



Our Lady of the Snow

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

***July 25, 2021 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
“The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs”***



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 27, 4:45 pm
Mother Church

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Meet our Staff

Office of Faith Formation:

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Monday - Thursday

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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 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
Warren Goercke*

*Sanctuary Candle in Mother Church
In Memory of Ida Zielazny ♥*

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT:
\$ 7444**

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 24,
5:00 PM	Randi Dunn † James O'Callaghan † Gene Horton †
Sunday	July 25,
7:30 AM	Parishioners
9:00 AM	William Childs †
11:00 AM	Michael Humenik †
Monday	July 26,
8:30 AM	John Connor †
Tuesday	July 27,
8:30 AM	John Hermann †
Wednesday	July 28,
8:30 AM	Ida Zielazny †
Thursday	July 29,
8:30 AM	Ann Remsburg †
Friday	July 30
8:30 AM	Warren Goercke †
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 †

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, Scripture traces the kingly bloodline of Jesus to
A. Elijah B. David C. Moses D. Herod
- 2, The first line of one of the most popular modern hymns is " I will raise you up,,, "
A. to go to God B. when you have died d. like Lazarus D. on eagles wings
- 3, On Sunday, "the Lord's Day," all Catholics
A. go to mass B, rest from work if possible C. visit the sick and the elderly D. all the above
- 4, When Aaron and Moses confronted Pharaoh, Aaron threw down his staff and it turned into
A. blood B. a mouse C. a snake D. fire
- 5, A permanent deacon
A. can officiate at a wedding B. can baptize and preach c. cannot remarry if hi wife dies D. all of the above

Catholic IQ answers;

1, b; 2, d; 3, d; 4, c; 5, d

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

“Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?” This is the question Jesus asks the apostle Philip in today’s reading from the gospel of John. After the question is posed, we read that, “He said this to test him, because he himself knew what he was going to do”. What kind of impassable test is this that Jesus gives Philip? What correct answer could he possibly come up with? Charging a Grub Hub delivery wasn’t an option back then. Philip answers, “Two hundred days’ wages worth of food would not be enough for each of them to have a little”. In pointing out the utter impossibility of the situation, Philip’s answer is basically, “We can’t”. That was the right answer and also the point. No, we can’t - but God can.

Almost exactly one year ago, we read the story of Jesus feeding the five thousand from Matthew’s gospel. I pointed out then that this is the only one of Jesus’ miracles to appear in all four gospels. To repeat a point from then, this miracle must have held a very significant and important place in the teaching of the Apostles and in the early church for all four evangelists to have included it. There must be something in this miracle that they thought was vital for later generations of Christians to know. And there is. The story of this miracle is a model for us on how we are supposed to go about fulfilling our apostolic mission.

Choosing to follow Jesus means invariably coming up against challenges that appear insurmountable. In fact, the very act of following Jesus can seem far beyond our capabilities. We can often feel that God is asking us to do the impossible. Like Jesus’ question to Philip, these are the times when our faith is tested. And it’s in these moments that we have to rely on and completely put our trust in God. Remember that Jesus said, “For men it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God” (Mark 10:27). In our first reading from the second Book of Kings, the prophet Elisha demonstrates a complete trust and confidence in God to do the impossible. His servant’s contrary reaction to the challenge of feeding a hundred people with twenty barley loaves is similar to Philip’s answer to Jesus. It’s also often our reaction when God asks us to do something. “How can I possibly do that with the limited resources and talents that I possess?” The answer is the same as Philip’s. We can’t. But God can if we allow Him to work through us and use us as His chosen instruments. God isn’t going to ask us to do something and not provide the resources and talents we need.

As sometimes happens, our second reading from Paul’s letter to the Ephesians doesn’t seem to fit. There’s no miraculous feeding of multitudes with bread. But Paul does give us a formula and a model on how we are to go about our apostolic mission. To help us live in a manner worthy of the call we have received, Paul gives us four virtues to practice: humility, gentleness, patience and love. Look around and ask yourself how much evidence you see of these virtues in the world today? Paul further instructs Christians to work together in their call to follow Jesus. He ends with a call for unity. Numbers are often very symbolic in the Bible. The number seven represented completeness or perfection. Paul provides a list of seven things that should unify and make us complete or whole: one body, one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism and one God. Once again, look around and ask yourself how much unity you see in the world today?

At the end of today’s gospel, we read that, “Since Jesus knew that they were going to come and carry him off to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain alone.” Now, what’s wrong with them wanting to make Him king? Shouldn’t they want Him to be their king? Don’t we want Jesus to be our king? The problem was that they wanted to make Him an earthly king but not accept Him as their heavenly King. Jesus tells Pilate, “Mine is not a kingdom of this world” (John 18:36). Overcome by the miracle of being fed with tangible food, the people want to make Jesus an earthly king. But Jesus wants to feed them so much more than mere physical bread. His mission to the apostles, and us, is to feed the people with Heavenly Bread. How do we do that? Could we ever buy enough food for them to eat? Relax. God provides the means and the product. In fact, He is the product. Jesus states right after this miracle, “I am the bread of life” (John 6:35). We don’t provide the product but like the apostles, we are called to distribute it. Sometimes, like Jesus did to Philip, God tests us to see if we trust Him. **Trust Him!** Like Jesus in today’s gospel, God always knows what He is going to do!



Most Rev. Dr. A. Neethinathan
Bishop of Chingleput

15 July 2021

Dear Rev. Pastor Kevin Smith,

Melonie Holz, Loraine Drake & Michael Dawidziak,

Greetings from the diocese of Chingleput!

We are happy to acknowledge the receipt of **10000 US Dollars** equivalent to **Rs.7,37,500/-** (*Rupees Seven Lakhs Thirty Seven Thousand and Five Hundred only*) towards the covid-19 relief activities to be undertaken in the diocese of Chingleput.

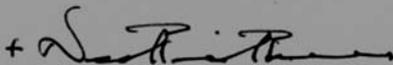
We express our sincere gratitude and heart filled thanks for this generous financial assistance from the parishioners of Our Lady of Snows, New York. We deeply appreciate your kindness in responding positively to the request made by our Priest Rev. Fr. Panimaya Kumar explains the pathetic condition of our poor people at this time of pandemic.

This will be a great help to our poor rural people at this time of distress due to the lockdown. We will provide food provisions to them, which will be very useful for them in this suffering period. They all will remember you and your benefactors in their daily prayers.

Once again we convey our thanks and appreciation for your kind and generous help towards our diocese of Chingleput.

Thanking you with assurance of our prayers

Yours in Christ,

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+ **Most Rev. Dr. A. Neethinathan**
Bishop of Chingleput



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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