A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS.

PSALM 112
ABOUT OUR PARISH
MISSION | SACRAMENTS

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.

Sacramental Life in Our Parish

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 our Parish Center.

Confirmation: Administered yearly to all 8th graders who have been enrolled in our religious education program for at least 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 when 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 asked to contact the Parish Center to schedule a visit.

Funerals: Please notify the Parish Center at the time of your loved one’s death so that we may assist in the planning of the funeral.

Our Catholic Schools

Our Lady of Peace School
OLPClarksSummit.com
570-587-4152
(Grades PK 4 to 8)

Holy Cross High School
HCHSpa.org
570-346-7541
(Grades 9 to 12)

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | FEB 15-16

SATURDAY | FEBRUARY 15TH
CSB 3:15 PM Confessions
CSB 4:00 PM Michael & Margaret Stanik (John & Charlene Durdan)
OLS 5:30 PM Msgr. James J. McGarry (Parish)

SUNDAY | FEBRUARY 16TH
OLS 7:00 AM Deceased Parishioners of OLS Parish
CSB 8:00 AM Mary and Connie Sperduti (Children)
OLS 9:30 AM James Meyl (Matthew Beckage)
OLS 11:15 AM David Berk (Family)

Msgr. Joseph G. Quinn, Pastor
Rev. Stephen A. Asomah, Assistant Pastor
Deacon Leo Lynn, Parish Deacon
Donna O’Brien Arnold, Parish Operations
Stephen Murphy, Liturgical Music
Dorothy Lynott, Liturgical Ministries
Sue Burke, Faith Formation
Pete Serine, Grounds and Facilities

9 February 2020 | Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
What does it mean to be salt and light? If we listen carefully to Jesus’ words, we gain some direction. To be salt means to bring taste, zest, and joy to life. We are asked to liven things up a bit by allowing the joy of our faith to spill over into the lives of others. Only a sincere and deep relationship with God can freshen up humanity and set it on proper course. To be light means that our faith must translate into action so that we can be Christ for others and extend the same arm of mercy and compassion that Christ did. Our acts of piety, then, cannot be directed solely at ourselves. Prayer is never about self-benefit but must always be directed toward union with God, deepening our relationships with one another and learning how to be effective stewards of the beautiful universe God has entrusted to our care.

The Master gives us wise direction in terms of how we can best become the salt and light he desires. Listen carefully to the Beatitudes. Think about the oppression and alienation that exists in our world, the violence and prejudice, the anger and the hatred, the fear and the shame. All of these things require action. The poor need food, housing, and clothes. Hatred must be replaced by love. Retaliation and violence by forgiveness. Our thoughts and speech can become more like Christ. We can change and continue to change. Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman said, “To live is to change and to be perfect is to have changed often.”

But it doesn’t end with just offering the bandages needed to heal wounds. It must go deeper. We must ask ourselves what has happened that we have found ourselves in this place with these wounds and divisions. What are their causes? Together we must address these systemic problems, politically and spiritually, and face the truth. Only then will we truly be salt and light. But then again, we may not like what the light shows us.

THE WEEK AHEAD...

MONDAY | FEBRUARY 10TH
PCR 9PM STEADFAST STEWARDS
GR 7PM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING
ER 7PM CURSILLO MEETING

TUESDAY | FEBRUARY 11TH
OLS 5PM OLS HOUSE OF GOD
VOLUNTEER CLEANERS

WEDNESDAY | FEBRUARY 12TH
OLS 7PM CHOIR REHEARSAL

FRIDAY | FEBRUARY 14TH
GR 10AM FRIDAY MORNING COMPANY

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE
at ABINGTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY
THIS FRIDAY 3PM - 7PM

SAVE THE DATE: ANNUAL MASS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

The Annual Mass of Persons with Disabilities will be held on Sunday, February 23rd, at noon at the Cathedral of Saint Peter. If you or someone you know is interested in serving at this Mass, please contact Katy Windels at kwindels@dioceseofscranton.org

All are welcome!

NEXT WEEKEND: ICE FESTIVAL ‘20

Don’t forget! Next weekend is the annual Clarks Summit Ice Festival when we all have a chance to have fun and support all of our local small businesses. Warm up with a cup of hot chocolate! See you there!
CELEBRATING YOUR 25TH OR 50TH IN 2020?

Bishop Bambera and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary during 2020 to attend the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass scheduled for Sunday, June 14th.

This event includes a 2:30pm Mass at St. Peter’s Cathedral followed by a reception.

To receive your invitation, contact Dorothy at the Parish Center at 570-586-1741 by no later than March 16th.

WHO WAS SAINT VALENTINE?

Valentine was a Roman Priest in the mid 250s AD during the reign of Emperor Claudias, who persecuted the church. Claudias had an edict that prohibited the marriage of young people. This was based on the hypothesis that unmarried soldiers fought better than married ones who were afraid of what might happen to their families if they died!

