



Our Lady of the Snow

***175 Blue Point Avenue
Blue Point, New York 11715
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Rev. Kevin Smith, Pastor***

***July 18, 2021 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
The Lord is my shepherd ; there is nothing I shall want.***



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:

July 19, 4:45 pm
Mother Church

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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.

Diocese of Rockville Centre Chapter 11
Information regarding the deadlines for fil-
ing 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](https://dm.epiq11.com/drdvc)

**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...*

Arthur Johann



*Altar Bread and Wine
In Memory of
Dr. Antonio Garcia*

*Sanctuary Candle in Mother Church
In Memory of Dr. Antonio Garcia*

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT:
\$ 7821**

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**
- Juice**
- Water bottles**
- Deodorant**
- 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

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| Saturday | July 17, |
| 5:00 PM | Marjorie Rush † Thomas Mitchell † |
| Sunday | July 18, |
| 7:30 AM | Parishioners |
| 9:00 AM | Thomas Maher Jr. † |
| 11:00 AM | Michael Cody † |
| Monday | July 19, |
| 8:30 AM | Kathryn Scottaline † |
| Tuesday | July 20, St. Apollinaris |
| 8:30 AM | George Telmany † |
| Wednesday | July 21, St. Lawrence |
| 8:30 AM | The Clohesy Family † |
| Thursday | July 22, St Mary Magdalene |
| 8:30 AM | John Michael Thearle † |
| Friday | July 23, St. Bridget |
| 8:30 AM | Dr. Antonio Garcia † |
| Saturday | July 24, St Sharbel |
| 5:00 PM | Randi Dunn † James O'Callaghan † Gene Horton † |
| Sunday | July 25, |
| 7:30 AM | Parishioners |
| 9:00 AM | William T Childs † |
| 11:00 AM | Michael Humenik † |

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.



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

July 8, 2021

Dear Father:

I'm writing to request your help.

Some powerful Members of Congress want to take away the Hyde Amendment so taxpayer dollars will pay for abortions for poor women.

When our government offers a woman a free abortion instead of the resources she needs to care for her baby, it is not "choice," but coercion. Taxpayer dollars would be far better spent **supporting women in crisis pregnancies and struggling new mothers** so that no woman ever feels economic pressure to have an abortion.

The Hyde Amendment has been credited with saving over 2.4 million lives, and without it, the current abortion rate would likely go up significantly.

Because of the incredibly high stakes, Congress needs to hear from a *massive* number of people before it votes on taxpayer-funded abortion during the second half of July. If we fail to generate sufficient grassroots support for the Hyde Amendment, Congress may conclude that taxpayer-funded abortion is popular.

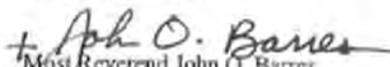
The USCCB has launched a campaign for Catholics to raise their voices on behalf of women. The goal is for *millions of Catholics to sign the petition on [NoTaxpayersAbortion.com](#) by July 16.*

I invite the people of your parish to join our diocesan response to this nationwide effort. **Its success and the lives of countless people depend on each of us doing our part.**

Easy, ready-to-use tools from the USCCB can be found at [www.usccb.org/stop-abortion](#). These include an introductory webinar recording, sample announcement, petition to Congress, graphics, flyer, and infographic. (Many of these are also available in Spanish.) Additionally, some [key points](#), [FAQs](#), and [other resources](#) are available for your own reference. (Please do not share these latter documents publicly.)

As Pope Francis has said, "The future of humanity ... is fundamentally in the hands of peoples and in their ability to organize." It is **critically important** for Catholics to send a *strong* message before Congress moves forward to impose taxpayer-funded abortion. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely in Christ,


Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

PS: Please consider including this announcement in your parish bulletin and other communications: **Stop your tax dollars from going to abortion. [NoTaxpayersAbortion.com](#)**

Gospel Reflection by Michael Dawidziak

“You are Christ!” This was how early Christian communities greeted the newly baptized. The statement wasn’t meant to foster messianic delusions of grandeur. Rather, it was intended to instill in the person that, through the initiation of baptism, we are called to become Christ. That sounds like an awesome responsibility. Is it even remotely possible? In today’s reading from Mark’s gospel, we see through the examples of the apostles that it is indeed possible. As we know, the word apostle means “one who is sent”. Interestingly, Mark only uses the word apostle once in his entire gospel and it’s in today’s reading when they return from their mission.

