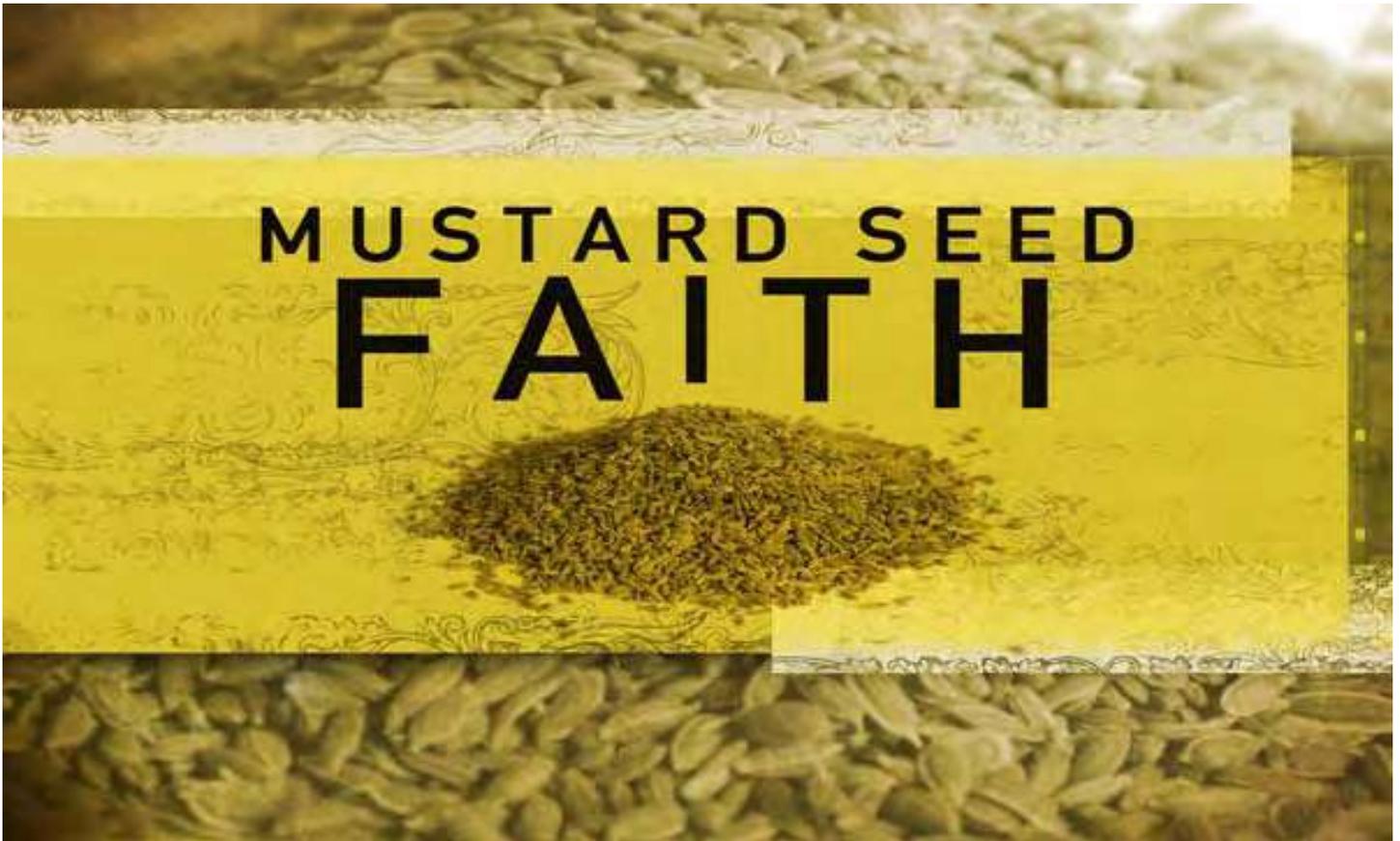




Our Lady of the Snow

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

*June 13, 2021 Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Lord, It is good to give thanks to you*



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:
June 17, 4:45 pm
Mother Church

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Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**PLEASE NOTE ALL OFFICES CAN BE REACHED
THROUGH 631 363-6385 LISTEN FOR THE PROMPTS**

**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. For emergency sick calls, please call the parish at any time.

Baptisms:

Call the rectory office to schedule a Baptism or go the church website.



**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 &
Dorothea DeMarzo**

In Sympathy

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

Richard Boyce & Thomas Mitchell



*Altar Bread and Wine
In Memory of
Thomas Mitchell ♥*

*Sanctuary Candle in Mother Church
In Memory of Richard Boyce ♥*

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT:
\$ 8454**

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:

- Salmon
- Chili
- Stew
- Mustard
- Tea
- Water bottles
- Juice
- Tissues
- 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.



Mass Intentions

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| Sunday | June 13, |
| 7:30 AM | Frank Russo† |
| 9:00 AM | Mark Charvat † |
| | Brendan Aykroyd 10th Anniversary † |
| 11:00 AM | John J Fryer † |
| Monday | June 14, |
| 8:30 AM | Paul Romano † |
| Tuesday | June 15, |
| 8:30 AM | Tony Vigliotta † |
| Wednesday | June 16, |
| 8:30 AM | Denis Egbert † |
| | John Gronenthal † |
| Thursday | June 17, |
| 8:30 AM | Jason Vosswinkel † |
| Friday | June 18, |
| 8:30 AM | Theresa Gieseler † |
| Saturday | June 19, |
| 5:00 PM | Martha & John Fryer † |
| | Catherine Flaherty Franzosa † |
| | Charles Baiera † |
| Sunday | June 20, |
| 7:30 AM | Parishioners |
| 9:00 AM | Fathers day Novena † |
| 11:00 AM | Kathryn Scottaline † |

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.

