



Our Lady of the Snow

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

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Rev. Kevin M. Smith, Pastor

*July 17, 2022 Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
He 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
and 10:00 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 18, 4:45 pm
Mother Church

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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.

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

LT 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

Pvt. 1st Class Zachary Giglio



Pray for Our Sick

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

Joseph Brown

In Sympathy

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

**Dcn Robert Gronenthal
Sister James Thomas (Jamie)**

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

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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;

Mac & Cheese
Pasta Sauce
Rice
Canned fruit
Juice
Cookies
Crackers
Chili
Ketchup
Mayonnaise
Jelly
Salmon
Toothbrushes
Cleaning supplies
Kitchen garbage bags
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.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT:
\$ 7724



*Altar Bread and Wine
In Memory of
Robert Gronenthal*

*Sanctuary Candle in Mother Church
In Memory of Robert Gronenthal*



Mass Intentions

Saturday	July 16,
5:00 PM	Frank Meyers † Muriel Meyers † Robert Eck †
Sunday	July 17,
7:30 AM	Parishioners of OLS †
10:00 AM	John Pruser † John Andriano †
Monday	July 18, St Camillus
8:30 AM	Vincent Amendola †
Tuesday	July 19,
8:30 AM	Kathryn Scottaline †
Wednesday	July 20, St Apolinaris
8:30 AM	Joseph Gydus †
Thursday	July 21, St. Lawrence
8:30 AM	Father Kevin Smith (living)
Friday	July 22, St. Mary Magdalene
8:30 AM	Fr Joseph Gaspar (living)
Saturday	July 23, St Bridget
5:00 PM	Melchor Garcia † Florence E. Talluto †
Sunday	July 24,
7:30 AM	Randi Dunn †
10:00 AM	Charles Kiefer †

SAVE THE DATE

**Our Lady of the Snow
Golf Outing**

**Tuesday, October 4, 2022
Rockhill Golf and Country club**

Faith Formation News

Onsite classes have ended for the 2021-22 school year. Faith Formation Google Classrooms are currently unavailable during the months of July and August as they are being updated for the new school year.

Registration for the 2022-2023

Faith Formation Year is now open on the parish website under the Faith Formation tab. Those already registered have been directed to a shorter form through a link sent in Remind. Preparation for 1st Holy Communion is a two-year process, beginning with parent & child meetings in grade 1 and continuing with classes in grade 2. A copy of the Baptismal certificate must be provided with each new registrant for our records.

Contact:

The Faith Formation Office, now located in the large church, can be accessed by ringing the bell next to the front doors of the large church. The Faith Formation Office is open from 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. Monday - Thursday. The Faith Formation Office is closed on Fridays. Please call ahead to make an appointment, 631-363-6385 x 130.

Please note: The Faith Formation Office will be closed from July 25th through August 5th

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

Saturday, July 23, 2022 @ 9:00 A.M. The Saint Lawrence Knights of Columbus will be hosting a defensive driving course at the Bethany Center, St. Lawrence Church. 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".

WHAT'S YOUR CATHOLIC IQ?

A Self-Assessment for Your Fun and Enlightenment!

(Permission granted by Joe Paprocki, D.Min. and Catechist Magazine)

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.

1. What four letters are the initials for the Latin title that Pontius Pilate had written over the head of Jesus on the cross?

(a) RCIA; (b) INRI; (c) AMDG; (d) PHLM

2. What word describes religious communities that live enclosed within the walls of a monastery?

(a) cloistered; (b) mendicant; (c) contemplative; (d) enclaved

3. *In nomine Patris, et _____, et Spiritus Sancti. Amen.*

(a) *Memoriam*; (b) *Domine*; (c) *Benedictus*; (d) *Filii*

4. Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics _____ years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent?

(a) 7; (b) 14; (c) 21; (d) 18

5. Which of the following is a Corporal Work of Mercy?

(a) Carry your cross; (b) comfort the sorrowful; (c) bear wrongs patiently; (d) clothe the naked

Catholic IQ Answers:

1. b; 2. a; 3. d; 4. b; 5. d

Gospel Reflection by Michael Dawidziak

“Martha, Martha, Martha!” Okay, in actuality, Jesus only says her name twice when correcting her annoyance with her sister Mary in today’s gospel reading from Luke. But how can you resist adding a Jan Brady type third one when it comes to one sister complaining about another? It’s hard not to agree with Martha’s complaint and identify with her confusion. Jesus devoted much of His teaching to the ideal of service. In John’s gospel, He washes the feet of His disciples as an example to them to serve each other. (John 13:4-17) Jesus said, “The greatest among you shall be your servant.” (Matthew 23:11). Also, “And whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve”. (Mark 10:44-45) And “For who is the greater, one who reclines at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table? But I am among you as the one who serves.” (Luke 22:27). So, back to poor Martha who’s not only doing all the work but seemingly following Jesus’ teaching about serving and she’s the one who gets corrected. What gives?