And what was that mission? To proclaim the Kingdom of God and cure the sick. That sounds pretty Christ-like, doesn’t it? And it doesn’t seem that after their return to Jesus, they stopped being Christ-like. We read that the demands on them by the great number of people coming and going didn’t even give the apostles time to eat. Jesus takes them away to a lonely place, not because He needed a rest but because they did. They were wearing themselves out being Christ-like ministering to the people. Jesus basically insists on a Sabbath rest from their labors. That’s a good lesson for us today. In our attempt to be Christ’s presence to others, we often, rightly think we can never do enough. God knew what He was doing when He created the practice of the Sabbath rest. Remember Jesus said, “The sabbath was made for man, not man for the sabbath” (Mark 2:27).

In our second reading, Saint Paul explains how this process of becoming like Christ is possible. He tells the Ephesians that they have been brought near to God by the blood of Christ through His sacrificial death on the cross. Notice that Paul doesn’t say that Jesus *made* our peace. He says that He *is* our peace. He says that Jesus abolished the law and its commandments and legal claims. At the moment of Jesus’ death, the veil of the temple is torn in two from top to bottom. God’s Spirit will no longer inhabit a temple made of stone or be the deity exclusively claimed by one people. Paul says that through Jesus, we all “have access in one Spirit to the Father”. We actually get to share in the relationship of the Holy Trinity! How is that possible? Jesus was born fully divine but we weren’t. In the chapter previous to today’s reading, Paul gives the answer. “God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ.” (Ephesians 1:5)

If the letter to the Ephesians is full of hope and good news, our first reading from Jeremiah is full of warning to those who would not be Christ-like in their duty to others. Christ called Himself the Good Shepherd who laid down His life for His sheep (John 10:11). God blames the religious leaders for misleading the Jewish people into exile. “Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, against the shepherds who shepherd my people. You have scattered my sheep and driven them away. You have not cared for them”. But God goes on to say that the days are coming when He “will raise up a righteous shoot to David. As king he shall reign and govern wisely”. Jesus is that descendant of David who will become the Good Shepherd. God also promises that He will appoint shepherds for His people who will guide and protect them. The apostles became Christ-like when they became those shepherds in imitation of their Lord. And, as their apostolic heirs, we are called to do the same.

In his masterpiece of Christian literature, *Mere Christianity*, C.S Lewis wrote, “Now the whole offer which Christianity makes is this: that we can, if we let God have His way, come to share in the life of Christ. If we do, we shall then be sharing a life which was begotten, not made, which always existed and always will exist. Christ is the Son of God. If we share in this kind of life we also shall be sons of God. We shall love the Father as He does and the Holy Ghost will arise in us. He came to this world and became a man in order to spread to other men the kind of life He has — by what I call ‘good infection’. Every Christian is to become a little Christ. The whole purpose of becoming a Christian is simply nothing else.”

As Christians, we are not just called to be Christ-like. We are called to be Christ to others. To be His presence in a world that is in dire need of it. We are adopted members of God’s family. We are members of the Body of Christ. God lives in us and we have our life in Him. In our own unique ways, we are called to use our individual gifts of the Spirit to feed the hungry, cure the sick and proclaim the Kingdom. Just don’t forget to take that Sabbath rest. Jesus would insist on it.

Free health screenings



Mobile Outreach Bus

The Community Outreach team is pleased to offer free health screenings in your community by a Catholic Health registered nurse.



Our Lady of The Snow Church
175 Blue Point Ave. Blue Point, NY
Tuesday, July 27, 2021
10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Services for adults (18 and older):

- Brief cardiac history
- Blood pressure screening
- BMI screening
- Simple blood test for cholesterol and glucose
- Health education
- Referrals as needed
- Resources for those without insurance

Office of Faith Formation Mrs. Loren Christie, Director
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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.

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 at 631-363-6385 x 130.

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.