



# OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS PARISH

13 MARCH 2022

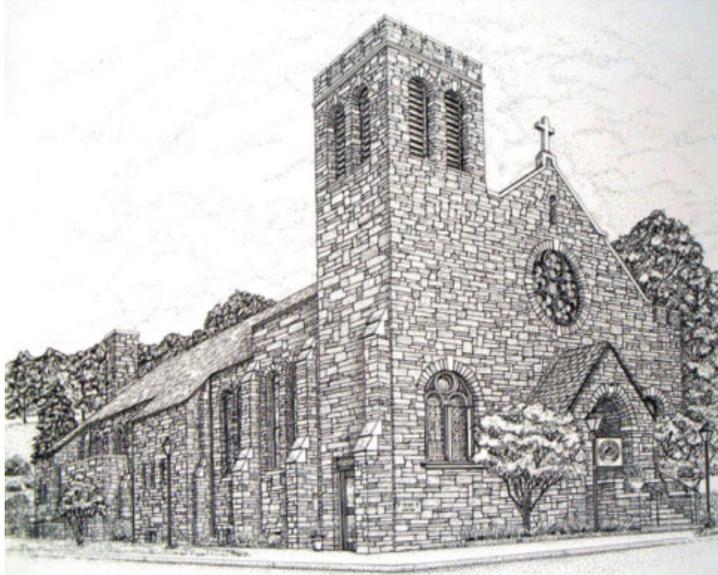
## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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# A COMMUNITY OF FAITH



## REMEMBERING OUR BELOVED

This Weekend: **March 12 - 13**  
Second Sunday of Lent

### SATURDAY | MARCH 12

CSB / 4:00pm **John J. Gentile** (*Joseph J. Gentile, Jr.*)  
OLS / 5:30pm **Ron Boyd** (*Joe & June Pavese*)

### SUNDAY | MARCH 13

OLS / 7:00am **Deceased Members of OLS Parish**  
CSB / 8:00am **William O. Longstreet** (*Wife, Anna*)  
OLS / 9:30am **John Ardizoni** (*Wife, Joan*)  
OLS / 11:15am **John Lydon** (*Mary Lou Biondi*)

The Week Ahead: **March 14 - 18**

### MONDAY | MARCH 14

CSG / 8:00am **J. Robert Walsh** (*Family*)  
OLS / 12:10pm **Carl Urban** (*Maxine Gilligan*)

### LENTEN WEEKDAY

### TUESDAY | MARCH 15

CSG / 8:00am **Wayne Marianelli** (*Cynthia Page*)  
OLS / 12:10pm **Gail Barrett McNulty** (*Jack & Margaret McNulty*)

### LENTEN WEEKDAY

### WEDNESDAY | MARCH 16

CSG / 8:00am **Joannie & Jim Cassidy** (*Michael Rogan & Mary Brennan*)  
OLS / 12:10pm **John Stracham** (*Wife*)

### LENTEN WEEKDAY

### THURSDAY | MARCH 17

CSG / 8:00am **Mary Oliveri** (*Richard Lapera*)  
OLS / 12:10pm **C. Richard Marshall** (*Family*)

### ST. PATRICK

### FRIDAY | MARCH 18

CSG / 8:00am **John Hart** (*Family*)  
OLS / 12:10pm **Special Intention** (*Bob & Joan Kranick*)

### LENTEN WEEKDAY

Next Weekend: **March 19 - 20**  
Third Sunday of Lent

### SATURDAY | MARCH 19

CSB / 4:00pm **Joseph T. Guzek, MD** (*Family*)  
OLS / 5:30pm **Joseph Ware** (*Wife, Sally*)

### SUNDAY | MARCH 20

OLS / 7:00am **Deceased Members of OLS Parish**  
CSB / 8:00am **Jerry Durkin** (*Bob & Dorothy Moher*)  
OLS / 9:30am **Albert W. Sakovich** (*Florence A. Sakovich & Family*)  
OLS / 11:15am **Stephen J.J. Kavulich** (*Joanne Kavulich & Family*)



