A Time of New Beginnings…

Saturday Vigil
Masses
4:00 pm CSB
5:00 pm OLS

Sunday Masses
7:00 am OLS
8:00 am CSB
9:30 am OLS
11:00 am CSB
11:15 am OLS

Daily Masses (Mon-Fri)
7:00 am CSG
12:10 pm OLS

Saturday Confessions
3:15 pm CSB
4:15 pm OLS

OLS: Our Lady of the Snows
CSB: Church of St. Benedict
CSG: Church of St. Gregory

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Sacramental Life

**Sacrament of Baptism:** is ordinarily celebrated on the first Sunday of each month at Our Lady of the Snows Church following the 11:15am Mass or the second Sunday of each month at the Church of St. Benedict following the 11am Mass. First time parents are asked to attend a Pre-Baptismal class offered the first Tuesday of each month at 3pm or the second Thursday of each month at 7pm in the Parish Center. Please call the Parish Office to schedule your appointment.

**Sacrament of Eucharist:** This important sacrament is the foundation of our faith. For questions concerning First Eucharist, please contact Nettie Goldate.

**Sacrament of Confirmation:** Confirmation is administered yearly to all 8th Grade students in our Religious Education Program and students attending Catholic Schools. Children wishing to receive Confirmation must be enrolled for at least two years before they are eligible to receive Confirmation.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** can be celebrated at the times listed on the front cover or by appointment by calling the Parish Office.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** At least six months before the desired date of your marriage, you are asked to contact the Parish Office to make the appropriate preparations for this special celebration.

**Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick:** Please contact the Parish Office whenever a member of your family has become sick or hospitalized.

**Visitation of the Sick:** Any parishioner who is homebound and wishes to receive the Eucharist on a regular basis is encouraged to contact the Parish Office to schedule a visit.

**Funerals:** Please notify the Parish Office at the time of a loved one’s death to assist you in helping to plan the funeral.

Please don’t hesitate to contact any staff member. We are here to answer any questions and assist you in any and all of your spiritual needs and Sacramental preparation.

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**Remembering Our Loved Ones…**

**Monday, April 25**

- **CSG** 7:00am  Rafael Giannantonio  
  (Judy & Bill Burkavage)
- **OLS** 12:10pm  Rosemary & Jerry Carpenter  
  (Eugene Gallagher)

**Tuesday, April 26**

- **CSG** 7:00am  Angelo Brutico  
  (Family)
- **OLS** 12:10pm  Kristen Kromko  
  (Family)

**Wednesday, April 27**

- **CSG** 7:00am  John Glynn  
  (Wife - Janet)
- **OLS** 12:10pm  Mary Flynn  
  (Bob & Dorothy Moher)

**Thursday, April 28**

- **CSG** 7:00am  James T. O’Malley  
  (Family)
- **OLS** 12:10pm  Julia Astrowski  
  (Anna)

**Friday, April 29**

- **CSG** 7:00am  Greg Jones  
  (Mary Burke)
- **OLS** 12:10pm  Kenneth Pedri  
  (Kathy Olick)

**Saturday, April 30**

- **CSB** 4:00 pm  Margaret Serino  
  (Gary & Dorthea Serino)
- **OLS** 5:00 pm  Stella Macheska  
  (Mr. & Mrs. Caryl Kapp)

**Sunday, May 1st**  
**6th Sunday of Easter**

- **OLS** 7:00 am  For All Members of the Parish
- **CSB** 8:00 am  Cindy Sue Ayers  
  (Donna Agostini)
- **OLS** 9:30 am  Ruth Ziegler  
  (Joyce Wyatt)
- **CSB** 11:00 am  Harriet Petrucelli  
  (Mike & Maureen Petrucelli)
- **OLS** 11:15 am  Quinta Mahon  
  (Trudy Marie Stroney)

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Sunday Connection: Sharing God’s Love

How exciting to trace the steps of Paul in his missionary journeys, discover the fruit of his ministry, and his care in leaving the growing communities in able hands. With Barnabas, he spent countless hours in forming missionary disciples.

