



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

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

*Telephone: 631-363-6385*

*Rev. Kevin M. Smith, Pastor*

***January 22, 2023 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
The Lord is my light and my salvation***



### **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**

### **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:**

**Jan 26, 4:45 pm  
Mother Church**

**Rev. Kevin M. Smith, Pastor**

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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.

***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*

**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...*

***If you are an envelope user and want a report of your church donations. Please call the office during business hours. We will get that right out to you.***



## FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

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:

Coffee  
Ketchup  
Mayonnaise  
Juice  
Salmon  
Stew  
Shampoo/Conditioner  
Deodorant  
Cleaning supplies  
Paper towels  
Toilet paper  
Laundry detergent  
Cat food  
Size 5&6 diapers



**FEED THE HUNGRY**

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

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

There is also a collection box at the Blue Point King Kullen to the left of the exit doors. Thank you!!!

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT:  
\$ 6524**



*Altar Bread and Wine  
In Memory of Lou Consiglio*

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



## Mass Intentions

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Jan 21,</u>
5:00 PM	Joseph Voetter † Ronald & Tess Dunphy 25th Wedding Anniversary ♥
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Jan 22,</u>
7:30 AM	Thea Harkins †
9:00 AM	Millie Oberle †
11:00 AM	Parishioners of OLS
<u>Monday</u>	<u>Jan 23, Day of Prayer for the Unborn Children</u>
8:30 AM	Eileen Rogers †
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Jan 24, St Francis de Sales</u>
8:30 AM	Joseph Voetter †
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Jan 25, Conversion of St Paul</u>
8:30 AM	Lou Consiglio †
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Jan 26, St Timothy &amp; Titus</u>
8:30 AM	Jane Shelton †
<u>Friday</u>	<u>Jan 27, St Angela</u>
8:30 AM	Intention of Delia Montalt
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Jan 28, St Thomas</u>
5:00 PM	Joseph Voetter † Teresa Calderone † Virginia F. Dunn † Raymond Woolley †
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Jan 29, 4th Sunday</u>
7:30 AM	Thomas Kenney †
9:00 AM	Parishioners of OLS
11:00 AM	Lou Consiglio †

Week  OF Prayer





**Because no marriage is beyond hope...**

A **marriage-saving** program is coming to the  
New York/Metropolitan Area

**January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

- Is your marriage tearing you apart?
- Do you feel hurt and angry?
- Does talking make it worse?
- Thought of leaving or divorce?
- Is your marriage heading in the wrong direction?

**Retrouvaille\* can help.**

**To register or for more information:**

**1-800-470-2230**

<https://www.helpourmarriage.org>

[info@HelpOurMarriage.org](mailto:info@HelpOurMarriage.org)

Retrouvaille is a practical program for married couples facing difficult challenges

**It is not a marriage retreat, nor counseling. You will not be asked to share the personal details of your story. Retrouvaille is different; it's a way to improve your communication, help you reconnect, and build a healthy, happier, stronger marriage. Catholic in origin, couples of all faiths, or no faith background, are encouraged to attend. We are a Christian Peer Ministry offering tens of thousands of marriages hope in over 160 communities worldwide.**

To contact the Long Island/New York Business Office:  
[516.920.9337/LongIsland@HelpOurMarriage.org](mailto:516.920.9337/LongIsland@HelpOurMarriage.org)

\*Pronunciation: Retro Vi (French for "Rediscovery")

### *Gospel Reflection by Michael Dawidziak*

Sometimes God says, “Come!” Sometimes God says, “Go!” If our goal in life is to be good servants of God, we need to heed our mother Mary’s directions to the servants at the wedding feast at Cana: “Do whatever He tells you.” (John 2:5) The Bible narrative is a litany of God telling people of His choosing, “go” or “come”. Abraham, Moses, Deborah, Samuel, Isaiah and Jeremiah are just a few examples. God often chooses reluctant witnesses at inconvenient times. Not following God’s direction, as in the case of Jonah, doesn’t result in good consequences. In today’s reading from Matthew’s gospel, we hear of the call of the first four disciples: Peter, Andrew, James and John. Jesus comes upon four fishermen who are busy with the day to day labors of their profession. He says to them, “Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.” It sounds like an invitation but the Greek word of the original text (*deute*) is exclamatory and more like a command. “Come!”

