



Our Lady of the Snow

*175 Blue Point Avenue
Blue Point, New York 11715
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*March 21, 220 Fifth Sunday in Lent
“Create a clean heart in me, O God”*

*“You shall love the Lord your
God with all your heart
and with all your soul
and with all your mind.”*

-Deuteronomy 6:5

“Love your neighbor as yourself.”

-Leviticus 19:18

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 25, 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**

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

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....

John Marino

In Sympathy

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

Joan Freeman



*Altar Bread and Wine
In Memory of
Marie Strykowski*

*Sanctuary Candle in Mother Church
In Memory of
Marie Strykowski*

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT:
\$ 6029**

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.

MASST INTENTIONS

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| Sunday | Mar 21, |
| 7:30 AM | Bernard O'Brien † |
| 9:00 AM | Parishioners |
| 11:00 AM | Marie Louise Jones † |
| Monday | Mar 22, |
| 8:30 AM | John McDonald † |
| Tuesday | Mar 23, St Turibius |
| 8:30 AM | Jean Young † |
| Wednesday | Mar 24, |
| 8:30 AM | John Macejka † |
| Thursday | Mar 25, Annunciation of the Lord |
| 8:30 AM | Dolores Crowley † |
| Friday | Mar 26, |
| 8:30 AM | Robert Ambrosini † |
| Saturday | Mar 27, |
| 5:00 PM | Gilda Dambakly † |
| Sunday | Mar 28, Palm Sunday |
| 7:30 AM | Parishioners |
| 9:00 AM | Paul Renna † |
| 11:00 AM | Mark Charvat † |

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

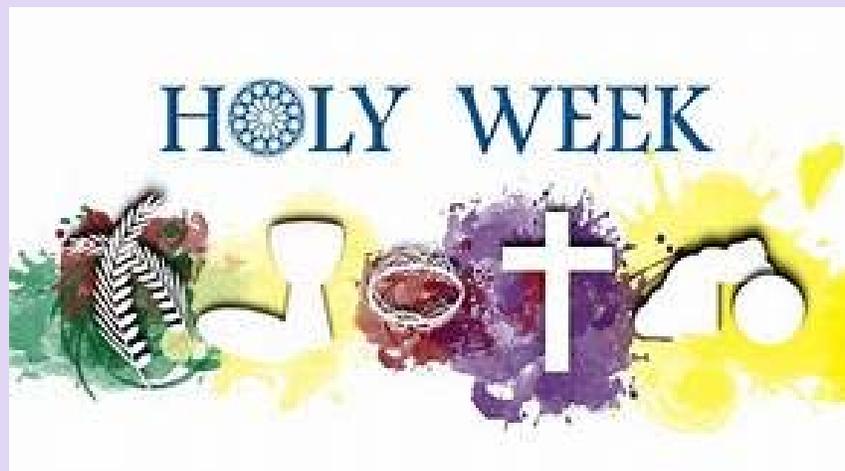
“We would like to see Jesus.” Such is the request made of the apostle Phillip by Greeks who were in Jerusalem for the Passover Feast in today’s gospel reading from John. So many people today, even among Christian believers, desire the same thing these Greek pilgrims did almost two thousand years ago: “We would like to see Jesus”. So, the question is: why do so many people fail to see Jesus? I’m reminded of the title of an old country song: “Looking for Love in All the Wrong Places”. People look for Jesus in all the wrong places. Where’s the right place to look? Up. No, not to the sky...to the cross.

Phillip tells Andrew of the request and together they go to Jesus. The Lord’s response is to speak about the culmination of His earthly mission. The Passover is imminent but this isn’t going to be just any ordinary Passover observance. This is going to be **the** Passover sacrifice of the “new covenant” which God promised in our first reading from Jeremiah. Jesus tells them that the hour has come for Him to be glorified. “Being glorified” seems like a strange way to describe suffering and dying a horrible death on a cross. Most of us would choose to forgo that kind of glory. At the end of Luke’s gospel, Jesus explains to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, “Did not the Christ have to suffer and thus enter into his glory” (Luke 24:26). Jesus is talking about transformation. He gives us a great metaphor about the grain of wheat that must fall into the earth and die. But if it dies, it bears much fruit. From a small, insignificant lowly seed, it becomes a full tall, glorious stalk of wheat. It is now capable of providing sustenance to people. In this case, the grain of wheat will become the Bread of Life. Yes, Jesus must suffer and die but He will be glorious for ever more and thru the Eucharist feed humanity.

When He is raised up, He will draw all men to Him. Now there’s the ultimate double meaning. When He is lifted up on the cross, He will draw all men to Him. Two thousand years later, we venerate the crucifix, an image of death, punishment and execution, as a symbol of life, forgiveness and salvation. Isaiah prophesied this when he said, "See, my servant will act wisely; he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted" (Isaiah 52:13). But Jesus will also be raised up out of the tomb and be raised up in His ascension into Heaven. And from here, He will also draw all men unto Himself...from death to life. But now, here’s the tough part for us. Jesus says, “Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life”. Most cling to their earthly lives and want to remain a single seed. They don’t realize that in so doing, they are choosing to remain an insignificant seed and not be transformed to bear much fruit. This change can only happen when we embrace the cross and are willing to die with Jesus.

Many Christian traditions venerate the cross but not the crucifix. “We proclaim a risen Savior” they say. Well, unfortunately you can’t skip ahead to the good stuff and forego the hard part. We have to proclaim both a crucified Savior **and** a risen Savior. We don’t get to skip Cavalry. Jesus is going to the cross. Following Him isn’t going to be easy. It’s much safer to stay in the world we know and remain a seed. That way I won’t have to hear Jesus’ voice calling me to follow. But then in the gospel, an absolutely amazing thing happens. God the Father speaks from Heaven to affirm what Jesus is saying. Notice that Jesus isn’t even phased or surprised by this. He tells them that, “This voice did not come for my sake but for yours”. God is telling us: Don’t even think about not following Him. It will easily be the biggest mistake of your life. This is the only way to salvation. Listen to Him. Follow Him.

Jesus teaches Phillip and Andrew that people are going to need to see Him in them. But for this to happen, they too will need to be transformed. And this transformation goes through the cross. When Jesus talks about the seed, He isn’t just talking about Himself. He’s talking about us. We are called to bear much fruit. When the Greek pilgrims wanted to see Jesus, they went to His disciples. They asked His friends, “Can you help us see Jesus?” It was up to them to make it happen then. People desperately need to see Jesus today. It’s up to us to make it happen now. We are, after all, His disciples and His friends.



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 last week. 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.

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.

When is Virtual Work Due?

We are in the middle of 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.



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.



Once again
Our Lady of the Snow parishioners
answered the call and donated
blood to our
sponsored Blood Drive.
We collected 89 pints of blood.
Thank You !!!!!

Thank You
for your support!

Blood Donation