



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

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

***Telephone: 631-363-6385***

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

***February 25, 2024 Second Sunday of Lent  
I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.***



**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:**

Feb 27, Mother Church

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

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**Deacon Edward Karan**

**Pastoral Associate**

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**Pastoral Associate**

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**Office of Faith Formation:**

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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.

### **Pray for Our Sick**

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

**Ryder Chevalley**

### **In Sympathy**

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

### **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*

**Return to me with your whole heart!  
Lenten Night of Prayer at the Cross Taizé  
Style: Candle-lit service includes repetitive  
singing of simple songs interspersed with  
readings, prayers, and periods of  
silence. Sponsored by the  
Living Bread Prayer Group  
Thursday, March 14, 2024, 7:30 PM  
St. John Nepomucene Catholic Church  
1140 Locust Avenue, Bohemia, New York**

## 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

Soap bars

Potatoes

Juice



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.



## Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Feb 24,</b>
5:00 PM	Mark Rose † Joseph Brown †
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Feb 25, 2nd Sunday of Lent</b>
7:30 AM	Parishioners of OLS
9:00 AM	George Zimlinghaus †
11:00 AM	John Delaney †
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Feb 26,</b>
8:30 AM	Grace Cioffi †
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Feb 27, St Gregory</b>
8:30 AM	Martha McIndoe †
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Feb 28,</b>
8:30 AM	Daniel Lombardi †
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Feb 29,</b>
8:30 AM	Mark Rose †
<b>Friday</b>	<b>March 1, World Day of Prayer</b>
8:30 AM	The intention of Judith Drazan
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 2,</b>
5:00 PM	Patrick Carter † Joseph Brown †
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 3,</b>
7:30 AM	Parishioners of OLS
9:00 AM	Thomas Arcuri †
11:00 AM	Janet Martin Mastin †

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT:  
\$7422**



*Altar Bread and Wine  
In Memory of  
Daniel Lombardi  
Sanctuary Candle in Mother Church  
In Memory of Daniel Lombardi*

## St Anthony Honor Roll!!!

Taegan Christopher

Michael Clare

Maeve Clare

Nico D'Ambrosio

Liam Hession

Madeline Koelbel

Gary Merrill

Izabelle Perez

Olivia Rakowski

Katherine Ward

Christopher Welling





## Events and Retreats Scheduled during Lent

February 14, 2024 – March 30, 2024



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 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>**

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

Spend some time on the mountain with Jesus.  
Hosted by Father William Slater.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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:**

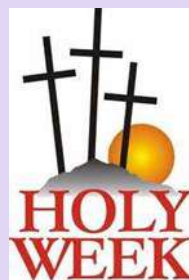
**March 21, 2024, at 7:30 PM, Large Church:**

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**

## *Gospel Reflection by Michael Dawidziak*

Transfigure. There's a verb we never use when talking about ourselves. "I'm going to transfigure myself into a better person." It doesn't sound right, does it? We make resolutions to lose weight or read more often. These are attempts to better ourselves by changing our habits. There's certainly nothing wrong with self-improvement but Jesus calls us to do so much more. Every year, we read the story of the Transfiguration on this second Sunday of Lent. Have you ever wondered why? What does the Transfiguration have to do with Lent? The answer is: everything. When we follow Jesus, we don't just change our ways. Jesus calls us to change our very nature. To change our whole selves. We read today that Jesus takes Peter, James and John up a mountain where He was transfigured. Our initial thinking is Jesus changed in appearance. The original Greek word used here for "transfigured" (*metemorphōthē*) is where we get the English word metamorphosis. A metamorphosis is not just a change in outward appearance, like an illusion or a magic trick. Metamorphosis is an actual change of the nature of a thing or person into a completely different one. Think caterpillar to butterfly.

Last week we noted that we should not come out of Lent the same way we went in. In today's gospel, Jesus shows His apostles what that looks like. He doesn't just give the apostles a glimpse of His future. He gives them a glimpse of *their*'s. But He also gives them a glimpse of His present as well as their possible present. Jesus was fully divine and fully human even if He appeared during most of His time on earth to be only human. His miracles and good works were clues to His divinity that some people, the first believers, could see. Our metamorphosis to a new creation doesn't start when our mortal bodies cease to be. It's started already. It has been said that Jesus became human so men could become divine. It started with our baptism and continues throughout our lives.

