THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

LAETARE SUNDAY

FINDING PEACE IN CHRIST
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.

REMINDING OUR BELOVED: APRIL 1-5

MONDAY | APRIL 1ST
CSG 7:00 AM Kristie McDowell (Jerry & Susie Miller)
OLS 12:10 PM John Stracham (Wife)

TUESDAY | APRIL 2ND
CSG 7:00 AM Frances Esolein (Family)
OLS 12:10 PM Patrick Prendergast (Ann Roslund)
OLS 6:00 PM Msgr. James McGarry (Parish Staff)

WEDNESDAY | APRIL 3RD
CSG 7:00 AM Joan Ofalt (Jim & Marie Scott)
OLS 12:10 PM Mary Ann McNulty (Mr. & Mrs. J. McNulty)

THURSDAY | APRIL 4TH
CSG 7:00 AM Kathleen Shantillo (Friend)
OLS 12:10 PM Dr. Joseph J. Grassi (Estelle & Dennis Kelly)

FRIDAY | APRIL 5TH
CSG 7:00 AM Joseph & Helen Cronkey (Friend)
OLS 12:10 PM Michael McNulty (Mr. & Mrs. J. McNulty)

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT | APRIL 6-7

SATURDAY | APRIL 6TH
CSB 3:15 PM CONFESSIONS (The Allison Family)
CSB 4:00 PM Helen Baldino
OLS 5:00 PM CONFESSIONS
OLS 5:30 PM John Mysko (Sharon & Chris Calvey)

SUNDAY | APRIL 7TH
OLS 7:00 AM Deceased Parishioners of OLS Parish
CSB 8:00 AM William Clarke (Wife, Patti)
OLS 9:30 AM Suzanne Pusateri (Family)
CSB 11:00 AM William Longstreet (Margaret & Al Jeffrey)
OLS 11:15 AM Ann James (Family)

Pastoral Team
Msgr. Joseph G. Quinn, Pastor
Father Babu Muttikkal, 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 31st, 2019 | Fourth Sunday of Lent
Welcome, Father Erik!

Parish Partners:
Our Lady of the Snows
and
The Church of Saint Gregory

Lent Retreat
at Our Lady of the Snows Church

Finding Peace in Christ

Sunday, Mar 31st at 6pm:
For Starters: Let Peace Begin with Me!

Monday, April 1st at 6pm:
Moving Forward: Forgiveness in Peace.

Tuesday, April 2nd at 6pm:
Onward: Go in Peace.
(Followed by Soup and Salad Reception
In the Gathering Room)

Join Us!

Lent 2019: Finding Peace in Christ
Repentance. Envy. Joy. Hope. Have you felt these human emotions? Today’s Gospel offers a rich story, one we can all find our place in. As we reflect on our own spiritual lives this Lenten season, it can be helpful to imagine ourselves in the story of the Prodigal Son.

... “I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers.” The younger son has sinned greatly, betraying his father’s trust and squandering his money in sin. Yet the parable turns on his deep repentance and humble return. Is there any area of your life you have been wandering from God or you’ve squandered good gifts? This Lent, return to the sacrament of Confession! God, a merciful Father, waits for you there.

“While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him.” The father in the parable sees his son’s selfishness, perhaps even suspects what he might do, but gives him the inheritance anyway. After his son’s departure, the father waits with hope for his son’s eventual return. Has someone you love left the Church, made poor decisions, or abused your trust? This Lent is a time to let go of bitterness and to live in hope. Prepare your heart to be merciful!

... Not all in the parable invite the mercy of God into their hearts. The self-righteous older brother dishonors his father with his pettiness. “My son, you are here with me always, everything I have is yours.” Do you covet what others have? Do you feel as if you’ve been taken advantage of or that your work goes unseen? This Lent is a time to grow in gratitude. Take a close look at the blessings in our life that you might be missing.

