



## ***Our Lady of the Snow***

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

***May 16, 2021 Seventh Sunday of Easter  
The Ascension of the Lord***



### **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 20, 4:45 pm  
Mother Church**

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

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**Rev. Joseph Gaspar**

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**Deacon Edward Karan**

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*Meet our Staff*

**Office of Faith Formation:**

**Mrs. Loren Christie, DRE**

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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:**

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Monday - Thursday in the cottage

**Mrs. Diana Mongan, Director**

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*rectory@olsbp.com*

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...*

**John Michael Thearle &  
Joseph Amendola**



*Altar Bread and Wine  
In honor of  
Catherine Romano ♥*

*Sanctuary Candle in Mother Church  
In Memory of Kevin & Dorothy McAuley*

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT:  
\$ 6782**

**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
- Canned potatoes, peas and carrots
- Syrup
- Toothbrushes
- Kitchen bags
- 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 16</b>
7:30 AM	Henry Horstmann †
9:00 AM	Patricia Torma †
11:00 AM	Parishioners
<b>Monday</b>	<b>May 17,</b>
8:30 AM	Mother's Day Novena †
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>May 18, St John I</b>
8:30 AM	Mother's Day Novena†
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>May 19,</b>
8:30 AM	Catherine Romano (living)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>May 20, St Bernrdine</b>
8:30 AM	Kevin & Dorothy McAuley †
<b>Friday</b>	<b>May 21 , St Magallanes</b>
8:30 AM	Marie Gale †
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 22, St Rita</b>
5:00 PM	Agnes McCrystall †
	Paul Mazza †
	Maximo Puelos †
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 23,</b>
7:30 AM	Bernie O'Brien †
9:00 AM	Patsy & Josephine Sirianni †
11:00 AM	Parishioners

**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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**Registration for 2021-2022  
Religion Classes**

Online Registration for next year's religion classes is now open! Access the registration form by clicking on the Faith Formation Tab on the parish website: [ourladyofthesnowbluepoint.com](http://ourladyofthesnowbluepoint.com).

**Parent Meetings for Fall Classes:**

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

Level 1 Parent Meeting for students entering Level 1 this fall: Wednesday, June 23, 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.

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>

**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.**

## *Gospel Reflection by Michael Dawidziak*

There's a joke that goes, "My wife has an odd way of starting conversations. She always begins with, 'Hey, have you been listening?'" I often think God must feel the same way about us. At the transfiguration, God tells us, "This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to Him" (Mark 9:7). He couldn't have made it any clearer than that but is anybody listening to Jesus? When you read today's gospel and then look around the world, it doesn't seem like it. The reading from John's gospel is often referred to as "The Priestly Prayer of Jesus". That's because, as our high priest, Jesus lays out a vision of what His church should look like and then proceeds to tell us how to fulfill it. Jesus' prayer is one of unity. How's that working? In our community, our country and our world we are divided by political tribalism, race, gender, orientation, ethnicity and religious beliefs. It doesn't seem like we're giving Jesus' message of unity a very high priority.

Now, don't get me wrong. It's not evil to belong to a political party or take pride in our ethnic culture or root for a particular sports team. **BUT**, anytime we allow any of these things to divide us from our fellow members of the Body of Christ, we have raised them to a level of idolatry and we are most certainly not listening to Jesus. Jesus starts His prayer in an unusual way for Him. Instead of the informal "Abba" that He usually uses to address His Father in Heaven, He uses the much more formal. "*Agie Pater*" or "Holy Father". They are the same two words He uses to start the most famous prayer He gave us, "Our Father (Pater) who art in Heaven, hallowed (*agiasthētō*) be Thy name" Before He began the Our Father, He told His disciples, "You should pray like this". (Matthew 6:9). Jesus is praying for particular things for His followers and it seems that He wants us to know that we should pray for the same things as well. It's vital for us to know what these things are because it's the process by which we remain faithful to Jesus' vision for His church.

Jesus lays out a three-step process. It starts with listening. (Listen to Him!) After listening comes knowing. After knowing comes belonging. Jesus prays to His Father that He "gave them your word". The Greek word for "word" here is "*logos*". This is how John refers to Jesus at the beginning of His gospel, "In the beginning was the Word (*logos*): The Word was with God and the Word was God" (John 1:1). Thus, when Jesus says that he gave them the Word of His Father, He means that He gave us Himself! In his epistle, Saint John says, "we have seen and testify that the Father sent his Son as savior of the world". Knowing that and believing that is step two in the process.

"Where do I belong?" "Sometimes I feel like I just don't fit in." Speaking of this world, Jesus tells us those feelings can not only be proper but healthy. He says that His disciples "do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world." But then He goes on to say, "As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world." Wait, we're being sent into the world but not supposed to belong to the world? How do we manage that? One would have to be an apostle. That's absolutely correct and that's what we are called to be. The verb Jesus uses for "sent" is the same root word we get the noun "apostle" meaning "one who is sent".

Jesus knew that we wouldn't be able to do it alone. In our first reading from Acts, Peter not only realizes this but also that they need to be one and whole. Matthias is chosen to take Judas' place exactly because the apostles need to be one, unified whole. So how can we be sent into the world, not become part of it and stay unified and whole? Saint John tells us that "if God so loved us, we also must love one another." He goes onto say, "if we love one another, God remains in us" and "we remain in him". This is what Jesus means when He prays that His apostles will be consecrated in the truth. To consecrate means to make holy.

Jesus goes on to say, "I pray not only for these but for those also who through their words will believe in me. May they all be one." (John 17:20-21). That's us He's talking about! We are one, holy catholic and apostolic church and we need to heed Jesus' call for unity. He prayed, "Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me". However else we might identify ourselves, nothing should take priority over being a Christian and that means loving each other. In the end, love really does lift us up where we belong.

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Our Lady of the Snow Church  
3 Lucky Winners

To Benefit the food pantry and Outreach program

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Donation of \$5 or 6 for \$25

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## **Tragedy in India**

Father Joseph's home diocese of Chinglput is an eighteen-year-old and financially unsound diocese with 107 parishes. Out of these, 82 parishes are financially dependent on and being supported by the diocese. Approximately 175 diocesan & religious priests are serving the diocese.

Many poor people were severely affected during the first phase of COVID -19. Many have lost their jobs due to the lockdown imposed and many began to starve in a few days. The poor people expected assistance from the diocese. In spite of their financial constraints, they helped their people by means of the financial support and food materials with the support of local & foreign funds.

The unprecedented second wave of the virus has brought a very disastrous situation to the diocese. The number of infected are increasing day by day and medical treatment has become a huge burden to the diocese.

Parishioners of Our Lady of the Snow are endeavoring to raise funds to help alleviate some of the suffering in Father Joseph's home diocese. If it is within your heart and means to help, you can make out a check to "Our Lady of the Snow" (please put "Donate to Chinglput" in the memo field) and drop it off at the rectory

Or to make a secure online donation using PayPal or a credit or debit card, you can go to our parish web site at: <https://ourladyofthesnowbluepoint.com> and on the lower right of the home page click on "Donate to Chinglput"