7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." - Mt 5:44
OUR BELIEVED | FEBRUARY 24 - 28

MONDAY | FEBRUARY 24TH
CSG  7:00 AM  Souls in Purgatory
(Albert & Carol Mueller)
OLS 12:10 PM  Carole Wright
(Daughter, Mary)

TUESDAY | FEBRUARY 25TH
CSG  7:00 AM  Patrick Gleeson
OLS 12:10 PM  Gary Reigel

ASH WEDNESDAY | FEBRUARY 26TH
CSG 7:00 AM  ASH WEDNESDAY MASS
OLS 8:00 AM  ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
OLS 12:10 PM  ASH WEDNESDAY MASS
OLS 4:00 PM  ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
OLS 5:30 PM  ASH WEDNESDAY MASS
CSB 6:00 PM  ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

THURSDAY | FEBRUARY 27TH
CSG 7:00 AM  Confessions
(Mary O’Boyle)
OLS 12:10 PM  Confessions
(Mrs. Martin Nealon)

FRIDAY | FEBRUARY 28TH
CSG 7:00 AM  Pauline Earl
(Anna)
OLS 12:10 PM  Julia Ostrowski

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT | FEB 29 - MARCH 1
SUNDAY | MARCH 1ST
OLS 7:00 AM  Deceased Parishioners of OLS Parish
CSB 8:00 AM  Patrick Pasqualichio
(Marianne Wise)
OLS 9:30 AM  Dr. James V. Meyl
(Mr. & Mrs. Martin Nealon)
OLS 11:15 AM  Vincent McGraw
(Bruce & Ann Kovatch)

OUR BELOVED | FEBRUARY 24 - 28

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
(Grades PK 4 to 8)
570-587-4152

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

23 February 2020 | Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
The Gospels continue to challenge us to the core. This is especially true in the way our social relationships have developed. Feeling safe and secure in the world are not things that come easily these days. Actually, we may find ourselves feeling more cautious, reluctant or fearful than ever before. In a moment’s notice, life can drastically change. When someone has been intentionally and violently hurt, especially someone we love, we can very attracted to the Old Testament philosophy of “an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.”

Intellectually, we know this is not what Jesus wants us to do. But on some level it just seems to make practical or even political sense. After all, why should we allow someone to get away with a heinously violent act? Yet, Jesus cannot be any clearer than He is with this! Offer no resistance to one who is evil. Turn the other cheek as well. When pressed into service, go two miles. Do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow. Love your enemies. Now, take a moment to reflect on all of this. Consider a horrible act of violence committed against someone you love. Listen. Think. Be honest. Can you do as Jesus directs?

We all want to be holy. But we are more comfortable with a definition of holiness that can keep us saying our prayers and on our knees in church. We are not comfortable with a definition of holiness that has something to say about to how we react to and negotiate life. We like to keep a sharp and strong line between the secular and the sacred. In fact, we would prefer that the doors between them be kept closed. God wants us to be holy as He is holy. If God sees this one way and we see it another, then where does this leave us on our journey to God?

It may not be easy, but live your faith boldly and you will come to know God’s peace!
## Lent 2020

**My Peace I Give to You.**  
**John 14:27**

### Sunday/Sunday Schedule

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Ash Wednesday (Feb. 26th) is one of the more important liturgical days in our calendar. It marks the beginning of the forty days of Lent, a season of fasting, prayer and almsgiving, helping us to travel the pathway to Christ's peace. Ashes are administered during Mass or a service and all are invited to accept the ashes as a visible symbol of penance. The ashes are made from blessed palm branches taken from the previous year's Palm Sunday Mass.

**LENTWORKS OF MERCY**

Sponsored by our Women’s Guild, the Lenten Little Works of Mercy go towards aiding Women’s Resource Center in Scranton, which helps women who have been caught in various forms of abuse and offers them a safe place and a fresh start.

Each weekend of Lent, we encourage you to drop off any of the following listed items to the marked boxes at the entrances to our Churches.

**February 22-23:**
- Shampoo and Conditioner

**February 29 - March 1:**
- Combs and Brushes
- Deodorant

**March 7-8:**
- Socks

**March 14-15:**
- Toothbrushes and Toothpaste

**March 21-22:**
- Body Wash

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**March 7-8:**
- Socks

**March 14-15:**
- Toothbrushes and Toothpaste

**March 21-22:**
- Body Wash

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**MARCH 5TH**

**WHY CHURCH MATTERS**

*What is church? Servant leaders church in the 21st century church and non-believers*

**MARCH 12TH**

**THE TWO POPES, A NETFLIX FILM**

*Part One*

**MARCH 19TH**

**THE TWO POPES, A NETFLIX FILM**

*Part Two*

**MARCH 26TH**

**PRAYER MATTERS**

*Why pray? How to pray? Bored at Mass?*
A LENTEN PRAYER

Loving Father,
I invite You into my life today and make myself available to You.

Help me to be the best version of myself by seeking Your will and becoming a living example of Your love in the world.

Open my heart to the areas of my life that need to change in order for me to carry out the mission and experience the joy You have imagined for my life.

Inspire me to live my Catholic faith in ways that are enlivening and engaging. Show me how to best get involved in the life of my parish.

Give me courage when I am afraid, hope when I am discouraged, and clarity in times of decision.

Teach me to enjoy uncertainty and lead Your Church to become all You imagined it would be for the people of our times. Amen.

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

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: ________________________ Phone/Email: __________________________
Address: ___________________________________________________________________

NEXT WEEKEND: HELPING THE STRUGGLING

SUPPORT THE COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

Next weekend, we will take up the annual Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in over 20 countries where poor Catholics are still struggling to recover in the aftermath of communist rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechists, building renovations and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region.

Please prayerfully consider how you can support this annual collection next week. More info at usccb.org/ccee.

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.

CATHEDRAL GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTRY

The Cathedral of Saint Peter will once again hold a Grief Support group program for people in our community who are grieving the loss of a loved one. In our community we are frequently reminded of the reality of death, and of our Christian responsibility to offer some degree of comfort to those who mourn. The Ministry is open to anyone in our community who feels the need to participate.

The Grief Support group will meet weekly for four weeks starting on Wednesday, March 4th and ending on Wednesday, March 25th, from 6:30 to 7:30 PM in the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 330 Wyoming Ave, Scranton. Please RSVP to the Cathedral Parish Office at (570) 344-7231.
### MINISTRY SCHEDULE
#### NEXT WEEKEND
**FEB 29 - MARCH 1**

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### WEEKLY REPORT

*Know how grateful we are for your Sunday offerings:*

#### WEEKEND OF FEB 15 - 16
- **ENVELOPES:** $12,165.30
- **ONLINE:** $1,373.50
- **TOTAL:** $13,538.80

If you would like to donate online, visit OLSParish.net and click **Online Giving**, or call the Parish Center at (570) 586-1741. Donating is simple, safe, & secure.

*Thank you!*