



Our Lady of the Snow

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

*August 1, 2021 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
“The Lord gave them bread from heaven”*



DAILY MASSES:

Monday - Friday 8:30 AM
in Mother Church

WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday

5:00 PM

Sunday

7:30 AM, 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM
All masses are 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:

Aug 4, 4:45 pm
Mother Church

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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.

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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 Parish Office for more information about a Convalidation.

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 Parish 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 or check our website.



**Remember
in
Prayer**

Lt. Col. Meghan Ederle

Major Kyle Brown

Major Robert Gervasio

Capt. Evan Bernstein

Lt. Sean Brown

LT 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
Richard Boyce ♥*

*Sanctuary Candle in Mother Church
In Memory of Michael Higgins ♥*

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT:
\$ 5588**

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Thank you for your generous donations to our food pantry. Together we are helping many in need in our community. If you are struggling and are in need in our food pantry please do not hesitate to call Parish Outreach at 631 363-6385 Ext 3.

Our current food pantry needs are;

- Salmon**
- Stew**
- Tea**
- Cookies**
- Juice**
- Salad dressing**
- Water bottles**
- Deodorant**
- Cleaning supplies**
- Dish detergent**
- Kitchen garbage bags**



All donation 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 during our hours Monday - Thursday 10am - 1pm.

There is also a collection box at the Blue Point King Kullen to the left of the exit doors.



Mass Intentions

Saturday	July 31,
5:00 PM	Thomas Mitchell † Brian Hurley †
Sunday	Aug 1,
7:30 AM	Parishioners
9:00 AM	Michael Higgins †
11:00 AM	John Robertson †
Monday	Aug 2,
8:30 AM	Carol McCluskey †
Tuesday	Aug 3,
8:30 AM	Emily Grawrock †
Wednesday	Aug 4,
8:30 AM	Richard Boyce †
Thursday	Aug 5,
8:30 AM	Donna Ray †
Friday	Aug 6,
8:30 AM	Federico DelaRosa †
Saturday	Aug 7,
5:00 PM	Richard Dietz † Matthew Wierzbicki †
Sunday	Aug 1,
7:30 AM	Carmela Perrera †
9:00 AM	Parishioners †
11:00 AM	Portuesi Family

Respect Life Ministry Meeting

Thursday, September 9, 6 p.m.
Mother Church Basement, All are welcome.

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

The Office of Faith Formation will be closed for vacation from Monday July 26 through Sunday, August 8th. The office will reopen Monday, August 9th at 9 a.m.

Registration for 2021-2022

Religion Classes

Online Registration for next year's religion classes is underway! 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. Levels 2,4,and 9 are especially in need of catechists. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Loren Christie.

Faith Formation Buddy Ministry

Middle School students seeking community service are invited to assist adult catechists of younger groups at tables, and assist Mrs. Christie during class hours. High School students who are parishioners of Our Lady of the Snow and have received the Sacrament of Confirmation may teach a small group of students in levels 2-4 at a table, or provided one-to-one support to a student with special needs during instruction. Faith Formation Buddies can gather up to 10 hours of community service. For more information, contact Loren Christie in the Faith Formation office. A Faith Formation Buddy Ministry registration form is located on the parish website under the Faith Formation tab.

Faith Formation Google Classrooms Closed Through Summer for Updates This year's Faith Formation Google Classrooms are currently unavailable as they are being updated for next year's program, which will be offered to students onsite and through home study. While our digital sessions ended in March, the classrooms remained open until June 30th for catch-up work. We are excited to incorporate a digital component into onsite learning next year, and continue the Google Classroom format for those families who prefer home study.

When Do Classes Begin?

Students will be contacted the last week in August. Those who have requested Home Study will receive a new Google Classroom code for their levels. Those who have chosen onsite instruction will be given the name of their teachers and they will be reminded of their start dates and times. Classes begin the week of October 18th. First Assignments for Home Study students will be posted in Google Classrooms on Oct. 1st.

