



Our Lady of the Snow

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

*February 29, 2021 Second Sunday of Lent
“I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living”*



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:

March 1, 4:45 pm
Mother Church

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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

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...

Filippo Galluppi



*Altar Bread and Wine
In Memory of
Charles Mintzer♥*

*Sanctuary Candle in Mother Church
In Memory of Bridget Horstmann ♥*

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT:
\$ 6048**

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:

Tea
Mayonnaise
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.

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.



Mass Intentions

Sunday	Feb 28,
7:30 AM	Parishioners
9:00 AM	Meghan Palace †
11:00 AM	Sheila Fitzgerald †
Monday	Mar 1,
8:30 AM	Bridget Horstmann †
Tuesday	Mar 2,
8:30 AM	William Fredrick Beyhl †
Wednesday	Mar 3, St Katherine
8:30 AM	Charles Mintzer †
Thursday	Mar 4,
8:30 AM	Mary & Eugene McAuley †
Friday	Mar 5,
8:30 AM	Margaret "Peggy" Paul †
Saturday	Mar 6,
5:00 PM	Roger French † Lenore Russo †
Sunday	Mar 7,
7:30 AM	Rose DiToro †
9:00 AM	Thomas Accuri †
11:00 AM	Parishioners

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/>.

Friday/Saturday/Sunday March 19-21
Thursdays/Mondays April 8-29

Bulletin Reflection by Michael Dawidziak

Last week we noted that Lent is defined as a forty day season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. But Lent really is a time of transformation. Last week's gospel was about Jesus spending forty days being tempted in the wilderness. This was a transformative time for Jesus as He prepared for the start of His earthly mission. Likewise, we should not come out of Lent the same way we went into it. If we do, we've squandered an opportunity to engage in a closer walk with Jesus and become more like Him in the process.

In today's Gospel reading from Mark, we read the story of Jesus' transfiguration. Like many accounts of Jesus' life in the gospels, we've read them so often and are so familiar with them that sometimes they lose some of their wonder. The Transfiguration is one of the most pivotal points in the Bible and indeed in the history of all mankind. We read that Jesus was transfigured. What exactly does that mean? He changed in appearance, yes? The Greek word used here (*metemorphōthē*) is where we get the English word metamorphosis. A metamorphosis is not just a change in outward appearance like an illusion or a magic trick. A metamorphosis is an actual change of the nature of a thing or person into a completely different one. A caterpillar doesn't just appear to be a butterfly, it actually becomes one. It changes nature from a creature that crawls to one that flies. Jesus shows the apostles His divine nature and His true identity. He wants them to see it. He wants them to be sure.

The choice of Elijah and Moses is not random. Moses represents the law and Elijah the prophets. Two people who had intimate relationships with God and spoke for Him. If all this wasn't enough, God the Father Himself talks directly to them with a very specific message. "This is my Beloved Son. Listen to Him". The One in the middle. Not Moses. Not Elijah. Not the Law. Not the Prophets. This is new and really important! And God isn't talking to Jesus, Moses or Elijah. He's talking to Peter, James and John and through them to us. This is God's testimony to all of mankind for all time. You know Moses and Elijah and they're reliable witnesses but just to remove any possible doubt, God says, "**This is My Son. Listen to Him.**" And when they looked up, they saw only Jesus. Except, there's no "only" about it. Now they know that they have been and still are in the presence of God.

Jesus is God's great gift of salvation and He wants us to know it and believe it. In his letter to the Romans, Paul is practically bursting with this knowledge. "If God is for us, who can be against us?" All of Satan's temptations will fail if we belong to God. In an obvious reference to our Old Testament reading where God will not allow Abraham to sacrifice his son, Isaac, Paul asks about God that, "He did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him?" This is God's supreme gift to us but here's the catch: we're supposed to re-gift it to others. The difference is, unlike earthly gifts, we don't lose this one when we re-gift it. It only gets bigger and better.

A few chapters later in this letter, Paul warns us not to conform to the world around us (Romans 12:2). If we conform our minds to the things of this world, we will not be able to discern the will of God. The key to not wasting our lives Paul says, is to be transformed. The word he uses is used only one other time in all the gospels, namely, about Jesus on the mountain of *transfiguration* (same word, *metemorphōthē*). This is the Lenten process. Like a caterpillar to a butterfly. From death to life. A new creation. [From a creature that crawls to one that can fly!](#)

This process is by no means instantaneous. Our entire lifetimes are spent making this transformation to a new creation. And Lent is the special time we get to sharpen our skills to help us along that journey. During Lent, Jesus invites us to accompany Him into the wilderness or up a mountain where He can be alone with us. It's a time to try to get closer to and actually see Jesus for who and what He really is. He wants us to learn from Him because the end result of this transformation is for us to take on the very image of Christ Himself. When people see us, they need to see Christ in us.



**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



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- Must be 14 days symptom free if recovered from COVID-19

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- May **NOT** donate if they are currently on self-quarantine restrictions

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Level 2 Parents:

We are eager to offer the Sacraments of First Eucharist and First Reconciliation 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.

Level 9 Parents:

On February 11th individual letters were mailed home containing Confirmation dates, rehearsal dates and Confirmation Retreat dates. Please RSVP for the Confirmation retreat by calling the office or contacting the Faith Formation Director through the Level 9 Remind App. Also regarding Level 9: Please fill out and submit the Confirmation Information Form located in the Classroom 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

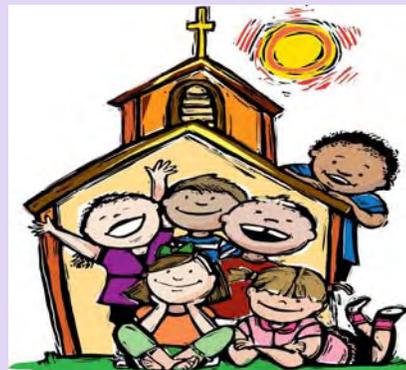
Students are completing assignments through the end of our religious education cycle in March. All classwork is asynchronous, meaning none of it is "live" and the assignments can be accessed by registered families at any time. Catechists have rosters and are on standby in the event that we can return 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 February. 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.



Long Island Retrouvaille Marriage Help

This program is for couples with marital problems that want marriage help. Those who are considering marriage separation and those who are already separated or divorced are encouraged to consider the Retrouvaille Program. There is always hope of reviving your relationship. The Retrouvaille program is for husbands and wives and is not designed nor intended for couples in a co-habiting relationship. For more information about local upcoming weekend retreats,

3028@retrouvaille.org



HELP WANTED

Where can you find a career opportunity to help yourself, your family, your community, and your Church at the same time? Answer: **The Knights of Columbus**. The Knights of Columbus is one of North America's largest life insurers, one of the world's most ethical companies, an international Catholic fraternity, and a multi-billion-dollar donor to charitable causes.

We are looking for a few Catholic gentlemen to join our full-time Insurance sales force to serve our members and their families on Long Island. Our sales force receives extensive training, a secure territory with professional-level income potential, incentive bonuses, health and retirement benefits, and continuing education opportunities.

If this sounds like something you would like to explore for yourself, or if you know a Catholic gentleman that might be a good fit for this opportunity, please call (631)574-4520 or email HERNANDEZAGENCYMAIL@KOFC.ORG.