The very first words Jesus says in Mark's gospel is "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." (Mark 1:15) The Greek word translated as "repent" is the same one used today for "transfigured": *metanoia*. The Kingdom has already come and been established. Our citizenship in that Kingdom doesn't start when we die. We already have our passport. It's the presence of the Holy Spirit living within us. The divine changes us to God's new creation. Change by definition is a process. The lure of riches and temptations of this world often impedes this process. Lent is a time when we should focus on real change. Jesus totally submitted to His Father's will. How do we do that? By allowing God to live in us. "I no longer live but Christ lives in me". (Galatians 2:20) The Holy Spirit living in us isn't just a gift for us to use at times of our choosing. The Holy Spirit enables God's transformative power to change us. The Spirit enables us to be connected to the Body of Christ and the communion of saints.

After 2000 years, how is it that the world is not yet transformed? Why is there still hate, prejudice and war? The song says, "let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me". We can only start with ourselves. Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God." (Matthew 5:9). That's what we're aiming for: to be part of God's family for all eternity. God told us how we get there in today's gospel. "This is my beloved Son. **Listen to Him.**" God spoke not for Jesus' benefit, nor Moses' nor Elijah's. He spoke these words for the apostles' sake and for ours. If everyone just "listened to Him" the world would indeed be transformed. We are called to be God's ambassadors for peace and love. We do that by allowing God to change us. We do it by listening to Him. Mary told the servants at the Wedding Feast of Cana, "Do whatever He tells you". (John 2:5) If we won't listen to our Father maybe we will listen to our mother.

The greatest transforming power of God is love because God is love. Jesus said, "Greater love has no one than this, that a person will lay down his life for his friends." (John 15:13) Yet it seems the world is filled with far more people who want to kill than are willing to die for others. In our Old Testament reading from Genesis, Isaac is completely obedient to His father's will. Abraham is also completely obedient to *his* Father's will. This is ultimate love and trust. In our second reading from his letter to the Romans, Paul points out that God "did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all." And Jesus was completely obedient to His Father's will. This realization should lead us to exclaim with Saint John, "See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are." (1 John 3:1) Not "will be" someday but "are" now. The Transfiguration gives us a glimpse of what's in store. Our own personal transformation to glory is already in process. But we can't transfigure ourselves. We can only allow the Holy Spirit to do it for us. Go figure!



Thank you to all who participated in Scout Sunday. Our scouts represented Troops 4, 130, and 329, Pack 4 and Girls Scout Troop 2299. Great to see you all!

Looking ahead:



Come join the Youth Ministry and Altar Servers to pray the Stations of the Cross after March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 11:00 AM Mass. We will have coffee and mini bagels and then start our Stations at 12:30 PM in the Large Church.

There is a Second Collection for Catholic Relief Services on March 10<sup>th</sup>.

Our Teen PBJ Club will meet March 12<sup>th</sup> and March 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the basement of the Mother Church. The 100 sandwiches we make are donated to a local organization that gives the sandwiches directly to those who suffer with homelessness and mental health challenges.

Youth Ministry Meeting March 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the basement of the Mother Church.

*“Dear young people don’t be observers of life but get involved. Jesus did not remain an observer, but he immersed himself. Don’t be observers, but immerse yourself in the reality of life, as Jesus did.” Pope Francis*



**LENT ABSTINENCE AND FASTING:**

All Catholics who have reached their 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

*Grief Support Group*



Bereavement Support Program

Offered at St. Mary, East Islip

Eight week group beginning  
Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Support groups are open to anyone who has suffered a loss at least three months prior to the start of the group. Each week the group meets for 90 minutes following by half hour of refreshments and hospitality. There is no cost but a commitment to attend each meeting.

Pre-registration is required

631 581-42666 ext. 125



## Faith Formation News-

**The Faith Formation Office will be closed 2/16-2/25.**

**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](mailto:lchristie@olsbp.com).**