Jesus was always defying the traditional expectations of the Messiah. While the saying, “The Lord works in mysterious ways” is not in the Bible, it might be the biggest understatement of all time. As we read in the Book of Isaiah, “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.” (Isaiah 55:8-9) Our gospel story is the very beginning of Jesus’ public ministry. His first task is to pick the disciples who will later bring His message to the world. Human logic would conclude He pick men from the educated religious class, such as the scribes, priests or Levites, who knew and understood the scriptures. But Jesus was looking for a different sort of skill set. These “learned” men would have read the prophesy of our reading from Isaiah today and totally misinterpreted it. “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light”. “For the yoke that burdened them, the pole on their shoulder, and the rod of their taskmaster you have smashed”. As learned and wise men, their obvious interpretation would have been that the Messiah was going to free the Jewish people from their Roman taskmasters, not from the yoke of sin.

Instead, Peter, Andrew, James & John were uneducated and unschooled manual laborers. They almost certainly could not read or write. But what they were experts at was fishing. That was how they fed themselves and their families and made a living. Jesus very well knew what He was doing. (Of course He did. He’s God.) The life skills of fishermen, while not obvious to the logical minds of men, were extraordinarily suitable for apostles. Men of the sea need to have great patience. Sometimes the fish are biting. Most times they’re not. In both Luke’s and John’s gospels we read of these experienced fishermen toiling hard all night and not catching anything. (Luke 5:1-11 & John 21:1-8) Fishermen also need to be persistent. One can’t get discouraged too easily. The profession demands being willing to spend long hours pursuing a single catch. This is in imitation of God who is always pursuing us.

Lastly, fishermen need to be able to work together as a team. In picking two sets of brothers, who were also business partners, Jesus chose people who knew how to rely on each other. This is why Saint Paul stresses unity in today’s epistle from his first letter to the Corinthians. He says, “there be no division among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose.” Jesus saying “Come!” to the first four apostles in today’s reading begins His earthly ministry. The word apostle means “one who is sent”. At the end of His time with them, Jesus commands “Go, therefore and make disciples of all the nations”. (Matthew 28:19) Jesus still says these words to us today. After saying “I am the Bread of Life”, Jesus went on to say “All that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never turn away.” (John 6:35-37)

Jesus invites us to come to Him in the sacrament of the Eucharist. He wants to share His presence with us. Like Peter, we will feel unworthy and be tempted to say, “Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man.” (Luke 5:8) God chooses unlikely people simply because there are no likely people. Of course we are unworthy. Before communion, don’t we invoke the words of the centurion who wanted Jesus to heal his paralyzed servant: “Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof.” We should take note of what he says next: “I, too, am a man under the authority of others, and I have soldiers under my command. I tell one soldier, ‘Go,’ and he goes. I tell another soldier, ‘Come,’ and he comes. I say to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and my servant does it.” We, like Peter, Andrew, James & John, must be willing to be directed by God. If God waited until we thought we were ready to call us, it would never happen. He is calling us right

**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 Bible tells us that in the desert, John the Baptist ate...**

(a) date-nut bread; (b) loaves and fishes;  
(c) yogurt; (d) grasshoppers and wild honey

**2. Advent's traditional liturgical color is...**

(A ) red; (b) green; (c) violet; (d) black

**3. Devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe honors the Blessed Mother in her appearance...**

(a) To Juan Diego, an Aztec convert;  
(b) near Mexico City; (c) in the sixteenth century; (d) all of the above

**4. The first native American to be beatified (the step before becoming a saint) was...**

(a) Geronimo; (b) Chief Red Cloud;  
(c) Kateri Tekakwitha; (d) Apache Don

**5. The Gutenberg Bible of 1452-1456..**

(a) Was printed in Latin; (b) is sometimes called the 42-line Bible; (c) was printed with movable type; (d) all of the above.

Catholic Answers 1, d; 2, c; 3, d; 4, c; 5, d

*News from the Office of Faith Formation*

**Onsite Classes-** Classes will be held in the month of January during the week of January 9th and the week of January 23rd. See the schedule linked on our parish website for level- specific times/dates.

**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. Dates for First Communion and Confirmation are still not finalized. Parents of students receiving these Sacraments will be notified when dates are available.

**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.

 **Winter Walking With Moms in Need Project**

Winter Baby Clothing Drive- We are continuing our efforts to support Moms in Need by collecting new and like-new winter baby clothing sizes newborn to 4T during the month of January. Please leave your donations in the bin underneath the Respect Life bulletin board, in the vestibule of the large church.

Thank you to all who donated money to the Baby Bottle Campaign for The Life Center of Long Island during the month of November.

## DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

Saturday, February 4, 2023 @ 9:00 A.M. The Saint Lawrence Knights of Columbus will be hosting a defensive driving course at the **American Legion on Foster Ave, Sayville**. 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](mailto:drivingclass2458@gmail.com). Please make checks payable to: "St. Lawrence Council # 2458".

