



## *Our Lady of the Snow*

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

*May 2, 2021 Fifth Sunday of Easter  
“I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people”*

I am the  
**True**  
vine



### **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:**

May 4, 4:45 pm  
Mother Church

**May 3rd the Rectory office will be closed**

**Rev. Kevin M. Smith, Pastor**  
ksmith@olsbp.com

**Rev. Joseph Gaspar**  
jgaspar@olsbp.com

**Deacon Edward Karan**  
ekaran@olsbp.com

**Deacon Bob Gronenthal Ret.**  
rgronenthal@olsbp.com

## Meet our Staff

**Office of Faith Formation:**

**Mrs. Loren Christie, DRE**  
lchristie@olsbp.com  
Monday - Thursday  
9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Director of Music:**  
Mrs. Theresa Martin

**Parish Outreach:**  
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
outreach@olsbp.com  
Monday - Thursday in the cottage  
**Mrs. Diana Mongan, Director**  
dmongan@olsbp.com  
**Mrs. Patricia Fulco, Assistant**  
pfulco@olsbp.com

**Ms. Loraine Drake,**  
Office Manager., ext. 111  
ldrake@olsbp.com

**Parish Office: (631) 363-6385**  
**Fax: (631) 363-7394**  
rectory@olsbp.com  
Hours:  
Mon. - Thur. 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.  
Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

*Call the Rectory Office 631 363-6385 if you have any questions on the below listed items.*

**Couples married outside the Church:**

*If you have a civil marriage but now desire a Catholic sacramental marriage, 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. Please 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,*

**Communion for the Homebound:**

*To make arrangements to have Communion brought to the home,*

**Baptisms:**

*If you are looking to get your child baptized.*



**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 Herman, Debra Svendsen  
Greiner & Dorothy Hahn**

### In Sympathy

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



*Altar Bread and Wine  
In Memory of  
Joseph Chierchie ♥*

*Sanctuary Candle in Mother Church  
In honor of John Hermann ♥*

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT:  
\$ 5926**

### **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:**

**Juice  
Coffee  
Baked beans  
Dish detergent  
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*

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 2,</b>
7:30 AM	Parishioners
9:00 AM	Leo Krumholz †
11:00 AM	John Petrizzi Jr.†
<b>Monday</b>	<b>May 3, St Philip &amp; James</b>
8:30 AM	Joseph Chierchie †
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>May 4,</b>
8:30 AM	Carol McCluskey †
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>May 5,</b>
8:30 AM	Brigitte Horstmann †
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>May 6, National day of Prayer</b>
8:30 AM	Stanley Drake †
<b>Friday</b>	<b>May 7,</b>
8:30 AM	Anthony LaMuro †
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 8,</b>
5:00 PM	Alice Williams †
	Louise McQuade †
	Robert Flynn †
	Rocco Tedesco †
	James O'Callaghan †
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 9,</b>
7:30 AM	Mothers Day Novena
9:00 AM	Parishioners
11:00 AM	Kathryn Scottaline †

### **The Respect Life Ministry Needs Your Help**

**If you are interested in volunteering to help lead Respect Life events and service projects in the future as we are able to resume our regular schedule, please contact Loren Christie at [respectlife@olsbp.com](mailto:respectlife@olsbp.com)**

**Office of Faith Formation**  
**Mrs. Loren Christie, Director**  
[lchristie@olsbp.com/631-363-6394](mailto:lchristie@olsbp.com/631-363-6394)

**Registration for 2021-2022 Religion Classes**

Online Registration for next year's religion classes will open Monday, May 24th via the Faith Formation Tab on the parish website.

**Parent Meetings for Fall Classes**

Level 1 Parent Meeting for students entering Level 1 this fall: Wednesday, June 23, 6 p.m. in the large church

Level 2 Parent Meeting for students entering Level 2 this fall: Monday, May 10, 6 p.m. in the large church

Levels 3 & 4 Parent Meeting for students entering Level 3 & 4 this fall: Tuesday, May 11, 6 p.m. in the large church

Levels 5 & 6 Parent Meeting for students entering Level 5 & 6 this fall: Wednesday, May 12, 6 p.m. in the large church

Levels 7 & 8 Parent Meeting for students entering Level 7 & 8 this fall: Thursday, May 13, 6 p.m. in the large church

Level 9 Parent Meeting for students entering Level 9 this fall: Monday, May 17, 6 p.m. in the large church

**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.

## PARISH OUTREACH FUNDRAISER 2021

**During these very difficult times your neighbors depend on our food pantry.**

They are the sick, the disabled, the seniors on fixed incomes, the newly unemployed, the underemployed, single parents and hard-working families who struggle to pay for food and basic needs for their children and themselves.

**Please support our 2021 Fundraiser the SPLIT-THE-POT Raffle.**

The Split the Pot this year will follow the same pattern established in the past. Half of the proceeds will go directly to Our Lady of the Snow Outreach and the other half will be split among three winners. The drawing will be on **Sunday, June 27th** after the 11:00 am Mass. **The winner does not need to be present.**

Please use the attached tickets. (Six) tickets at \$5.00 each, or \$25.00 for the booklet of all six. (1 free!)

