



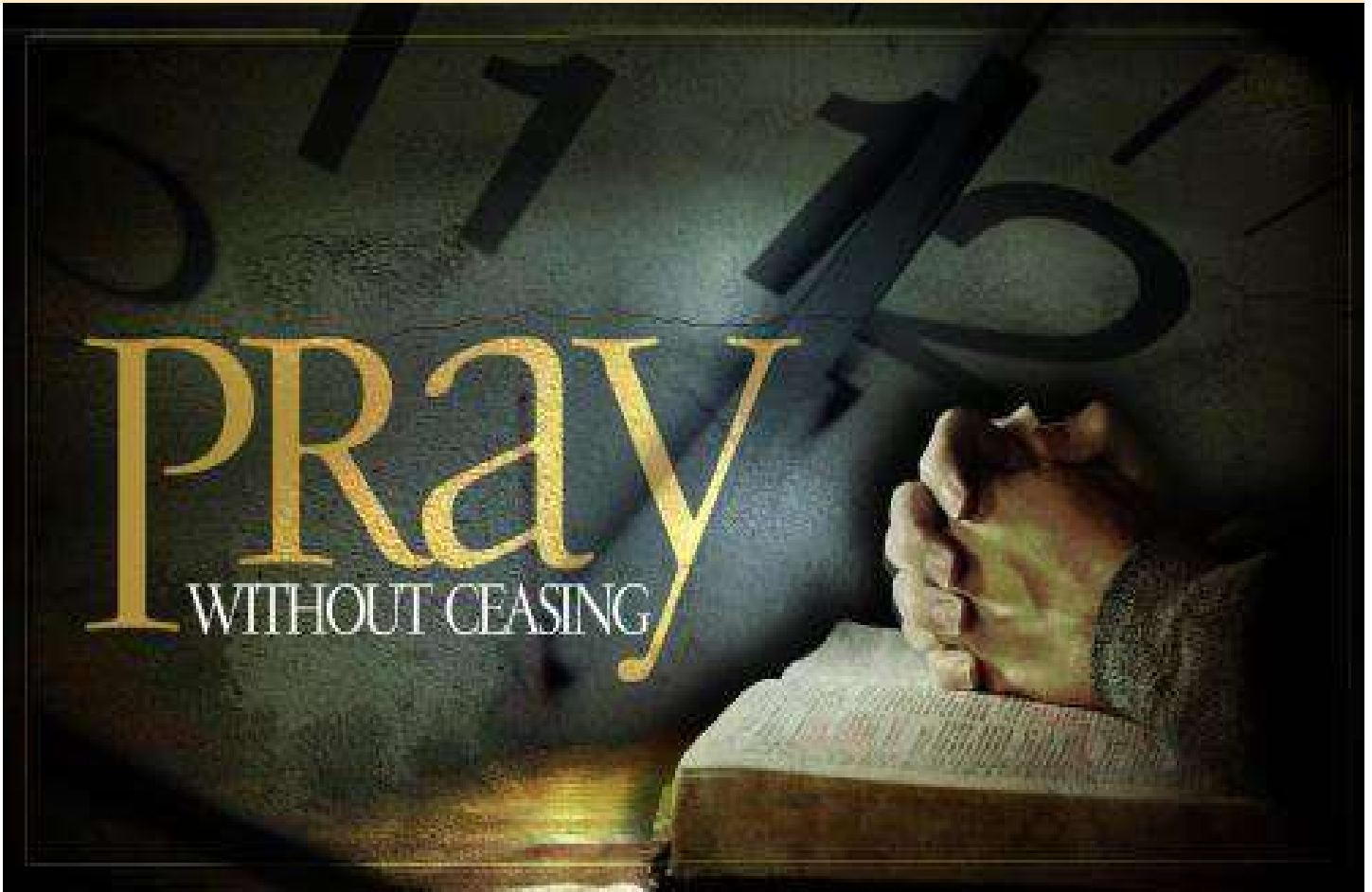
## ***Our Lady of the Snow***

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

*Telephone: 631-363-6385*

*Rev. Kevin M. Smith, Pastor*

***October 16, 2022 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.***



### **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

**First Friday Adoration 4-7  
November 4th**

### **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:**

October 18, 4:45 pm  
Mother Church

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**Deacon Edward Karan**

**Pastoral Associate**

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**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

