



Our Lady of the Snow

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

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Rev. Kevin M. Smith, Pastor

*July 7, 2024 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy*

HAVE

faith

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:

July 8, Mother Church

Rev. Kevin M. Smith, Pastor

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In residence

Deacon Edward Karan

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Mrs. Loren Christie, DRE

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Monday - Thursday

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

Director of Music: Mrs. Theresa Martin

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Monday - Thursday in the cottage

Mrs. Diana Mongan, Director

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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....

Lawrence Murphy

In Sympathy

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

Gail Dreyer & Kevin Canavan

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

**Our
Annual Golf Outing
Will be on
September 16th at
Rockhill Golf &
Country Club**



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:

Juice
Tea
Coffee
Crackers/cookies
Chili
Baked beans/ pork and beans
Pasta
Deodorant
Shampoo
Hair conditioner
Cleaning supplies
Laundry detergent
Paper towels/tissues
Boxed milk

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

All donations may be left outside the pantry doors of 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 Blue Point King Kullen.



**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP REPORT:
\$8318**

ATTENTION:

Mass Time Change

Starting: July 7th
Saturdays: 5:00 PM
Sundays: 7:30 AM & 10:00 AM *

For the months of July and August



Mass Intentions

Saturday July 6, St. Maria Goretti

5:00 PM Kathryn Scottaline †
Jennie & Vivian Mazzola †
Patricia Shannon †

Sunday July 7,

7:30 AM Helen Madden †
10:00 AM Parishioners of OLS

Monday July 8,

8:30 AM For the intention of Mario
Vigliotta

Tuesday July 9, St Augustine

8:30 AM Mark Rose †

Wednesday July 10,

8:30 AM Ryan Miller †

Thursday July 11, St Benedict

8:30 AM Intention of Roseann Higgins †

Friday July 12,

8:30 AM Janet Draffin †

Saturday July 13,

5:00 PM Genevieve Hasemann †
Irene Bekolz-Munoz †
Eileen Mulry †

Sunday July 14,

7:30 AM Joseph Cannizaro †
10:00 AM Parishioners of OLS
Judith DePalma †
Catherine Ranone †

Altar Bread and Wine

In Memory of Mark Rose



*Sanctuary Candle in Mother Church
In Memory of Eileen Mulry*

Faith Formation News

Catechists, (volunteer religion teachers), for the 2024-25 program year are needed for the following levels:

Level 2- meets on 10 Mondays from 4:30 p.m.- 5:30 p.m. (This is a 1st Sacrament year.)

Level 3- meets on 10 Tuesdays from 4:30 p.m.- 5:30 p.m.

Level 4- meets on 10 Wednesdays from 4:30 p.m.- 5:30 p.m.

Level 6- meets on 10 Mondays from 6:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.

A one-to-one volunteer teacher is needed in Level 3 and Level 5.

Door monitors are needed in Levels 5, 6, 7 & 8.

Requirements to Volunteer for Faith Formation (in any capacity):

One must be a practicing Catholic who has received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

A one-time Virtus training class & DRVC background checks that are repeated every 5 years is required.

All lesson plans and all materials/copies are provided at each class for the volunteer teacher.
All classes are held in the large church. A Class Schedule is posted on the parish website under the Faith Formation tab.

Registering for 2024-25

Registration began for the 2024-2025 Faith Formation year on May 1st. The online registration form can be accessed from our parish website. Parents already signed up for Remind Alerts were sent a link to re-register.

Our program begins in 1st grade, since preparation for the Sacrament of 1st Holy Communion is a 2-year process, and continues through grade 9 with the Sacrament of Confirmation. Beyond that our students are encouraged to become active in parish life through our Youth Ministry. Parents of students entering grade 1 in 2024 are encouraged to sign up as New Registrants (if they do not have older children already in the program) online now through our parish website.

Office Location and 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, and closed on Fridays.

Please call ahead to make an appointment with the FF Director, Loren Christie, before stopping by. Loren can be reached at 631-363-6385 x 130 or via email at lchristie@olsbp.com.

For more information about the OLS Faith Formation Program, please visit our parish website and click on the "Faith Formation" tab located at the top of the page.

The Faith Formation Office will be closed for vacation from July 22 - August 8th.

Gospel Reflection by Michael Dawidziak

In today's reading from Mark's gospel, Jesus says, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." He says this to the people of Nazareth, His hometown. Throughout the Bible, the life of a prophet never seemed easy. They were often hated, hunted and harmed by their own people. Why would anybody choose to be a prophet in the first place? The answer is nobody does; they are chosen by God. Their job is to speak not their own words, but rather the words God gives them to speak. We often think of a prophet as someone who can tell the future. While prophecy will sometimes involve revelation about things to come, a more complete definition of a prophet is somebody chosen by God to speak His words. Jesus is the ultimate prophet because He *is* the Word of God and He is God. (John 1:1) Jesus said, "I did not speak on my own, but the Father who sent me commanded me what to say and speak. And I know that his commandment is eternal life. So what I say, I say as the Father told me." (John 12:49-50)

In our first reading we hear of the calling of the prophet Ezekiel from the Old Testament book that bears his name. At the time of his commission, Jerusalem had already been besieged once by the Babylonians. While the city itself and the Temple still stood, the treasures of the Temple and the royal palace had been carried off. The city's nobles, artisans and wealthy people had been exiled. This calamity was due to the people's lack of faith and defiance of God's laws and covenant. Worse is to come if the people do not repent. God tells Ezekiel. "I am sending you to the Israelites" and "you shall say to them". Notice that God alone chooses who will speak for Him. Ezekiel is not to use words of his own choosing, but the ones God gives him to say. He is not the composer of the message, rather just the messenger. God tells Ezekiel He is sending him to a people who are "Hard of face and obstinate of heart".

