

OUR LADY *of the* SNOWS PARISH  
18 APRIL 2021



*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday*  
OF EASTER

“You are witnesses of these things.” - Lk 24:48

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# MEMORIES FROM 2021 HOLY WEEK



# REMEMBERING

OUR BELOVED | APRIL 19<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>

## MONDAY | APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup> EASTER WEEKDAY

CSG / 8:00am **Clare Fanning** (*Chris & Josie Kane*)  
OLS / 12:10pm **Elizabeth White** (*Les White*)

## TUESDAY | APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup> EASTER WEEKDAY

CSG / 8:00am **Peg Reilly** (*Katie & Mike Foy*)  
OLS / 12:10pm **Lavinia Walsh** (*Family*)

## WEDNESDAY | APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup> EASTER WEEKDAY

CSG / 8:00am **Irene Passanti** (*John & Tammy Morano*)  
OLS / 12:10pm **Steven Napoli** (*Peter & Denise Piepoli*)

## THURSDAY | APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup> EASTER WEEKDAY

CSG / 8:00am **Helen Gralinski** (*Gralinski Family*)  
OLS / 12:10pm **Leona DiVanna** (*Ann Ostrowski*)

## FRIDAY | APRIL 23<sup>RD</sup> EASTER WEEKDAY

CSG / 8:00am **Harold Jordan** (*Family*)  
OLS / 12:10pm **Lois McGowan** (*Karen Veety*)

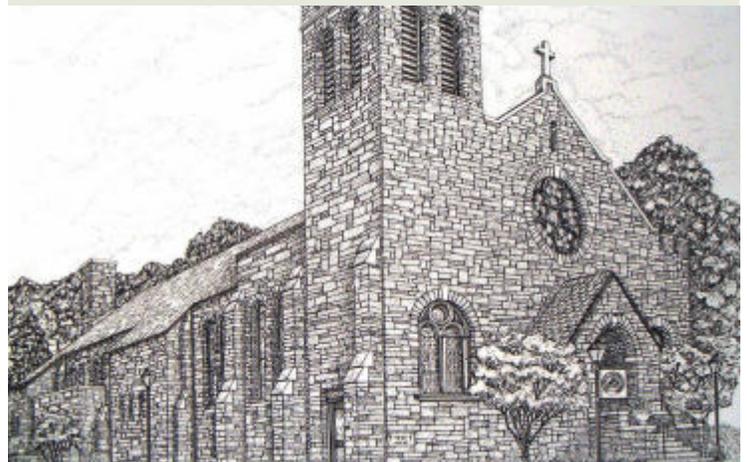
## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | APRIL 24-25

### SATURDAY | APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup>

CSB / 4:00pm **Betty O'Connor** (*Joan Ardizoni*)  
OLS / 5:30pm **Rev. Michael A. Hricko, S.J.** (*Family*)

### SUNDAY | APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup>

OLS / 7:00am **All Deceased Members of OLS Parish**  
CSB / 8:00am **Dr. Ted Stampien** (*Russ & Mary Dickinson*)  
OLS / 9:30am **Kristyn Kromko** (*Family*)  
OLS / 11:15am **Connor Family** (*Family*)



## PASTORAL TEAM

**Msgr. Joseph G. Quinn**, *Pastor*  
**Fr. Stephen Asomah**, *Assistant Pastor*  
**Deacon Leo Lynn**, *Parish Deacon*  
**Donna O'Brien Arnold**, *Parish Operations*  
**Dorothy Lynott**, *Liturgical Ministries*  
**Stephen Murphy**, *Liturgical Music*  
**Sue Burke**, *Faith Formation*  
**Mark Bucciarelli**, *Grounds and Facilities*

18 April 2021 | Third Sunday of Easter

# THE SUNDAY CONNECTION

BRINGING SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE INTO EVERYDAY LIFE

| GOSPEL MEDITATION

Is God a real Being for you or simply an idea to be entertained?

Often, we reduce God to a set of ideas, theories, and principles and neglect to see Him as the One who takes joy in helping us understand all of the events and mysteries of life. God delights in journeying with us and is the only One who can fill us with joy and make our hearts burn with excitement and jubilation.

