



Our Lady of the Snow

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

*February 7, 2021 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
“Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.”*



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 9, 4:45 pm
Mother Church

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Meet our Staff

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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....

Kurt Reineking

In Sympathy

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

Bonnie Chance



*Altar Bread and Wine
In Memory of Richard Higgins*

*Sanctuary Candle in Mother Church
In Memory of Richard Higgins ♥*

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT:
Will be in next week bulletin**

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.

MASST INTENTIONS

Sunday	Feb 7,
7:30 AM	Parishioners
9:00 AM	Patsy & Josephine Sirianni †
11:00 AM	John McDonald †
Monday	Feb 8, St Jerome & Josephine
8:30 AM	Josephine Berardi †
Tuesday	Feb 9,
8:30 AM	Marjorie Rush †
Wednesday	Feb 10, St. Scholastica
8:30 AM	Richard Higgins †
Thursday	Feb 11, Our Lady of Lourdes
8:30 AM	Gilhooly Family †
Friday	Feb 12,
8:30 AM	Josephine & Frank Sblendorio †
Saturday	Feb 13,
5:00 PM	Barbara Lofaro † Marie Cantwell † Frances & Nunzio Santapaola †
Sunday	Feb 14,
7:30 AM	Parishioners
9:00 AM	Kathryn Scottaline †
11:00 AM	Guy Newham †

DEEPEN YOUR LENTEN DEVOTION – “Journeying through Lent and through Life.” Join the Friends of the Seminary **Sunday, March 7, 2021,** 9:30 am to 3 pm. Msgr. Charles Fink will present a Lenten Day of Prayer including Mass, spiritual reflections, lunch and Stations of the Cross. Attendance limited; masks required. \$50 donation. Reservations required: (631) 423-0483 x 102; bmalone@icseminary.edu; www.icseminary.edu.



**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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Bulletin Reflection by Michael Dawidziak

Today's gospel story starts with an account of Jesus healing Simon Peter's mother-in-law, after which she waited on them. Over the years, I have heard many women voice criticism of this story. "Oh sure, Jesus heals her just so she can get up and serve the men". Now, having a wife, two daughters and eight granddaughters, I'm all for feminism but in all due respect, I think they've missed the much larger point. Far from being seen as the pathetic, put upon, second class citizen of a male-dominated society, Peter's mother-in-law is an early Christian hero and an example to us of how a true follower of Jesus should act.

We read this story with twenty first century sensibilities. We read that she had a fever and we don't think too much of it. But a fever in a world without penicillin or aspirin was extremely serious. People died of fevers. They often indicated infections with no known medical treatment to cure them. Mark's gospel tells us that immediately upon entering the house of Simon and Andrew, they told Jesus about her. They told Jesus that their loved one was sick. That's exactly what we do when we pray to God to heal those who are ill. We pray for healing at every Mass. We not only pray for the sick during our petitionary prayers but before we receive communion we say, "but only say the word and my soul shall be healed".

Jesus "approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up." The Greek word used here for "helped her up" is *ēgeiren* which literally means "to raise up" or "to waken". It's the same word Saint Paul will use when he says, "Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you" (Ephesians 5:14). That's a much more accurate description of what is happening here. Jesus has healed her and is shining on her. How could she not jump out of bed and want to serve Him? But there's something else happening here that is often completely overlooked when reading this story. Jesus had come straight to the house from the synagogue where He had gone to teach ***on the sabbath day***. Not only would Jesus healing on the Sabbath day be looked upon as a violation of the law but Peter's mother-in-law serving would make her equally guilty. She's a true rebel. And more than that, the first example of a disciple following Jesus and imitating His behavior. Later, Jesus will say that He "did not come to be served but to serve" (Mark 10:45). And that's exactly this woman's attitude. If Jesus came to serve than that's what I'm going to do! If I have to defy the customs of the day and break the rules to follow Him, so be it. It's a mischaracterization to put her in a victim role. Jesus tells us that, "anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant" (Mark 10:43). She is the first person we hear of who chooses to follow that call to greatness.

Compare her to Job in our first reading. Job "was blameless and upright; he feared God and shunned evil (Job 1:1). But for reasons that he cannot understand, he has been afflicted with all sorts of misfortune and afflictions. His friends try to convince him that somehow, he must have sinned and offended God to be suffering as he is. Job feels God has treated him unjustly and clings to his innocence. But death has become preferable to life. He compares his life of drudgery to that of a hireling or servant. But unlike Peter's mother-in-law, this is not a service that he has chosen and unlike her, Job is embracing death. Job is a good man but he has lost faith and hope. He ends by saying, "I shall not see happiness again". But he will. God will heal him just as Jesus healed her. Maybe the difference was that Job's "friends" were too busy trying to convince him of his guilt rather than praying for him. How often do people act the same way today...judging others rather than praying for them? God is angry with Job's friends but in a twist ending, "God restored Job's fortunes, because he had prayed for his friends" (Job 42:10) who didn't pray for him.

In our second reading in his letter to the Corinthians, Paul reverses the dynamic. He says, "woe to me, if I do not preach" the gospel. He says that he has "been entrusted with a stewardship". He understands that being a servant for Jesus, while an obligation he didn't choose, is one he willingly accepts. He was called. What is our answer to our Savior's call? It should be to imitate Jesus in every aspect of our life. Jesus, the light of the world, shines upon us. Arise and serve!

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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.

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 hours per week. If interested, call the Parish Facilities manager, Mr. Chris Koch, at (631) 589-0042 X 121

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/>.

"Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties." There are many things to be anxious about in these days. Let us learn to calm our anxieties in our life by learning how to communicate better on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. The next virtual Experiences are May 3-24, 2021 in VIRTUAL 3RE, NY and Feb 12-14, 2021 in East Hartford, CT