



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

*175 Blue Point Avenue*

*Blue Point, New York 11715*

*Telephone: 631-363-6385*

*Rev. Kevin Smith, Pastor*

*August 29, 2021 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*The one who does justice will live in the presence 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:**

Sept 1, 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.

**Director of Music:**

Mrs. Theresa Martin

**Parish Outreach:**

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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Monday - Thursday in the cottage

**Mrs. Diana Mongan, Director**

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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...*

**Thomas L Meyer & Luke Grosso**



*Altar Bread and Wine*  
*In Memory of*  
*John Hunt ♥*

*Sanctuary Candle in Mother Church*  
*In Memory of*  
*John Hunt ♥*

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT:**  
**\$ 5905**

**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;**

- Canned Salmon**
- Ketchup**
- Mayonnaise**
- Pancake Syrup**
- Crackers**
- 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*

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Aug 28,</b>
5:00 PM	Elvia Gregio †
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Aug 29,</b>
7:30 AM	Parishioners of OLS
9:00 AM	Robert Ambrosini †
11:00 AM	Robert Stafford †
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Aug 30,</b>
8:30 AM	Teresa Vastola †
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Aug 31,</b>
8:30 AM	Denis Egbert †
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Sept 1,</b>
8:30 AM	Michael Gibbons †
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Sept 2,</b>
8:30 AM	Timothy Brownie †
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Sept 3,</b>
8:30 AM	John Hunt †
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sept 4,</b>
5:00 PM	Arthur Johann †
	Theresa Eagan †
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sept 5,</b>
7:30 AM	Parishioners of OLS
9:00 AM	Jack 'Reilly †
11:00 AM	John Jurgensen †

**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

## *Gospel Reflection by Michael Dawidziak*

“If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.” (1 Corinthians 13:1-3) No, these famous verses of Saint Paul aren’t in any of today’s readings but they are at their very heart (literally). We’ve all heard these verses so often (particularly at weddings) that we’re quite familiar with them but how often do we ponder their true application in our lives? Today’s readings point out why it is most important that we do.

In our first reading from Deuteronomy, Moses sums up the truly historic and awesome nature of the gift of the law that God has given the people. This gift will make them a holy nation set apart to serve the Lord. Moses asks rhetorically, “For what great nation is there that has gods so close to it as the Lord, our God, is to us whenever we call upon him?”. These aren’t just mere rules and regulations. The law gave the Israelites ways of being kept holy in a sinful world and practices designed to keep them close to God. Two chapters later, Moses will warn the people not to let the law become dry and routine. He will tell them, “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD; and you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. And these words which I command you this day shall be upon your heart” (Deuteronomy 6:4-6). Jesus will later say that this is the greatest commandment. For the law to do any good at all, love had to be the motivating force. And Moses adds one more instruction in the people’s “observance of the commandments of the Lord”: not to add or subtract from them.

By the time of our gospel reading, all of Moses’ injunctions and warnings have been ignored. Observing the law has become a matter of scrupulously following the rules. Even worse, they have subtracted the emphasis on the love of God and added traditional practices and made them equal, if not superior, to the Word of God. Strict compliance of these practices has become the yardstick by which they judge whether someone is “clean” (worthy) or “unclean” (unworthy). When the Pharisees ask Jesus why His disciples do not “follow the tradition of the elders”, Jesus responds by calling them hypocrites. He says they are the ones Isaiah prophesized about when he said, “This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrine human precepts.”

Jesus goes on to tell the people that one cannot be made unclean or unworthy by what they eat or by not following traditional practices. Rather, a person is made unclean by what comes out of their heart. Jesus gives a long list of evils that can come out of a person’s heart and defile them. These are the things of this world that ironically, the law was supposed to protect the people from! Love is what should flow out of a person’s heart. If love is absent, then all the scrupulous adherence to the rules does no good at all.

In our epistle, James, in his typical blunt manner, gives us practical advice on how we should put Jesus’ teaching into action. He tells us, “Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls.” Jesus **is** the Word of God. He is what has been planted in us. This free gift of salvation comes with responsibly. Jesus is pure love and if He is planted in us than love is what must come out of our hearts. James goes on to say, “be doers of the word and not hearers only”. Or, as my mom would say, actions speak louder than words. James instructs, “religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world.”

Today’s readings contain serious warnings and valuable advice for modern day Christians. There are still many Pharisees amongst us in our world. There is a lot of elevating earthly traditions and norms over the Word of God. We too can often get our sense of worthiness by following the prescribed rules and regulations of the church and can feel self-justified by checking all the right boxes. The Mosaic law was designed to help keep the people undefiled by the world and keep the love of God and neighbor alive in their hearts. The same is true of the gift of our rich heritage of liturgy, prayers and sacraments. But remember, we don’t observe these rituals and practices so we can love God but because we do love God.

**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](http://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 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 from the last week in August, through the first week in September. Those who have requested Home Study will receive a new Google Classroom code for their levels. Those who have chosen onsite instruction 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.**

**The Faith Formation Office is closed on Fridays**



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

**Play Golf or come for Dinner**

Event Sponsorship - Foursome, Tee-Sign, Event Sign Recognition. \$2,500.

“Albatross” Sponsorship - Foursome, Tee - Sign, Dinner Sponsorship, Sign Recognition.....\$1,750.

“Eagle” Sponsorship - Twosome, Tee-sign, Breakfast Sponsorship, Sign Recognition .... \$1,250.

“Birdie” Sponsorship - Twosome, T-sign, Barbeque Lunch Sponsorship, Sign Recognition.....\$1,000.

“Par” Sponsorship - Tee-sign, Golf Cart Sponsorship, Sign Recognition.....\$750.

“Bogey” Sponsorships - Tee-Sign, Beverage Cart Sponsorship, Sign Recognition.....\$350.

Tee Sponsor .....\$100

Individual player; includes day of golf, breakfast, barbeque lunch at the turn, dinner w/lobster and cocktails.

\$175 parishioner  
\$200 non parishioner

Dinner Guest only -  
dinner w/lobster .....\$50

**HELP SAVE LIVES IN PATCHOGUE**

**You can protect mothers and children** by joining this worldwide mobilization! Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers!

**Here’s how to take part:**

- **Kickoff Procession** Saturday Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> Mass at 8AM Chapel at Our Lady of Mount Carmel then Procession at 9AM from Home Depot Parking Lot 10 Gateway Plaza
- **Vigil location:** 450 Waverly Avenue, Patchogue
- **Vigil hours:** Monday thru Saturday from 8AM to 7PM
- **Local contact:** Waverly Avenue Respect Life, Call or Text 631-615-1735 :WaverlyAvenueRespectLife@gmail.com

**Learn more** and get involved by visiting our campaign:

**40daysforlife.com/Patchogue**



If you would like to donate a gift basket for the golf outing please see Loraine in the parish office!!!!

# **Upcoming Bereavement Support Program**

## **Offered at St. Mary, East Islip**

Support Groups are opened to anyone who has suffered a loss at **least three months prior** to the start of the group. Loss must have occurred prior to June 16, 2021. There is no cost but a commitment to attend each meeting throughout the program is required. Groups are offered in a closed and confidential setting with highly trained facilitators and limited to 13 people. All Covid CDC guidelines will be properly adhered.

Eight Week Group beginning Thursday evenings at 7pm  
**September 16<sup>th</sup> through November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Pre-registration is required**  
Call 631-581-4266 ext. 125 to register