



Our Lady of the Snow

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

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Rev. Kevin M. Smith, Pastor

***April 14, 2024 Third Sunday of Easter**
Lord, Let your face shine on us*

*Peace I leave with you;
my peace I give you.*

JOHN 14:27

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:

April 15, Mother Church

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Monday - Thursday

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....

Ed Reilly and Lydia Andrews

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

Do you need to fulfill your Marriage Prep Requirement?

Engaged Encounter is an effective PreCana program designed to provide you with the tools for a successful marriage. Our next 2-day weekend will be held at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington on June 8&9, 2024.

Visit longisland.engagedencounter.com for information and registration

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:
\$10 gift cards to a local supermarket.**

Tea / coffee

Jelly

Crackers/cookies

pancake mix/syrup

cleaning Supplies

paper Towels / Toilet paper/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.

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



**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT:
\$9037**



Mass Intentions

Saturday	April 13,
5:00 PM	Andrea Zeng † John Pollina †
Sunday	April 14,
7:30 AM	Emmanuel Malizia †
9:00 AM	Frank & Josephine Scarpa †
11:00 AM	Parishioners of OLS Beatrice Pollina †
Monday	April 15,
8:30 AM	Thomas Pesa †
Tuesday	April 16,
8:30 AM	Frank & Josephine Scarpa †
Wednesday	April 17,
8:30 AM	Sylvia Harenberg †
Thursday	April 18,
8:30 AM	Michael William Trudnak †
Friday	April 19,
8:30 AM	Edward McFadden †
Saturday	April 20,
5:00 PM	Philomena & Valentina Simone † Jack Signorelli † Intention of Joan Boehm
Sunday	April 21,
7:30 AM	Valia Naso 36th Anniversary †
9:00 AM	Christina O'Brien †
11:00 AM	Parishioners of OLS



Altar Bread and Wine

In Memory of

*Christina & Bernard O'Brien
Sanctuary Candle in Mother Church*

In Memory of Emmanuel Malizia

Faith Formation News-

Registration for the current program year is now closed and will re-open for the

2024-2025 Faith Formation program year in May, 2024.

Spring Sacrament dates were mailed home to Level 2 and Level 9 families in January. Questions? Please contact the director via Remind, phone or email.

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.



Youth Ministry Meeting:

April 16th at 6:30 pm



**Come join us for the
May Crowning
of Mary
May 5th at 11:00 AM
Mass.**

**We invite our First
Communicants to
join us in their suits
and dresses and
participate in the crowning of our
Blessed Mother!
Hospitality to follow in the Large
Church.**

Did you remember to bring in your donations for the YM Pet Drive? If you forgot, feel free to drop items off at the Parish Office through Tuesday, April 16th. **Thank you for your generosity!**



*My Peace
I Give
Unto You
— Jesus*

Gospel Reflection by Michael Dawidziak

“What further need have we of witnesses?” (Mark 14:63) So asked Caiphas the Chief Priest in his condemnation of Jesus before the Sanhedrin. A witness, by definition, is someone who testifies to the truth. The religious leaders looking to put Jesus to death couldn’t find any truthful witnesses, so they just decided they didn’t need any. They convicted Jesus of the capital offense of blasphemy using His own words. Knowing that Jesus is the “Word of God” makes the historical irony here huge. As Peter said in identifying Jesus as “the Holy One of God”, “You have the words of everlasting life”. (John 6:68-69) They condemned the Holy One of God to death for speaking the message of eternal life! Two weeks ago, we celebrated Easter, the greatest day in the history of mankind. Jesus’ resurrection obtained the forgiveness of our sins, restored our broken relationship with God and enabled us to have eternal life. Last week, we explored our belief in these great truths. Today’s readings challenge us to ask ourselves if that faith is big enough for us to proclaim it?

Even before His death and resurrection, Jesus had told His disciples that it would be their job to be His witnesses. Telling them about the end times, He said, “But before all this happens, they will seize you and persecute you. You will be handed over to synagogues and imprisoned, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to bear witness to me.” (Luke 21:12-14) Before they could testify to the gospel message, they had to understand it. Today’s reading from Luke’s gospel is brimming with excitement. The two disciples who encountered Jesus on the road to Emmaus had just returned to Jerusalem and found the apostles. They are met with the astounding statement, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!”. The two travelers then recounted their amazing experience. (Luke 24:33-35) It is at this point that Jesus appears to them saying “Peace be with you!”

