

OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS PARISH 24 APRIL 2022



2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

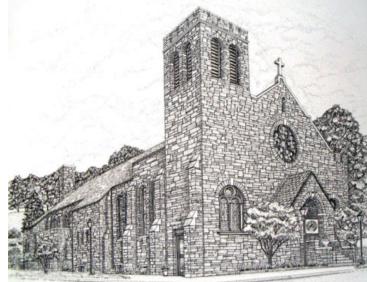
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Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - Jn 20:28-29

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A COMMUNITY OF FAITH



+ REMEMBERING OUR BELOVED

This Weekend: April 23 - 24 Second Sunday of Easter

SATURDAY | APRIL 23 CSB / 4:00pm

OLS / 5:30pm

John Stracham (Liana and Pete Smith) Mary Kelleher Foley (Joan FitzPatrick)

SUNDAY | APRIL 24

OLS / 7:00am CSB / 8:00am OLS / 9:30am OLS / 11:15am Deceased Members of OLS Parish Robert Durkin (Patrick, Brian, Mary Ellen, and Nancy Clearfield) Charles Clifford Girard (The Betts Family) Jack Lee (Gerrie Carey and Family)



OUR MISSION

We, the people of Our Lady 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!**



Due to publishing deadlines, the support report for the weekend of Easter Sunday, April 17, will be published in subsequent bulletin issues. We thank you for your support and generosity to Our Lady of the Snows Parish!

PARISH STAFF



Msgr. Michael J. Delaney Pastor

Fr. Stephen Asomah Assistant Pastor

The Week Ahead: April 25 - 29

MONDAY | APRIL 25 CSG / 8:00am OLS / 12:10pm ST. MARK, EVANGELIST Dominic Scott (Mr. and Mrs. Peter Brokus) Cindy Tierney (Kathy & Kevin Wright)

TUESDAY | APRIL 26 CSG / 8:00am OLS / 12:10pm

WEDNESDAY | APRIL 27

CSG / 8:00am OLS / 12:10pm

THURSDAY | APRIL 28

CSG / 8:00am OLS / 12:10pm

FRIDAY | APRIL 29 CSG / 8:00am

CSG / 8:00am OLS / 12:10pm

Theresa Pallo (Marie Redding & Family) Donald Quinn (Diane Cryan)

EASTER WEEKDAY

Michael Nalevanko (Dave & Nan Harris) Dr. Ted Stampien, Sr. (Family)

EASTER WEEKDAY

Dorothy Milani (Dr. Frank Milani) Arthur Monacelli (Family)

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

Sharon Rysak (Mary Hart) Kenneth Pedri (Kathy Olick)

Next Weekend: April 30 - May 1 Third Sunday of Easter

SATURDAY | APRIL 30

CSB / 4:00pm OLS / 5:30pm William Longstreet (Wife, Anna) Russell Tully (John & Lynne Earley)

SUNDAY | MAY 1 OLS / 7:00am CSB / 8:00am

OLS / 7:00am CSB / 8:00am OLS / 9:30am OLS / 11:15am Jack Lee (Mark Wallace) Deceased Members of Our Parish Kathleen Gralinski (Betty Gralinski) Anthony Villano, Jr. (Family)

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 APRIL 24, 2022 MERCY SUNDAY



THE GLORIA

We praise You. We bless You. We adore you. We glorify You. We give You thanks for Your great glory. Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

(to refrain at left)

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

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For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father.

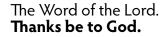
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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

FIRST
READINGACTS 5:12-16

Many signs and wonders were done among the people at the hands of the apostles. They were all together in Solomon's portico. None of the others dared to join them, but the people esteemed them.

Yet more than ever, believers in the Lord, great numbers of men and women, were added to them. Thus they even carried the sick out into the streets and laid them on cots and mats so that when Peter came by, at least his shadow might fall on one or another of them. A large number of people from the towns in the vicinity of Jerusalem also gathered, bringing the sick and those unclean spirits, and they were all cured.





SECOND READING REV 1:9-11, 12-13, 17-19

I, John, your brother, who share with you the distress, the kingdom, and the endurance we have in Jesus, found myself on the island called Patmos because I proclaimed God's word and gave testimony to Jesus. I was caught up in spirit on the Lord's day and heard behind me a voice as loud as a trumpet, which said, "Write on a scroll what you see." Then I turned to see whose voice it was that spoke to me, and when I turned, I saw seven gold lampstands and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, wearing an anklelength robe, with a gold sash around his chest.

