



Our Lady of the Snow

***175 Blue Point Avenue
Blue Point, New York 11715***

Telephone: 631-363-6385

Rev. Kevin M. Smith, Pastor

***May 1, 2022 Third Sunday of Easter
I will praise you Lord, for you have rescued me.***



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:

May 3, 4:45 pm
Mother Church

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Meet our Staff

Office of Faith Formation:

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Monday - Thursday

9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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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

Capt. Robert Fleming

Lt. Sean Brown

Lt. Ross Oley

LT Shannon Wojciechowski

LT 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

Ens. Scott Brown

Pray for Our Sick

We pray for all who are sick, for their healing in both body and spirit....

Jerome Malley, Laura Schneider, Barbara Gustafson, Marina Cappalli & Loretta O'Connor

In Sympathy

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

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Thank you for your generous donations to our food pantry. As the cost of living rises, many are finding it hard to provide the basic essentials for their households. Together we can assist our neighbors in need.

Our current food pantry needs are;

Jelly
Baked beans
Mayonnaise
Canned fruit
Rice
Tea
Juice
Chili
Canned potatoes
Salmon
Deodorant
Toothpaste
Size 6 diapers
Toilet paper/paper towels



We are in great need of strong supermarket recycle bags for packing our orders. We have sufficient brown bags at this time.

All donations 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.

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT:
\$ 5923**

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

Saturday, May 7, 2022 @ 9:00 A.M. The Saint Lawrence Knights of Columbus will be hosting a defensive driving course at the St. Lawrence School Gym. Save money on your insurance, remove points from your license. Good for three years. Class is \$45.00 in advance or \$50.00 at the door. Class limit is 40, registration is required. Please call 631-589-4839 or email drivingclass2458@gmail.com. Please make checks payable to: "St. Lawrence Council # 2458".



Mass Intentions

Saturday	April 30,
5:00 PM	Walter Kelt † Anthony Mazza Jr. † Jakov Toich †
Sunday	May 1,
7:30 AM	Parishioners of OLS
9:00 AM	Jimmy Veritch †
11:00 AM	Living and Deceased Member of the Hill Family †
Monday	May 2,
8:30 AM	Robert E. Flynn †
Tuesday	May 3,
8:30 AM	Joseph A Amendola †
Wednesday	May 4,
8:30 AM	Carol McCluskey †
Thursday	May 5,
8:30 AM	Melchor Garcia †
Friday	May 6,
8:30 AM	Louise McQuade †
Saturday	May 7,
5:00 PM	Ann Henry Morgan † Michael Kissane † Anthony Mfazza Jr. †
Sunday	May 8,
7:30 AM	Mothers Day Novena
9:00 AM	Patricia Torma †
11:00 AM	Parishioners of OLS



*Altar Bread and Wine
In Memory of Louise McQuade*

*Sanctuary Candle in Mother Church
In Memory of the members of the
Hill Family*

Gospel Reflection by Michael Dawidziak

Another chance. We've all made wrong decisions and bad choices in life. We wish with all our hearts that we could get a do-over. Give me one more chance and I'll do it right this time. In essence, this is the entire meaning of Jesus' birth, life, death and resurrection. We all get another chance to do it right this time. In fact, we get an unlimited number of chances to do it right. Jesus' sacrifice meant that all mankind was being offered another chance. As sincere as our desire for redemption might be the truth is, if left to our own devices, we most probably won't do any better than before. That's because we don't know how. The good news (the meaning of the word gospel) is that Jesus not only provides another chance but He also tells us how to take full advantage of them. In today's gospel reading from John, Jesus tells Peter how to do it right this time.

Peter had obviously screwed up badly by denying that he knew Jesus three times. And this after boasting he would die for Him. In this last gospel story, we find Peter returning to his prior profession prior only to be met with failure. After fishing through the night to early dawn, he has caught nothing. Relying on mere human skill and expertise is not sufficient. Nor can Peter return to his old way of life. Once we have welcomed Jesus into our hearts, we can't return to our old way of living. We are changed forever. We are a new creation. Jesus asks Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" The word "these" is often read as indicating the other disciples. But maybe Jesus was referring to the fish, the boats and nets. Perhaps the question really was, "Do you love Me more than your worldly calling? Are you willing to give it all up for Me?" Jesus addresses Peter by his original name. Jesus had told him he was Peter, a word that meant rock and up to that point was not a normal first name. Peter must have thought that was all over now. He had his chance and he blew it. He obviously wasn't fit for leadership and was no longer the rock that Christ's church would be built on.

