



Our Lady of the Snow

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

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Rev. Kevin M. Smith, Pastor

*November 27, 2022 First Sunday in Advent
Let us go rejoicing in the house of the Lord*

Light the candle of hope today



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
Dec 2nd**

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 1, 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.

Pray for Our Sick

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

In Sympathy

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

Lou Consiglio, Joseph Voetter

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.

God Bless our Troops Please keep them in your prayers

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



We are getting ready for Christmas.

If you are interested in helping

decorate the two Churches for

Christmas, please call

Loraine in the Parish Office

631 363-6385

Food Pantry

1 in 10 people on Long Island are suffering from food insecurity. Thank you for helping your neighbors in need in our community

Our current food pantry needs are:

- Jelly
- juice/juice boxes
- Crackers/cookies
- Pancake mix and syrup
- Deodorant
- Feminine hygiene products
- Cleaning supplies
- Kitchen garbage bags
- Paper towels
- Toilet paper
- Laundry detergent



*****Please check expiration dates before donating******

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 King Kullen in Blue Point to the left of the exit doors. Thank You!!!

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT:
Will be reported next week**



*Altar Bread and Wine
In Memory of Joseph Voetter*

*Sanctuary Candle in Mother Church
In Memory of Joseph Voetter*



Mass Intentions

Saturday	Nov 26,
5:00 PM	Patricia Torma † Maryeve Brill †
Sunday	Nov 27,
7:30 AM	Parishioners of OLS †
9:00 AM	John Delaney †
11:00 AM	Eleanor J. McDonald † 10th Anniversary
Monday	Nov 28,
8:30 AM	Gerard Case †
Tuesday	Nov 29,
8:30 AM	Ann Simon †
Wednesday	Nov 30,
8:30 AM	Holly Cupani †
Thursday	Dec 1,
8:30 AM	Joan Hallock †
Friday	Dec 2,
8:30 AM	Fr. Don Beaudois S.J. †
Saturday	Dec 3,
5:00 PM	Clementine Eugenio † Lou Consiglio †
Sunday	Dec 4,
7:30 AM	Judy DePalma †
9:00 AM	Parishioners of OLS
11:00 AM	Matt Ress †



Wedding Banns

Derek Spero &
Kathleen Sweeney

Parish Outreach
Christmas program for those in need in our community.

We are requesting donations of local supermarket gift cards for the 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**

- 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 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.



Gospel Reflection by Michael Dawidziak

“Preparation is the key to success.” So said Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone. All of our readings today, written hundreds of years before Mr. Bell, say the same thing. There’s not much arguing with this sage bit of advice but it should lead us to ask ourselves two very important questions. One, what are we preparing for? And two, how do we define success? Surely this adage can be applied to financial prosperity or a victorious sport’s strategy. But I believe we all know that our Bible readings are talking about far more important matters than these. Today we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent which is a season of prayer, fasting and penitence but most of all preparation. Most would say we are preparing to welcome Jesus into the world as God incarnate, a baby born to Mary in Bethlehem. But that’s not completely correct. We are indeed preparing to celebrate His first coming but much more importantly, we are preparing for His Second Coming. That’s why all of our readings on this First Sunday of Advent are focused on Jesus’ return.

In our first reading from the Book of Isaiah, the prophet tells the people to be prepared for something new and astonishing. We most often think of war as something a nation needs to be prepared for. War and invasion were just as common in Biblical times as they are today and that makes Isaiah’s prophecy all the more amazing. He tells the people to be prepared for peace! How does one prepare for peace? Isaiah says, “one nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again,” We read “In days to come, the mountain of the Lord’s house shall be established as the highest mountain”. Jewish readers of the time would have identified this as Mount Moriah in Jerusalem where the Temple stood. The phrase “In days to come” seems to indicate some unknown future date. But the phrase can be and often is translated as “In the end days”. This would make this reading an eschatological or an end of days prophecy. The Jerusalem temple no longer stands. So, what then today could be “the mountain of the Lord’s house”? Where does God dwell today? “Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God”. (1 Corinthians 6:19) The Body of Christ is the “highest mountain” which is a metaphor for “as close to Heaven on this earth as you can get”. That is why we Christians prepare during Advent to welcome the “Prince of Peace”.