## OUR MISSION

**We**, the people of Our Lady of the Snows and 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.

## SUSTAINING THIS LABOR OF LOVE

All with thanks to you! The continued generosity of so many allow *Our Lady of the Snows Parish* to minister to our parishioners and community, as well as provide a prayerful, safe environment for all to worship together. Under the thoughtful guidance of our parish's Finance Council, we have determined the **necessary weekly funding to sustain ministries, operations, and facilities to be \$16,196.**

SUPPORT REPORT   WEEK OF MAR 5-6	
Weekly Offering:	\$ 11,011.00
Online Giving:	\$ 5,657.50
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 16,668.50</b>

## PARISH STAFF

Call the Parish Center  
**(570) 586-1741**

**Msgr. Michael J. Delaney**  
Pastor

**Fr. Stephen Asomah**  
Assistant Pastor

**Deacon Leo Lynn**, Parish Deacon  
**Donna O'Brien Arnold**, Director of Parish Operations  
**Mark Bucciarelli**, Director of Grounds & Facilities  
**Sue Burke**, Director of Faith Formation  
**Dorothy Lynott**, Director of Liturgical Ministries  
**Michael O'Malley**, Director of Liturgy & Music



## CELEBRATING MASS TOGETHER

# MARCH 13 | SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

### GATHERING SONG | LITANY FOR THE EARTH



1. God of com - pas - sion, cre - a - tor of all things:
2. God, you are pres - ent in all liv - ing crea-tures:
3. Earth is your gift, to be shared with all crea-tures:
4. Fill us with won - der and rev - 'rence for all things:
5. We are u - ni - ted with all in ex - is - tence:



1-8. Pour out your mer - cy, pour out your love!



1. An - swer the cry of the earth and its crea-tures:
2. All be - ings dwell in your ten - der em - brace:
3. We are not own - ers, but stew - ards of the earth:
4. Teach us to val - ue the worth of each per - son:
5. May we sow beau - ty, not pol - lu - tion and waste:



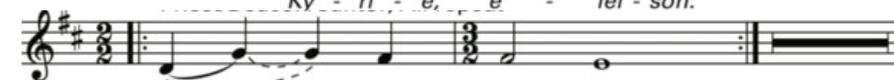
1-8. Heal our com - mon home!

### PENITENTIAL ACT

Priest/Deacon/Cantor; All repeat



(Invocation) Lord, have mer - cy. (Invocation)  
*Ký - ri - e, e - léi - son.*



Christ, have mer - cy. (Invocation)  
*Chri - ste, e - léi - son.*



Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.  
*Ký - ri - e, e - léi - son, e - léi - i - son.*

### Prayer for Peace in Ukraine

O Loving God, your Son,  
 Jesus Christ, came into the world  
 to do your Will and  
 leave us His Peace.

Through the intercession and  
 example of our Blessed Mother  
 Mary, Queen of Peace,  
 grant peace to the people  
 of Ukraine, and all humanity  
 distorted by war.

Grant global leaders the wisdom  
 and humility to reflect that peace  
 to the people in Ukraine.

May the panic in their streets give  
 way to the sound of children playing,  
 and the sounds of bombs, guns and  
 sirens give way to songs of hope.

Inspire our thoughts, words  
 and deeds to bear witness  
 to your presence in our midst.

As we prepare to open our hearts  
 and homes to those in need,  
 may your Holy Spirit fill us with  
 every grace and blessing so that  
 we may pursue what leads  
 to peace for all humanity.

*Mary, Queen of Peace,  
 Pray for Us!*

# SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

## FIRST READING | GENESIS 15:5-12, 17-18

The Lord God took Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so," he added, "shall your descendants be." Abram put his faith in the Lord, who credited it to him as an act of righteousness.

He then said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession." "O Lord God," he asked, "how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He answered him, "Bring me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old she-goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." Abram brought him all these, split them in two, and placed each half opposite the other; but the birds he did not cut up. Birds of prey swooped down on the carcasses, but Abram stayed with them. As the sun was about to set, a trance fell upon Abram, and a deep, terrifying darkness enveloped him.

