




Our Lady of the Snow

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

*April 25, 2021 Fourth Sunday of Easter
The stone rejected by the builder has become the cornerstone.*



*See what love the Father has
bestowed on us that we may be called the
children of God.
Yet so we are,*

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 26, 4:45 pm
Mother Church

May 3rd the Rectory office will be closed

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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**

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....

Debra Svendsen Greiner

In Sympathy

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



*Altar Bread and Wine
In Memory of*

Brigitte Horstmann ♥

Sanctuary Candle in Mother Church

In Memory of

Brigitte Horstmann ♥

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT:
\$ 7467**

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
- Chili
- Juice
- Rice
- Hair Conditioner
- 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 25, 2021

7:30 AM Parishioners

9:00 AM Rose Cmpagna †

11:00 AM Kathryn Scottaline †

Monday April 26,

8:30 AM Louis Lanza †

Tuesday April 27,

8:30 AM Frank Grippi †

Wednesday April 28, St Peter Chanel

8:30 AM Louise McQuade †

Thursday April 29, St Catherine

8:30 AM Brigitte Horstmann †

Friday April 30,

8:30 AM Michael Kaziewicz †

Saturday May 1, St Joseph the Worker

5:00 PM Warren Goercke †

Rebecca Araujo †

Edward O'Reilly †

Patricia Turley †

Sunday May 2,

7:30 AM Parishioners

9:00 AM Leo Krumholz †

11:00 AM John Petrizzi , Jr †

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.

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Future Phone System Update

In the next few weeks our phone number will be changing as the parish updates the phone system. At that point, the Faith Formation Office will be accessible through the Rectory Office phone number, with an extension. As of now, the 631-363-6394 Faith Formation phone number is still in use.

Registration for Faith Formation Classes

Registration for this year is now closed. Registration for the 2020-2021 Faith Formation year will open in mid-May online. Our program spans from October - March. Details will follow.

Catechists Needed

As we look to bring classes back onsite this coming fall, we are in need of volunteer catechists for levels 2-9. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Loren.

Virtual Learning Catch Up

Although virtual learning ended with the March sessions posted in the Faith Formation Google Classrooms, this year's virtual content will remain open until Wednesday, June 30th, for those who need to catch up. After that, Google Classrooms will be no longer available as they are updated. Therefore, all digital work for this year must be turned in by then, as there will not be an opportunity to access the work and turn it in late over the summer months.

Diocese of Rockville Centre Chapter 11
Information regarding the deadlines for filing proofs of claim in the Diocese's Chapter 11 case and the forms to use can be found by clicking on the following link to the Diocese's bankruptcy website and scrolling down the page : <https://dm.epiq11.com/drdvc>

CATHOLIC I. Q.

This educational self-assessment is a fun way to help you see how much you know about your Catholic faith. Answers can be found on the bottom of this page. A Self-Assessment for Your Fun and Enlightenment! (Permission granted by Joe Paprocki, D.Min., and Catechist Magazine)



Catholic IQ for the Kids this week!!!!

1, As a boy , Jesus learned about his Jewish religion_____.

A, directly from heaven b, through his family c, online d, at his Catholic Church

2, Parents _____their babies to begin the child's Christian life in the Church Community.

A, baptize b, feed c, marry off d, bathe

3, Most children first learn about God from their _____.

A, cellphone b, daycare c, public school d, parents

4, Once children begin faith formation/ catechesis classes at the parish, their parents have nothing to do with their religious formation anymore

True/False

5, _____is the day Jesus rose from the dead.

A, November 1 b, Christmas c, Easter d, Monday

Catholic IQ answers; 1, b; 2, a; 3, d; 4, false; 5, c

Gospel Refection by Michael Dawidziak

Our readings today follow a theme that may sound familiar to our modern day ears but was positively radical for its time. The message is no less awesome today than it was when first announced almost two thousand years ago. Through Jesus' birth, death and resurrection, God invites us to share a personal relationship. This concept which was advanced with the dawn of Christianity would have sounded astonishing to people living in the first century. With a few exceptions (Moses, David, Elijah) people who lived in Old Testament times didn't think about having a close personal relationship with God. There were plenty of Israelites who believed in God and even had faith in God, but God was far away in Heaven. The idea of knowing God and His ways personally, well that was reserved for special people like Moses and the prophets.

