



Our Lady of the Snow

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Blue Point, New York 11715
Telephone: 631-363-6385
Rev. Kevin Smith, Pastor*

April 11, 2021 Second of Easter

“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is everlasting”



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:

April 14, 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....

In Sympathy

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

Domenica Curasi



*Altar Bread and Wine
In Memory of
Bernard O'Brien ♥*

*Sanctuary Candle in Mother Church
In Memory of Valia Naso ♥*

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT:
\$ 18075**

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:

- Pancake mix**
- Juice**
- Chili**
- Deodorant**
- Laundry detergent**

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.

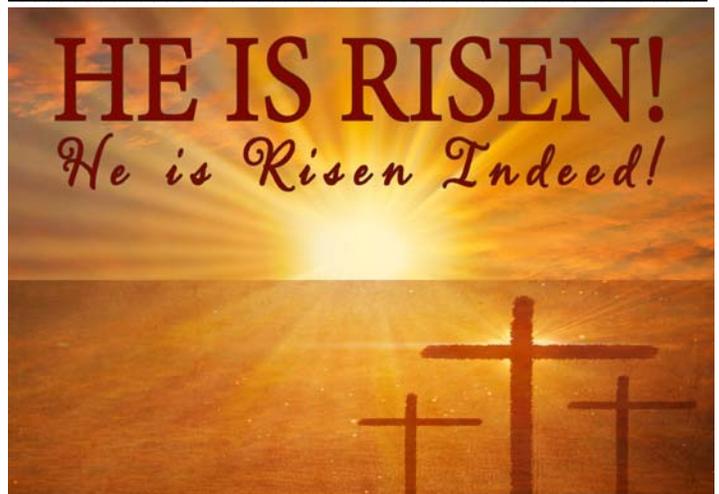


Mass Intentions

Sunday	April 11,
7:30 AM	Valia Naso 33rd †
9:00 AM	Leo Krumholz †
11:00 AM	Catherine Basak †
Monday	April 12,
8:30 AM	Bernard O'Brien †
Tuesday	April 13, St. Martin
8:30 AM	Lillian Brada †
Wednesday	April 14,
8:30 AM	Joyce Bonvillian †
Thursday	April 15,
8:30 AM	Emanuel Malizia †
Friday	April 16,
8:30 AM	John Fay †
Saturday	April 17,
5:00 PM	Parishioners †
Sunday	April 18,
7:30 AM	Christina O'Brien †
9:00 AM	Thomas Arcuri †
11:00 AM	Living and Deceased Members of the Hill Family †

HE IS RISEN!

He is Risen Indeed!



Gospel Refection by Michael Dawidziak

John's gospel reading today ends with, "Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book." We heard about Jesus feeding five thousand people with five loaves and two fish, opening the eyes of a man born blind, raising people from the dead and finally rising from death Himself! It makes you wonder what else didn't we hear about? People often ask why the gospels don't tell us more about Mary or Joseph or Jesus' early life? The answer is that the Bible is not a history book (nor is it a science book for that matter). It's a theology book and more than that, the greatest book ever written for at least two reasons. First, the Bible is God's inspired and revealed word. Second, it is the story of God's salvation plan for all.

Our gospel continues, "But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and through this belief you may have life in his name." The salvation story is complete with Jesus' death and resurrection...except for one thing. We have to believe it. If nobody believes in Jesus and in His supreme sacrifice and ultimate victory over sin and death, then it was all for nothing. You can read in the recorded words of the apostles their almost desperate plea for people to believe. Why? Because they had this great product and they wanted people to buy in so they could be enriched monetarily? Not a chance. If history had taught them anything it was that there is no profit in being a prophet. They did have the greatest of products to offer except it was not for sale. Salvation is only offered free of charge.

As good as this message is and as great as this gift is, having people believe it and accept it was going to be a challenge. Who wouldn't want eternal life, especially if all you had to do is have faith and believe? Who would have thought that would be a tough sell? And that's why we have the story of Thomas in today's gospel. Remember that John included in his gospel things that would help us believe. When Jesus first appears to the apostles, Thomas isn't among them. The others tell him exuberantly, "We have seen the Lord". He says he refuses to believe unless he can see and feel for himself. Earlier in John's gospel when Jesus tells the apostles He is going back to Judea where they were so recently trying to kill Him, Thomas says to the others, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." (John 11:16)

A disciple with this kind of courage is not a man of small faith. So, what's going on here? Perhaps Thomas felt slighted that Jesus would choose to appear when he wasn't present. Why would Jesus appear to the other ten and not him? Why is he the only one who has to get the news second-hand? The original sin of pride rears its ugly head. We can often feel the same way as Thomas did. Why is God so good to other people who aren't half as worthy as I am? It's not fair. If God is supposed to be all just, then maybe God doesn't exist at all. If God doesn't act the way I think He should, I'm not going to believe in Him. As desperate as the apostles were for people to believe, Satan is just as desperate that people don't and he will throw up any roadblock to faith that he can. The story of Thomas is a cautionary tale for us to be constantly aware of obstructions to faith, whether borne out of our own insecurities or from the evil intent of Satan.