When the sun had set and it was dark, there appeared a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch, which passed between those pieces. It was on that occasion that the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying: "To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the Great River, Euphrates."

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

## SECOND READING | PHILIPPIANS 3:20-4:1

Brothers and sisters:

Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself.

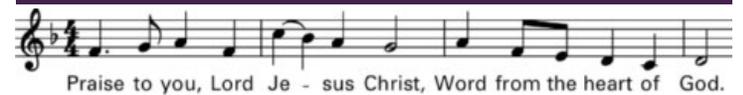
Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, in this way stand firm in the Lord, beloved.

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

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM | PSALM 27



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL | LUKE 9:28B-36

Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem.

Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." But he did not know what he was saying.

While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. They fell silent and did not then tell anyone what they had seen.

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



### THE NICENE CREED

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.*

**Refrain**

Christ in me a - rise and dis - pel all the dark - ness.

Christ in me a - rise with your pow - er and your strength.

Christ in me pour out your bless - ing and heal - ing.

Christ in me a - rise and I shall rise with you.

**Verses**

1. Be now my vi - sion; o - pen these eyes, show - ing me  
2. Be now my foot - steps, lead - ing the way, tak - ing me

1. all that I must see. } On - ward to the king - dom,  
2. where I must go. }

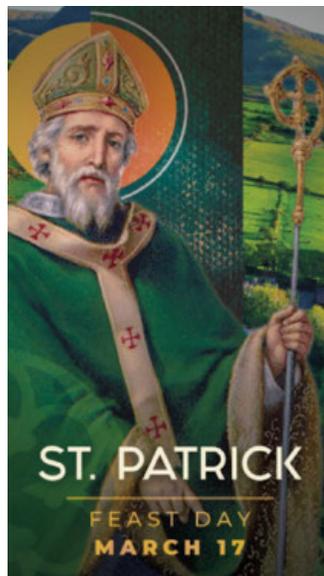
1, 2. you are the way. A - rise in me and I shall rise with you.

**Bridge**

You know my heart and you know my ways, you who  
formed me in my moth - er's womb. I live and move in you,  
my whole be - ing thrives in you.

to Refrain

2 to Refrain



MAY THE STRENGTH OF  
GOD PILOT US,

MAY THE WISDOM OF  
GOD INSTRUCT US,

MAY THE HAND OF  
GOD PROTECT US,

MAY THE WORD OF  
GOD DIRECT US.

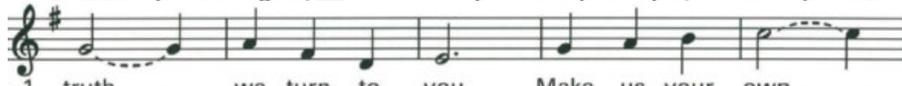
*Saint Patrick*

# COMMUNION PROCESSION

# CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT



- Verses
1. Long-ing for light, — we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
  2. Long-ing for peace, — our world is trou- bled. Long-ing for
  3. Long-ing for food, — man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for
  4. Long-ing for shel-ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for
  5. Man - y the gifts, — man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



1. truth, — we turn to you. Make us your own, —
2. hope, — man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone —
3. wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread, —
4. warmth, — man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
5. hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



1. your ho - ly peo-ple, light for the world to see.
2. has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
3. bro - ken for oth-ers, shared un - til all are fed.
4. shel - ter - ing oth-ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
5. to one an - oth-er, mak - ing your king - dom come.



Refrain  
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.



Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to-day.

