THE FIRST SUNDAY OF MARCH 10th, 2019

OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS PARISH

LENT 2019

FINDING PEACE IN CHRIST

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
Mission Statement

We the people of Our Lady of the Snows and the Church of Saint Benedict comprise a joyful Catholic Community of the faithful united in Baptism in Christ Jesus the Son, guided by the Father, and sustained by the Holy Spirit.

We are dedicated to serving God and one another with love and understanding. We also recognize the diversity of cultural, ethnic, and religious traditions among us and extend our hands and hearts to all with care and compassion.

Challenged by the Word of God, we are nourished by the Eucharist and strengthened by prayer and the sacraments to attain our ultimate goal of eternal life and everlasting happiness in complete union with God.

Sacramental Life

**Baptism:** 1st time parents are asked to attend a Pre Baptismal class. Call the Parish Center to schedule an appointment.

**Eucharist:** Questions regarding this cornerstone of our faith can be directed to Tricia Rubner, Interim Director of Religious Education.

**Confirmation:** Administered yearly to all 8th graders who have been enrolled in our religious education program for two years.

**Marriage:** Couples are asked to contact the Parish Center six months in advance of your desired wedding date so that appropriate preparations can be made for your celebration.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Contact the Parish Center whenever a member of your family has become sick or hospitalized.

**Visitation of the Sick:** Any parishioner who is homebound and would like to regularly receive the Eucharist is encouraged to contact the Parish Office to schedule a visit.

**Funerals:** Please notify the Parish Center at the time of your loved one’s death to assist in helping to plan their funeral.

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### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT | MARCH 16-17

**SATURDAY | MARCH 16**

- **CSB** 3:15 PM 
  Brenda Fried (Husband)
- **CSB** 4:00 PM 
  Brenda Fried (Husband)

**SUNDAY | MARCH 17**

- **OLS** 7:00 AM 
  Gail Barrett McNulty (John & Margaret McNulty)
- **CSB** 8:00 AM 
  C. Richard Marshall (Family)
- **OLS** 9:00 AM 
  Patricia Leas (Phyllis Messett)
- **CSB** 11:00 AM 
  Rick Fitzgerald (Berry & Carey Families)
- **OLS** 11:15 AM 
  William Longstreet (Karen Franko Dean)

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### LENTEN WEEKDAY

**MONDAY | MARCH 11**

- **CSG** 7:00 AM 
  James T. O’Malley (Family)
- **OLS** 12:10 PM 
  Patrick O’Malley (Family)

**TUESDAY | MARCH 12**

- **CSG** 7:00 AM 
  Doris Milani (Dr. Frank Milani)
- **OLS** 12:10 PM 
  Theresa Sheehan (Family)

**WEDNESDAY | MARCH 13**

- **OLS** 7:00 AM 
  Girard Donahoe (Mr. & Mrs. P. O’Donnell)
- **OLP** 12:10 PM 
  John Stracch (Family)

**THURSDAY | MARCH 14**

- **CSG** 7:00 AM 
  Biancardi, Memolo, Beccaris Families (Family)
- **OLS** 12:10 PM 
  Ann Pica (Goldate Family)

**FRIDAY | MARCH 15**

- **CSG** 7:00 AM 
  Hon Richard Conaboy (Dr. & Mrs. J. Eagen)
- **OLS** 12:10 PM 
  Msgr James J. McGarry (Month’s Mind Mass)

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### Pastor Team

**Msgr. Joseph G. Quinn,** Pastor
**Father Babu Muttkikal,** Assistant Pastor
**Deacon Leo Lynn,** Parish Deacon
**Donna O’Brien Arnold,** Parish Operations
**Stephen Murphy,** Liturgical Music
**Dorothy Lynott,** Liturgical Ministries
**Tricia Rubner,** Religious Education
**Pete Serine,** Grounds and Facilities

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Lent 2019: Finding Peace in Christ
As we enter into the Lenten season of penance and self denial, we’re reminded that the God we follow is no stranger to these things. In this Sunday’s Gospel, we see the temptations of Jesus which have parallels throughout Scripture and in our own lives. The Apostle John warns against temptations to sensual lust, enticement of the eyes, and a pretentious life (1 John 2:16). Before Eve plucks the fruit from the tree, she hears it is good for food, pleasing to the eyes, and desirable for gaining wisdom (Genesis 3:6). The temptations of Jesus are our own.

“Turn these stones to bread.” Here is the lure of bodily comfort, like good food or sensual lust. It’s the simplest of temptations because it’s instinctual. We want good for our bodies! But there may be times these bodily goods don’t serve the higher good for our souls. The leap “from the temple parapet” would entice the eye of the person watching. A feat like this would prove Jesus’ Messianic ability. His popularity could be a shortcut to the cross. We might not be daredevils, but we want people to like us and be impressed by us. Do we sacrifice our values along the way? To “bow and worship” the devil - and so claim power and a pretentious life - seems like a dramatic temptation. Not everyone may feel enticed by power in the professional sense, but all of us want control. A volunteer team can feel just as intense as the boardroom! How often do we prefer to be in control of our lives (and perhaps even the lives of others), rather than allow God to be God?

