



Our Lady of the Snow

175 Blue Point Avenue

Blue Point, New York 11715

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Rev. Kevin Smith, Pastor

December 19, 2022 Forth Sunday in Advent

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Love



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:

Dec 22, 4:45 pm
Mother Church

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

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

***** ALL FAITH FORMATION CLASSES
HAVE BEEN CANCELLED UNTIL THE
NEW YEAR. PLEASE CHECK YOUR
"REMIND" FOR UPDATED
INFORMATION*****

***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....*

**Edward Martin, Tina Vigliotta &
Marguerite Russell**

In Sympathy

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

Patricia Micca

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;

Mayonnaise
Juice
Coffee
Jelly
Conditioner
Deodorant
Laundry detergent



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.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT:
\$ 8580.77

Important Mask Mandate information

“The Governor of NYS has included houses of worship in her recent directives. Therefore, since the Church does not require parishioners to present proof of vaccination in order to worship God, we ask that all parishioners (2 years of age and older) comply with the requirement to wear mask when participating in any activities on parish grounds. This State requirements is currently in effect through January 15, 2022. We will continue to adapt according as new information becomes available. Your patience and Christian charity towards one another during this difficult time is appreciated. “



Mass Intentions

Saturday	Dec 18,
5:00 PM	Kathryn Scottaline † Dorthea DeMarza †
Sunday	Dec 19,
7:30 AM	Parishioners of OLS
9:00 AM	Richard Dietz †
11:00 AM	Michael E Reilly † Christine Tuozzo †
Monday	Dec 20,
8:30 AM	Mary & Eugene McAukey , Jr, †
Tuesday	Dec 21,
8:30 AM	Kathryn Scottaline †
Wednesday	Dec 22,
8:30 AM	All Deceased Members of Zielazny & Townsend Families †
Thursday	Dec 23,
8:30 AM	Emily Grawrock †
Friday	Dec 24,
8:30 AM	Richard Faver †
4:00 PM (MC)	Gertrude Ilardo †
4:00 PM (LC)	Theresa Marcello † Charles Mintzer †
Midnight	Bob Russell



*Altar Bread and Wine
 In Memory of
 Emanuel Malizia*

*Sanctuary Candle in Mother Church
 In Memory of
 Rose DiToro*



A New Dawn for Catholic Education on Long Island

In January 2020, the *Marianists*, *Tomorrow's Hope Foundation*, and the *Department of Education* launched the Morning Star Initiative (MSI) to revitalize Catholic education on Long Island through a robustly Catholic culture, academic excellence, safe and supportive communities, and fiscally sustainable schools.

DONOR IMPACT TO DATE

To date, fellow Catholics and foundations have pledged more than \$3 million to Tomorrow's Hope Foundation for vital MSI programs and local Catholic school needs, including:

- Tuition assistance for underserved students
- New learning devices for thousands of students and teachers
- Internet connectivity for 300 school families
- The launch of iReady, an innovative web-based student benchmarking tool, among all the Catholic elementary schools
- Vital startup investments in two MSI pilot schools

WHY GIVE?

By supporting MSI, donors can invest in a sustainable and robust educational model for our children and for future generations. Please help make that a reality by making a gift today.

"I am very confident in Brother Tom and the Marianist Brothers who are leading this [MSI] effort, and I am hopeful that other individuals and organizations will support this cause to help ensure our Catholic schools have a bright future."

— MICHAEL PASCUCCI, MSI DONOR

GET INVOLVED

Contact kbill@thfny.com or call (516) 745-7640



Morning Star Initiative



To make a tax deductible donation, please scan the QR code below or complete this form and mail your check to *Tomorrow's Hope Foundation* with "MSI" written in the memo line.

Tomorrow's Hope Foundation
50 Charles Lindbergh Blvd, Suite 500
Uniondale, NY 11553



First, Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Parish: _____

Gospel Reflection by Michael Dawidziak

“Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.” Elizabeth’s words come echoing down to our ears, over two thousand years after she first spoke them to Mary. And just what was spoken to Mary by God that she believed would be fulfilled? Only that she would miraculously conceive and give birth to the Son of the Most High God. That’s all. How could she have this level of faith? Because Mary knew something that we should also know but often lose sight of. God always does what He says He will do and, unlike us, God always keeps His promises. The challenge in believing this is that God rarely, if ever, acts on our time frame or in a manner of our choosing. When we can’t understand God’s ways, instead of acknowledging that it is beyond our powers of comprehension, we often conclude that God doesn’t keep His promises. Or worse, doesn’t even exist. Mary knew better.

God’s ways of delivering on His promises are seldomly perceived by human observance. In fact, His ways are so mysterious that we can only understand them with either the benefit of inspiration from the Holy Spirit or the vantage point of 20/20 hindsight. When we do see and comprehend the sheer magnitude of His miraculous designs, we say in awe, “Wow God! You’re good!” (All the time!) It’s like God is saying to us, “See what I did there?” He wants to be known. People often question God’s existence simply because He doesn’t do things the way they would have. No, He doesn’t craft His plans the way we would and thank God He doesn’t! We all know, deep down, we would screw it up. That’s why we need to emulate Mary. God’s plan is always best and God always does what He said He will do. But God also works things out from what seems to us mere mortals to be impossible situations. He delivers hope in the midst of hopelessness. He helps the helpless. Otherwise, we would instinctively take the credit and glory for ourselves that is rightfully due to God.