In his first epistle, Saint John beautifully tells us that "everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him." How can we be certain of this belief? John tells us the answer is the Holy Spirit. "The Spirit is the one that testifies, and the Spirit is truth". We have an advantage over Thomas when it comes to belief. We have the gift of the indwelling Holy Spirit. Today's gospel precedes Pentecost and the descent of the Holy Spirit. But Thomas more than redeems himself when Jesus does appear again to the apostles. Thomas cries, "My Lord and my God!" Peter had previously identified Jesus as the Messiah and the Son of God but Thomas is the first one to call Him simply, "God". The doctrine of Jesus being fully human and fully divine can be traced to this moment. He is not simply the Messiah who, according to the Old Testament prophecies could have been fully human. He is our Lord, our Savior and our God. You just gotta believe!

I AM A
child of
GOD

Congratulations to the following Faith Formation students who received Sacraments at the Easter Vigil:

Joseph Safina

Mia Safina

Antonia Day

Congratulations to the Faith Formation students who are receiving First Holy Communion this month:

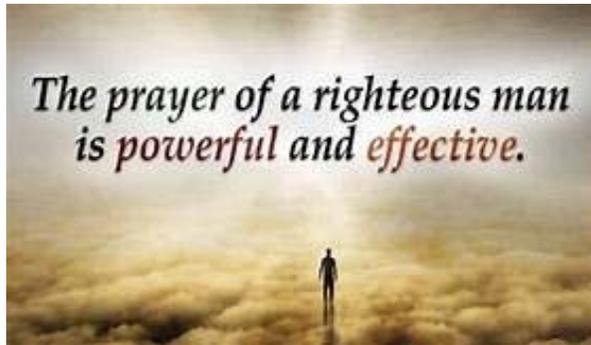


Aliano, Alexander
Aloisi, Matteo
Armstrong, Katherine
Banisch, Jack
Black, Leah
Blyman, Rebecca
Bolger, Evangelina
Brady, Jack
Brown, Gabriella
Burke, Emily
Camarda, Chelsea
Campano, Katherine
Carroll, Jason
Castillo, Kade
Clare, Colleen
Coluccio, Dominic
Cunningham, Emma
Degenfelder, Emily
Drew Rizzitano
Dunseith, Finley
Elrose, Stephen Jr.
Faulkner, Mackenzie
Gambale, Jayce
Galano, Liam
Gentner, Loudon
Gonzalez, Jackson
Graham, Sean
Greco, Aria
Hanley, Magnus
Hart, Julianne
Hatzidakis, Kathryn
Hruby, Abigail

Iebba, Scarlet
Johnson, Sophia
Johnson, Joseph
Listing, Isabella
Lleras, Kayleigh
Luchese, Liam
Magale, Sasha
Misiano, Grace
Monaco, Christian
Munn, Savannah
McNamee, Declan
Morgan Rizzitano
O'leary, Mackenzie
Parrott, Mia
Papa, Dominic
Peluso, Taylor
Quarltiere, Mason
Rang, Branden
Ricci, Janie
Ricci, Dean
Rivas, Sloan
Rueb, Maria
Schoenhaar, Emma
Serrano, Isabella
Sherry, Robbie
Squillacioti, Juliet
Stawecki, Grace
Thompson, Liza
Trifiletti, Joseph
Valenti, Gracie
Zullo, Owen

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.



**Congratulations to;
Antonia Day
Joseph Safina
Mia Safina
Jillian Cassar**

**During the our Easter Vigil
they received
their sacraments.
Congratulations and Welcome to
Our Lady of the Snow
Bless you in your
journey of Faith.**



THANK YOU !!!!!

During Holy Week we had so many people who volunteered their time and talents to help this celebration go so smoothly. It is people like you that makes this Church and Community what it is. A special Thank you to Barbara , Nancy, Dina, Maureen, and Joe you all definitely went above and beyond . Thanks again all !!!



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. 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/>.

Like in the gospel today, sometimes our minds need to be opened to know what God has done for us, and what he wants for us in our marriage. Deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience (in English) on

Mondays/Thursdays May 3-24
Thursdays/Mondays Jun 3-24

Spring Bereavement Support Group

Beginning on Wednesday, April 14, the parish center at St. Joseph the Worker will be offering a ten-week support group for the recently bereaved and those still struggling with an unresolved loss. This includes those who have lost loved a loved one to the pandemic as well as those who have lost loved ones due to other causes. The group is designed to assist the bereaved learn about the grief process; develop skills to manage their grief; and to learn to live in a world without the deceased. The group will be facilitated by Dr. Luciano Sabatini, a professional bereavement counselor with over 30 years of experience in counseling the bereaved. It is open to all members of the Long Island community.

The group will meet on Wednesdays from 11 AM to 12:15 PM and will end on June 16. If you are interested in joining, please call Dr. Sabatini at 631-823-0552 or email him at lousab@aol.com. He will tell you more about the group and answer any questions you may have. If you want to join, a registration form will be mailed to you. Please complete the form and return by April 9. The only cost to you is a one-time registration fee of \$25 for which you will receive the book that will be used in the group.