...Perhaps Spring has finally arrived!
Some may ask, “How can we encourage vocations to the priesthood when so many priests have behaved so badly?” The answer is that bad shepherds highlight the need for good shepherds. Now is exactly the time to challenge young men to become good, holy priests for the Church.

### About World Day of Prayer

Today marks the 56th Anniversary of the *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*, which was initially instituted by Pope Paul VI during the Second Vatican Council. The entire Church, including lay people, are charged with the work of fostering priestly and religious vocations.

Please pray that young people, especially those from our parish, will be open to God’s call in their lives. Show your commitment to praying for vocations by enrolling at invisiblemonastery.com

O Mary, who raised your Divine Son with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, intercede for all young people, especially those clouded by doubt about their vocations. May the light of grace pierce their hearts so they may answer your Son’s call, especially those whom He is inviting to the priesthood and consecrated life.

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When something delights us, it touches us in a unique and special way. We are stirred within, filled with happiness, glee, and joy. The object of our delight captivates us, and we are eager, sometimes beyond words, to obtain it.

Have you ever been delighted by your faith, the Gospel, God’s Word, or an encounter with God? The Gentiles were delighted when they learned they were sharers in the Good News and ecstatic that they were included. They recognized their shepherd and realized that they discovered something or someone unlike any other before.

We can easily become lukewarm in our relationship with God and forget just how life-changing the Good News of our faith really is. We are brought to the springs of life-giving water and are gifted with something secular life simply cannot provide: Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

**MOTHER’S DAY: RESPECTING LIFE**

The Scranton Chapter of Pennsylvanias for Human Life is conducting its annual Mother’s Day Carnation Sale after all Masses this weekend. This fundraiser helps continue the chapter’s work and sustain its Pro-Life Center. Thanks for helping all to respect the great dignity of each and every life, from conception to natural death.

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**SUNDAY | MAY 12TH**
GR 6:00 PM YOUTH GROUP MEETING

**MONDAY | MAY 13TH**
GR 7:00 PM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**TUESDAY | MAY 14TH**
GR 9:45 AM BIBLE STUDY (MORNING GROUP)
GR 6:30 PM BIBLE STUDY (EVENING GROUP)
OLS 7:00 PM CHOIR REHEARSAL

**FRIDAY | MAY 17TH**
GR 10:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING COMPANY

**PRAYING THE ROSARY BEFORE MASS**

**CELEBRATING MARY IN THE MONTH OF MAY**

**Weekdays in May**

Monday 11:45 am Rosary
Wednesday 12:40 pm Novena
Friday 11:45 am Rosary

**Sundays in May**

Together we will be praying two decades of the rosary prior to the start of the Sunday Masses at *Our Lady of the Snows* and the *Church of Saint Benedict*.

**MOTHER’S DAY: SEE MORE ONLINE | OLSPARISH.NET**

**“Thank You, Mom”**

From the initial wonder to the morning sickness, From the sleepless nights to the giggles of delight, From the first steps to the temper tantrums, Thank you, Mom.

From school day pride to detention day disappointment, From the big game to the big show to the big “uh-oh,” With secret shared moments and home-cooked meals, Thank you, Mom.

Through tears and laughter, Through sorrow and joy, For all the ups and downs, and for the journey yet to come, Thank you, Mom!
How blessed our parish is to have celebrated this weekend the First Communion of 53 young boys and girls!

The wonderfully joyful gathering at St. Benedict’s helped underscore for all the sacred meal which we call the Eucharist, where we remember Jesus and what He did for all of us.

Welcome to God’s Table!
With the conclusion of this year’s religious education classes, we extend our abiding thanks to the extraordinary 39 volunteer catechists who have once again helped shape the faith of more than 300 young boys and girls in our Parish.

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Kindergarten Catechists
Kathy Farley  Jill VanGorder

First Grade Catechists
Stephanie Allen  Anne Brokus
Tara James  Clel Tomlinson

Second Grade Catechists
Marjorie Adcroft  Marie Allison
Courtney Fogley  Michael Fogley
Marilyn Mercer  Geralyn Vecerauskas

Third Grade Catechists
Donna Coleman  Pat Farrell
Sarah Mitchell  Lisa Moher

Fourth Grade Catechists
Marie Allison  Heather Flieger
Tara James  Courtney Long

Fifth Grade Catechists
Karen Cure  Abby Fenton
Jennifer Kwiatkowski  Gina Peperno
Marianne Rooney  Carol Rothenberger
Marie Sarafinko

Sixth Grade Catechists
Marie Allison  Christine Klimas
Lisa Moher  Holly Regan
Andrea Rogers

Seventh Grade Catechists
Amy Barbrack  Marie Dearie
Lori Hendrickson  Peggy LaCoe
Andrea Rogers

Eighth Grade Catechists
Lori Barahona  William Blaum, Esq.
Courtenay Degnon  Mary Carroll Donahoe
Ronda Schiavone

This year our Youth Group Summer Mission Trip will be returning to Ss. Philip and James Church in Sullivan County to complete the restoration work they began last year.

The trip is set for June 24th to 28th. Our Lady of the Snows will be teaming up with Steve Wallo and the Youth Group from St. John the Evangelist Parish in Pittston.

The trip is open to all students in Grades 9-12 and adults and college students are welcome to attend as chaperones. The Mission Trip will be $300. Call the Parish Center at 570-586-1741 to register.
## MINISTRY SCHEDULE
### FOR NEXT WEEKEND
**MAY 18TH - 19TH**

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## STEWARDSHIP
Know how grateful we are for your Sunday Offerings:

**WEEKEND OF MAY 4-5**
- **ENVELOPES** $12,828.00
- **ONLINE** $2,591.50
- **TOTAL** $15,419.50

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## Memorial Walkway
**at Church of St. Benedict**

**Paver Stone Sample Options:**
- **9” X 9”** $200
- **13” X 9”** $300

**Submissions Due:** **Monday, May 27th**

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**12 May 2019 | Fourth Sunday of Easter**