# SONG OF SENDING FORTH

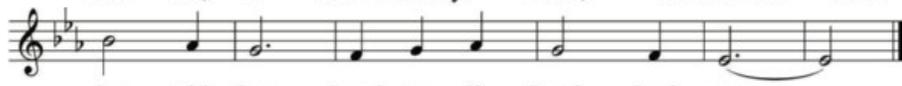
# LEAD ME, GUIDE ME



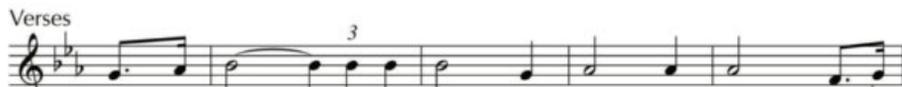
Lead me, guide me, a - long the way, For if you



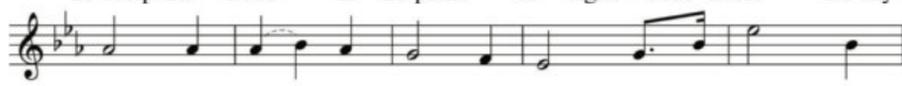
lead me, I can - not stray. Lord, let me walk each



day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.



- Verses
1. I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r To
  2. Help me tread in the paths of right - eous - ness. Be my



help me o - ver my weak - est hour. Help me through the  
aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press. I am put - ting



dark-ness thy face to see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.  
all my trust in thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

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# MUSIC MINISTRY FOR LENT

Our OLS parish choir has resumed their joyous song at Mass on Sundays during Lent and Holy Week. All are welcome to join them in leading music for worship! **Choir rehearsals are held each Thursday evening at 6:30pm at OLS Church.** Our music ministry is also seeking instrumentalists to play at weekend Masses and experienced, confident singers to serve as cantors.

If you are interested in serving in any of these ways, contact Michael at [OLSmusic@olsparish.net](mailto:OLSmusic@olsparish.net)



# SINGING PRAISES TO THE LORD!

# YOUR CHANCE TO BE HEARD!



The Synod on Synodality is a two-year process of listening and dialogue between Rome and the rest of the Catholic Community around the world.

**Responses due by Friday!**

**LEARN MORE:  
[OLSPARISH.NET/SYNOD](http://OLSPARISH.NET/SYNOD)**

There is so much wisdom in the first commandment. The daily demands of life, current political ideologies and dynamics, social expectations, corporate philosophies, and even technology can easily become lesser gods. We can find ourselves beholden to and held captive by these secular constructs and systems. Even for those who profess a faith in the one true God, these lesser, attractive but false gods are a temptation. Being overly preoccupied and even obsessed with the state of our present lives, we lose sight of our real destiny and purpose.

Jesus showed his disciples a glimpse of this destiny when he was transfigured before their eyes. In fact, Peter was so caught up in the brilliance, awe, and sacredness of these fleeting moments that he wanted to extend them as long as possible. Wonderful things happen when we leave our illusions and discover something that is true. This is why creating some sacred space in our lives for reflection, prayer, renewal, refreshment, centering ourselves, and disconnecting from the noise is so important. It shows us how false and shallow our lives can be and what is really of importance. Do you create some kind of sacred space in your life? Lent is a perfect time to do so.

St. Irenaeus, one of the early fathers and martyrs of the Catholic Church, said that, "he who was the Son of God became the Son of Man that man... might become the son of God." We mistakenly believe that life is all about us. It's not. Ours is a journey of transformation in which we become ever more united with the mind of Christ himself. St. Augustine saw this same transformation occurring when the Eucharist is received. In the Eucharist, we become what we eat, the Body of Christ. Honestly acknowledging false gods that we cling to can open the door for God to show us the wholeness and holiness to which we are called. Take time to discover the sacred. When we do, we will want to stay there for a while. Then, when we return to our personal affairs, we will see more clearly.



## GONE BUT NOT TO BE FORGOTTEN MEMORIAL DONATIONS

**Donation to Building Fund**  
In Memory of Patricia Grant  
Sarah Black

**Donation to Rocco's Garden**  
In Memory of Bruce Ott  
Alan and Nan Wandalowski

In Memory of Patrice Lyons Rives  
Alan, Nan and Patrick Wandalowski

In Memory of Nicholas Percival & Sisters  
Elayne and Frank Moher

In Memory of Hai Wang  
Liping Wang and Joseph Adams

*Thank you!*

We gratefully acknowledge these memorial gifts received last month, honoring the lives of your loved ones.