In our first reading from the Book of Micah, the prophet says that small, insignificant Bethlehem will produce the majestic ruler in Israel. Bethlehem was the hometown of King David’s father, Jesse, so some might have seen this as a prophesy of the restoration of the Davidic royal line. It’s clear by the time of Jesus’ birth, that the Chief Priests and scribes took this prophesy literally. After the Magi’s visit, King Herod asks the Jewish leaders where the Christ was born. Citing this passage from Micah, they tell him in Bethlehem. In making this prophesy, Micah states that the Messiah’s “origin is from old, from ancient times”. This was God’s salvation plan for mankind all along! And let’s face it, left to our own devices, we wouldn’t have come up with anything like it. If we were in a position to have chosen a Messiah, we would have chosen someone from a mighty secular power like the Roman Empire. That makes sense to human ways of thinking. But God chooses an insignificant town with a powerless people living under foreign occupation as the birthplace for His Son.

And how will the Messiah accomplish His mission of salvation? As our second reading from the Letter to the Hebrews tells us, by being obedient to God’s will and offering His body to consecrate us to God. By doing away with sacrifices, holocausts and all other sin offerings to become the last blood sacrifice. Jesus’ dying on the cross would have appeared to be an utter failure. This conclusion cries out sheer lunacy to us if we were in on the strategy sessions. What kind of salvation plan is that? Not the way I would have done it. But why all this talk of Jesus’ passion and death? It’s still Advent. We haven’t even celebrated His birth yet. Because Bethlehem is meaningless if it doesn’t lead to Calvary. We celebrate the birth of our Savior. He saves us by being born human so He could die for us as human. If the manger doesn’t begin the journey to the cross, there is no reason to deck the halls, sing the carols or light the lights.

In announcing His birth to the shepherds, the angels will proclaim “Peace on earth”. Micah says that the Messiah’s greatness “shall reach to the ends of the earth; he shall be peace”. Notice He doesn’t say that He will **bring** peace but that He will **be** peace. When the angels declared peace on earth, they didn’t mean that men were going to learn to stop fighting with each other. They were announcing the arrival of the physical embodiment of peace alive on earth. He will be the Prince of Peace and the Savior of the World. And that’s why our fourth Advent candle stands for peace. Jesus will tell His apostles just before His death “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.” (John 14:27) When Jesus offers us His peace, He is offering Himself. The path to this peace, which Mary knew all along, is believing in God’s promises and being obedient to His will. That’s what Christmas is. Welcoming the Prince of Peace into our hearts and letting Him reign there.



LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND

A Voice for the Unborn on Long Island

Dear Rev. Kevin,

We are in desperate need of Gently Used and New Winter Clothes for Boys and Girls in all sizes. Please consider donating today!

Our three centers in **Hempstead, Massapequa, and Deer Park**, and our new center opening soon in **Smithtown** will all gladly take donations. If you cannot travel, please contact us, and we can schedule a driver to pick up your donations.

Thank you so much for all of the time, talent, and treasure you give us in our shared mission of protecting and cherishing every life, from the womb through eternity.

Thank you!



Baby Bottle Campaign for Life Center of Long Island
Last week The Life Center picked up our donations and the outcome of our fundraiser will be printed here when it is counted. Thank you for the giant outpouring of support for this project!

Upcoming Service Project:

During the month of January, in place of traveling to Washington D.C. for the March for Life, the Respect Life Ministry will be collecting baby items for The

Life Center of Long Island. A list of needed items will be posted in an upcoming bulletin.

December Respect Life Ministry Meeting:

The OLS Respect Life Ministry will meet Wednesday, December 22 at 6 p.m. in the Mother Church basement. All are welcome.

This past week Level 8 students made Scripture-based ornaments for our Faith Formation Jesse Tree which will be on display outside of the Faith Formation Office. Community service and the Social Teachings of the Catholic Church are an integral part of the middle school level Faith Formation curriculum, as students prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Last week students participated in various service projects during class. Level 7 students wrote letters to parishioners residing in nursing homes. Level 6 students made "Adopt Me" bandanas for shelter pets.

Students in Levels 4 and 8 prayed for the dignity and respect of all human life from conception until natural death on December 8th, the Feast of Immaculate Conception. They also learned about Eucharistic Adoration with the help of Deacon Ed Karan. Thank you Deacon Ed!

We are offering onsite and virtual classes. Level 9 Confirmation students work in both modes.

Onsite Classes

Onsite classes began the week of October 18th. A schedule for all onsite classes is posted under "Class Information," under the Faith Formation Tab on the Par-

ish website. Latest assignments for Home Study students were posted in Google Classrooms on December 1st. Registered families received a letter with complete information the first week of September via email and Remind. All Level 9 students must complete required forms and projects in the Level 9 Google Classroom.

Faith Formation Buddy Ministry

Fourteen students are currently participating in this ministry. Faith Formation is offering a community service opportunity to middle school and high school students. 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.

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