



# OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS PARISH

20 MARCH 2022

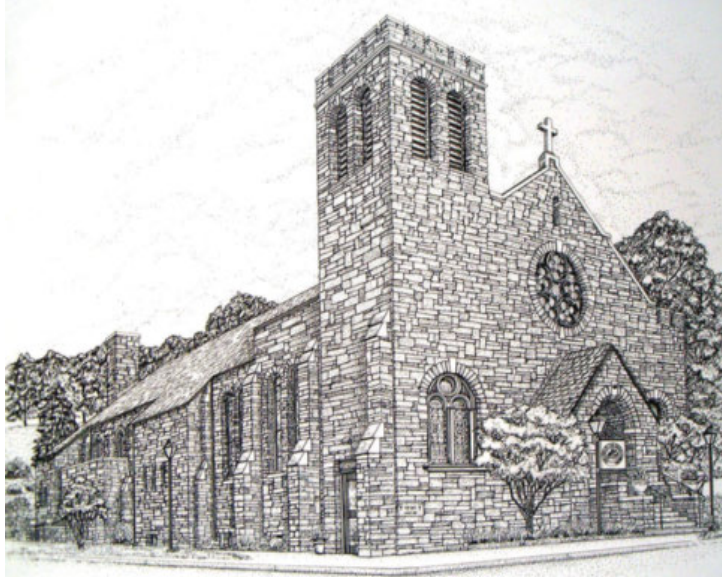
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

OLSParish.net  
info@OLSParish.net

301 South State Street  
Clarks Summit, PA 18411

Phone: 570.586.1741  
Fax: 570.586.2504

# A COMMUNITY OF FAITH



## REMEMBERING OUR BELOVED

This 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)

The Week Ahead: **March 21 - 25**

**MONDAY | MARCH 21** **LENTEN WEEKDAY**  
CSG / 8:00am **James Farrell** (Grambo Family)  
OLS / 12:10pm **Brother John Patrick Calvey, TOR** (Family)

**TUESDAY | MARCH 22** **LENTEN WEEKDAY**  
CSG / 8:00am **James M. Munley** (Wife, Kathleen & Daughters)  
OLS / 12:10pm **Leo P. Lynott** (Wife)

**WEDNESDAY | MARCH 23** **LENTEN WEEKDAY**  
CSG / 8:00am **Jim & Mary Nolan** (Family)  
OLS / 12:10pm **Brunhilde Blank** (Tom & Rose Kamla)

**THURSDAY | MARCH 24** **ST. PATRICK**  
CSG / 8:00am **Rudolph Flora** (Family)  
OLS / 12:10pm **Brother John Patrick Calvey, TOR** (Family)

**FRIDAY | MARCH 25** **ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**  
CSG / 8:00am **Peter J. Barrasse** (Terry & Gina Cochran)  
OLS / 12:10pm **Laura Wesolowski** (Albert & Carol Mueller)

Next Weekend: **March 26 - 27**  
Fourth Sunday of Lent

**SATURDAY | MARCH 26**  
CSB / 4:00pm **Michael Giermanski** (Mom & Dad)  
OLS / 5:30pm **Joan Cummings** (Kalina & Cummings Families)

**SUNDAY | MARCH 27**  
OLS / 7:00am **Deceased Members of OLS Parish**  
CSB / 8:00am **Sally Bombach** (Jerry & Linda Langan)  
OLS / 9:30am **Marion Megela** (Joseph Rinkunas & Family)  
OLS / 11:15am **Rick Fitzgerald** (Carey & Berry Families)

### 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

The continued generosity of so many allow *Our Lady of the Snows Parish* to minister to our parishioners and community. 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**. Below is a QR code, which will forward you to our Online Giving site. **Thank you!**

**SUPPORT REPORT | WEEK OF MAR 12-13**

Weekly Offering:	\$	6,621.00
Online Giving:	\$	3,647.50
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>10,268.50</b>

### PARISH STAFF

**Msgr. Michael J. Delaney**  
Pastor

**Fr. Stephen Asomah**  
Assistant Pastor

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

**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 20 | THIRD 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:



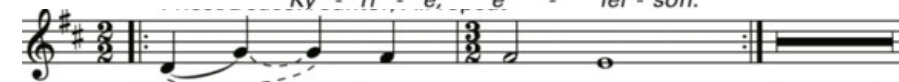
1-8. Heal our com - mon home!