If you would like to memorialize a loved one by donating the Paschal Candle, contact Donna at 570-586-1741.



**LENT**  
OUR COMMON HOME

This Lent, we join in prayer, fasting and almsgiving through the lens of Pope Francis' Encyclical "Laudato Si: On Care for our Common Home"

## PRAYING AT MASS

<b>M-F</b>	<b>DAILY MASSES</b> 8:00am(CSG)    12:10pm(OLS)
<b>SAT</b>	<b>VIGIL MASSES</b> 4:00pm(CSB)    5:30pm(OLS)
<b>SUN</b>	<b>SUNDAY MASSES</b> 7:00am(OLS)    9:30am(OLS) 8:00am(CSB)    11:15am(OLS)

## WEEKLY NOVENA

<b>WED</b>	<b>MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA</b> 12:45pm(OLS)
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## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

<b>FRI</b>	<b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</b> 12:45pm(OLS)    5:30pm(CSG) <i>On Fri, Apr 8, we will pray Stations outdoors at 5:30pm at CSG. That day, there will be no OLS Stations.</i>
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## DAILY REFLECTIONS/PRAYER

**"A TIME FOR MENDING"** Follow along with this daily prayer booklet that offers the best of our Diocese's beloved Fr. Joe Sica.

## LENTEN PROGRAMS

**3/9 LAUDATO SI' PRESENTATION**  
7:00pm(CSG)  
Sr. Donna Korba, IHM & Sr. Kathy Kurdziel, IHM present an interactive overview on the themes of *Laudato Si'*

**3/16 STUDY GROUPS: CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME**  
**3/23** 10:00am(OLS) 7:00pm(CSG)  
**3/30** Groups will read excerpts of *Laudato Si'* and engage in reflection and discussion. *To Register: 570-586-1741*  
**4/6**

## PRAY, GIVE, FAST

**40 DAYS TO LIVE, 40 WAYS TO GIVE**  
This Lent, we invite you to PRAY, GIVE and FAST for the suggested intentions. Bags will be collected the week after Easter and donated to Community Intervention Center.

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

**3/31 LAUDATO SI' and ME**  
Creative Session for Students and Parents on how to Care for our Common Home.

**4/7 RETREAT FOR STUDENTS in GRADES K-3**

**4/23 DAY OF SERVICE (all ages welcome!)**  
Make a difference in our community!

## RECONCILIATION

**SAT WEEKEND CONFESSIONS**  
3:00pm(CSB) 5:00pm(OLS)

**MON THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU**  
5:30 - 7:00pm(OLS)

**COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES**  
**4/3** 6:30pm Nativity BVM, Tunkhannock  
**4/4** 7:00pm Church of St. Gregory  
**4/5** 7:00pm Our Lady of the Abingtons  
Penance services where several priests are available to hear confessions.

March 14 Monday	March 15 Tuesday	March 16 Wednesday	March 17 Thursday	March 18 Friday
<b>Daily Mass:</b> 8am (CSG) 12:10pm (OLS) <b>5:30-7pm: The Light is on For You (OLS)</b>	<b>Daily Mass:</b> 8am (CSG) 12:10pm (OLS)	<b>Daily Mass:</b> 8am (CSG) 12:10pm (OLS) <b>Group Sessions :</b> <b>10am (OLS)/7pm(CSG)</b> <b>12:45pm: Novena (OLS)</b>	<b>Daily Mass:</b> 8am (CSG) 12:10pm (OLS)	<b>Daily Mass:</b> 8am (CSG) 12:10pm (OLS) <b>Stations of the Cross:</b> 12:45pm (OLS) 5:30pm (CSG)
<b>GIVE</b> your spare change from last week	<b>GIVE</b> deodorant	<b>PRAY</b> for those affected by natural disasters	<b>GIVE</b> some extra time for your family	<b>FAST</b> from gossiping
<b>March 19 Saturday</b> 3pm Confessions (CSB) 4pm Mass (CSB) 5pm Confessions (OLS) 5:30pm Mass (OLS)	<b>GIVE</b> a t-shirt		<b>March 20 Sunday</b> <b>Third Sunday of Lent</b> 7am Mass (OLS) 8am Mass (CSB) 9:30am Mass (OLS) 11:15am Mass (OLS)	<b>PRAY</b> for refugees and immigrants