It’s a question of priorities. Martha’s serving wasn’t wrong but as Jesus tells her, “Mary has chosen the better part”. Mary gives us what is possibly the best example of all time on how to pray contemplatively. The Church teaches us there are three types of prayer. First is spoken prayer where we use words to address God. The second is meditative prayer, like when we read a gospel passage and meditate on what God is trying to teach us through it. The third is contemplative prayer where no words are necessary. It is the simple act of wanting to dwell in God’s presence and be united with Him. It’s finding the pearl of great price that you would be willing to give up everything else for. (Matthew 13:45-46) It’s about God being your heart’s desire. This is the part that Mary chose. Martha isn’t wrong and indeed serving is necessary. It’s just out of order in importance. Jesus is telling her the serving can wait. But first love God and desire His presence.

Much like Martha, we often think we can figure out what is the right course of action on our own and think we know how to best please God. We even think we know how others should best serve God. What we don’t realize is that we’re attempting to lead instead of following and that’s when we can often go astray. Remember that before his conversion, Saint Paul thought the best way of serving God was to persecute Christians. Try as hard as we might, we can’t make ourselves righteous in God’s sight. It’s only when we surrender to God and accept the free gift of salvation through Jesus’ life, death and resurrection that we can actually start living for God. Action and service are absolutely necessary but only after we’re sure we are following God’s will. Not our own. In the parable about the houses built on rock and on sand, Jesus says, “Therefore, everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock.” (Matthew 7:24). Listen first, then act. Not the other way around.

All of today’s readings touch upon these themes of desiring, being instructed by and serving God. In our first reading from Genesis, Abraham is visited by “three men”. Bible scholars differ in their opinions of the identity of these “three men”. Some see them as the Trinity. Others say only one member of the Trinity and two angels. And still others say they are all angelic messengers of God. Whichever is correct, Abraham clearly sees something of the divine in these visitors. He had already defeated the four kings of Canaan, been blessed by the priest Melchizedek and had multiple conversations directly with God. He obviously would not have been impressed with mere human visitors. Abraham bows to the ground and begs them to stay. He says, “Sir, if I may ask you this favor, please do not go on past your servant.” Here we see Abraham’s ardent desire for God’s presence and his desire to serve God. He offers to bathe their feet and serve them food. In our second reading Saint Paul says in his letter to the Colossians that he is “a minister in accordance with God’s stewardship given to me”. He’s no longer trying to figure it out by himself but now listens first to God’s guidance.

It would be an injustice for Martha to only be remembered for this single instance. When we next hear of Martha and Mary, after the death of their brother Lazarus, she more than makes up for it. Jesus asks her a tough question. He says, “I am the resurrection. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” In the midst of her grief, Martha responds, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.” (John 11:23-27) Now that’s faith! Many believed Jesus was a great teacher with miraculous powers but Martha was one of the very few to identify Him as God’s Son. Martha’s got her priorities straight. We can hear Jesus saying her name now, “Martha, Martha” only with love and approval. She has chosen the better part.

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A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

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register for our upcoming program beginning*

September, 2022

contact

1-800-470-2230

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You will be connected directly and confidentially to a couple
from Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille Community who can help.

Holy Trinity Class of 1982

40th Reunion

Friday, July 22nd and Saturday, July 23rd!

Friday, July 22nd
East Meadow Fire Dept.
Benevolent Hall
170 Maple Ave
7:00 PM

Saturday, July 23rd
Eisenhower Park
N Linden A Picnic Area
Parking Lot 6A
1:00 PM

\$60 includes Dinner and Drinks at Friday's Event
Bring your own food and drinks for Saturday!

Venmo @ginrit

Money due by Sunday, July 17th

If you have any questions, call or text Ginny at 516 859-4940
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“Once a Titan, Always a Titan”