When I caught sight of him, I fell down at his feet as though dead. He touched me with his right hand and said, "Do not be afraid. I am the first and the last, the one who lives. Once I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever. I hold the keys to death and the netherworld. Write down, therefore, what you have seen, and what is happening, and what will happen afterwards."

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

GOSPEL

JOHN 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

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



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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.



WE WALK BY FAITH

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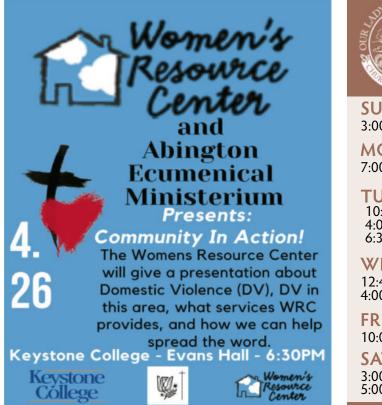


SONG OF SENDING FORTH

JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY

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1. Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day,	Al -	le - lu - ia!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing,	Al -	le - lu - ia!
4. Sing we to our God a - bove,	Al -	le - lu - ia!
A		
Our tri - um-phant ho - ly day,	Al -	le - lu - ia!
Un - to Christ, our heav'n-ly King,	Al -	le - lu - ia!
Praise e - ter - nal, as his love;	Al -	le - lu - ia!
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Who did once up - on the cross,	Al -	le - lu - ia!
Who en - dured the cross and grave,	Al -	le - lu - ia!
Praise him, now his might con - fess,	Al -	le - lu - ia!
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Suf - fer to re - deem our loss.	Al -	le - lu - ia!
Sin - ners to re - deem and save.	Al -	le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest.	Al -	le - lu - ia!

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SO MUCH MORE THAN A BIBLE STUDY

SPRING WOMEN'S STUDY

This Spring at Our Lady of the Snows, in conjunction with the Church of Saint Gregory, we are excited to offer Opening Your Heart, our foundational study that meets women exactly where they are. Weekly sessions start on Monday evenings, May 2nd 6:30PM at CSG. We will dig into topics like prayer, the Holy Spirit, and what exactly is the point of suffering. This 22-lesson study is a MUST for the woman just dipping her toes in the faith pool, as well as the Olympic swimmer in need of a faith refresher! Books can be purchased at www.walkingwithpurpose.com or www.amazon.com

For more info, contact Deborah Kennedy at 570-954-6799 or email djkennedy1231@comcast.net.

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SUNDAY	APRIL 24		
3:00pm	Divine Mercy Program	OLS Church	
MONDA	Y APRIL 25		
7:00pm	Cursillo with Deacon Leo	Emmaus Room	
TUESDA	Y APRIL 26		
10:00am 4:00pm	Bible Study	Gathering Room	
6:30pm	Bible Study	Gathering Room Gathering Room	
WEDNES	DAY APRIL 27	-	
12:45pm	Miraculous Medal Novena	OLS Church	
4:00pm	First Communion Retreat (2/2)	Gathering Room	
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10:00am	, , ,	Gathering Room	
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THE SUNDAY CONNECTION LIVING THE GOSPEL IN OUR DAILY LIVES

The world was in the midst of the Great Depression in 1931 and the memories of WWI were still very much alive in the minds of Europeans when, in Poland, a sister of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, Faustina Kowalska, is said to have been personally visited by Jesus.

According to her diary, an image was revealed to her of the Risen Lord from whose heart shone two rays, one red (representing blood) and the other "pale" (symbolizing water), with the words at the bottom: "Jesus, I trust in you." Sister Faustina wrote in her diary that Jesus told her: "I promise the soul that will venerate this image will not perish."

When she was canonized in 2000 at the direction of fellow countryman, Saint Pope John Paul II, he proclaimed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday, thereby widely promoting the devotional practices associated with Saint Faustina's visions, already popular in parishes.



Please join us this weekend on Sunday at 3pm for our special Divine Mercy Prayer Service at Our Lady of the Snows Church as we commemorate this important day!



BIBLE STUDY

The Faithful Revolution: Vatican II

Join us as we delve into one of the greatest religious events of the Twentieth Century! This spring's bible study will help you better understand this important revolution in the Catholic Church.

