



## *Our Lady of the Snow*

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

*March 7, 2021 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
“Lord you have the words of everlasting life”*



**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 9, 4:45 pm  
Mother Church

**Rev. Kevin M. Smith, Pastor**

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*Meet our Staff*

**Office of Faith Formation:**

**Mrs. Loren Christie, ARE**

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Monday - Thursday

9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**(631) 363-6394**

**Director of Music:**

Mrs. Theresa Martin

**Parish Outreach:**

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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Monday - Thursday in the cottage

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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...*

**John DiMartino & Phyllis Kelleher**



*Altar Bread and Wine  
In Memory of  
Kathryn Scottaline ♥*

*Sanctuary Candle in Mother Church  
In Memory of Jacqueline Lombardi ♥*

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT:  
\$ 7134**

### **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 fruit**
- Canned salmon**
- Canned potatoes**
- Jelly**
- Cookies**
- Crackers**
- Cleaning supplies**
- Paper towels**

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**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mar 7,</b>
7:30 AM	Rose DiToro †
9:00 AM	Thomas Arcuri †
11:00 AM	Parishioners
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Mar 8, St John of God</b>
8:30 AM	Aundrea Haas †
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Mar 9, St Francis of Rome</b>
8:30 AM	Joan Vorbacht †
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Mar 10,</b>
8:30 AM	Jacqueline Lombardi †
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Mar 11,</b>
8:30 AM	Harold Rohrbach †
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Mar 12,</b>
8:30 AM	Joseph Annona †
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Mar 13,</b>
5:00 PM	Kathryn Scottaline †
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mar 14,</b>
7:30 AM	Parishioners
9:00 AM	John Nichols III †
11:00 AM	Waltraut Wickel †

**Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish** in Patchogue is accepting resumes for the position of **Parish Faith Formation Coordinator**. Responsibilities include facilitation of the Parish Faith Formation Program for Levels 1 – 8, and the parish’s heritage program for high school students, providing the children with a safe and happy environment in which to learn and grow in their faith. Resumes can be sent to [hreid@drvc.org](mailto:hreid@drvc.org).

## *Gospel Reflection by Michael Dawidziak*

No matter where you might go, there is one immutable law of travel: you always have to go through the gift shop. This can be particularly offensive and even seem sacrilegious when visiting holy sites. Several years ago, as my wife and I left the site of the Wedding Feast of Cana, we found ourselves facing a souvenir shop with a large sign advertising “Cana Wedding Wine for Sale”. The sense of indignation we feel at these times gives us some sense of the outrage Jesus felt in our reading from John’s gospel today. Some religious historians refer to this episode as Jesus having a temper tantrum. Jesus is undeniably very angry and justifiably so but to only focus on the human emotion is to miss so much of what this story is about.

John ends his gospel with, “There were many other things that Jesus did; if all were written down, the world itself, I suppose, would not hold all the books that would have to be written.” (John 21:25) It’s both intriguing and astounding to think of all the wondrous signs of Jesus we’ve never heard about. But here’s the point. Only a very small number of episodes of Jesus’ life made it into all four gospels and this is one of them. If all four gospel writers felt it worthy of inclusion, you have to think that there’s something more than a mere temper tantrum going on here.

To understand the reasons for and the degree of Jesus’ outrage, it is important to know the details setting of the story. Jewish law required that all temple business had to be transacted with Jewish money (shekels). Money minted by secular governments would most often bear the likeness of an earthly ruler (like Caesar’s image on the Roman denarius) and be considered pagan and unacceptable in the temple. Also, observant Jews would have to provide animal sacrifices for rights of purification and consecration. For those that did not own livestock, buying the sacrificial animal would be necessary. So, if exchanging the foreign currency for shekels and selling sacrificial animals were necessary services, why did Jesus get so angry?

First, He is upset that it is being done on temple grounds. The money changers would have been set up in the outer area known as the Court of the Gentiles. While not actually part of the Holy Place, much like a modern-day gift shop, you would have had to walk through it to get to the Holy Place. Second, the money changers weren’t there as a free service to the faithful coming to pay their temple tax, worship or bring sacrifice. They were doing it for a profit. And according to historians at the time, it was an exorbitant profit made by exploiting the faithful. Much like the hated Jews who served as tax collectors for the Romans, they were making a profit by extorting it from their own people. They weren’t allowing their own people to worship God without making a profit first.

Lastly, it was who was profiting that Jesus would have found so egregious. The first century Jewish historian, Josephus wrote that the high priest Annas was “a great hoarder up of money.” During religious festivals and feasts, his sons would set up the market stalls in the Court of the Gentiles. So, when Jesus accuses them of “making my Father’s house a marketplace”, He not only means it literally but He is levelling the charge at the ruling religious authorities. No wonder they wanted Him dead!

That explains what was going on 2,000 years ago but for all four evangelists to include this story, clearly there must be a message meant for us today. This story is often referred to as “The Cleansing of the Temple” and for very good reasons. In his letter to the Corinthians, Paul starts by saying, “Jews demand a sign”. Sure enough, they confront Jesus by asking, “What sign can you show us for doing this?”. Jesus responds, “Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up”. They thought He was talking about the building but of course we know that He was talking about the temple of His body. And here’s where we enter the story. Forty years after this event, the temple building will be destroyed. God’s Spirit will no longer inhabit a brick-and-mortar building. Just a little after our second reading, Paul will say, “Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?” (1 Corinthians 3:16). Lent is a time for us to do some much-needed house cleaning. It’s a time that through fasting, prayer and almsgiving we endeavor to drive out our more self-centered, greedy and unjust tendencies. It’s a time for us to “cleanse the temple”.



# BLOOD DRIVE

**Our Lady of the Snow RC Church**

**Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**

**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**

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## OUR LADY OF THE SNOW FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

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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. Please RSVP for the Confirmation retreat by calling the office or contacting the Faith Formation Director through the Level 9 Remind App. The first 2 of 4 Confirmation mini-retreats was held yesterday. The themes of the retreat are growing closer to God through the Sacraments, and connecting our experiences to The Stations of the Cross. The retreat includes music and videos as well as an opportunity for Confirmation students to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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 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 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](http://olsvc.blogspot.com).

## **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/>.

“For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.” Bring God into your marriage to honor Him by going on a virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience on

Friday/Saturday/Sunday March 19-21

Thursdays/Mondays April 8-29