



Our Lady of the Snow

*175 Blue Point Avenue
Blue Point, New York 11715
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*March 14, 2021 Fourth Sunday in Lent
Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!*



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 17, 4:45 pm
Mother Church

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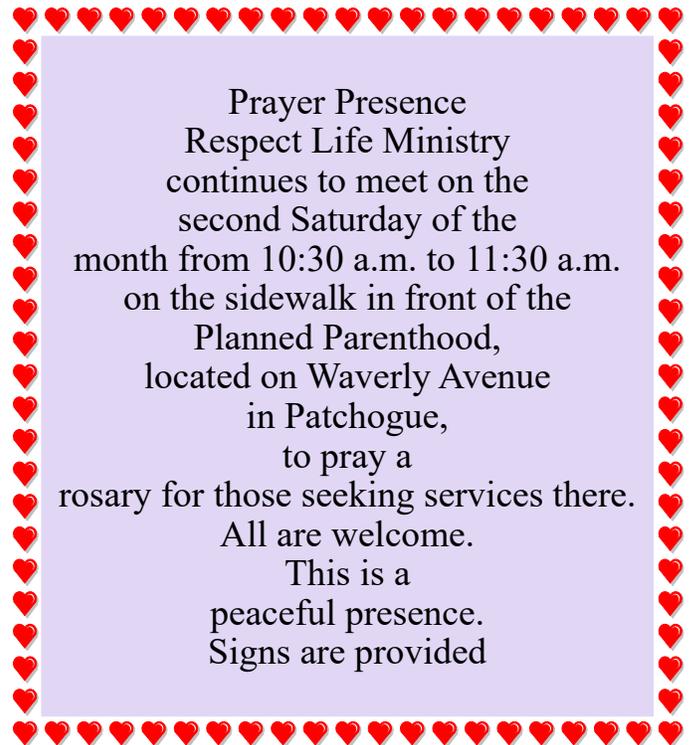
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Hours: Mon. - Thur. 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

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



**Remember
in
Prayer**

Lt. Col. 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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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...*

Lorraine Bonanno



Altar Bread and Wine

In Memory of

Rogers French ♥

Sanctuary Candle in Mother Church

In Memory of Waltraut Wickel ♥

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT:
\$ 7701**

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:

- canned potatoes
- jelly
- crackers
- cleaning supplies



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



**SCHEDULE
& INTENTIONS**

Sunday	Mar 14,
7:30 AM	Parishioners
9:00 AM	John Nichols III †
11:00 AM	Waltraut Wickel †
Monday	Mar 15,
8:30 AM	Richard Golden †
Tuesday	Mar 16,
8:30 AM	Robert Ambrosino †
Wednesday	Mar 17,
8:30 AM	Mary & Joe McCarthy †
Thursday	Mar 18, St. Cyril of Jerusalem
8:30 AM	Rogers French †
Friday	Mar 19, St Joseph Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:30 AM	Josephine Sblendorio †
Saturday	Mar 20,
5:00 PM	Raymond Diemer † Paul Romano †
Sunday	Mar 21, 4th Sunday in Lent
7:30 AM	Bernard O'Brien †
9:00 AM	Parishioners
11:00 AM	Marie Louise Jones †

Palm Sunday is March 28, 2021

Saturday March 27, 5:00 pm
Sunday , March 28, 7:30 am, 9:00 am
and 11:00 am



Our Lady of the
Snow will
be given out Palms!!!

Gospel Reflection by Michael Dawidziak

John 3:16. This very well might be the most famous verse in the entire Bible. It's so famous that you don't even need the words to convey its message. Among Christians, most people know that when you say, "John 3:16" you are saying, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." It's hard to think of any other verse in the Bible that is known simply by its chapter and verse. We usually mention the substance of the Bible verses we are referencing like when we say, "the Lord's Prayer". We don't say, "Matthew 6:9-13" or "Luke 11:2-4". No, we say "the Lord's Prayer". You see "John 3:16" on hats, tee shirts, bumper stickers, mugs and even signs at sporting events. There's a reason why this is one, if not the most famous verse in the entire Bible. This is about God's greatest gift of all time. The gift of His Son and the gift of salvation and eternal life.

The Bible itself, from Genesis to Revelation is the story of God's salvation plan for mankind. It's hard to say that one verse in the Bible sums up the whole thing but this one probably comes the closest. Look how much is packed in this one verse. First, we have God. The Creator of all that exists. He doesn't need anything or anyone. He doesn't need us. But He loves us. And who is us? The world. The original Greek word used for world is *kosmon* where we get the English word *cosmos*. Signifying all mankind, everybody. This mass of sinners and screw ups. He loves us all. "That He gave His only Son". Gave. To hand over freely with no expectations. No legal contract. No "I'll do this if you do that". God knew that not everybody would accept the gift and in fact that many would reject it. They would prefer the darkness to the light. That didn't stop Him from giving the gift anyway. Would you give away your most cherished possession? Especially if you knew that the people you gave it to would mistreat it? Jesus is God's cherished, consubstantial Son whom He loves above everything and everyone else. But God loved us so much, He gave us what He loved more.