Tickets may be returned to the rectory or Outreach office. They may also be mailed to the Outreach office at 175 Blue Point Avenue, Blue Point, New York 11715

**Thank you for your support of our program and helping those in need.**

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>



# Split the Pot

Drawing to be held on Sunday, June 27, 2021  
Our Lady of the Snow Church  
3 Lucky Winners

To Benefit the food pantry and Outreach program

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation of \$5 or 6 for \$25

Return to Parish Outreach 175 Blue Point Ave Blue  
Point NY 11715

# Split the Pot

Drawing to be held on Sunday, June 27, 2021  
Our Lady of the Snow Church  
3 Lucky Winners

To Benefit the food pantry and Outreach program

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation of \$5 or 6 for \$25

Return to Parish Outreach 175 Blue Point Ave Blue  
Point NY 11715

# Split the Pot

Drawing to be held on Sunday, June 27, 2021  
Our Lady of the Snow Church  
3 Lucky Winners

To Benefit the food pantry and Outreach program

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation of \$5 or 6 for \$25

Return to Parish Outreach 175 Blue Point Ave Blue  
Point NY 11715

# Split the Pot

Drawing to be held on Sunday, June 27, 2021  
Our Lady of the Snow Church  
3 Lucky Winners

To Benefit the food pantry and Outreach program

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation of \$5 or 6 for \$25

Return to Parish Outreach 175 Blue Point Ave Blue  
Point NY 11715

# Split the Pot

Drawing to be held on Sunday, June 27, 2021  
Our Lady of the Snow Church  
3 Lucky Winners

To Benefit the food pantry and Outreach program

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation of \$5 or 6 for \$25

Return to Parish Outreach 175 Blue Point Ave Blue  
Point NY 11715

# Split the Pot

Drawing to be held on Sunday, June 27, 2021  
Our Lady of the Snow Church  
3 Lucky Winners

To Benefit the food pantry and Outreach program

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation of \$5 or 6 for \$25

Return to Parish Outreach 175 Blue Point Ave Blue  
Point NY 11715

## *Gospel Reflection by Michael Dawidziak*

Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I am has sent me to you.'" (Exodus 3:13-14) No, this isn't one of the scriptures for today. I refer to it because it originates the two themes that do run through today's readings. Identity and remaining. Moses asks God how he is to identify Him to the Israelites. It's a critically important question. Moses is being sent to tell the Israelites of their deliverance from slavery in Egypt by God. What God? Who is He? I AM WHO I AM...and always was and always will be. Moses questions his own abilities to accomplish the task God gave him. God tells him that he will be with Him every step of the way. It is the beginning of Moses learning to remain in and fully rely on God.

Last week I pointed out that with a few exceptions, like Moses, people who lived in Old Testament times didn't think about knowing God personally. God wanted them to know He existed and was there and in charge, so He identifies Himself as I AM. Then Jesus comes and everything gets very personal. Jesus wants us to know His identity as the Messiah, the Son of God and the Savior of the World. But he goes beyond mere identity. Throughout John's gospel, Jesus tells us about Himself in descriptive ways through which we can acquire a more intimate understanding of His nature. And He starts these revelations with I AM. In last week's gospel reading, Jesus said, I AM the Good Shepherd. In the course of John's gospel, Jesus will say, I AM the Bread of Life and I AM the Light of the World and I AM the Door (anyone who enters through Me will be saved) and I AM the resurrection and the Life, and I AM the Way and the Truth and the Life.

In today's gospel, Jesus states, I AM the Vine. It seems that Jesus certainly wants us to know a lot about His identity. Of course He does. He wants us to love Him and you can't love someone you don't know. But this time, He adds something important. He says YOU ARE. You are the branches. Jesus not only wants us to know who He is but who we are. Don't we know that already? Trying to answer that by ourselves can get us into dangerous territory. If we say, I AM, we make ourselves God. People, especially Americans, tend to admire the independent, self-reliant stereotype. Jesus shatters this illusion and tells us this approach is a serious mistake. "Without Me you can do nothing." He wants us to be totally reliant on Him.

Adam and Eve decided they didn't need God. The Jewish people throughout the Old Testament chose not to rely on God. Going it alone without God never works out well. This was Satan's choice and that is why he is constantly tempting us to make the same one. Jesus uses this beautiful illustration of the vine and the branches to invite us to a fruitful, loving, life-giving relationship with Him. He says that His Father is the vinedresser and will prune the faithful's branches so that they will bear even more fruit. When one prunes, they remove or eliminate that which is unwanted or superfluous for better shape or more fruitful growth. This is what God does for us, if we let Him. Most people don't want to be pruned. They are too attached to their earthly possessions and desires. Jesus wants us to be so much more and He tells us how to do it.

"Remain in me." We need to walk with Him and not away from Him. A branch separated from the vine cannot live. In our first reading from Acts, Paul understands that he can't go it alone. He seeks out the Apostles and remains with them. He realizes that they are all vines attached to the Branch who is Jesus. He will later formulate this into his teaching about us all being many members of the one Body of Christ. Saint John tells us in his letter, "Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us". That's why it's foolish to define your own identity. Through Jesus we are a new creation...a Temple of the Holy Spirit. Jesus offers us all the nourishment we need to bear much fruit if we remain in Him. We get to choose. Being separated from the vine is choosing death. Remaining united to Him is choosing life. Going it alone has never been a wise choice. Let Jesus tell you who YOU ARE.



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.