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. The creed we say at mass is called the**
a, Nicene Creed b, Creed of Ephesus c, Creed of the Council of Trent d, Vatican I Creed
- 2. In our Lord's time, the priestly class was usually found among the**
a, Zealots b, Nazarenes c, Sadducees d, Catholics
- 3. The Benedictine monk who wrote the first history of the English people was**
a, Thomas More b, Bede the Venerable c, Patrick d, Thomas
- 4. The "golden rule" is: Do unto others...**
a, as you would have others do unto you b, as others have already done unto you c, as others do unto others d, none of the above
- 5. The book of the Bible that comes after John's Gospel is**
a, Hebrews b, Romans c, Acts of the Apostles d, Philipians

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

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/drdrv>

Gospel Reflection by Michael Dawidziak

What do you want? What do you really, really want? What is your heart's desire? What is your pearl of great price for which you would be willing to give up everything else to possess? If our immediate and fervent answer isn't Jesus, then today's gospel reading from John might be just what the doctor ordered. After all Jesus compared Himself to a physician who came to heal the sick (Luke 5:32). The people ask Jesus, "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?" That's a great question! Surely the desire to do the works of God is a noble and virtuous goal to pursue. And the people must have sensed that Jesus could give them the answer or they wouldn't have asked Him. The question isn't asked in the manner of the Scribes and Pharisees seeking to trip up Jesus in something He might say. The question seems to be borne out of a sincere desire to serve God.

The answer they got was completely unexpected. Jesus tells them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent". The Greek word used here for believe (*pisteuēte*) can also be translated "have faith in" or "trust in". That's it? How simple! Yes, but as we have noted before simple and easy aren't necessarily the same thing. If you asked for directions on how to get from one place to another, the answer could be, "just climb that mountain to the other side". It's a very simple instruction but that doesn't make it easy. Coming from the Jewish Mosaic Law tradition, the people were logically looking for something specific they could do or perhaps a list of things that would be in their power to accomplish. Jesus gives them a very simple but ultimately challenging answer on how to do the works of God. The Greek word in their question translated as "what" is a general interrogatory pronoun that can be translated as "who", "which" or "what". They expected a "what" or a "which". Instead, Jesus gave them a "who". Jesus told them that He Himself is the answer.

After the miracle of the feeding of the five thousand, the people were naturally enthralled by this man called Jesus. They sensed He was somebody very big and important. The problem was they didn't sense just *how* big and important He really was (and is). Jesus tells them, "you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled." They were looking for someone to take care of their physical needs and desires rather than their spiritual ones. Incredibly, after Jesus answers their question, they ask what sign He could do so they could believe in Him. Sign?! He just fed five thousand people with five loaves and two fish. What bigger sign could they need? Then the people show their heads are still firmly entrenched in the physical world. They say, "our ancestors ate manna in the desert". Jesus points out to them that it wasn't Moses who gave them the bread from heaven but God, His Father. And now God wants to give them the true bread "which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." The people say, "Sir, give us this bread always". They're still expecting a "what" answer. Jesus once again gives them a "who" answer. "I am the bread of life".

Most of the people just can't understand or accept the "who" answer. They want something easy to believe in. In our first reading from Exodus, we read of the ancestors they referred to and their complete lack of trust in God. After being miraculously delivered from the land of Egypt and saved from Pharaoh's army, they still lack faith. They accuse Moses and Aaron of leading them into the desert where they will die of famine. Their faith is only restored by a "what" answer from God: manna or physical bread from Heaven for them to eat. We can often act like the Israelites of Moses' time and the Jewish people of Jesus' time. In times of trial, we also can feel like God has led us into the desert just to abandon us there. We only see one set of footsteps in the sand.

We too sense that Jesus is really big and really important, so we turn to Him and ask Him for things in prayer. And we frequently can feel that He didn't answer our prayers. But God always answers prayers. Like the people in today's gospel, we often just don't like the answer we get. We're looking for a "what" answer. We don't recognize that we already got a much better "who" answer. Jesus' answer is trust and believe. Trusting is hard. We worry about and put physical needs in front of spiritual needs. In his letter to the Ephesians, Saint Paul writes that they "should put away the old self of your former way of life, corrupted though deceitful desires". What is your desire? Or more accurately "who" is your desire? Abbott and Costello knew this simple but not necessarily easy, theological wisdom. "What is on second. Who is on first."

