Finding God in Nature... an added blessing at St. Benedict’s!
Our 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.

Our 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, please contact the Parish Center at least six months in advance of your desired wedding date so that appropriate preparations can be made for your celebration.

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

Visitation of the Sick: Any parishoner 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.

Our Catholic Schools

Our Lady of Peace School  (Grades PK 4 to 8)
OLPClarksSummit.com

Holy Cross High School  (Grades 9 to 12)
HCHSpa.org
“I give you a new commandment: love one another.” With these words, Jesus sums up the law and the prophets in one concise phrase. Love one another. After 2,000 years, you’d think we’d have it figured out by now! But all too often, we fail in this commandment. Perhaps we mistake ‘love’ for mere ‘common decency.’ Perhaps we’ve been betrayed, or our own visions of love have been tarnished or misrepresented in our lives. Blessedly, Jesus doesn’t leave us without a guide.

“As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.” Jesus himself modeled what this love should look like. So what are some of the characteristics of the love of Christ? Humility, for one. St. Paul writes that Jesus “emptied Himself.” In becoming man, Jesus puts aside the full splendor of the Godhead. Not only does he become human, but he takes on many of the mundane struggles of human life. He spent most of his life in relative poverty - especially by our standards - as a common laborer. When he began gaining popularity as a preacher, he still traveled on foot and spent nights in other people’s homes or outdoors.

Jesus’ love is generous. He was always available to the crowds and to being interrupted by people in need. He invested time in His disciples and patiently taught them about the kingdom of God. The love of Jesus is also courageous. He encountered many people deemed less worthy of human respect, due to being public sinners or having a physical or mental disability. Jesus was brave in breaking these social boundaries to show care and concern to the outcast. These traits are possible for us to imitate! Indeed, we are hardly identifiable as Christians without them. “This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

VBS 2019... Our Lady of the Snows / Church of St. Gregory

DATES: JUNE 24 TO 28
TIME: 9 AM TO 12 NOON
LOCATION: OUR LADY OF PEACE SCHOOL
AGES: 4 THROUGH 11 YEARS OLD
COST: $25 (THROUGH JUNE 1ST) $30 (AFTER JUNE 1ST)

REGISTER ONLINE TODAY: OLSPARISH.NET/VBS

Volunteers Needed!

This year’s Vacation Bible School is coming quickly. We need students, Grade 6 and older, as well as adults to help!

VISIT OLSPARISH.NET/VBSVOLUNTEER TO SIGN UP!
**PRAYING THE ROSARY**

**CELEBRATING MARY’S MONTH**

**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 *Church of St. Benedict*.

**ONE MORE FOR THE RECORD...**

*Mea culpa!* We missed out on one of the students who received a special Youth Award from the Diocese of Scranton a few weeks ago.

We extend our congratulations to Faith Bennett, a loyal and faithful student volunteer who did receive a 2019 Bishop’s Youth Award this Year.

**LAST YEAR’S CB PROCEEDS AT WORK:**

Thanks to all who so generously helped last year’s *Country Bazaar* be the great success that it was, some new improvement projects are now under way!

One of them, as you can see above, is the full re-paving of the upper parking lot at St. Benedict’s. Long overdue, it could only have been completed last week through the goodness of everybody’s work with our *Country Bazaar* last year!

**SUNDAY | MAY 19TH**
- GR  2:00 PM  BEREAVEMENT GROUP
- GR  6:00 PM  YOUTH GROUP MEETING

**MONDAY | MAY 20TH**
- ER  7:00 PM  CURSILLO

**TUESDAY | MAY 21TH**
- GR  9:45 AM  BIBLE STUDY (MORNING GROUP)
- GR  6:30 PM  BIBLE STUDY (EVENING GROUP)
- OLS  7:00 PM  CHOIR REHEARSAL