When we consider areas of temptation and sin, it’s not to feel ashamed. The temptation in the desert reminds us that we are not alone and that the strength of Jesus can be our strength, too.

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**Temptation is a part of every life. Even Jesus wrestled with temptation. The Gospel clearly tells us that true power is found in the embrace of virtue: living lives of non-violence, mercy, and forgiveness. Yet, we still are not convinced and seek things that will hurt us and retaliate against those who harm us.**

When Jesus faced temptation, He found security in who He was, which firmly rooted him in his mission and gave him the determination to trust in God. We must learn to find security in our identity as a son or daughter of God, to live out our mission rooted in that truth, and to be confident in God’s abiding presence in our lives.
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PARISH MISSION RETREAT: Mar 31 - Apr 2
Director: Fr. Erik Lenhart, OFM Cap

6pm 6pm 6pm
**DAILY: MASS**

Prayer at Mass, a primary aspect of our faith, helps re-focus our sacred purpose to discover Christ’s gift of peace. Consider joining us for Daily Masses, either at 7am at St. Gregory’s or 12:10pm at Our Lady of the Snows. This is one way to truly embrace the Peace of Christ.

**MONDAY: CONFESSION**

The “Light is on for You” is an opportunity for you to get to Confession during this 2019 Lenten Season. Msgr. Quinn, Fr. Lapera and Fr. Babu will be available for confessions Monday evenings during Lent from 5:30pm to 7pm at Our Lady of the Snows Church.

**THURSDAY: SAINTS**

Lent is a wonderful time to reflect on the compellingly lived history of our faith and this Lent, learn about four Catholic Pivotal Players in a multi-part video series that illuminates a handful of saints, artists, mystics, and scholars who not only shaped the life of the Church but changed the course of civilization. This video and discussion series begins this Thursday in our

**FRIDAY: STATIONS**

Join us as we follow Jesus along the Way of the Cross every Friday during Lent beginning this Friday, March 8th after the 12:10pm Mass or at 5:30pm at Our Lady of the Snows. This tradition is a powerful remembrance of Christ’s Passion and the path it offers to our inner peace.

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The saints have written that every human person desires the good. In a sense, we don’t desire sin itself. Temptation is powerful because there is at least some bit of good in it. Even in the blackest of sin, there is something good that becomes twisted. We can look for good in sin when we feel it is lacking in our own life. When we lack true relational intimacy, it can be easy to turn to lust. When we lack confidence in God in our own lives, it can be easy to judge others or to grasp for control over situations. When we lack peace in the present moment, it can be easy to compete with others or to treat others poorly in our quest for success.

Overcoming temptation isn’t just about repressing our sinful desires. If that’s all we do, they’ll just burst out somewhere else! If there is a recurring temptation in your life, prayerfully consider why this is so appealing to you. Submit this to God and bring it to a wise person. And in the meantime, continue to resist temptation to sin. If we fail to choose God in small choices, we’re several steps down the road towards failing in larger ones. Pray for the grace to persevere!
FOR NEXT WEEKEND
MARCH 16TH - 17TH
MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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STEWARDSHIP

Know how grateful we are for your Sunday Offerings from:

WEEKEND OF MARCH 2 - 3
ENVELOPES: $12,576.50
ONLINE: $1,806.50
TOTAL: $14,383.00

SAVE TIME, GIVE ONLINE
Online giving is available through WeShare, a simple, safe, and completely secure way to donate to Our Lady of the Snows Parish.

Visit olsb.weshareonline.org or call the Parish Center at 570.586.1741

IN OUR COMMUNITY

SUNDAY, MARCH 17
VFW Post 7069
402 Winola Road, Clarks Summit
5:00 to 7:00 pm, or until sold out

$10 Adults | $5 Children
Call 570-586-9821 for tickets

LENTEN LITTLE WORKS OF MERCY

Sponsored by our Women’s Guild, the Lenten Little Works of Mercy go towards aiding the Women’s Resource Center in Scranton. This Center helps women who have been caught in various forms of abuse and violence and offers them a safe place and a fresh start on life.

Each week of Lent, we encourage you to drop off any of the following small gifts that can make a big difference to the marked boxes at the entrances to our Churches. Thank you in advance for your support!

Week of:
Mar 9-10: Body Wash and Deodorant
Mar 16-17: Toothpaste, Toothbrush
Mar 23-24: Shampoo, Conditioner
Mar 30-31: Socks, Diaper Wipes
Apr 6-7: Towels

CHORAL SOCIETY LENTEN CONCERT

In a 69 year tradition of inspiring prayer and meditation through music, the Catholic Choral Society will present their annual Lenten Concert on Sunday, March 24th, at 3pm.
St. Patrick Church:
1403 Jackson St., Scranton

The Choral group is composed of fifty members from across both Luzerne, Lackawanna, Wayne, Susquehanna and Wyoming counties who will perform inspirational music in the Lenten tradition at the March concert.

WORKS OF MERCY DONATION