He is the One who assists us in recognizing the truth that is before us and interpreting not only the jewels of Sacred Scripture but the events of history. If we recognize God, we can also see that He inspires us to see the divine meaning of our own lives as well. Sometimes it takes us a little time.

After all, even Jesus' closest friends had to walk with Him for a while on the road to Emmaus before their eyes were opened in the breaking of bread.



## NEXT SUNDAY: CONFIRMATION RETREAT DAY



Our Religious Ed students in Grade 8 who will be receiving Confirmation this Spring will have their retreat **next Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>**. Their retreat day will begin with a special Mass at 11:15am with their parents and families at *St. Benedict's*.

Immediately following Mass, the 58 candidates will be transported by bus for their afternoon retreat at *St. Joseph's Oblates Seminary* in Pittston. The busses will bring them back to *St. Benedict's* for parental pickup at 5:15pm.

Please keep these good young people in your prayers as they take a new step to help them live their faith more intentionally each day with the gifts of the Holy Spirit!

IN THE SPIRIT WE  
CALL GOD OUR FATHER

### Confirmation at *St. Benedict's*

May 22<sup>nd</sup> (Saturday)  
10am & 12pm

May 23<sup>rd</sup> (Sunday)  
10am & 12pm

## ...AND COME MAY: FIRST COMMUNION

### First Holy Communion at *St. Benedict's*

May 8<sup>th</sup> (Saturday)    May 9<sup>th</sup> (Sunday)  
10am & 12pm        10am & 12pm

Last month, students completed their First Communion Retreat in preparation for this most holy Sacrament. Continue to pray for each and all as this sacred day in their lives of faith approaches!

## Be at Peace

*Do not look forward in fear to the changes in life; rather, look to them with full hope that as they arise, God, whose very own you are, will lead you safely through all things; and when you cannot stand it, God will carry you in His arms.*

*Do not fear what may happen tomorrow; the same understanding Father who cares for you today will take care of you then and every day.*

*He will either shield you from sufferings or will give you unfailing strength to bear it.*

*Be at peace, and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations.*

**St. Francis de Sales**



# THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

## FIRST READING

ACTS 3:13-15, 17-19

Peter said to the people:

“The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and denied in Pilate’s presence when he had decided to release him.

You denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead; of this we are witnesses. Now I know, brothers, that you acted out of ignorance, just as your leaders did; but God has thus brought to fulfillment what he had announced beforehand through the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer. Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away.”

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

1 JOHN 2:1-5

My children, I am writing this to you so that you may not commit sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one. He is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world. The way we may be sure that we know him is to keep his commandments. Those who say, “I know him,” but do not keep his commandments are liars, and the truth is not in them. But whoever keeps his word, the love of God is truly perfected in him.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL

LUKE 24:35-48

The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way, and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread.

While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace be with you.” But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, “Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have.”

And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them.

He said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.

And he said to them, “Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.”

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 4

**Lord, let your face shine on us.**

When I call, answer me, O my just God,  
you who relieve me when I am in distress;  
have pity on me, and hear my prayer!

**Lord, let your face shine on us.**

Know that the Lord does wonders for his  
faithful one; the Lord will hear me when I  
call upon him.

**Lord, let your face shine on us.**

O Lord, let the light of your countenance  
shine on us! You put gladness in my heart.

**Lord, let your face shine on us.**





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I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate  
of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified  
under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.

