Classrooms will be archived on June 30th, and the Google Classroom will be closed until next fall at that point as it is being updated.

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.



Ash Wednesday
February 17, 2021

8:30 am Mass
4:30 pm Service
7:30 pm Mass

All Masses and services will be in the Large Church.



May your Ash Wednesday be a time of reflection and promise.

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.

Help wanted

Part-time Custodial Position at St. Lawrence the Martyr, Sayville. Perform cleaning, facilities, set-up assistance to the staff, and other building & grounds maintenance activities for church and parish facilities. Cleaning duties include mopping, sweeping, dusting, vacuuming, cleaning bathrooms, trash removal, etc. Flexible early afternoon hours, 15 hrs per week. If interested, call the Parish Facilities manager, Mr. Chris Koch, at (631) 589-0042 X 121

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

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

1, Only children have to go to religious classes because adults don't sin.

True False

2. Parents and godparents promise to help protect the gift of faith given to new Christians in baptism from the poison of _____.

A. too much fast food b. cocaine c. high fructose corn syrup d. sin

B.

3, Fr. Patrick Peyton, CSC, coined the phrases: "The family that prays together _____ together."

A. lives b. eats c. stays d. plays

4. The lists of all Jesus ancestors found in the beginning of the Gospels of Matthew and Luke are called _____.

A. genealogies b. unpronounceable c. boring d. weird

5, The patriarchs of the Jewish and Christian faith are Abraham, Isaac, and _____.

A. Cain and Abel b. Jacob c. Julius Caesar d. Jesus .

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

Spring Bereavement Support Group

Beginning on Wednesday, April 7, the parish center of St. Joseph the worker will be offering a ten-week support group for the recently bereaved and those still struggling with an unresolved loss. This includes those who have lost loved a loved one to the pandemic as well as those who lost loved ones due to other causes. The group is designed to assist the bereaved in learning about the grief process; develop skills to manage their grief; and to learn to live in a world without the deceased. The group will be facilitated by Dr. Luciano Sabatini, a professional bereavement counselor with over 30 years of experience in counselling the bereaved. It is open to all members of the Long Island community.

The group will meet on Wednesdays from 11AM to 12:15 PM and will end on June 9. If you are interested in joining, please call social outreach coordinator Regina Jacoby at 631 286-6356. The fee is \$25. If you are undecided about the group and want to learn more , call Dr. Sabatini at 631 823-0552 , 516 660-1352 or email him at lousab@aol.com