### 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!*

# THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

## FIRST READING

EXODUS 3:1-8A,13-15

Moses was tending the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian. Leading the flock across the desert, he came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There an angel of the Lord appeared to Moses in fire flaming out of a bush. As he looked on, he was surprised to see that the bush, though on fire, was not consumed. So Moses decided, "I must go over to look at this remarkable sight, and see why the bush is not burned."

When the Lord saw him coming over to look at it more closely, God called out to him from the bush, "Moses! Moses!" He answered, "Here I am." God said, "Come no nearer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your fathers," he continued, "the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob." Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. But the Lord said, "I have witnessed the affliction of my people in Egypt and have heard their cry of complaint against their slave drivers, so I know well what they are suffering. Therefore I have come down to rescue them from the hands of the Egyptians and lead them out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey."

Moses said to God, "But when I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' if they ask me, 'What is his name?' what am I to tell them?" God replied, "I am who am." Then he added, "This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you."

God spoke further to Moses, "Thus shall you say to the Israelites: The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. "This is my name forever; thus am I to be remembered through all generations."

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

## SECOND READING

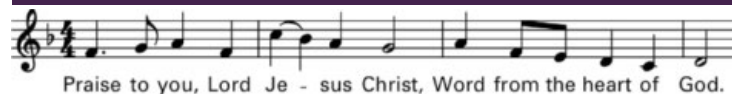
1 COR 10:1-6,10-12

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea, and all of them were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. All ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they drank from a spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was the Christ. Yet God was not pleased with most of them, for they were struck down in the desert.

These things happened as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil things, as they did. Do not grumble as some of them did, and suffered death by the destroyer. These things happened to them as an example, and they have been written down as a warning to us, upon whom the end of the ages has come. Therefore, whoever thinks he is standing secure should take care not to fall.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL

LUKE 13:1-9

Some people told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with the blood of their sacrifices. Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did! Or those eighteen people who were killed when the tower at Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than everyone else who lived in Jerusalem? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!"

And he told them this parable: "There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it but found none, he said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down. Why should it exhaust the soil?' He said to him in reply, 'Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not you can cut it down.'"

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

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 103



## 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.

## PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

## HOLD ON TO LOVE

Verses

1a. There is a place for the sad - ness.  
1b. When pain and con - fu - sion seem end - less,  
2a. When ter - ror and fear o - ver-whelm us,  
2b. When vi - o - lence seeks to de - stroy us,  
3a. When ha - tred is used to di - vide us,  
3b. When pre - ju - dice pos - es as free - dom,

1a. Hold on to Love. There is a sea - son of glad -  
1b. hold on to Love. We cul - ti - vate heal - ing through kind -  
2a. hold on to Love. Cour - age and faith will sus - tain  
2b. hold on to Love. Acts of com - pas - sion re - store  
3a. hold on to Love. Wis - dom and truth re - u - nite  
3b. hold on to Love. Dig - ni - ty means "all are wel -

1a. - ness. Hold on to Love.  
1b. - ness. Hold on to Love  
2a. us. Hold on to Love.  
2b. us. Hold on to Love.  
3a. us. Hold on to Love.  
3b. - come!" Hold on to Love.

Refrain

Hold on to Love, where hope is found. Hold on to Love,  
where joy a - bounds. Hold on to Love,  
where grace and mer - cy's o - ver - flow - ing.  
Hold on to Love.

All music and hymns contained in this publication  
are printed with permission under license A-724371.



Vote Now Online!

**WHO:** THIRTY "PASTOR CHEFS" PUT THEIR COOKING SKILLS  
TO THE ULTIMATE TEST!

**YOU ARE JUDGE AND JURY, AND THEY NEED YOUR VOTES!**

**WHAT:** A FRIENDLY VIRTUAL COLLAR-NARY COMPETITION  
TO BENEFIT PARISHES AND CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES  
AND HELP FIGHT HUNGER!

**WHEN:** WEBSITE LIVE NOW THROUGH MIDNIGHT  
APRIL 10, 2022. WINNERS ANNOUNCED APRIL 11!

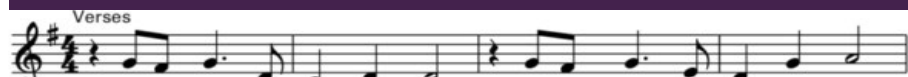


SCAN HERE FOR INSTANT  
WEBSITE ACCESS!