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Hours: Mon. - Thur. 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

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

### **In Sympathy**

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

**James Dunbar**

### **Pray for Our Sick**

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

*Lou Consiglio*

### **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**



### **Wedding Banns**

**George Ringer & Jillian Iorio**

## 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  
 Juice  
 Cookies  
 Crackers  
 Pancake mix  
 Syrup  
 Bar soap  
 Tissues  
 Cleaning supplies  
 Kitchen garbage bags  
 Paper towels  
 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

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT:  
 \$ 7390**



*Altar Bread and Wine  
 In Memory of John Peltier*

*Sanctuary Candle in Mother Church  
 In Memory of John Peltier*



## Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Oct 15,</b>
5:00 PM	Francis Nevins †
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Oct 16,</b>
7:30 AM	Elaine Kelley (Birthday) † Barbara Cheyne †
9:00 AM	Parishioners of OLS
11:00 AM	Joel Camarda † Kris Pawlitschek † Vincent Cirrito †
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Oct 17, St Ignatius</b>
8:30 AM	Dcn Robert Gronenthal †
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Oct 18, St Luke</b>
8:30 AM	Thomas Toscano †
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Oct 19, St John de Brebeuf</b>
8:30 AM	Deidre Curran †
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Oct 20, St. Paul</b>
8:30 AM	Kathryn Scottaline †
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Oct 21,</b>
8:30 AM	Richard & Veronica Dilger †
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Oct 22, St John Paul II</b>
5:00 PM	Deceased members of Santos & Talavera †
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Oct 23,</b>
7:30 AM	Eleanor D. Schaal 16th Anniv.
9:00 AM	Parishioners of OLS †
11:00 AM	Michael John Trudnak †

### *Important Diocese of Rockville Centre Information*

Information regarding a new deadline to file proofs of claim for victims of sexual abuse who were 18 or older when the alleged conduct occurred and the forms to use, can be found by clicking on the following link to the Diocese's bankruptcy website and scrolling down the page: <https://dm.epiq11.com/drvc>

### News from the Office of Faith Formation

Onsite Classes Classes begin the week of October 17th. See the schedule linked on our parish website for level- specific times/dates.

Oct. 23- Levels 5 & 6 Family Mass, 11 a.m.

October 30- Levels 2&3 Saint Parade at Family Mass, 11 a.m. Students in Levels 2 and 3 are encouraged to come to Mass dressed as a Saint. Catechists of levels 2-3 are welcome to participate.

Home Study Students- Directions for signing in to our Google Classrooms is posted under the Faith Formation tab on our parish website. Assignments are posted on the 1st of the month. October assignments have been posted.

Level 9 Google Classroom- All Level 9 students must be signed into Level 9 Google Classroom to complete forms and projects, while also attending onsite class.

Faith Formation Contact: The Faith Formation Office is located in the Large Church and can be accessed by pressing the Ring to the left of the front doors of the Large Church. The Office is open Monday through Thursday. The office is closed on Fridays. Please call ahead to make an appointment with FF Director, Loren Christie, before stopping by. Loren can be reached at 631-363-6385 x 130.

### RESPECT LIFE DIAPER DRIVE



During the whole month of October, the Respect Life Ministry will hold a diaper drive to support women who seek help at The Life Center of Long Island. Please leave donations of diapers- all sizes, and pull-ups, in the box on the stage in the large church.

### We're looking for Volunteers and Facilitators for the following Ministries

*RCIA , Altar Guild, Lectors  
Pre-Cana Couples, Youth Ministry  
Senior Social, Altar Servers  
Baptism Couples*

If interested, please contact Deacon Ed  
Also, Let us know If you have any  
recommendations for other Ministries you  
would like to see initiated here at  
Our Lady of the Snow. Thanks



THANK YOU THANK YOU  
THANK YOU!!!

We got 77 donations !!!  
231 Lives will be positively affected.

### RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY NEWS

**Pregnant and parenting moms in need are in our parish and our neighborhood. As Pope Francis reminds us, our parishes need to be "islands of mercy in the midst of the sea of indifference."**

**In order to assess, expand, and better communicate resources to local pregnant moms and families in need, our parish Respect Life Ministry is joining a nationwide effort entitled: "Walking with Moms in Need."**

**There will be a fall meeting of the Respect Life Ministry on November 3rd at 6 p.m. in the Faith Formation Office. We will be discussing our Walking with Moms in Need initiative. All are welcome. For more information about this nationwide initiative, visit [www.walkingwithmoms.com](http://www.walkingwithmoms.com).**

## *Gospel Reflection by Michael Dawidziak*

“Persistence pays off.” So states this well-known proverb. All of today’s readings tell us that this saying is particularly true when it comes to our faith and prayer life. Persevere in your faith and your prayers and you will succeed. But life can be hard and all the platitudes about perseverance often don’t seem to help. “Keep going!” “Don’t quit!” “Keep on keepin’ on!” “When life gets tough, the tough get going!” etc. It is at our times of greatest struggle that we must learn to fully rely on God. He has given us His Holy Spirit to be with us forever. (John 14:16) One of the gifts of the Holy Spirit is fortitude. This virtue is also described as persistence, zeal, effort, diligence and even stubbornness. When you read about the lives of the saints, you find that they all needed the gift of fortitude. This virtue is what today’s readings are all about.

Our first reading from the Book of Exodus finds the Israelites in a dire situation. They are about to be attacked by the Amalekites. The Israelites have just left Egypt where they had been slaves and shepherds, not soldiers. God has delivered them from slavery, destroyed Pharaoh’s mighty army and given them bread from Heaven and quails to eat. Yet they still grumbled about needing water saying, “Is Yahweh with us or not?” (Exodus 17:7) We can marvel at their lack of trust but how often in times of stress do we feel or say the same thing? Joshua leads the Israelites while Moses stands on a hilltop overlooking the battle holding high the staff of God. As long as his hands were raised, Israel had the better of the fight. But his arms grew weary and when he let them rest, Israel had the worst of the battle. Aaron and Hur helped to support Moses’ arms so he can persevere in keeping them raised for Israel to win the battle. There’s a valuable lesson here for us. We too need to rely on God but also need help and support from each other. Our faith journey is not meant to be a lonely one.

In our epistle reading from his second letter to Timothy, we actually hear Saint Paul order his young protégé to be persistent in his calling. Timothy was following him down a road that Paul knew by experience was full of opposition and persecution. Paul is in fact, writing from a prison cell, not sure if he will ever be able to freely preach the gospel again. Regardless, he knows that this most important work will have to be carried on by others. Paul’s words go beyond mere advice. There is a sense of legal obligation to them. He tells Timothy, “I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus”. Paul doesn’t fool around with his choice of witnesses! And what does he charge him to do? To “be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient”. Paul knows full well the challenges Timothy will face and that he will need this virtue in abundance.

In our reading from Luke’s gospel, Jesus also stresses the need for persistence. This is actually a pretty common theme for Jesus. He healed the daughter of the Canaanite woman because she refused to give up seeking His help. Seeing her persistence, Jesus paid her one of His highest compliments: “Oh woman, you have great faith”. (Matthew 15:21-28) Back in July, we heard in our gospel reading Jesus’ story about the man who knocked on his friend’s door at midnight to borrow some bread. Although his friend at first tells him to go away, Jesus says that even though friendship wouldn’t be a strong enough motivation, his friend “will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence.” (Luke 11:5-8) In today’s gospel, Jesus tells a parable of an unscrupulous judge who refused to deliver justice to a widow. In picking a widow as the protagonist of the story, Jesus was choosing someone who was in the most difficult and vulnerable time of life. In Biblical times, widows could not inherit property, so losing a husband meant losing a provider and protector. The widow refuses to let up in her demands for justice and the judge finally relents. The point here is that we should never lose heart but pray to God all the time.