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Lent 2019: Finding Peace in Christ
THE WEEK AHEAD
SEE MORE ONLINE | OLSPARISH.NET

SUNDAY | MARCH 31ST
OLS  6:30 PM  LENTEN RETREAT

MONDAY | APRIL 1ST
OLS  6:00 PM  LENTEN RETREAT

TUESDAY | APRIL 2ND
OLS  6:00 PM  LENTEN RETREAT

WEDNESDAY | APRIL 3RD
GR  10:00 PM  BEREAVEMENT GROUP
OLS  12:35 PM  NOVENA
GR  7:00 PM  WOMEN’S GUILD

THURSDAY | APRIL 4TH
GR  6:30 PM  PIVOTAL PLAYERS:
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

FRIDAY | APRIL 5TH
GR  10:00 AM  FRIDAY MORNING COMPANY
OLS  12:40 PM  STATIONS OF THE CROSS
OLS  5:30 PM  STATIONS OF THE CROSS
GR  6:30 PM  MIDDLE SCHOOL FUN NIGHT

OLS - Our Lady of the Snows Church
CSB - Church of Saint Benedict
OLP - Our Lady of Peace School

MONDAY: CONFESSION

“The Light is on for You” is an opportunity for you to get to Confession during this 2019 Lenten Season. As part of this week’s Lenten Retreat, confessions will be heard this Monday evening at 6pm at Our Lady of the Snows.

THURSDAY: ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

This Thursday evening, April 4th, at 6:30pm in the OLS Gathering Room, we will be concluding our 2019 Lenten Progam Catholicism’s Pivotal Players video series. This week features the amazing story of Saint Francis of Assisi and the remarkable role he played in the history of the Church. Join us in learning something new about this great saint!

FRIDAY: STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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 Church.

Middle School Friday Fun Night
Last Event of the Year
Olympic Battle
THIS FRIDAY, APR 5th!
6:30pm-8pm
GRADERS 6-8 WELCOME

Questions? Call the Parish Office
(570) 586-1741

OLS Gathering Room

LOOKING AHEAD

2019 Chrism Mass

All of the faithful of the Diocese of Scranton are invited to attend the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Peter on Tuesday, April 16th at 4pm.

At this Mass, priests from across the Diocese will renew their priestly promises before the Bishop, and the oils to be used for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick and Holy Orders will be blessed.

Participation in the Chrism Mass is a beautiful way to pray for and support the priests of the Diocese of Scranton!

2019 Triduum

Holy Thursday, April 18
8:30 am Morning Prayer – (OLS)
7:00 pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper at St. Benedict’s

Good Friday, April 19
8:30 am Morning Prayer – (OLS)
3:00 pm Good Friday Services at Our Lady of the Snows

Holy Saturday, April 20
8:30 am Morning Prayer – (OLS)
1:30 pm Easter Egg Hunt – (OLS)
2:00pm Blessing of the Food Baskets – (OLS)
8:00pm Easter Vigil Mass at Our Lady of the Snows

2019 Easter

Easter Sunday, April 21
7:00 am:Mass (OLS)  9:30 am:Mass (OLS)
8:00 am:Mass (CSB)  11:00am:Mass (CSB)
9:30 am:Mass (CSB)  11:15am:Mass (OLS)

OLS – Our Lady of the Snows
CSB – Church of St. Benedict

Lent 2019: Finding Peace in Christ
PARISH IMPROVEMENT FUND

With many thanks to our very generous parishioners, we have reached a sum of $16,088.50 for this year’s Parish Improvement Fund!! Your generosity and kindness is appreciated!!!

THANK YOU!!!

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

MEN’S CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

April 27
2019

Saturday, 8 am - 3:00 pm
Holy Redeemer High School
159 South Pennsylvania Ave.
Wilkes Barre, PA 18701

$40 (Early Bird $30 until 4/1/19), Student $15,
Priest/Deacon FREE Morning coffee & boxed lunch included

FOR NEXT WEEKEND APRIL 6TH - 7TH

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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STEWARDSHIP

Know how grateful we are for your Sunday Offerings from the:

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SAVE TIME, GIVE ONLINE

Online giving is available through WeShare, a simple, safe, and completely secure way to donate and support. Our Lady of the Snows Parish. Visit olsb.weshareonline.org or call the Parish Center at 570.586.1741

COLLECTION TODAY FOR CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Today’s special collection is for Catholic Relief Services. CRS helps our brothers and sisters in need in times of disaster the United States and globally. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!!!