March 21 Monday	March 22 Tuesday	March 23 Wednesday	March 24 Thursday	March 25 Friday
<b>Daily Mass:</b> 8am (CSG) 12:10pm (OLS) <b>5:30-7pm The Light is on For You (OLS)</b>	<b>Daily Mass:</b> 8am (CSG) 12:10pm (OLS)	<b>Daily Mass:</b> 8am (CSG) 12:10pm (OLS) <b>Group Sessions :</b> <b>10am (OLS)/7pm(CSG)</b> <b>12:45pm Novena (OLS)</b>	<b>Daily Mass:</b> 8am (CSG) 12:10pm (OLS)	<b>Daily Mass:</b> 8am (CSG) 12:10pm (OLS) <b>Stations of the Cross:</b> 12:45pm (OLS) 5:30pm (CSG)
<b>GIVE</b> your spare change from last week	<b>GIVE</b> hand sanitizer	<b>PRAY</b> for farmers & those who provide us food	<b>GIVE</b> Someone a compliment	<b>FAST</b> From negativity and judgement
<b>March 26 Saturday</b> 3pm Confessions (CSB) 4pm Mass (CSB) 5pm Confessions (OLS) 5:30pm Mass (OLS)	<b>GIVE</b> your lights a break!		<b>March 27 Sunday</b> <b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b> 7am Mass (OLS) 8am Mass (CSB) 9:30am Mass (OLS) 11:15am Mass (OLS)	<b>PRAY</b> for those suffering from cancer and other diseases

## TO REMEMBER THIS LENT...

- Do not eat meat on Fridays
- Go to confession at least once (available each Monday & Saturday)
- Attend **Stations of the Cross** on Fridays (following 12:10 OLS Mass, or at 5:30pm at CSG)
- Catholic adults (Age 18+) are called to fast throughout Lent, especially on Good Friday



## LENTEN ACTS OF KINDNESS

Each family of the parish is invited to take a drawstring backpack which contains a calendar for each day of Lent. Some days are simple prayer suggestions, others are less traditional recommendations for fasting. The remaining days suggest small items we might give to those in need. On the "GIVE" days, place the suggested item in the backpack provided. By Holy Week, your backpack will be filled and ready to provide much needed essentials to the homeless and working poor of the Scranton area. Filled backpacks will be collected on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. The filled backpacks will be delivered to the Community Intervention Center.

Community Intervention Center is a behavioral health recovery drop-in center and homeless day shelter that offers marginalized individuals respectful, comprehensive services that encourage personal empowerment, self-sustaining recoveries, and housing stability. To learn more about the mission and works of this wonderful local organization, please visit [communityinterventioncenter.net](http://communityinterventioncenter.net).

## **LAUDATO SI STUDY GROUPS**

Wednesdays

10:00 am OLS | 7:00 pm CSG

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

Study groups will afford participants the opportunity to read excerpts of *Laudato Si* on their own time and then engage in reflection and discussion with others during the weekly meeting.

*"The time has come to pay renewed attention to reality and the limits it imposes; it is in turn the condition for a more sound and fruitful development of individuals and society. Our 'dominion' over the universe should be understood more properly in the sense of responsible stewardship."*

*Laudato Si', #116*

## **LAUDATO SI + ME:**

### **A RETREAT FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS & THEIR PARENTS**

Thursday, March 31 | 6:30 - 8:00 PM CSG

Students (and their parents!) are invited to a creative session that explores *Laudato Si'*, the idea of stewardship and the call to love our neighbor, and ways to put the call from Pope Francis into action.