The next verse says, "For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him". We often hear religious critics ask, "why would a loving God send anyone to hell?" The answer is: God doesn't send anybody to hell. People send themselves there. In fact, all of our readings today are about God's mercy and His constant offer of second chances. Our Old Testament reading from Chronicles is a history of God's offer of second chances to the unfaithful Jewish people. Our reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians starts with "God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us". God loves us so much that He doesn't wish for a single one of us to perish. He wants us to have eternal life and He has provided the means for it. It's right there for the taking. The offer is to everybody. Not just the Jews, the chosen people. This is the second chance for the entire world.

God gives the gift freely but what is required of us in order to accept it? Belief. Trust. Faith. Many people stop there. I believe; therefore, I am saved. Yes, but if you actually believe that God loves you this much, you will have to love Him back. St. Therese, the Little Flower said, "A Soul that is burning with love cannot remain inactive". In saying that God sent His son, the Greek word for sent is *apesteilen* which is, of course, the same root word where we get the name Jesus used for the twelve. Apostle: one who is sent. God sent His Son into the world and the apostles were sent by Jesus and so, as their successors, are we. It might sound like an awfully big responsibility but people should see Jesus in us. Jesus reveals the Father. We're supposed to reveal Jesus.

God in today's readings is revealed as a God of mercy, forgiveness and endless second chances. Yet, so many people have the wrong image of God as an angry deity ready to punish any transgression that He sees. And He sees everything! Maybe that's partially because when they see a lot of Christians, they see people who are judgmental and full of condemnation. If God so loved the world, so should we. Jesus proclaimed a God of forgiveness, not condemnation. That is the true image of God that we need to proclaim to the world. "John 3:16"!

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Monday March 29, 2021

Confessions 3:00 pm - 9:00 pm

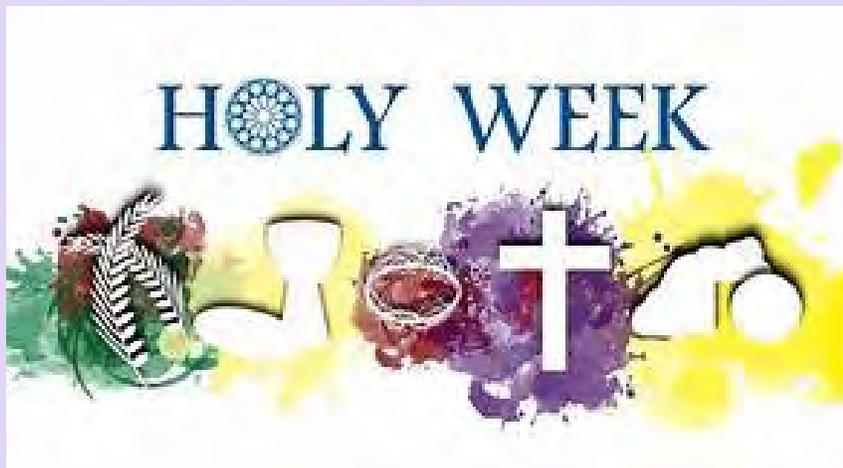
Holy Thursday April 1, 7:30 pm

Good Friday April 2, 3:00 pm

Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil Mass 7:30 pm

Easter Sunday 7:30 am , 9:00 am & 11:00 am

All services will be in the Large Church



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Level 2 Parents:

Dates for rehearsals and Sacraments of 1st Reconciliation and 1st Holy Communion were mailed to families on Monday, March 1st. Thank you for your response to our surveys. Sacraments will take place this Spring.

Level 9 Parents:

On February 11th letters were mailed home containing Confirmation dates, rehearsal dates and Confirmation Retreat dates. The second 2 of 4 Confirmation mini-retreats were held yesterday. The themes of the retreat were growing closer to God through the Sacraments, and connecting our experiences to The Stations of the Cross. The retreat included music and videos as well as an opportunity for Confirmation students to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Thank you to Fr. Kevin and Fr. Joseph for celebrating the sacrament of Reconciliation with L9 students. Thank you to the catechists who assisted at these retreats: Jim Space, Michelle Azzone, John Christie, Maryanne Greenlaw, Joanna LoCascio, Daniella May and Daniella Sekela.

Also regarding Level 9: A handful of students still need to fill out and submit the Confirmation Information Form located in the Classwork Page of the Level 9 Google Classroom. Also, some still need to 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 March in the Google Classrooms?

This month wraps up a year of digital learning. In March students are learning about Lent, Holy Week and Easter; they are exploring the meaning of The Kingdom of God at age appropriate stages. Levels 1 through 8 are completing a digital Faith Conversation, showing what they have learned over the past months. Younger grades are accomplishing this task with the help of a parent.

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.

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 sixth and final month of virtual learning for this school year. March assignments in the Google Classrooms for all nine levels are due the last day of March. For those making up work who may need time beyond March, 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.



Our Lady of the Snow Blood
Drive

Monday March 15

10:30 am - 7:30 pm

Basement, Mother Church

Appointments Preferred

Walk ins welcome if
capacity permits

Call 631 363-6385

for more information