# COMMUNION PROCESSION

## HERE I AM, LORD



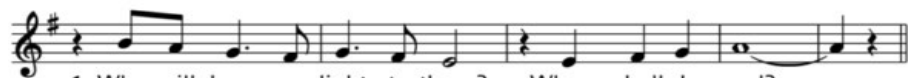
- Verses
1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
  2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple's pain.
  3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



1. All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save. I, who
2. I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
3. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin-est



1. made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
2. break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love a - lone.
3. bread I will pro - vide Till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



1. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
2. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
3. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?



Refrain  
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo-ple in my heart.

# SONG OF SENDING FORTH

## FROM ASHES TO THE LIVING FONT



1. From ash - es to the liv - ing font Your
2. Through fast - ing, prayer, and char - i - ty Your
3. (below)
4. From ash - es to the liv - ing font Your



Church must jour - ney, Lord, Bap - tized in grace, in  
voice speaks deep with - in, Re - turn - ing us to

Church must jour - ney still, Through cross and tomb to



grace re - newed By your most ho - ly word.  
ways of truth And turn - ing us from sin.

Eas - ter joy, In Spir - it - fire ful - filled.

3. You call us to be penitent,  
You tend us patiently,  
Preserving us from perishing,  
So fruitful we might be.

# 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!

# TIME TO RETURN TO SERVING!

We are pleased to now welcome back *Altar Servers* at the celebration of weekend Masses.

All who served before the pandemic are welcome to return to these valuable ministries. Anyone who wishes to learn more about serving, call the Parish Center at 570-586-1741.



**Training for Veteran & New Servers**  
March 23, 6pm, OLS

Deserts can be lonely, isolated, and treacherous places. When a person wanders in a desert, they can easily get disoriented, dehydrated, confused, lost, and vulnerable. Temptation is at its peak, especially when confronted with something that may offer some respite or relief, even a mirage. Deserts can bring us to our weakest moment and tempt our faith. The Christian journey can be described as a desert experience as we vacillate back and forth, falling victim to the mirages of our lives versus the true, life-giving water offered by God. We need a burning bush experience in our lives that convinces us of the power of God and reveals Him as the "I AM" of all existence.

Moses was leading his flock across the desert when he found himself at Mount Horeb. Mountains give us a fuller perspective of life, a panoramic view of what would otherwise be hidden from the limitations of our sight. That's when Moses met God. We have to find our way to a mountain experience where our vantage point can take on a wider view of life. Many things can do this for us: the birth of a child, the death of someone we love, the joy that comes from marveling at the beauty of God's work, the pondering of life's mysteries, and the ache of longing found deep within our souls. There are many things in life that can wake us up, give us a clearer, better view of things and become occasions where a bush may burn and God's presence as the eternal uncreated One is revealed.

God is very patient and gives us the time and space we need to figure things out and bear some good fruit. He doesn't rush to cut us down or get frustrated with our barrenness. But we have to remember that the desert journeys of our lives come with some risks. The major risk is that we will mistakenly believe that the mirages are real. Thus, we fall victim to thinking that the respite and refreshment we seek is discovered in a place other than where it actually is. Our faith and the life of the Church are the safeguards we need to keep us properly orientated so that we don't get lost or confused and stay on course.



## THE WEEK AHEAD...

<b>MONDAY   MARCH 21</b>		
5:30pm	The Light is on For You	OLS Church
<b>WEDNESDAY   MARCH 23</b>		
10:00am	Laudato Si' Group Session	Gathering Room
12:45pm	Miraculous Medal Novena	OLS Church
6:00pm	Altar Server Training	OLS Church
7:00pm	Laudato Si' Group Session	CSG Church
<b>THURSDAY   MARCH 24</b>		
6:00pm	First Penance (alternate)	OLS Church
<b>FRIDAY   MARCH 25</b>		
10:00am	Friday Morning Company	Gathering Room
12:45pm	Stations of the Cross	OLS Church
5:30pm	Stations of the Cross	CSG Church

## 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  
*(after 12:10 OLS Mass, or 5:30pm at CSG)*
- Catholic adults (18+) are called to fast during Lent, especially on Good Friday







## LENTEN PROGRAMS

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

**3/31** **LAUDATO SI' AND ME**  
 6:30 - 8:00pm (CSG)  
 Students in middle school and their parents are invited to this creative retreat that explores *Laudato Si'*.

## 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)

## 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.

## WEEKLY NOVENA

**WED** **MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA**  
 12:45pm(OLS)

## 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!

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**FRI** **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
 12:45pm(OLS) 5:30pm(CSG)  
 On Fri, Apr 8, we will pray Stations outdoors at 5:30pm at CSG. That day, there will be no OLS Stations.