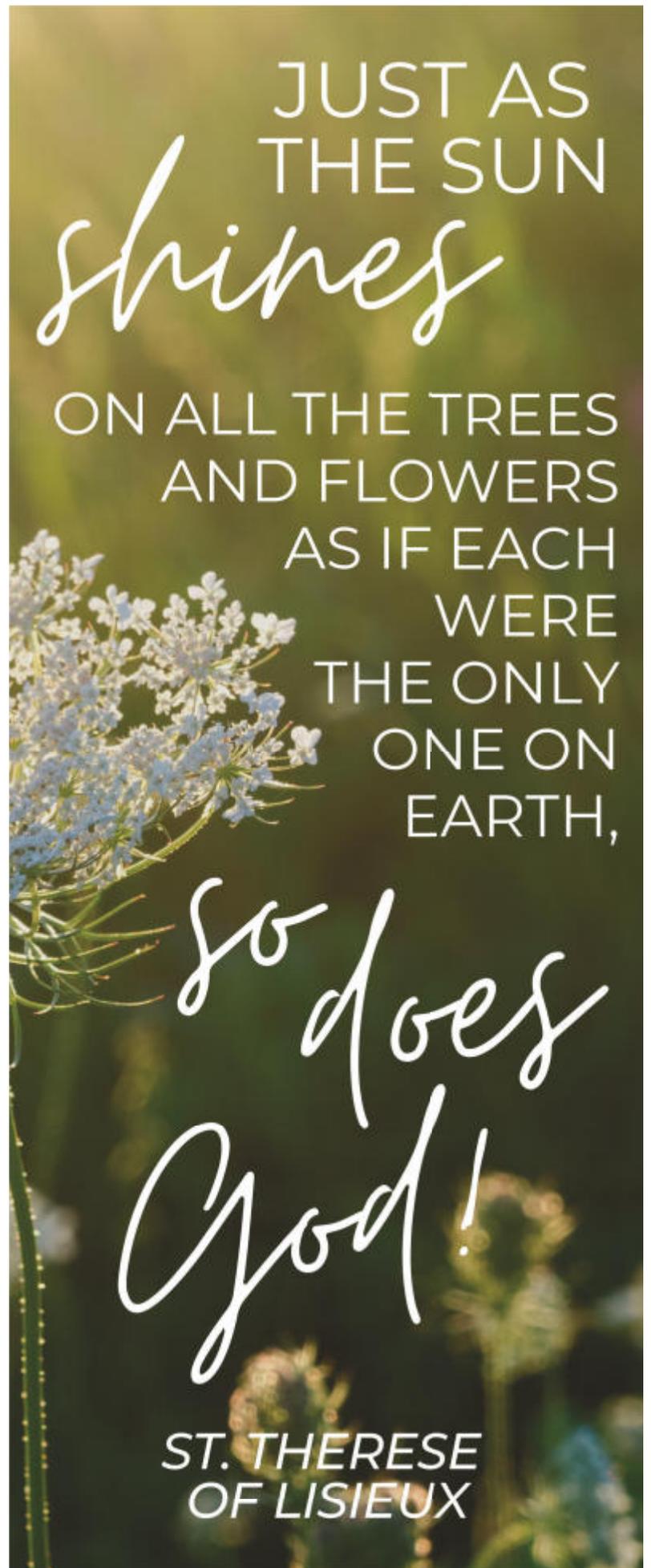
He ascended into heaven and is  
seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,  
the giver of life, who proceeds from  
the Father and the Son, who with  
the Father and the Son is adored and  
glorified, who has spoken through the  
prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic  
and apostolic Church. I confess one  
Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and  
I look forward to the resurrection of the  
dead and the life of the world to come.

**Amen.**



ST. THERESE  
OF LISIEUX

# GRADUALLY REBUILDING OUR COMMUNITY LIFE!

## FRIDAY MORNING COMPANY

Every Friday morning  
in our Gathering Room  
at 9:30am.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Second Monday of the month  
in our Gathering Room  
at 7pm.

## CURSILLO

Every other Monday evening  
in our Emmaus Room  
at 7pm.

## BIBLE STUDIES

Spring Sessions each Tuesday  
in our Gathering Room  
at 9:30am and 6:30pm.