THIS CONTEMPLATION OF CREATION ALLOWS US  
TO DISCOVER IN EACH THING A TEACHING  
WHICH GOD WISHES TO HAND ON TO US,  
SINCE "FOR THE BELIEVER, TO CONTEMPLATE CREATION  
IS TO HEAR A MESSAGE, TO LISTEN  
TO A PARADOXICAL AND SILENT VOICE."

*Laudato Si, 85*

## A NURTURING COMMUNITY

**FRIDAY MORNING COMPANY:** Each Friday, men and women meet in the Gathering Room to break open the Sunday Scriptures and pray about how God is calling them to live out His Word.

**BIBLE STUDY:** Stay tuned for our next bible study, which will be announced this spring in our bulletin!

**RCIA:** The *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* is the ancient rite and ritual by which an adult enters into full communion with the Catholic Church. Have questions or thinking about taking the journey of becoming Catholic? Contact the Parish Center for more information.

**CURSILLO:** Cursillo groups are meant to expand your prayer life and foster continuous spiritual growth as well as enrich your knowledge about Scripture and the Catholic faith. They will also equip you to spread the Word of God in your everyday life.

**OTHER SPECIAL PROGRAMS:** Throughout the year, we also offer various other programs and events for the faithful of all ages, including video series and faith sharing groups. Stay tuned for updates!

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE AT OLS

**BAPTISM:** First time parents are asked to attend a pre-Baptismal class, available by appointment at the Parish Center.

**EUCHARIST:** This joyful celebration takes place each year as young girls and boys are welcomed into the full community of faith at our Parish.

**CONFIRMATION:** A yearly journey of all 8<sup>th</sup> graders who have been enrolled in our Religious Education program for at least 2 years, or attend Catholic School.

**MARRIAGE:** Contact the Parish Center at least 6 months in advance of your desired wedding date so preparations can be made for your celebration.

**ANNOINTING OF THE SICK:** If a member of your family has become sick or hospitalized, please contact us.

**VISITATION OF THE SICK:** Any parishioner who is homebound and would like to regularly receive the Eucharist may 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.

## SERVING AT GOD'S ALTAR

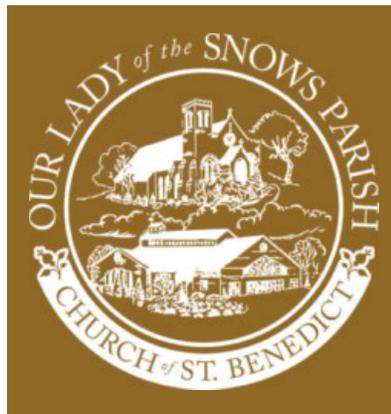
**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Parishioners (age 18+) are always needed to assist in the distribution of Communion during weekend Masses and liturgical celebrations.

**LECTORS:** All men, women, and high school students are invited to proclaim the Scriptures at all Masses.

**ALTAR SERVING:** All boys and girls of the parish who have completed the third grade are invited to serve as acolytes for weekend liturgies and special liturgical celebrations.

**HOSPITALITY TEAM:** These ministers help create a culture and spirit of hospitality, while also ensuring the liturgy flows smoothly.

**MUSIC MINISTRY:** We welcome singers and a variety of instrumentalists to lead us in singing God's praises at worship.



## FOSTERING FAITH IN OUR YOUTH

**YOUTH GROUP:** This organization seeks to energize the youth of *Our Lady of the Snows Parish* in strengthening a relationship with Jesus Christ. In addition to regular activities throughout the year, our Youth Group Committee plans to offer a variety of summer experiences.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** "*Growing the Seeds of Faith*" is the primary goal of our K-8 program, which includes sacramental preparation, cluster groups led by dedicated Catechists, and weekend classes at OLP School. Watch the bulletin for additional updates, and register your child on our website to enliven our community's next generation.

**VBS:** This fun and active way for children ages 4 - 9 to learn about God's love is offered in a week-long summer session.

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