OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS PARISH
24 March 2019

LENT 2019

FINDING PEACE IN CHRIST

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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ABOUT OUR PARISH
MISSION | SACRAMENTS

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: First 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.

REMEMBERING OUR BELOVED: MARCH 25-29

MONDAY | MARCH 25TH
CSG  7:00 AM  Msgr. John H. Louis (Jean Conlon)
OLS  12:10 PM  Brunilde Blank (Tom & Rose Kamla)

TUESDAY | MARCH 26TH
CSG  7:00 AM  Dorothy Toth (Caroline (sister))
OLS  12:10 PM  Barbara Reuter (Albert & Carol Mueller & Family)

WEDNESDAY | MARCH 27TH
CSG  7:00 AM  C. & A. Fennnnessy (Family)
OLS  12:10 PM  Joan Cummings (The Cummings Family)

THURSDAY | MARCH 28TH
CSG  7:00 AM  Andrew Millett (Family)
OLS  12:10 PM  William Longstreet (Mr & Mrs Fred Spott & Family)

FRIDAY | MARCH 29TH
CSG  7:00 AM  Genny Farnan Robinson (Family)
OLS  12:10 PM  Roc J. Tomaselli (Family)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT | MARCH 30-31
LAETARE SUNDAY

SATURDAY | MARCH 30TH
CSB  3:15 PM  CONFESSIONS
CSB  4:00 PM  Joseph Menichello (John & Charlene Durdan)

OLS  5:00 PM  CONFESSIONS
OLS  5:30 PM  Matilda “Tillie” Tarantini (Mark & Marie Genuario)

SUNDAY | MARCH 31ST
OL  7:00 AM  Parishioners of OLS
CSB  8:00 AM  Msgr. James McGarry (Patrick & Betty Kennedy)
OL  9:30 AM  David D. Kozyloksy (Family)
CSB  11:00 AM  Esther Casley (Mark Fedor)
O  11:15 AM  Edward Carter (Wife)

In addition, we remember our recently deceased relatives, friends, and cherished members of our parish community, especially:

GARY SHEPHERD  MARY McGUIRE
CATHERINE JASKULSKI

Pastoral Team
Msgr. Joseph G. Quinn, Pastor
Father Babu Muttiikkal, 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

March 24th, 2019 | Third Sunday of Lent
Lent Retreat

March 31st, April 1st & 2nd
Our Lady of the Snows Church at 6pm

Sunday,  For Starters: Let Peace Begin with Me!
Monday,   Moving Forward: Forgiveness in Peace.
Tuesday,  Onward: Go in Peace.  
          Followed by: Potluck Soup and Salad Reception

Finding Peace in Christ

Join Us!

Lent 2019: Finding Peace in Christ
“There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it [he] found none.” We live in a results-driven society. It can be easy to put pressure on ourselves to succeed. If we’re not keeping up with the perceived “good life” of those around us, we feel anxious and disappointed. Some of the Gospel stories about fruitfulness can seem to play out in this fashion. “For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down.” The message seems to be clear. Abide in God and bear fruit! Stand apart from God and be barren. But what happens when we’re trying, but the growth we wanted doesn’t seem to be coming our way? What if it feels like life just isn’t bearing fruit?

This Sunday, Jesus gives us a sign of hope. “[The gardener] said to him in reply, ‘Sir, leave it for this year also that it may bear fruit in the future.” How quick we can be to judge! Perhaps you started out Lent with high hopes and big ideas for getting closer to God. Maybe things haven’t gone exactly like you thought. It can be easy to lose patience with our failures or slow growth. We shouldn’t be too quick to assume that God has given up on us. He hasn’t.

The same ideas apply to those around us. Perhaps we’re the planter of the fig tree. We expect a certain amount of growth from someone in our life, and they just aren’t measuring up. Let today’s Gospel be a gentle nudge for mercy. As Lent continues to unfold, be patient with yourself and those around you. Wait for God to provide the growth.
LENT 2019: FINDING PEACE IN CHRIST

IDEAS FOR A MORE MEANINGFUL LENTEN SEASON | WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR LENT?

MONDAY: CONFESSION

“Light is on for You” is an opportunity for you to get to Confession during this 2019 Lenten Season. Fr. Lapera, Msgr. Quinn 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: ST. CATHERINE

This Thursday evening, March 28th at 6:30pm in our OLS Gathering Room we will continue our Lent 2019 Program of Catholicism’s Pivotool Players video series. This week features the amazing story of Saint Catherine of Siena and the remarkable role she played in the history of the church and the papacy.

FRIDAY: STATIONS

Join us as we follow Jesus along the Way of the Cross every Friday during Lent beginning after the 12:10pm Mass and again at 5:30pm at Our Lady of the Snows.

A PRAYER TO BE OPEN TO GOD

Good and gracious God,
I know that life can be unpredictable.
Sometimes I know what is good and right,
but I don’t have the courage to do it.
Sometimes I am so busy with my own affairs,
I forget to see the needs of people in front of me.
Sometimes I am set in my own ways,
and I resist growing and learning.
Help me, Lord, to be open to Your will.
When You prompt me to do the right thing,
give me the courage to do it.
When those around me need my help,
give me Your heart to love them.
When I’m stuck in my own ways,
give me the grace to grow closer to You each day.
Give me the trust and confidence of Mary.
Let it be done unto me according to Your word!

THIS WEEKEND:

SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION

PARISH IMPROVEMENT FUND

Major Spring 2019 Projects:
Repoint OLS Stone Exterior
Repave Upper Lot at CSB
Repair Parking Lot at OLS

Thank you for your support!

Middle School Friday Fun Night
Last Event of the Year
Olympic Battle

Friday, April 5th
6:30pm-8pm
GRADERS 6-8 WELCOME

Questions? Call the Parish Office
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OLS Gathering Room

CELEBRATING YOUR 25TH OR 50TH IN 2019?

Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, invites couples celebrating their 25th and 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2019 to attend the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 30th. The event includes a 2:30 PM Mass at St. Peter’s Cathedral followed by a reception. Contact Parish Center (570) 586-1741 before April 2nd to make your reservation.

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Fr. Philip G. Bochanski
Registration: www.BeAManConference.com

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