In our second reading from his letter to the Romans, Saint Paul is literally ringing the alarm bell. He tells them, “You know the time; it is the hour now to awake from your sleep.” He goes on to say, “the night is advanced, the day is at hand.” As we noted two weeks ago, first century Christians believed Jesus’ second coming was imminent. Paul is telling them it’s almost morning. Not only time for the sun to rise but time for the *Son* to rise. In the first chapter of John’s gospel we read, “The Word was the true light that enlightens all men; and he was coming into the world that had its being through him.” (John 1:9) Jesus will later say, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.” (John 8:12) How does Paul tell the people they should prepare? He tells them to put aside the sins and deadly desires of this world and to “put on the armor of light...put on the Lord Jesus Christ.” This is not only life-giving advice but also our duty as Christ’s followers. Jesus said, “As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” (John 9:5) He also said, “You are the light of the world...let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:14-16). We are all children of the light and, until He comes again, it is our responsibility as Christians to reflect the light of Christ to others.

In our reading from Matthew’s gospel, Jesus also talks about being awake and prepared. Of course, Jesus is not talking about being physically awake. He’s talking about being spiritually awake. What does it mean to be spiritually awake? We can be physically awake and spiritually asleep. Like Paul, Jesus is sounding the alarm to wake us up. Jesus knew how easy it would be for our senses to become dull and lulled into a false sense of security living in a secular world. We may doze spiritually and He doesn’t want us to sleep through life. We tend to run after false gods and look for security from earthly sources. When we rely on our own power and that of other mere mortals, we lose the light of Christ. Have we grown weary or are we awake, ready to greet Jesus when He comes again? It can seem so long ago to us that Jesus lived on this earth. It can seem like a long time until He will come again. We can so easily lose our sense of urgency, passion and expectation. Jesus wants us to always be ready — to live with expectation. He says, “So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.” We know for whom we should be preparing but how do we define success in this regard? The penultimate verse of the Bible (Revelations 22:20) gives us the answer. Jesus says, “Yes, I am coming soon”. Success is being prepared to answer with conviction, “Amen; come Lord Jesus.”

Don't Forget Your Baby Bottle!

On the weekend of **November 6th and 7th**, Our Lady of the Snow Parish will be hosting a Baby Bottle Fundraiser to benefit The Life Center of Long Island.

The Life Center is a pregnancy help center that consults with women and men who are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy. Did you know that they provide?

- free pregnancy test kits
- free sonogram
- maternity housing with eligibility requirements referrals
- medical care referrals
- Material aid including car seats, cribs, cloths, diapers
.....and many other needed baby items

Male advocates available to speak with fathers

We are asking that you pick up a baby bottle and fill it with your donation.

(Make checks out to the Life Center of L.I.)

**PLEASE RETURN THE BOTTLES ON
December 4th and 5th**

News from the Office of Faith Formation

Onsite Classes; Classes will resume the week of December 12th. See the schedule linked on our parish website for level- specific times/dates. Level 1 onsite meeting is cancelled for December 15th. Students are to do the virtual lesson and were given a simple take-home project this week.

Home Study Students- Directions for signing into our Google Classrooms is posted under the Faith Formation tab on our parish website. Assignments are posted on the 1st of the month.

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.

Are You Being Called to Serve as a Deacon?

By virtue of Baptism, we are called to holiness—the lay faithful as well as bishops, priests, and deacons. But have you felt called to serve in a much deeper and committed way? If you are a man between the ages of 30 and 59, who feels that you are being called to ordained ministry as a deacon in the Church, you are invited to come for an Evening of Prayer and Discernment with other men of faith to discuss and explore that very question. There is no cost to the evening—just your time and openness. **COME TO ANY ONE OF THESE MEETINGS - PREPARED - to LISTEN, to PRAY, to REFLECT, to DISCERN** where God is calling you! **EVENINGS** are being offered conveniently at **THREE LOCATIONS**. 7:00PM, Tuesday, January 10—St. Joseph Ronkonkoma, 45 Church Street 7:00PM, Wednesday, January 11—Maria Regina Seaford, 3945 Jerusalem Avenue 7:00PM, Thursday, January 19—St. Aidan Williston Park, 505 Willis Avenue with an **EARLY WEEKEND OPTION** to be held at 1:00PM, Sunday, January 15 —St. John the Evangelist Center Moriches, 25 Ocean Avenue **RSVP** by Friday, January 6th, to 631-423-0483 Ext. 179 or by email to diaconateformation@drvc.org We thank you and look forward to being with you.

**The Patchogue Columbiettes
are hosting an Advent Tea**

When; Friday December 2, at 7:00 pm.

Where; Our Lady of the Snow Mother
Church basement.

How much; Tickets are \$10 each.

Please call Vivian @ 631 218-0925 or
Maria @ 631 889-1706
for more information and tickets.



Advent retreat,

We will be focusing on the three figures of
Advent; Mary Joseph and John the Baptist.

When: Nov 29, Dec 6 and Dec 13

Where: Mother Church

Time: 7:00 pm

Father Bill Slater will be the speaker for this
retreat!!!