## RECONCILIATION

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

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

## 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.

**4/3** **COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES**  
 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 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</b> <b>The Light is on</b> <b>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</b> <b>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</b> <b>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
March 28 Monday	March 29 Tuesday	March 30 Wednesday	March 31 Thursday	April 1 Friday
<b>Daily Mass:</b> 8am (CSG) 12:10pm (OLS) <b>5:30-7pm</b> <b>The Light is on</b> <b>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>6:30-8pm(CSG)</b> <b>Laudato Si</b> <b>and Me</b>	<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> chap stick	<b>PRAY</b> for a greater respect for creation	<b>GIVE</b> a call to a person you have lost touch with	<b>FAST</b> From excessive use of electricity
<b>April 2</b> <b>Saturday</b>	3pm Confessions (CSB) 4pm Mass (CSB) 5pm Confessions (OLS) 5:30pm Mass (OLS)	<b>GIVE</b> a pair of socks	<b>April 3</b> <b>Sunday</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b> 7am Mass (OLS) 8am Mass (CSB) 9:30am Mass (OLS) 11:15am Mass (OLS)
				<b>6:30pm Penance Service</b> Nativity BVM <b>PRAY</b> for your family

## 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>, and 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).

## PALMS & PARADE

This is a Holy week Retreat for Children in Grades K – 4, featuring engaging age appropriate activities based on the events of Holy Week for students. Register by contacting Sue Burke at [sueburke@olsparish.net](mailto:sueburke@olsparish.net), or call 570-586-1741.

**Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**4:00 – 5:30pm**  
**St. Gregory's**



## 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!

## 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.

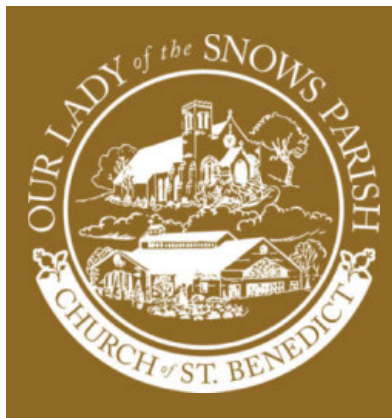
**ALTAR SERVING:** All boys and girls of the parish who have completed the third grade are invited to serve as acolytes for weekend liturgies and special liturgical celebrations.

### 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.



## 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.

## FOSTERING FAITH IN OUR YOUTH

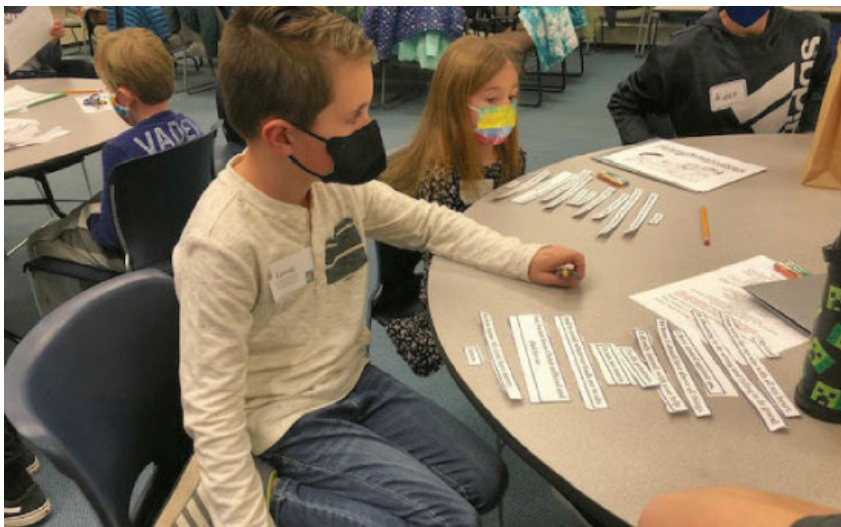
**YOUTH GROUP:** This organization seeks to energize the youth of *Our Lady of the Snows Parish* in strengthening a relationship with Jesus Christ. In addition to regular activities throughout the year, our Youth Group Committee plans to offer a variety of summer experiences.

**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.



# FIRST PENANCE RETREAT



We extend sincere thanks to the eighth grade students who participated as volunteers in the *First Penance Retreat*, held earlier this month. They helped engage and enliven our First Penance students as they prepared to celebrate this important milestone in their journey as Catholics.

