



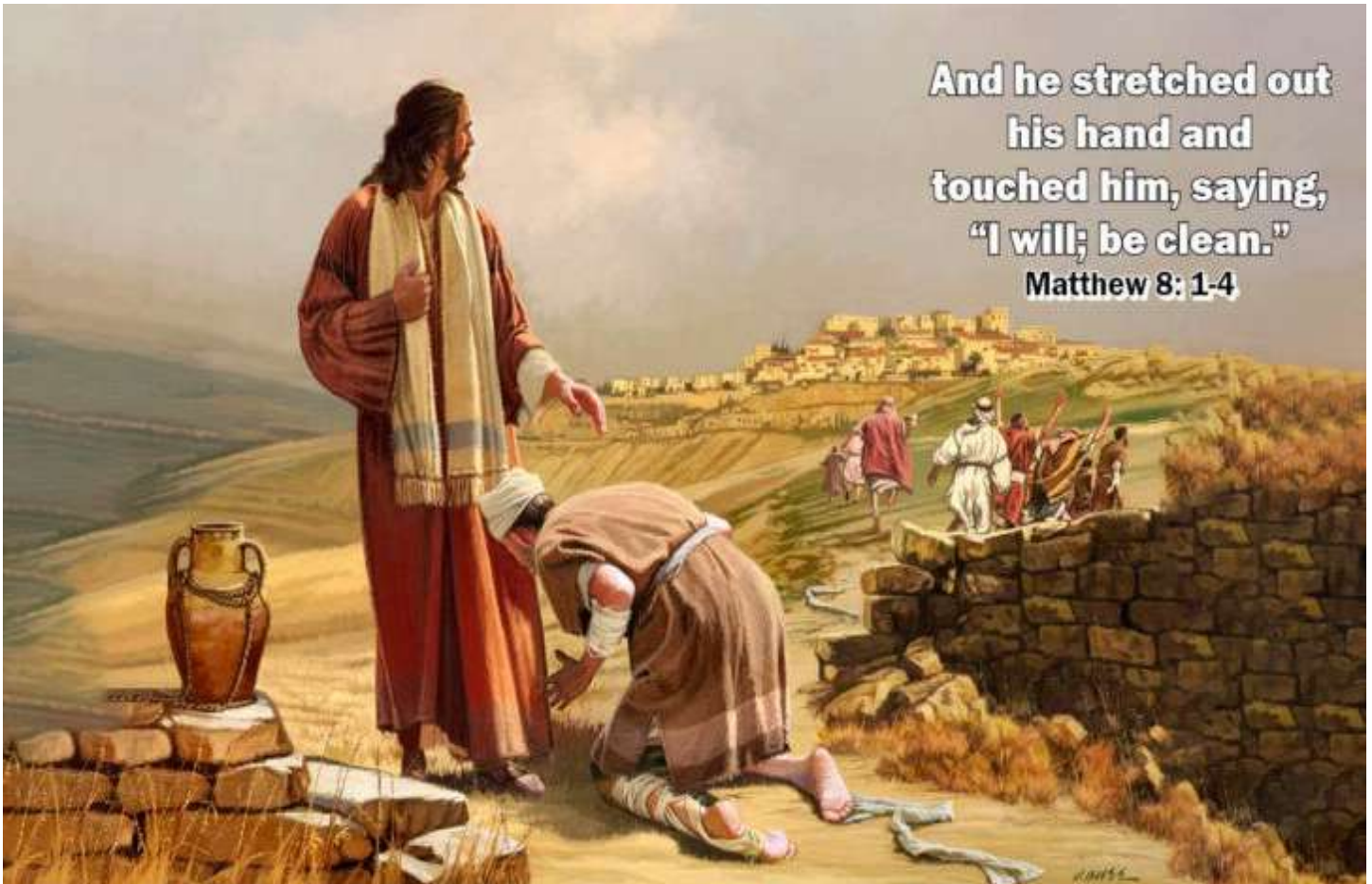
Our Lady of the Snow

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

Telephone: 631-363-6385

Rev. Kevin M. Smith, Pastor

***February 11, 2024 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
I turn to you Lord, in times of trouble***



**And he stretched out
his hand and
touched him, saying,
“I will; be clean.”
Matthew 8: 1-4**

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:

February 15, Mother Church

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9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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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...

**Brendan Burke, Alfred Maranda,
Louis Labrador, and Margaret Kunc**

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

Corp Zachary Giglio

Major Kyle Brown

Major Robert Gervasio

Capt. Evan Bernstein

Capt. Robert Fleming

Lt. Sean Brown

Lt. Ross Oley

Lt. Matthew Fish

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

Sergeant Sal LoCasio

Ens. Scott Brown



FOOD PANTRY

Can you help your neighbor in need?
As the number of people seeking assistance from our food pantry is increasing, can you help us help them?

We are currently in need of many food items, paper goods and toiletries.

Your support and concern for others is deeply appreciated.