Gospel Reflection by Michael Dawidziak

What is it with Jesus and seeds? For a carpenter, He seemed to spend far more time talking about botanical matters as opposed to wood craft. He told the parable of the sower and the seed, the parable of the wheat and the dandel (weeds) growing together, the parable of the tree that didn't bear fruit and of course compared His relationship to us as Him being the vine and we the branches. And that's not even all of Jesus' horticultural references. You would think Saint Joseph was a gardener rather than a carpenter. Today's gospel involves one of two of Jesus' teaching referencing mustard seeds. In fact, the entire gospel reading is about seeds.

In the first half of the reading, Jesus compares the kingdom of God to a man who scatters seed on the land. He says the seed sprouts and grows though the sower does not know how. "Of its own accord the land yields fruit." In the second half, Jesus compares the kingdom of God to a mustard seed which when sown, is one of the smallest of seeds but will spring up and "becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade." In both cases the seeds represent the word of God. But Jesus states that these parables are about "the kingdom of God". Confused? Here's the answer. The Word of God becomes the kingdom of God. John's gospel starts with "In the beginning was the Word; the Word was with God and the Word was God" (John 1:1). Jesus is the Word that is being sown for the world's salvation. Jesus expands on this idea when He speaks of His own death and says, "unless a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest" (John 12:24).

Jesus is also teaching His disciples not to judge on appearances nor think they can figure out God's plans that will seem contrary to the way the world thinks and judges. By the world's standards, Jesus' death on the cross was a humiliating failure. The death of this poor itinerant Jewish preacher was as insignificant as the sowing of a tiny mustard seed. Jesus teaches His disciples that, in God's hands, what the world would judge as small and insignificant can grow into the most important of things. And so it was with His church. From the public execution of its leader through almost 300 years of persecution, Jesus' church continued to grow and spread. How? Like the sower in today's gospel, we don't know how. By the world's standards the spreading and growth of this seed would seem impossible. But spread it did. From Jesus to the apostles and first disciples to martyrs and witnesses, miraculously the Kingdom spread and continues to today.

I think this is why Jesus liked parables about crops and trees so much. They're growing things and His church has to grow. As an apostolic church, we are all sowers of the Word too. Whether we do it by words, actions or deeds, we should remember that, as Christians, everything we do should help the kingdom grow and spread. That sounds like a heavy responsibility but there are also words of comfort in Jesus' parables. Many of us have felt the frustration when our children or loved ones haven't embraced Jesus' words. We can even feel like we failed in our conversion duty. In the beginning of chapter 4 of Mark's gospel where we find today's reading, Jesus tells the parable of the sower and the seed where some of the seed falls on the path, some on rocky soil, some among thorns and some among rich soil. Only the seed in rich soil produces a rich harvest. Jesus says the sower is the Son of Man and the seed is the Word. Now if Jesus Himself only converts 1 in 4 for a .250 batting average, I think He wants us to cut ourselves some slack.

In His other reference to a mustard seed, Jesus says that if our faith was the size of a mustard seed we could move mountains (Matthew 17:20). In our second reading, Saint Paul tells the Corinthians, "we walk by faith, not by sight". In that short phrase, Paul sums up much of what Jesus wants us to know. Don't rely on human sight or don't judge using the world's standards. We sow the seeds. The rest is up to God. How they will grow, we don't know but we have to have faith that God will provide the sunshine and the rain that is needed. When I graduated from Catholic elementary school, you couldn't have blamed the nuns if they looked at us and despaired for the future of Christianity. Yet, I would love to be able to tell the good Sisters of Saint Joseph, "You did a great job. You sowed the seeds and they took root and they grew". That's what we're called to do: just plant the seeds and leave the rest in God's hands. Spread the Word!

Office of Faith Formation
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The Faith Formation phone number has changed. Loren Christie can be reached at 631-363-6385 x 130. The Faith Formation Office moved to the large church last summer. To access the office, please press the Ring on the right side of the large church front doors.

Registration for 2021-2022 Religion Classes Online Registration for next year's religion classes is now open! Over 50% of parish families have re-registered for next year! Thank you for your prompt response. Access the registration form by clicking on the Faith Formation Tab on the parish website:
ourladyofthesnowbluepoint.com.

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 Christie at 631-363-6385 x 130.

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

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>

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

Saturday, June 26, 2021 @ 9:00 A.M. The Saint Lawrence Knights of Columbus will be hosting a defensive driving course in the School Gym across from the Church on Handsome Ave. in Sayville. Save money on your insurance, remove points from your license. Good for three years. Class is \$38.00 in advance or \$40.00 at the door. **Sign-in starts at 8:45 a.m.** Class limit is 40, registration is required. Please call 631-589-4839 or email drivingclass2458@gmail.com. Please make checks payable to: "St. Lawrence Council # 2458".

**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.**

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

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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"