We also congratulate those 59 young girls and boys who received First Penance this Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. Pray for them as they now more fully embrace our faith!



## SHARE YOUR GIFTS AS A VOLUNTEER!

### HEARTS THAT CARE

#### CONNECTIONS OF KINDNESS:

This outreach program ministers to senior parishioners through check-in calls made by parish volunteers.

**FOOD PANTRY:** At both churches and the Parish Center, we accept donations of non-perishable food items to be donated to local families.

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT:** Meets the first Wednesday of each month.

**COMMUNION CALLS:** Bringing Communion to the homebound will return in the near future!

**LOCAL OUTREACH:** Just a brief visit or connection with elderly, ailing, and lonely parishioners can make all the difference to brighten their day!

**OUR BULLETIN:** This bulletin is mailed and e-mailed to many senior parishioners weekly to keep all connected to OLS Parish.

### OTHER WAYS TO SERVE

#### ROCCO'S GARDEN CLUB:

Dedicated volunteers keep the grounds of *Our Lady of the Snows* pristine and beautiful in every season

#### CSB BEAUTIFICATION TEAM:

These caring souls help maintain the landscaping and grounds surrounding the picturesque *St. Benedict's Church*.

#### HOUSE OF GOD CLEANERS:

Hardworking volunteers regularly clean & polish the interiors of both churches.

*For more info or to join any of our ministries, call the Parish Center at 570-586-1741.*

## ...AND UNITED IN CHRIST!

# CSB

# Jennings Calvey

Funeral and Cremation Services, Inc.

Honoring Life with our Community for 115 Years  
Colburn Avenue, Clarks Summit • 570-586-0811

- Premier funeral service provider
- Preplanning with no obligation
- Affordable Service to meet everyone's needs
- Monuments and Memorials
- National Funeral Directors Honorée Pursuit of Excellence Award

**Christopher C. Calvey, FD, CFSP**  
Certified Preplanning Consultant  
Supervisor, Parishioner  
**Christopher J. Calvey, FD**  
Nicholas Paul Elko, FD



**DLP DOUGHERTY LEVENTHAL & PRICE, LLC**  
"Injury? Call 570-CALL-DLP"  
Thomas P. Cummings, Esq., Parishioner

DESIGN BUILD REMODEL  
**Florey Homes**  
(570) 587-5959 • www.floreyhomes.com  
Richard Florey Jr., President

**OHORA**  
EYE CARE CENTER  
Quality Eye Care at Everyday Low Prices  
(570) 586-2020  
602 South State St. | Clarks Summit, PA

Grace is the grease that leads to peace.  
Gratitude, Righteousness,  
Acceptance, Clarity, Eternal Life  
-Holy Spirit Come-

PROTECT YOUR CAR WITH A CLASSIC SHINE  
586-6260  
Classic CAR WASH  
924 NORTHERN BLVD.  
CLARKS SUMMIT  
(NEXT TO CROWN BEVERAGE CENTER)

SEASONAL U-PICK STRAWBERRIES  
FARM FRESH  
LOCALLY GROWN  
FRESH DRESSED TURKEYS & CAPONS  
1511 SUMMIT LAKE RD, CLARKS SUMMIT

THERAPIST  
Patricia O. Cummings, MS, NCC  
570-291-8754  
triciao@patriciaocummingstherapy.com  
790 Northern Blvd.  
South Abington Township, PA 18411  
PROUD PARISHIONER OF OUR LADY OF SNOW PARISH

**ToyotaScranton**  
Richard C LaRussa  
Finance Director  
Cell: 570-955-9342  
rlarussa@tsofs.com  
3400 N Main Ave Scranton

Mike Meredith's M & M  
Plumbing • Heating  
Air Conditioning, Inc.  
570-344-7131  
24 Hour Emergency Service  
www.MandMPlumbingHeatAC.com

**SUMMIT BEVERAGE**  
Summit Square  
Clarks Summit  
Beer, Soda, Ice  
Snacks and Tobacco

LOCALLY GROWN FARM FRESH  
FRESH DRESSED TURKEYS & CAPONS  
1511 SUMMIT LAKE RD, CLARKS SUMMIT

**OLESKI ELECTRIC**  
Commercial & Residential  
489-8750  
Reg. #PA044576

**Summit Square Cleaners**  
Near Gerrity's Market  
570-586-5718  
Clarks Summit, PA 18411  
Mon-Fri 7a-6p • Sat 8a-4p

**ABINGTON PAVING CO.**  
• Blacktopping • Driveways  
• Parking Lots  
1529 Summit Lake Rd.  
S. Abington Township, PA  
570-587-5949 KEVIN KELLY