*With Spring now here, we are delighted to be able to re-open our doors to several of our parish groups for their regular meetings. How grateful we are to see communal life starting up anew!*

*Each group is continuing to abide by all appropriate health guidelines so as to assure the safety of our entire parish community. Masks are being worn at all meetings and distancing guidelines are observed. For additional information on any of these groups, call the Parish Center at 570-586-1741.*

## PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN: SHARED DUTY OF US ALL



APRIL IS NATIONAL  
**CHILD ABUSE**  
PREVENTION MONTH

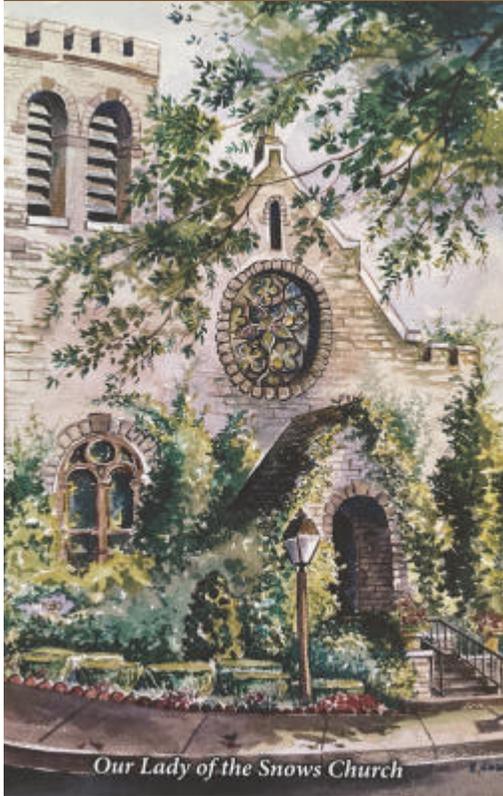
Since 2002, the Catholic Church in the United States has followed a set of rules initiated by the bishops of the country and approved by the Vatican for dealing with sexual abuse of minors by priests or deacons: *The Essential Norms for Diocesan/Eparchial Policies Dealing with Allegations of Sexual Abuse of Minors by Priests or Deacons*.

Every Diocese in the United States is required:

- To have a written policy for dealing with sexual abuse of minors by priests, deacons, or other Church personnel.
- To appoint a victim assistance coordinator, who is available for the immediate pastoral care of persons who report having been sexually abused as a minor by a priest or deacon.
- To report allegations concerning child sexual abuse to civil authorities and to cooperate with civil investigations.
- To establish a review board of at least five persons, mostly members of the laity, who counsel the bishop on allegations and review local policies dealing with the sexual abuse of minors.
- To investigate promptly and objectively any allegation of sexual abuse of minors by a priest or deacon.
- To remove offending priests or deacons permanently from Church ministry.
- To prohibit the transfer of offending priests or deacons for ministerial assignment in another diocese or eparchy.
- To receive background information before permitting a priest or deacon to exercise ministry.
- To protect the rights of accusers and of the accused.

*Additionally in the Diocese of Scranton, VIRTUS training is required for all adults who will have any contact with children. The VIRTUS training program was created by the National Risk Retention Group and is primarily meant to be proactive in preventing abuse by teaching the warning signs of abuse, controlling access to children, monitoring programs with children, being aware of child behaviors and communicating concerns. This training is part of the Safe Environment Children's Program for students in K-12<sup>th</sup> grade. Protecting our children is the shared duty of each of us.*

# WITH CONTINUED THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT



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Dear Friends,

We've said it again and again, but I only hope and pray you know how grateful your parish is for your ongoing and generous financial support. It is your commitment to Sunday Giving that truly does sustain us.

And your incredible support at Easter is seen as but another expression of your heartfelt gratitude for God's many graces and gifts to you.

Ongoing support helps sustain the building of our faith community through sacramental preparations and celebrations, as well as the ongoing education of our members and friends, both young and old.

Thank you for so selflessly sharing your resources to support the mission and ministries of Our Lady of the Snows Parish. For our part, we pledge to responsibly and transparently steward all of your gifts in the spirit of our shared Catholic faith.

Gratefully,  


## WEEKLY UPDATES

Know how grateful we are for your Sunday Offerings from:

### EASTER 2021

ENVELOPES: \$36,013.50  
 ONLINE: \$2,385.00  
**TOTAL: \$38,398.50**

### WEEKEND OF APRIL 10-11

ENVELOPES: \$8,645.00  
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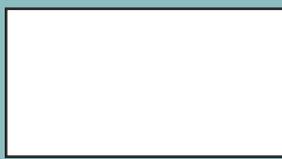
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