



Our Lady of the Snow

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

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Rev. Kevin M. Smith, Pastor

***July 24, 2022 17th Sunday in 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**

Summer schedule will end in September

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 26, 4:45 pm
Mother Church**

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Pray for Our Sick

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

Joseph Brown

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



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. During these difficult economic times we are helping many in need in our community, Together we can make a big difference!

Our current food pantry needs are:

Pasta Sauce
Canned fruit
Juice
Mustard
Mayonnaise
Salmon
Hair conditioner
Deodorant
Cleaning supplies
Kitchen garbage bags
Laundry detergent
Dog and Cat food.



All donations may be left outside the pantry doors in the large church before mass on 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.

Thank You

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT:
\$ 6931**



*Altar Bread and Wine
In Memory of Linda McBride*

*Sanctuary Candle in Mother Church
In Memory of Linda McBride*



Mass Intentions

Saturday	July 23,
5:00 PM	Melchor Garcia † Florence E. Talluto †
Sunday	July 24,
7:30 AM	Randi Dunn †
10:00 AM	Charles Kiefer †
Monday	July 25, St James
8:30 AM	Catherine Ranone †
Tuesday	July 26, St Joachim & Anne
8:30 AM	John Connor †
Wednesday	July 27,
8:30 AM	Ann Fucci †
Thursday	July 28,
8:30 AM	Ann Fucci †
Friday	July 29, St Martha
8:30 AM	Marge Nardone (living)
Saturday	July 30,
5:00 PM	Joseph P. Serafini † Jennifer Cooke-Mennella (living)
Sunday	July 31,
7:30 AM	Parishioners of OLS
10:00 AM	Theresa Marcello † Patricia Janetka †

Just a reminder the summer schedule is just temporary it will go back on September.



Please Join Us
4pm - 7pm in the Mother Church



First Friday Adoration

Starting August 5, 2022

and continuing every First Friday of each month.

“Mary has Chosen the Better Part”

We are extending an invitation for everyone to take some time to sit before the Blessed Sacrament and quietly rest in the Peace of Christ. What a wonderful way to offer your

Pains and Joys to the Lord, to give Thanks, and... to listen to His voice.

“God always speaks to you, when you approach Him plainly and simply.”

Please join us... for an hour, or simply a few minutes of quiet prayer and meditation.

Gospel Reflection by Michael Dawidziak

“Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.” Such are the astounding promises Jesus makes in today’s reading from Luke’s gospel. Sounds too good to be true. The real question though isn’t whether we believe Jesus’ assurance; the question we should be asking is “what are we seeking?”. There were certain topics Jesus had a lot to say about. One was certainly forgiveness. Another was faith. Another was about not being afraid or worrying. And another was prayer. Jesus had A LOT to say about prayer. That’s what today’s readings are all about, especially the gospel which is a somewhat lengthy discourse on prayer by Jesus. We should study it carefully. Who better to learn about prayer from than Jesus? Who better than an actual member of the Holy Trinity to tell us how God likes to be spoken to? Prayer is divided into two categories. Public prayer and private prayer. Public prayer is the praying we do together. By definition it has to have a formula and structure to it if we’re going to do it together. If everybody just got up and prayed their own words all at the same time it would sound like a cacophony of noise.

Here Jesus is addressing private prayer. Just between you and God. In Matthew’s version of this episode, Jesus tells us not to pray publicly to be seen by others because that shouldn’t be our motivation in the first place. He tells us to go to our private room, shut the door and shut out the rest of the world. Jesus tells His disciples not to babble or multiply words. Don’t say words that have no meaning in them or have no fire of love behind them. (Matthew 6:5-13) As an example, He gives them what is the most popular prayer in history. The “Our Father” or “The Lord’s Prayer”. Chances are all of us have said this prayer more often than any other in our lifetimes. Jesus goes on to say that “everyone who asks, receives”. That’s hard to believe, isn’t it? Perhaps one of the main problems for us is that, to our minds, this has an air of instantaneity to it. We only need to say the magic words and abracadabra, we get what we asked for. Our loved one is miraculously cured. We get the job we interviewed for. We win the lottery. Do we really think that’s how it works? How God works?

Jesus’ wonderful invitation here involves praying with faith. The dictionary defines faith as, “complete trust or confidence in someone or something.” Jesus is inviting us and challenging us to trust. One challenge to belief is when people, whose faith is undeveloped, think God didn’t answer their prayer so what’s the point in believing in God? But the truth is, God always answers prayers. Sometimes we just don’t like the answer. Earthly parents can’t and shouldn’t always say “yes” to every request their child makes. God, who is the ultimate all-wise parent, is certainly not always going to say “yes” to all our requests. Jesus’ challenge to us is to trust in God and believe that His plans for us are so much better than any we could come up with for ourselves, even if we can’t see it at the time. And sometimes, we’re so impatient, we can’t see that God is in the process of answering our prayer but on God’s timeframe, not ours. And lastly, sometimes we’re too blind to see that God has already answered our prayer. We just didn’t recognize it because He didn’t answer it the way we would have. We must trust that God’s answer to our prayer is always what’s best for us. Granted, that’s not easy. Sometimes it takes time. Sometimes it takes wisdom & introspection. But it always takes faith.

Jesus compares our earthly abilities and motives to God’s very much superior ones. Jesus says to pray continuously and never lose heart. He uses the example of the friend who calls to borrow some bread at midnight. He says he will get what he asks for because of his persistence. Jesus isn’t saying that God only answers prayers when we wear Him down. On the contrary, He is comparing human motivation swayed by self-interest to the all-merciful and all-just God. In our first reading from Genesis, Abraham actually petitions God by haggling with Him. Would God spare Sodom if there were fifty good men in it? God says yes. Eventually, Abraham gets the number down to ten and God still says yes. Now that’s praying boldly and persistently! God already knew there weren’t ten good men in Sodom. He could have just told Abraham not to bother petitioning. But it pleases God when we pray for each other and show the God-like attribute of compassion.

Jesus assures us that those who seek will find. But what are we seeking when we pray? If it’s just a shopping list of things we desire, we’re going about it the wrong way. Prayer is more than just petition. Prayer is raising our hearts and minds to God. It is a desire to be in relationship with God. This should be the true motivation of prayer. Notice that Jesus says, “If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!” What we receive in prayer is the gift of God’s presence. There is nothing better to seek nor no greater find. Amen.

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



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. The prayer traditionally prayed at 6 a.m., 12 noon and 6 p.m. is the...

(a) *Regina Coeli*; (b) *Agnus Dei*; (c) *E Pluribus*; (d) *Angelus*

2. The three Lenten disciplines are...

(a) Poverty, chastity and obedience; (b) prayer, fasting and almsgiving; (c) giving up candy, smoking and swearing; (d) feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, visiting the sick

3. A hymn often sung during the Way of the Cross is...

(a) *Nihil Obstat*; (b) *Mater Dei*; (c) *Shabbas Shalom*; (d) *Stabat Mater*

4. During October 2008, the Synod of Bishops met in Rome to focus on...

(a) vocations; (b) St. Paul; (c) Scripture; (d) the clergy sex abuse crisis

5. Which of the following liturgical colors will not appear between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday?

(A) red; (b) green; (c) purple; (d) white



Catholic IQ Answers:

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

SAVE THE DATE

**Church Golf
Tournament**



Our Lady of the Snow
Golf Outing
Tuesday , October 4, 2022
Rockhill Golf and Country club
Come play Golf or just come for Dinner!!!!