Jesus asks Peter three times if he loves Him. Theologians surmise that Jesus asks him three times as a way of expunging the three past denials. A major challenge in translating the original texts of the Bible is that the original languages had so fewer words than our modern English. We might have several words that mean essentially the same thing such as: "wonderful", "awesome" & "magnificent". Ancient languages usually would have one word that would be used to convey several meanings. The notable exception is love. The ancient Greeks had at least four and as many as eight words for different kinds of love. *Eros* was passionate love. *Philia* was brotherly love (hence Philadelphia being the city of brotherly love). But the ultimate love was *Agape* which was self-sacrificial love. When Jesus says, "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." (John 15:13) the original Greek word is *Agape*.

The first two times Jesus asks Peter if he loves Him, the Greek word used is *Agape*. But Peter's response uses *Philia* or brotherly love. Peter knows when he had his chance, he didn't demonstrate *Agape* love for Jesus. The third time Jesus asks, the word used is for brotherly love. Maybe that's why Peter is grieved. Not just because Jesus asks a third time but because he feels that He lowered the standard. But Jesus didn't lower the standard. Jesus not only asks Peter if he loves Him above all others and things (*Agape*) but also does he love Him like a brother (*Philia*). Was Peter willing to be like Jesus? And how are Peter and we supposed to be like Jesus? If you love Me, feed my lambs. Take my place as the one who is sent. Jesus doesn't sugar coat it. He tells Peter the price to keep this commitment will be his martyrdom. Peter is being offered another chance. Jesus tells him what he must do to keep the commitment this time. Love Me. Take care of the sheep. Follow Me.

Peter is still human and he will still fail and sin. He's no longer the self-reliant firebrand of the earlier gospels. He says to Jesus that You know all things. You know me better than I know myself. I promised I would never deny You but You knew me better. But I know I love you. Jesus knew it too. Then Peter sees John following them. Peter knows that John has a special place in Jesus' heart. Lord, what about this man? Will he be martyred too? Jesus tells Peter that he only need be concerned with making decisions about his own life and his own choices. You are to follow Me. Jesus had His plans for John too but they would be different than Peter's. That's the way it is with us. We all need to say yes to God but what that will mean for each of us will be different. God will provide the lambs to be fed. And He'll provide the food, just as He provided the fish. To be a disciple of Jesus is to be asked the question, 'Do you love me?' often. If our answer is "yes" than we have to do something about it. And what is that something? "Feed My sheep". "Follow Me". Jesus offers us another chance. That's a chance worth taking.

Liturgical Ministry Training

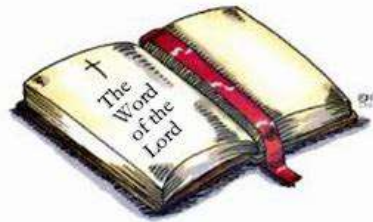
“Whenever I go to the chapel, I put myself in the presence of our good Lord, and I say to him, Lord I am here. Tell me what you would have me to do ... God always speaks to you when you approach him plainly and simply.”

St. Catherine Laboure



Our Lady of the Snow is in need of volunteers who would like to bring the Blessed Sacrament to those who are no longer able to attend Mass.

If you feel that you would like to be a part of this beautiful Ministry, there are upcoming training sessions available.



We are also looking for people called to proclaim The Word of God as Lectors as well as Eucharistic Ministers.

Dates and locations for Liturgical Minister Training

Saturday, May 14- Christ the King / Commack- Pastoral Center Gym; 9 am- noon.
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Part A
and Lectors

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Part B (Homebound)

June 11- Christ the King / Commack- Sienna Room; 9 am-12 noon

A letter from your pastor will be required to complete your registration and must be received at least five days prior to the session you wish to attend. To request registration for any of these sessions, please contact your rectory.

Thank you for your interest!

For questions, please call Suzanne Lynn at 516-744-6850 or email worship@drvc.org

Split the Pot

Drawing to be held on Sunday, June 12, 2022
Our Lady of the Snow Church
3 Lucky Winners

To Benefit the food pantry and Outreach program

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Donation of \$5 or 6 for \$25

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PARISH OUTREACH FUNDRAISER 2022

During these very difficult economic times many of our neighbors depend on our food pantry to survive.

They are the sick, the disabled, the seniors on fixed incomes, the newly unemployed, the underemployed, single parents and hard-working families who struggle to pay for food and basic needs for their children and themselves.

Please support our 2022 Fundraiser the SPLIT-THE-POT Raffle.

The Split the Pot this year will follow the same pattern established in the past. Half of the proceeds will go directly to Our Lady of the Snow Outreach and the other half will be split among three winners. The drawing will be on **Sunday, June 12th** after the 11:00 am Mass. **The winner does not need to be present.**

Please use the attached tickets. (Six) tickets at \$5.00 each, or \$25.00 for the booklet of all six. (1 free!) Tickets may be returned to the rectory or Outreach office. They may also be mailed to the Outreach office at 175 Blue Point Avenue, Blue Point, New York 11715

Thank you for your support of our program and helping those in need.

*Certain gambling winnings will require a W-2G form.