**WEDNESDAY | MAY 22TH**
- OLS  12:35 PM  WEEKLY NOVENA

**THURSDAY | MAY 23TH**
- PCR  4:30 PM  COUNTRY BAZAAR ‘19 MEETING

**FRIDAY | MAY 24TH**
- GR  10:00 AM  FRIDAY MORNING COMPANY

**SAVE THE DATES FOR THE 2019**

**OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS PARISH**

**COUNTRY BAZAAR**

**AUG 1 | AUG 2 | AUG 3**
- THUR | FRI | SAT

at ST. BENEDICT’S!
HELPING STRENGTHEN THE FAITH OF OUR YOUTH

XLT EXALT

Friday, May 24, 2019
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Saint Faustina Kowalska Parish
520 South Hanover Street, Nanticoke

SAVE THE DATE!!
ISLI
JULY 8-11, 2019

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS JOIN US FOR THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE AT MISERICORDIA UNIVERSITY!
REGISTRATION OPENS MAY 20TH!

UP & OVER
RETREAT FOR 6TH, 7TH, & 8TH GRADERS

May 31 - June 2
Camp Orchard Hill - Dallas, Pa

Registration Fee: $140
- Cabin Style Lodging
- Learn Teamwork & Problem Solving Skills
- New Friends
- New Prayer Experiences
- Outdoor Obstacle Course

Arrival:
7:00 pm Friday
Departure:
12:00 noon Sunday

2019 OLS PARISH MISSION TRIP

The trip to Ss. Philip and James Church in Sullivan County is set for July 21st-26th. Our Lady of the Snows will be teaming up with Steve Wallow and the youth group from St. John’s the Evangelist Parish in Pittston. The trip is open to all students in Gr. 9-12.

LIGHT THE FIRE
Wednesday June 26, 2019
At Misericordia University

For High School Students
Join us for a high energy day filled with:
- A variety of workshops
- An Amazing Closing Mass – Adoration
- Reconciliation – New Friends

Cost: $30
Light-the-Fire.org

SAVE THE DATE!!
NCYC 2019
NOVEMBER 20-24, 2019
INFORMATION ON THE DIOCESAN TRIP TO THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE IS COMING SOON!!!
### MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**FOR NEXT WEEKEND MAY 25TH - 26TH**

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| 4:00 PM (CSB) | Anne Brokus  
Peter Brokus  
Kimberly Jacques | Regina LaCoe  
Tammie Fitz-Arling | Sydney Degnon  
Kyle Degnon |
| 5:30 PM (OLS) | Robert Clark  
Dorothy Lynott | Ellen Walsh  
Thomas Cummings  
Jessica Chopko | Joey Arcuri  
Holly Ross |
| 7:00 AM (OLS) | David Klepadlo  
Linda Klepadlo | Nan Wandalowski | -                  |
| 8:00 AM (CSB) | Noreen Blewitt  
Phyllis Ruzbarsky | Justin Blewitt  
Barbara Frutchey | -                  |
| 9:30 AM (OLS) | Susan Burke  
Linda Norton  
Joseph Rinkunas | Karen Daly  
John McInerney  
Marina Rinkunas  
Mark Barbrack  
Henry Barbrack | -                  |
| 11:00 AM (CSB) | Nancy Ayers  
Grazyna Wolujewicz  
Germaine Carey | Tyler Blaum  
Domenica Coleman  
Regan Allison  
Eva Blaum | -                  |
| 11:15 AM (OLS) | Grace Dawgert  
Dennis Dawgert  
Mary Carroll Donahoe | John Rama  
Denise Pieplo  
Jo Ann Durdan  
Colin Donahoe | -                  |

#### STEWARDSHIP

Know how grateful we are for your Sunday Offerings from:

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#### PA FOR HUMAN LIFE

Thanks to you, $661 was sent to Pennsylvanians for Human Life.

**ONLINE GIVING is available through WeShare, a simple, safe, and completely secure way to donate to Our Lady of the Snows Parish.**

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