Spring Sessions held each Tuesday, starting April 26. Sessions are held at 10am and at 6:30 pm.

> Please call Sue Burke in the Parish Center to register, 570-586-1741.

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad!

Our Easter celebration continues as we gather for Divine Mercy Sunday. We remember the message shared by Pope Francis: "God's Name is Mercy."

The kindness of our God has found a home in the life of our parish. Many thanks to all who have helped us to pray through Lent bringing us to these fifty days of Easter joy. To our remarkable staff, our music ministry and all of our liturgical ministers, to all those who have volunteered to assist with special events and grace-filled moments - <u>Thank</u> <u>you!</u> May the peace of the Risen Christ fill our hearts and homes. Easter Blessings.

United in His Service, Msgr. Delaney



Newly Baptized Clara with Msgr. Delaney



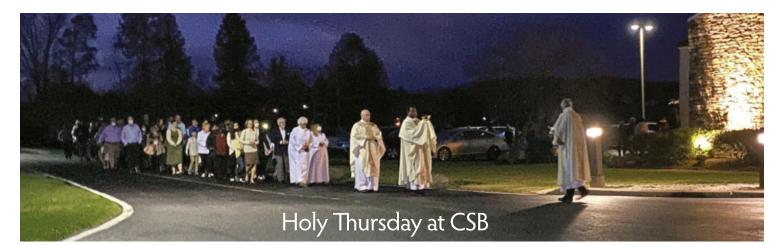






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HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2022







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WELCOME HOME TO YOUR PARISH!

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A PARISH ALIVE...

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

EUCHARISTIC 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.

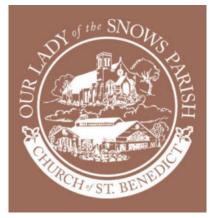
ALTAR SERVING: All boys and girls of the parish who have completed the third grade are invited to serve as acolytes for weekend liturgies and special liturgical celebrations.

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 8th graders who have been enrolled in our Religious Education program for at least 2 years, or attend Cathlic 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.

SHARE YOUR GIFTS AS A VOLUNTEER!

Through the selfless efforts of so many, we are able to keep *Our Lady of the Snows* and the *Church of Saint Benedict* a beautiful, flourishing environment for worship, community, and faith-filled connection. Consider joining one of the groups below that constantly work towards this goal!

HEARTS THAT CARE

CONNECTIONS OF KINDNESS: This outreach program ministers to senior parishioners through checkin 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!



SCRANTON MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY at the CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PETER

DO YOU WANT TO LEARN ABOUT MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUPPORT FROM THE CHURCH?

You are Invited to Attend a Five Part Education Series for Families on Mental Health.

The Scranton Mental Health Ministry at the Cathedral of Saint Peter is presenting this five-part series for families on mental health and mental illness to reduce stigma and discrimination through education and factual information about mental health conditions. The series reinforces the core Christian belief that everyone has dignity and value and should be fully welcomed into the Church and the community.

TUESDAY APRIL 26

Spirituality and Mental Illness

Faith and spirituality bring peace and healing to people living with mental health challenges and illnesses. We can find spiritual support through communion with the Saints and with each other while living with mental health challenges and illnesses.

TUESDAY MAY 3

Spend an Evening with a Mental Health Professional

An introduction to the types of mental illnesses, medication, treatments, and other issues will be presented. The discussion will be led by Leighton Y. Huey, MD, a psychiatrist and Associate Dean for Behavioral Health Integration and Community Care Transformation from the Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine.

TUESDAY MAY 10

TUESDAY MAY 17

Mental Health Resources in the Community

A discussion about community resources. The focus will be on where to find and how to access mental health services. Presentations will be made by Marie Onukiavage, Executive Director of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) and Jeff Romey, Community Relations, Community Care Behavioral Health Organization (CCBH). Companionship and Mental Health

Ministry in Our Parishes This session will look at some of the practical ways that our parishes can offer support and companionship to individuals and their families facing mental health challenges.

ALL SESSIONS WILL BE HELD FROM 6:30 TO 8 PM AT THE DIOCESE OF SCRANTON PASTORAL CENTER, 330 WYOMING AVENUE, SCRANTON For more information contact Deacon Ed Shoener at 570.344.7231 or DeaconEd@stpeterscathedral.org