Then Jesus “opened their minds to understand the scriptures”. The Greek word for “understand” literally means to put it all together. Jesus tells them “everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled.” That encompassed the entire Old Testament. Jesus then showed them how His New Testament gospel story fulfilled all these prophecies. It was all God’s salvation plan from the very beginning! The impact of Jesus’ revelation on them had to be tremendous. It should still be for us as well. When Jesus “put it all together” for them, the enormity of God and Jesus’ love for them had to be overwhelming. Jesus then lays a heavy responsibility on them. He says, “You are witnesses of these things.” We are the successors to the apostles. That’s why we say we are an “apostolic” church. To be trusted with proclaiming the gospel message must have seemed to them a daunting task as it often seems to us. But Jesus told them they wouldn’t have to do it alone. He tells them to wait until they “are clothed with power from on high.” (Luke 24:49)

In the beginning of the sequel to Luke’s gospel (The Acts of the Apostles), just before His Ascension into Heaven, Jesus assembled His disciples on the Mount of Olives. He tells them of the coming of the Holy Spirit “and then you will be my witnesses”. (Acts 1:8) The apostles and early members of the church became outspoken witnesses for Him. With the knowledge of God’s love and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, they couldn’t hold it in. In our first reading from Acts, Peter is now transformed into a courageous, eloquent and knowledgeable preacher. Like Jesus did for His disciples, Peter “puts it altogether” for his listeners in Jerusalem. He sums up God’s salvation plan for them. He says, “The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead, of this we are his witnesses.” The crowd must have thought, “Boy, did we screw up!” But Peter ends on an ultimate high note. “Repent therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away.” The original Greek word translated as repent (*metanoia*) means change. Become God’s new creation.

All throughout the New Testament, the Greek word translated as “witnesses” is *martures* which is where we get the English word martyrs. If martyr simply means a witness, how did it commonly come to mean a person willing to die for witnessing to and refusing to renounce a religion? For most of its first 300 years, the church founded by Christ was under constant persecution. The willingness of these early Christians to be witnesses for Jesus in the face of grave danger was the reason the faith spread so rapidly. It had to be real. Would anyone willingly die for a lie? Saint Paul said, “If I preach the gospel, this is no reason for me to boast, for an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it!” (1 Corinthians 9:16) So what about us? The word gospel means “good news”. Is this news too good for us not to proclaim it? Caiphas did not have need of witnesses. Jesus knew the world would need our testimony as His witnesses.

CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL

100% of every dollar raised is restricted to fund the objectives, programs, and mission supported by the Catholic Ministries Appeal, touching each of our 133 parishes and more than 600,000 people each year. Through Communion, we worship together and share in the love and unity of the Trinity. We Participate by serving one another in our Mission to evangelize and share the love of our Faith with others.

Here are some the programs that are made possible through the support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal:

- The Office of Vocations provide Formation of our Priests and Deacons; Holy Hours for Vocations are being celebrated throughout the year. Young people of the diocese, and those who desire to draw near to Our Lord in the Eucharist come together to pray, give praise and honor in Adoration.
- Catholic Charities provide food programs for seniors, low-income families and maternity services for women and their children; affordable and safe housing for seniors, veterans and adults with mental and physical disabilities; and substance abuse services include residential and day treatment programs.
- The Office Evangelization and Catechesis programs include: Faith formation of our lay leaders, Hispanic Ministry, Multicultural Diversity, Young Adult and Youth Ministry – Quo Vadis ran another successful summer camp that fosters vocations and evangelization in our youth
- The Office of Human Life, Family and Bioethics provides prayer, education, witness and support of Respect Life Initiatives with the weekly rosary, resources for pregnant and postpartum parents

CMA Frequently Asked Questions

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE WAYS MY GIFT MAY BE USED?

Gifts are used to live and share our faith, care for God's people and help to build God's Kingdom. For example, a gift of:

- \$25 helps pay the gas for a Meals-On-Wheels van to deliver food for a day.
- \$50 helps pay for evangelizing and teaching materials for a Campus Ministry participant.
- \$100 helps a low-income pregnant and parenting mother seek job training and life skills to support her family provided by Catholic Charities Regina Maternity Case Management Program.
- \$250 helps subsidize housing for a senior citizen or a developmentally disabled adult.
- \$1,000 helps support the formation of our Seminarians and Deacons.

If you are a volunteer in ANY capacity here at Our Lady of the Snow please go onto the Virtus website, and log in to your account.

We have many volunteers who are not up to date with background checks. It is mandatory that all volunteers have a background check every five years.



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