Our current food pantry needs are:

Tea / coffee

Jelly

Ketchup/mayo/mustard

salmon /chili/chicken

pancake mix/syrup

Shampoo/Conditioner

Deodorant

cleaning Supplies

paper Towels / Tissues

laundry detergent

Kitchen garbage bags

Cat/dog food



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.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT:

2/4 \$9407

1/28 \$ 8557



Altar Bread and Wine

*In Memory of
Michael Humenik*

*Sanctuary Candle in Mother Church
In Memory of Michael Humenik*



Mass Intentions

Saturday Feb 10, St Scholastica
5:00 PM Margaret Salaway †
Patsy & Josephine Sirianni †

Sunday Feb 11, 6th Sunday
7:30 AM Mark Rose †
Parishioners of OLS
9:00 AM Richard Higgins †
11:00 AM Jack Gibbons †

Monday Feb 12,
8:30 AM Linda Jean Murphy †

Tuesday Feb 13,
8:30 AM Richard Higgins †

Wednesday Feb 14, Ash Wednesday
8:30 AM Kathy Gleason Schneiderwind †
4:30 PM Service
7:30 PM Parishioners of OLS

Thursday Feb 15,
8:30 AM Gayle Smith †
Michael Humenik †

Friday Feb 16,
8:30 AM Elizabeth Barbano †

Saturday Feb 17,
5:00 PM Irene Voetter †
Jean Lorio †
Robert Santos †

Sunday Feb 18,,
7:30 AM Margaret Newham †
9:00 AM Parishioners of OLS
11:00 AM Dorothy Patterson †
Alice Russell †

If you would like to add a loved one onto our mass intention please stop by the office during business hours, no phone calls . Please.



Our Lady of the Snow's Chili Cook-Off was a resounding success! We had the first in Chili Cook-Off history. Corinne Diaz, who is known for her raspberry crumb cake that she graciously brings to Hospitality Sundays, can cook chili! She was the first ever contestant to win the "Golden Spoon" as well as the "People's Choice" Awards.

In our dessert category, a new competitor, Elaine Space, impressed us all with her rice pudding. Elaine asked how many desserts to make, and I told her, she didn't have to go crazy and bake for everyone, my mistake! People are hounding me for the recipe, would you like to share, Elaine?!

Our Bread category originated from a kitchen mistake but was proven to be a wonderful new twist! Congratulations to Caroline and Camille Kiefer whose Fiesta Cornbread wowed the judges and guests alike!

Thanks again to our chairpersons for this event, Jim and Camille Kiefer, as well as the judges, and the helpers behind the scenes. Thank you to Ginger Farrell who made an amazing Mac and Cheese. This truly is an amazing community because of the parishioners that make up the body of Our Lady of the Snow!



LENT ABSTINENCE AND FASTING: All Catholics who have reached their 14th year and bound to abstain entirely from meat/poultry on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. All Catholics between the ages of 18-59 inclusive are also bound to observe the law of fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This means limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Two other light meals, which together do not equal a full meal, may be taken during the day. Those whose work or health would be impaired are excused from fast and abstinence.



UPCOMING DATES:
Peanut Butter & Jelly Club:
February 20, 2024, 6:30-7:30 PM,
Mother Church Basement
Youth Ministry: March 20, 2024,
6:30 – 7:30 PM,
Mother Church Basement



Gospel Reflection by Michael Dawidziak

Did you get my message? We often ask that of someone after we've sent them a text, email or a voice message. I believe God is often asking us the same question. Today's reading from Mark's gospel is a lesson in how to talk to God but more importantly, how to listen to Him. A leper approaches Jesus and says, "If you wish, you can make me clean." This is an amazingly beautiful prayer coming from a social outcast. The leper is much like the centurion who told Jesus he was not worthy to have him under his roof but only say the word and his servant would be healed. They both have complete confidence in Jesus' ability to perform these miracles but they don't know whether He will or not. They have to rely on "Thy will be done". The centurion was a man with a certain amount of importance. He was an officer of the army of the world's dominant power (Rome) who commanded a unit of 100 soldiers. The leper, on the other hand, was without influence and commanded no one. But that didn't stop him from praying with confidence. God hears the prayers of rich and poor alike.

In our Old Testament reading from Leviticus, we learn the consequences of being a leper. They were deemed outcasts forced to live apart from the rest of society. They had to keep their garments torn and cry out "Unclean!" to be easily identified. Many of the regulations in the Mosaic Law were written to keep the people clean, whole and healthy. The survival and continuation of God's chosen people depended on it. Not only did leprosy have no known cause, it also had no known cure. It was thought to be highly contagious and so was greatly feared. Physical contamination of the greater community had to be avoided at all costs. Misfortune, like contracting leprosy, was often seen as punishment from God for committing sin. The unrepentant sinner needed to be driven from their midst lest they also spiritually contaminate others.

The leper in our gospel story accurately identifies Jesus as the means of his salvation. He is willing to break the rules to approach Jesus. Lepers had to maintain a distance of fifty paces from "clean and pure" people. He came to Jesus and knelt down before Him which certainly doesn't sound like he was observing the fifty paces rule. He might be on the very lowest rung of society but he was not afraid to approach Jesus. And neither should we. God is gracious and merciful. Jesus displays His divine nature. Moved with compassion, He says "I do will it. Be made clean." But then Jesus does a quizzical thing. He warns the cured man sternly, "see that you tell no one anything". Why would Jesus not want people to know of this miracle?