Now, through Jesus everything gets personal...very personal. First, Jesus tells us that He is our Good Shepherd and that He knows us. But then, He says something even more amazing. While it might be a staggering and humbling thought that our Lord and Savior knows us personally, it's not that unbelievable. After all, He's God! He can do anything. But then He says that "We know Him". Let that sink in for a minute. WE KNOW HIM! That must be beyond our power. Suddenly, we are elevated to the same level of relationship that Moses and the great prophets enjoyed. And then, if we aren't already completely overwhelmed by this thought, Jesus says something even more amazing and elevates the relationship even higher. He compares our relationship with Him to His own intimate, personal and cherished relationship with God the Father. Jesus says, "I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father". Jesus actually compares our relationship with Him to the ultimate relationship: The Trinity.

Jesus offers us the tremendous privilege to know and be known individually, intimately and lovingly by God. Who would not desire that? Unfortunately, when you look around today, the evidence says far too many don't desire this relationship. Want evidence? Every relationship has steps in its development and that is true of our relationship with God. None of us, not even the greatest of the saints, are born as full grown Christians with a mature relationship with God. In fact, none of our relationships with each other start that way either. There are steps. A relationship with Jesus starts with the Good Shepherd calling to us. Are we listening? Listening is step one. People in relationships talk to each other. Communication is an essential element of any relationship. Even bad ones. When you stop communicating, there is no longer a relationship. It has been severed. Jesus says that the true Shepherd calls "His Own" by name. He knows my name! And I belong to Him! This imagery of a personal relationship between the Shepherd and His sheep is both beautiful and deliberate on Jesus' part.

And He leads them. Do we follow? Following is step two. Are we willing to go where Jesus leads? Jesus says He leads the sheep out of the sheepfold, a place that would have protection like fences or walls. Why would He lead them out of an area of safety? At the end of John's gospel, Jesus prays for His disciples to the Father saying, "They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world." (John 17:16). Jesus leads us out of the illusion of security that the world offers in order to follow Him. The Good Shepherd will be our only source of protection. His sheep recognize His voice and they follow Him. In the end, this is the only path we should choose in life. Listen to Him. Follow Him. "They will not follow the voice of a stranger." There are lots of voices of many strangers in this world trying to drown out Jesus' voice. God hasn't stopped talking, we've stopped listening. True, it's not always easy to hear God's voice. We live in a very noisy society. Voices are yelling at us constantly. Jesus' voice can get drowned out all too easily. That's why Jesus needs to lead us out of the sheepfold with all that bleating about trivial earthly things.

There have been many studies over the years that demonstrate newborns can identify their mother's voice and distinguish it from others very early on. Possibly even in the womb. Whose voice do we distinguish? [Whose children are we? Our second reading says, "See what love the father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are."](#) It turns out that being a sheep of His flock really means being a member of His family!



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

April 15, 2021

Reverend Kevin Smith
Church of Our Lady of the Snow
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Dear Father Smith:

Barbara Kilarjian has shared with me the wonderful news that your parish has exceeded goal in pledges for the 2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal. What a wonderful tribute to you and your parishioners during this unprecedented time ~ congratulations and many thanks.

Your support is so vital to continuing our evangelization and discipleship ministries throughout the Diocese of Rockville Centre and I am most grateful for your commitment and leadership not only to the Catholic Ministries Appeal, but to your parish and the Diocese.

Thank you again for helping us to fulfill the promise of the future and continue to promote *dramatic missionary growth* across Long Island. I keep you and your parishioners in my Masses and prayers.

Thanks so much Ken

Fraternally in Christ,

John O. Barres
Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

cc: Barbara Kilarjian



We will be getting a new phone system in a couple of week. What does this mean to you? Our Church will have one main number 631 363-6385 and your calls will be directed by an auto attendant. All calls for Faith Formation , Outreach and Rectory office will now be

connected through our main number 631 363-6385. We are trying to improve our system so that you are able to talk to a person in case of an emergency, death or dying, help with food or questions about Masses, religious instruction, weddings, ,baptism etc. Please be patient with us during this transition.