**Abington Travel**  
A Local Agency with a World of Experience  
570-586-1666 • www.abingtontravel.com  
317 Davis Street, Clarks Summit, PA  
JIM VERANO, PRESIDENT

All The Finest Care You Need On One Campus  
SKILLED NURSING & REHAB  
PERSONAL CARE HOME  
570-842-7621  
www.StMarysVilla.com

**K&T TIRE & AUTO SERVICE**  
587-4793  
925 South State St., Clarks Summit

**JOSEPH CHERMAK, INC.**  
713 N. State Street  
Clarks Summit, PA 18411  
www.chermakauto.com  
570-586-6676  
Sales & Service of Cars,  
Light Duty Trucks & SUVs

**NEVER MISS A BULLETIN !**  
Sign up to have our weekly parish bulletin emailed to you at [www.parishesonline.com](http://www.parishesonline.com)

**GROW YOUR BUSINESS BY PLACING AN AD HERE!** CONTACT US!  
Contact Renee Puchalski to place an ad today!  
rpuchalski@4LPi.com or (800) 477-4574 x6453

**JOSEPH CHERMAK, INC.**  
713 N. State Street  
Clarks Summit, PA 18411  
www.chermakauto.com  
570-586-6676  
Sales & Service of Cars,  
Light Duty Trucks & SUVs

**NOBODY OFFERS MORE DISCOUNTS THAN FARMERS**  
■ Automobile insurance  
■ Home insurance  
■ Life insurance  
RYAN FENTON - PARISHIONER  
Your Local Agent  
1033 MORGAN HWY, CLARKS SUMMIT, PA 18411  
RFENTON@FARMERSAGENT.COM  
<https://agents.farmers.com/rfenton>

**Jewelry Traders**  
Estate Buyers Est. 1981  
Diamonds and Fine Jewelry  
Half Off Retail  
Largest Inventory of Diamond Pendants, Rings & Earrings  
BUY • SELL • TRADE  
Paying Highest Trade Price Daily.  
Will exceed any quote  
1500 MAIN STREET, DICKSON CITY  
570-489-1100

**WE'RE HIRING AD SALES EXECUTIVES**  
BE YOURSELF. BRING YOUR PASSION.  
WORK WITH PURPOSE.  
• Work-Life Balance • Paid Training  
• Full-Time with Benefits • Some Travel  
• Serve Your Community  
Contact us at careers@4lpi.com  
[www.4lpi.com/careers](http://www.4lpi.com/careers)

Call 570.319.6234 today!  
For Home, Auto, Life and Business.  
Restrictions apply. Discounts may vary. Not available in all states. See your agent for details. Insurance is underwritten by Farmers Insurance Exchange and other affiliated insurance companies. Visit farmers.com for a complete listing of companies. Not all insurers are authorized to provide insurance in all states. Coverage is not available in all states. Life Insurance issued by Farmers New World Life Insurance Company, 3120 139th Ave. SE, Ste. 300, Bellevue, WA 98005.

**WHITBECK INSURANCE AGENCY, INC.**  
AUTO • HOME • LIFE • COMMERCIAL  
Parishioner  
Amy Adonizio, Agent  
504 N State St Clarks Summit PA  
570-587-4686  
amy@whitbeckinsurance.com

**Gerrity's supermarkets**  
100 Old Lackawanna Trail  
Clarks Summit, PA  
570-587-3800 | Gerrity.com

**Party Headquarters**  
Hoagies Platters Cookies Fruit Baskets

Hand Surgery Associates  
Dr. Casey Burke  
(570) 483-4603

**DQ FanFoot**  
not fast food  
839 Northern Blvd.  
South Abington Township  
570-319-1248

## Lawrence E. Young Funeral Home & Cremation Svc.

A full service funeral home specializing in attention to the personal details of your loved one.

Proud to be voted "Best Funeral Home in the Abingtons" by our friends in the community

Stephen L. Young, Funeral Director/ Owner/ Supervisor • Karen D. Rickaby, Pre Arrangement Counselor • Andrew Sobolak, Associate

570-586-7821 • www.lawrenceyoungfuneralhome.com • 418 S. State Street, Clarks Summit, PA 18411