One theory is the man had not yet been accepted back into society. In essence, he hadn't received his vaccination card. Jesus tells him, "show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." Jesus knew that details of the healing might not go over well with the religious authorities. The leper had broken the rules by approaching Jesus. Jesus had also broken the rules. He had stretched out His hand and touched the leper, something that was expressly forbidden. What if everyone starts reaching out and touching the unclean? What kind of world would we have? Some Biblical scholars believe Jesus was testing the man to see if he would give God the glory and tell the truth about his healing or whether he would care more about men's judgements and not risk being accepted back into their company. In our second reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians, he says "do everything for the glory of God". The cured man goes out and begins to "publicize the whole matter." The Greek word used here for "publicize" (*kerussein*) actually means to preach. While the cured leper might not have obeyed Jesus' instructions, he certainly did give the glory to God. As a result, Jesus could no longer enter a town publicly. People now had to seek Him. Shouldn't that be the result of all good preaching?

Perhaps the most compelling reason for Jesus' reluctance for publicity was the need for people to understand the meaning of His message. Jesus doesn't heal people to say, "Look at Me. I'm the Son of God" but rather because He is compassionate. But Jesus knew people would tend to focus on sensational miracles. In the end, the message is much more important than the miracles. Our bodies will all eventually experience physical death. Jesus' message is about the restoration of the relationship with God and about eternal life. In the same letter as our epistle, Paul gives a list of members of Christ's church in order of importance. He ranks apostles, prophets and teachers (messengers) over miracle workers and healers. (1 Corinthians 12:28) Many of us say, "God has been so good to me." We often mean He has blessed us with good health and prosperity. We should be grateful for all God's gifts but most supremely for Jesus' message of salvation and eternal life. After all God didn't just send us a text, an email or a voice message. He sent us His Son! Did we get the message?



Events and Retreats
Scheduled during Lent
February 14, 2024 –
March 30, 2024

Mardi Gras Celebration:
February 13, 6:00 PM

Come enjoy a night of food, games, music, and faith.
Tickets, \$10 per person, are on sale in the Parish office and after the masses. Adult only.

Ash Wednesday Service and Masses:
8:30 AM Mass - Mother Church
4:30 PM Service – Large Church
7:30 PM Mass – Large Church

Adoration:

Every Monday night,
Mother Church 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM



Lenten Soup Night
and Reflection:

March 5, 2024, at 6 PM

We will have soup, bread, and soda. Father Kevin will be giving a short talk on the

importance of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. Please RSVP at the Parish Office, \$5 per person.

Lenten Retreat:

March 6th, 13th and 20th

7:00 PM- 8:00 PM in Mother Church.

Spend some time on the mountain with Jesus. Hosted by Father William Slater. This will take place on



Good Friday Pilgrimage: Come join us on Good Friday at 9 AM at St. Lawrence Church. We will walk along Middle Road to Our Lady of the Snow Church. Please provide your own transportation back to St Lawrence if needed.



Stations of the Cross:
Stations of the Cross
every Friday at 12:00
PM in the Mother
Church.

Come join us to walk the steps with Jesus.

Sunday, March 3rd, at 12:30 PM

Join the Youth and Altar Server Ministries for a presentation of the Via Dolorosa, the route in Jerusalem that follows Jesus' Passion and then pray the Stations of the Cross led by our OLS youth.

Journey Cross and Crucifixion:

March 21, 2024, at 7:30 PM, Large Church:

The Journey, Cross and Crucifixion is a journey back through time. It is an opportunity to walk with Christ and become one with Him and the people who walked with Him. The music, narration, dialogue, and poignant silences all add to the power of this prayerful meditation. To be part of The Journey, Cross and Crucifixion is to experience the complete and utter frustration and devastation of Mary, the frustration of Simon, the loneliness and desolation of John, Pilate's struggle between justice and expediency, the excruciating pain and degradation Jesus suffered on the way to Calvary and His ultimate death on the Cross.

Easter Egg Hunt:

Saturday March 30, 2023, 10 AM

South of the Large Church. Bring your kids & grandkids to look for easter eggs. The Easter Bunny will be enjoying this activity with us and will be available for photos after the egg hunt.



Reconciliation (Large Church)

Saturdays 4:00 PM – 4:30 PM
March 25 3:00 PM – 9:00 PM
March 29 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Holy Week Mass Schedule

(All Masses in the Large Church)

Holy Thursday March 28, 7:30 PM Mass
Good Friday March 29, 3:00 PM Mass

Easter Vigil March 30, 7:30 PM

Easter Sunday March 31
7:30 AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM

Faith Formation News-



Classes will resume the week of February 26th. Our class schedule is posted on the parish website under the Faith Formation tab.

Spring Sacrament dates were mailed home to Level 2 and Level 9 families on January 18th.

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 or via email at lchristie@olsbp.com.