Some might read this as meaning God only answers our prayers when we wear Him down with petition. This clearly is not what Jesus is saying. God is all powerful. It would be impossible to wear Him down. The judge doesn’t give the widow justice because it’s the right thing to do. He’s strictly motivated by self-interest. He makes his decisions based on “what’s in it for me”. Jesus is not comparing God to the character of the judge. What Jesus says here is if *even* the unjust judge will answer numerous and persistent petitions how much more will God, who is a just judge, answer His children’s prayers? Jesus is comparing human motivation swayed by self-interest to the all-merciful, all-loving and all-just God. We should be confident that God has the ability to help and always be persistent in seeking it. Saint Paul says of God, “To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, he will give eternal life.” (Romans 2:7) What we seek is life eternal with our all-loving God. And that’s the best possible pay off for persistence.

***Parish Outreach  
Thanksgiving and Christmas  
program for those in need in our community.***

We are requesting donations of local supermarket gift cards for the Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets.

Our Families will be receiving local store gift cards to Target, CVS and Marshalls for the Christmas gift program. We would appreciate these gift card donations as soon as possible, to assist all those in need in our program this year.

***How do I donate to this program?***



- • \$25 supermarket gift card,
- • \$25 gift card to Target, CVS or Marshalls,
- • Write a check to Our Lady of The Snow in any amount, and we will purchase the gift card as requested. (Please write Attention – Parish Outreach on the envelope)

Feel free to drop your donation in the collection basket at mass, or at the Outreach office Monday-Thursday 10am-1pm.

**If you prefer to give on line. Go to the Church website;  
[www.ourladyofthesnowbluepoint.com](http://www.ourladyofthesnowbluepoint.com)**

- • Go to Outreach heading
- • Go to Giving-Outreach
- • You will see the categories for your donation.
- • We will then purchase the gift card as requested.



Any questions?

E mail [olsoutreach@yahoo.com](mailto:olsoutreach@yahoo.com) or call the Outreach Office at 363-2417, Monday through Thursday 10AM - 1PM with any questions or further inquiries or leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible. Thank you for your support.



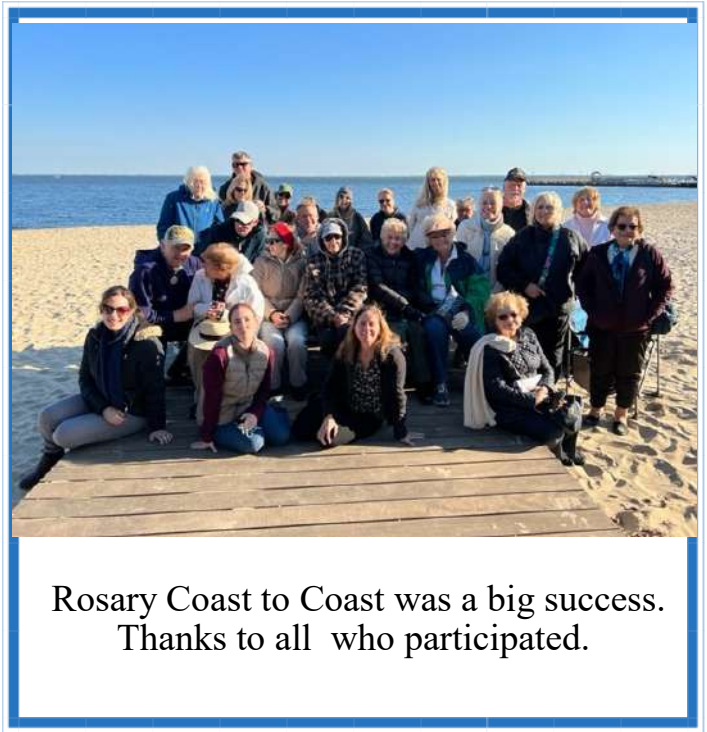
*Coping with Loss during the Holidays*  
*"The Unwanted Gift of Grief"*

**Sponsored by Bereavement Ministry**  
**Church of St. Mary, East Islip, NY**

**Thursday, November 10, 2022**  
**7:30pm to 9:00pm**  
**Sacred Heart Hall**  
**East Islip, NY 11730**

**Please RSVP to (631) 581-4266**  
**ext. 125 to reserve your seat**  
Refreshments will be served.

Free will offering is appreciated



Rosary Coast to Coast was a big success.  
Thanks to all who participated.