**Our Lady of the Snow
Annual Golf Outing
October 19, 2021
Rockhill Golf
and Country Club**



**Honoring
Michael D. Dawidziak**

Michael D. Dawidziak (more popularly known as Mike D.) is the founder and president of Strategic Planning Systems, Inc. He is a nationally known pollster, general consultant and political strategist and has worked on races for all levels of government in every state in the country, including four presidential campaigns. He was a recognized pioneer and innovator of what we call “micro-targeting” today.

Over the last 40 years, Michael’s reputation has grown nationally in the areas of public opinion management, polling, communications, strategic planning, media management, debate prep, press/public relations, grass roots public opinion, and demographic targeting, to a wide variety of political and corporate clients in all fifty states of the country.

Strategic Planning Systems, Inc. has built a solid nationwide reputation for innovation and commitment to success. Past and current clients include major newspapers, universities, charities, real estate developers, financial institutions, advertising agencies, health care providers, energy companies, major law firms and publishers.

Michael has also appeared regularly in the pages of Newsday as an opinion writer on local and national political attitudes. He has appeared nationally on NPR, FOX News and CNN and is a frequent political analyst for News 12. Michael has contributed to and been quoted often in the New York Times, the Wall Street Journal, Newsday and many other national newspapers and publications.

Michael and his wife, Pamela J. Greene (attorney and former Town of Islip Councilwoman) founded and run the Rollstone Foundation, a charity dedicated to aiding in the adoption of special needs children all over the world. He also serves on the board of HALO Missions, a charity created to provide hope to orphans in developing countries through medical missions and educational investments. Michael is a parishioner of Our Lady of the Snow in Blue Point, NY, an active and proud Rotarian and has also worked prominently in the area of environmental protection, immigration reform and also serves as a fund raiser for a wide variety of charities and causes.

*****We will have more information on the Golf outing on our website in the near future. *****



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 Chuck & Maria Reiss at 631-486-8607 or visit them at <https://wwmenyli.org/>.

Jesus is the living bread. Put God in your marriage. Look on the Worldwide Marriage Encounter website for the next experience near you.

**Dan Schutte in Concert
An Evening of Song
and Reflection**

**When: Friday –
October 22nd at
7:30pm**

**Where: Good Shepherd
RC Church
1370 Grundy Avenue
Holbrook, NY 11741
Phone: (631) 588-7689**



**Holy Trinity High School presents:
Summer’s Last Hurrah Raffle**



**Virtual drawing to be held Friday, August 27, 2021.
Tickets are \$25 each. If you purchase 4 for \$100, you will
receive 1 Bonus Ticket for FREE!**

Only 2,000 \$25 tickets will be sold!

PRIZES:

- 1st prize \$10,000 or 1 full year Holy Trinity tuition**
- 2nd prize \$2,500**
- 3rd prize \$1,000**

Visit holytrinityhs.org/summer-raffle to print flyer or
Text SummerRaffle to 41444 (Debit Card Only) to purchase your tickets!
Any questions, please call Ginny at 516 433-7361 or email at ginny.ritter@holytrinityhs.org

*Prize money based on 2,000 \$25 tickets being sold. If less than this amount is sold, prizes will be pro-rated accordingly.

Earlier this year Pope Francis established the Fourth Sunday of July as World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. This will take place on Sunday July 25th

*We are participating in the Cherish A Senior event
(a Diocesan - wide effort) at Our Lady of the Snow.*

We are asking parishioners to donate a small gift bag with practical items and or individual letters of friendly encouragement for seniors. These items will be donated to Catholic Charities for distribution in there outreach programs that serve the poor, debilitated, and lonely seniors in our communities. For example Meals on Wheels. Some of the suggested items for gift bag include postage stamps, moisture cream, daily pill organizers, pens, puzzles, tissues packages, magnifiers, hand sanitizers, jar openers, a picture or poem in a frame, etc.

Please drop the gift bag t Parish Outreach by Sunday August 8th. Bags may be left at the pantry doors after mass times. Thank you for helping to make this first World Da for Grandparents and Elderly a Special Event.

We  **Our**
Grandparents