While Ezekiel's task seems daunting, God tells him that the successful reception of the message is not his responsibility. As a prophet, his only job is to deliver the message. God says, "whether they heed or resist...they shall know that a prophet has been among them." They have had fair warning. Incredibly, they did not heed it and the city was razed, the temple destroyed, and most of the remaining population deported. The words of a prophet are usually difficult to hear. No matter how crucial the message might be, the attitude is often, "I don't want to hear this." Throughout history, many false prophets also arose who tell the rulers and people what they do want to hear. But they are not sent by God, nor are the words they speak from God. Following their advice never turns out well. Jesus said, "Beware of false prophets who come to you disguised as sheep but underneath are ravenous wolves. You will be able to tell them by their fruits." (Matthew 7:15-16)

Prophets still abound today but we tend not to use that title when referring to them. The more common term in use today is "Christians". That's right: us. We are an apostolic church. The word apostle means "one who is sent". As members of His church, we have all been chosen to be Jesus' witnesses. (Acts 1:8) Like Moses, Jeremiah, Isaiah and Peter we often tell God to send someone else. I am not worthy. If God only chose worthy people, He wouldn't have anybody to send. But how do we know what words to use? We have the "Word of God", and we have the enlightenment and power of the Holy Spirit alive in us. We have Jesus' own words and message of salvation to impart from the gospels. St. Paul wrote, "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) In today's epistle, Paul writes, "I will rather boast most gladly about my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell in me." God chooses the message and the messengers. We just need to fully rely on God.

In today's gospel, Jesus visits Nazareth where He grew up. The disciple Nathanel asked, "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" (John 1:46) The town's residents obviously agreed with him. They didn't think Jesus was anything special. "They took offense at him." Jesus "was amazed at their lack of faith." Compare this to the people from Capernaum from last week's reading who showed complete faith in Jesus. Both of these readings are set in Jesus' "hometowns". Today, Jesus' hometown is more universal, the meaning of the word catholic. The church founded by Jesus is His hometown on earth. Yet, how many members of this town still don't act as if Jesus is anything special? Jesus asked, "But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" (Luke 18:8) We have been given the ultimate privilege of being children of God. That by definition makes us Jesus' "own kin and in his own house." It's up to us to see that Jesus is not without honor in His own house. How? By being His prophets, apostles, messengers and witnesses.



Summer Schedule:

YM/PBJ Club:

For the Summer we will meet on the following dates. Our goal will be to make 200 sandwiches during our combined meeting.

August 13

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Mother Church Basement



Summer Social Hour Schedule:

July 18

August 5 – Feast Day of
Our Lady of the Snow

Join us for coffee and conversation after the
8:30 AM Mass, Mother Church Basement.

All are welcome!



Calling all those from 3rd Grade to 11th Grade, if you are interested in Altar Serving, please email me at mtully@olsbp.com, we look forward to you joining our ranks!

Respect Life Ministry News

Check out our bulletin board in the large church vestibule for resources, including information regarding the DRVC FIAT Pregnancy Support Program, The Gianna Center for Women's Health and Fertility, Project Rachel: Healing After Abortion, The Long Island Coalition for Life newsletter, The Retrouvaille Program for struggling marriages, & more.

Ongoing Fill a Crib Project- You may have noticed a baby crib in the stage in the large church filled with donations of baby items. Our parish is continuing to collect new and gently used baby clothing sizes NB-3T, new baby bottles, baby shampoo, baby diapers (all sizes), wipes, baby food, car seats (less than 6 years old), bassinets, etc.

**To DATE OLS HAS DONATED 5 FULL CAR LOADS OF BABY ITEMS THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS PARISHIONERS!*

Adopt a Mom Project- Our parish is also providing monthly monetary support for 4 local moms in need. If you would like to help our effort, checks can be made out to "Our Lady of the Snow Church," and please indicate on the envelope, or on the check itself, that it is a donation for OLS Respect Life Ministry.

Our charity for both projects is Life Center of Long Island.



DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

Saturday, July 20, 2024 @ 9:00 A.M. The Saint Lawrence Knights of Columbus will be hosting a defensive driving course at the Bethany Center, St. Lawrence Church, 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 and registration is required. Please call 631-589-4839. Please make checks payable to: "St. Lawrence Council # 2458".



Dear Parishioners,

Mrs. Diana Mongan has been the Director of our Parish Outreach Program for the past twenty years. Before that she volunteered in the Outreach Office for five years.

This past week Diana came to inform me that she is retiring. I cannot thank her enough for her ministry to our parish and to the most vulnerable of our parish and surrounding community. I am sure that you join with me in thanking her for her dedication and her passion.

Diana's last day in the office will be July 11, 2024. In order to properly recognize Diana's two decades of ministry and service I asked her to be the Honoree at our Annual Parish Golf Outing and Dinner on September 16, 2024 at the Rockhill Golf and Country Club. Even if you do not play golf you can still come out and join us for dinner and a festive celebration.

More information will be forthcoming in the bulletin and social media. Please mark your calendars to save the date and plan to join us. Again, Diana, Thank you for a job well done.

Peace and Prayers,
Father Kevin