Valentine ignored the emperor’s edict and secretly married these young couples. Claudias discovered this, imprisoned Valentine and later sentenced him to death. During his imprisonment, he wrote letters of encouragement to many and signed them “From your Valentine.” In 496 AD, pope Gelasius marked February 14th as a celebration in honor of St. Valentine’s martyrdom.

A COUPLE’S PRAYER

We thank you, O God, for the love you have implanted in our hearts.
May it always inspire us to be kind in our words, considerate of each other’s feelings, and attuned to each other’s needs and wishes.
Help us to be understanding and forgiving of human weakness and failings.
Increase our faith and trust in you and guide and guard us each day.
Bless our marriage, O Lord, with peace and joy, both here on earth and in eternity.

Happy Valentine’s Day
AS YOU REFLECT THE LIGHT OF CHRIST!

TO FALL IN LOVE WITH GOD IS THE GREATEST ROMANCE.
ST. AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO

The World Day of the Sick offers us an opportunity to draw close to people who are ill and those who care for them. This was expressed by Pope Francis in his messages for this year’s observance. “Caring for the sick requires professionalism, tenderness, straight-forward and simple gestures freely given, like a caress that makes others feel loved.”

The Diocese of Scranton will observe this occasion of prayer this Monday, February 11th, Bishop Bambera will celebrate a Mass for the Sick at 12:10 pm at the Cathedral. During the Mass, there will be a celebration of the Sacrament of Anointing the Sick for all who may be a candidate for this sacrament. CTV will broadcast the Mass live.

Please let us know when a family member is hospitalized or has been admitted to a nursing facility. If someone in your family is homebound and would like a visit from a priest, a deacon, or a Eucharistic Minister, call our Parish Center at (570) 586-1741.

All members of our parish family are precious to us and we want them to know of our care and concern during their time of convalescence.

Our parish is in need of additional Eucharistic Ministers to visit GCMC Hospital where Communion is distributed to patients on the 4th & 5th Sundays of each month. (Those who undertake this ministry will only serve 3 to 4 times a year.)

If you would like to volunteer, please call Dorothy Lynott at the Parish Center at (570) 586-1741.

105 YEARS OF FAITH, HOPE & LOVE!


In her youth, Genevieve walked about one mile to attend Sunday Mass each week.

With great devotion to Mary, she would pray her rosary as a young woman. As time went on, she was married and had a family, including her daughters Geraldine Chopko and Mary Ann Pieski, also parishioners.

Genevieve also had great devotion to St. Ann, and would attend the annual novena in her parish Church. At 70 years of age, she moved into the Linden Crest Apartments and began to attend daily mass at Our Lady of the Snows. In the early years, she walked to the church each day. In later years, she continued that tradition with the assistance of her family until reaching the age of 100.

For the last few years, Genevieve has been a resident of the Jewish Home in Scranton where she continues to attend Mass when possible and to pray her rosary each and every day. We extend our love and prayers to this woman of great faith and pray that her great wisdom may be shared with all.

Ad multus anos!
WANT TO STAY “YOUNG”?... SING OUT FOR JOY!

Our Parish Choir is always looking to welcome new members! Join them as they help us all lift our hearts to God in joyful music!

The Choir meets every Tuesday from 7 to 8:30pm and sings at our Sunday Masses, along with other special celebrations and holidays. All that is required is that you have a love of music and a voice to share with others!

If you have any questions or wish to schedule a meeting, please contact Stephen Murphy, Director of Liturgical Music, by emailing olsmusic@olsparish.net or calling (570) 586-1741, ext. 234.

All voices welcome!

Your seat awaits you!

WHY REGISTER AS A PARISHIONER?

Q. Why is it so important to register in a parish? Isn’t it good enough to go to Mass?

A. Registration is the official way we join a parish community. Many people think that because they attend a particular parish they automatically belong. At times, young adults who have moved away for years think they are still signed up under their parents. But membership requires signing up, formally enrolling yourself in a parish. Registration is a commitment to a community, a way to be included in the religious, social, and ministerial activities of your parish. Your registration affects the parish in many ways. Census numbers can determine how many priests are assigned to a church, what benefits and obligations the community has to the diocese, and how Masses, Confessions, and devotions are planned and scheduled.

Registration shows you belong. It is also necessary for certain benefits, like scheduling sacraments, obtaining sponsor certificates, and getting donation statements for taxes. Most importantly, it lets the parish count on you, to call on you to assist in its mission. Registering in your parish is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of your parish.

HOW TO REGISTER!

Whether you are currently a parishioner or are interested in becoming one, we love having you with us at Our Lady of the Snows. If you are not registered as of yet, please fill out this form and drop it in the offertory basket or send it back to the Parish Center.

Name: ____________________________
Address: _________________________
______________________________
Phone: _________________________
Email: __________________________

___ New Parishioner (Send welcome packet)
___ Change of Address/Telephone

All voices welcome!
MINISTRY SCHEDULE
FEBRUARY 15-16

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