Pope Francis is doing the same thing. His visits to Washington, New York and Philadelphia proclaimed the same mission. His travels to Kenya, Uganda and the Central African Republic were to produce the same results.

It is time for us to respond to the challenge. Through our own prayer and fasting, we too are strengthened to do the work of the elders in our own communities. We do not wait for others to come to us, but we go out to bring the saving message of Jesus to others.

Question: When was the last time you invited someone to return to the practice of the faith and love, or told someone why you are a believer?

Caring for Creation

Recently, students from our own Mrs. Roger’s religious education group participated in "Field Day Clean Up" at Hillside Park on Winola Road. They worked hard hanging signs, raking mulch, picking up trash and in turn beautifying the park.

We thank these young people of our parish for their gift of service towards the community and towards creation. Also, we thank them for the wonderful witness to God’s love in our world.

The Joy of Love

On April 8th, after more than two years of conferences and counsel from people around the world, Pope Francis released his latest document entitled: Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love).

In it, the Pope has given us a love letter to families, a love letter inviting all of us, and especially married couples and families, to never stop growing in love. It is also a love letter calling the Church, the family of God, to realize more and more her mission to live and love as a family.

Pope Francis is calling us to enter more deeply into the beauty of marriage and Christ’s teaching. From the opening lines of Genesis to the closing chapter of Revelation, and throughout the Gospels, God speaks eloquently to us about the joys and challenges of marriage and family life.

The Joy of Love is inviting us to share the treasure and medicine of Jesus. The teaching of Jesus inspires us to live out God’s hope for us, and the mercy of Jesus heals and sustains us when we fall short. Let us remember that no obstacle is too big for Christ to overcome.

In the final paragraph the Pope affirms: “No family drops down from heaven perfectly formed; families need constantly to grow and mature in the ability to love...All of us are called to keep striving towards something greater than ourselves and our families, and every family must feel this constant impulse. Let us make this journey as families, let us keep walking together. May we never lose heart because of our limitations, or ever stop seeking that fullness of love and communion which God holds out before us”

To read the document in full, go to our website: OLSParish.net
Vote in the Pennsylvania Primary Election on April 26th

Catholic social teaching strongly promotes active citizenship. Through our opportunities as citizens, we can help shape a world more committed to protecting human life and dignity and promoting justice and peace.
-From the USCCB

2016 Relay for Life

The annual Relay for Life, chaired by students from our parish, is fast approaching! This year's date is June 11th and 12th at the Abington Heights High School.

You can help join in the fight against cancer in several ways:
- Start a team at relayforlife.org/paabington
- Make a donation towards an individual or team that you know is participating at the Relay.
- Buy a luminaria that will line the track during the event to honor or remember a loved one.
- Let us know if you are a cancer survivor or currently are in a battle against cancer so that we can invite you to a special catered dinner in your honor at the night of the event.

Contact Steve Wallo at the Parish Office with any questions.

Student Pro-Life Contest

Students from grades 7 - 12 are invited to enter the 14th Annual Youth for Life Art and Essay Contest sponsored by Pennsylvanians for Human Life. The theme is "Why I'm Thankful My Mom Chose Life."

Entry deadline is May 11th. Please see the home page of www.prolifescranton.org for a contest application. For further details, you can call 570-343-5099.

Quo Vadis: Where Are You Going?

Quo Vadis is a camp for young Catholic men in high school to:
- Deepen their faith
- Learn more about all vocations
- Better discern God's call in their lives

It consists of dynamic talks, prayer, games, sports, activities, and music. Meet many of the priests and seminarians in the Diocese of Scranton.

It runs from June 26th to 29th at Misericordia University. The cost is $25. To register, go to scrantonvocations.com

Ministry Schedule for Next Weekend: April 30th – May 1st

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**Stewardship: Caring for Others**

**The Catholic Home Missions Appeal** will take place this weekend. One way that this appeal works to support home mission dioceses in the United States is by supporting seminarian formation in poor dioceses. The blessing of seminarians places a financial burden on these dioceses, because educating each seminarian costs $35-40K per year. Your support is needed for these young men so that they might go back and serve their parishes. Please **strengthen the Church at home** by making a generous gift to this weekend’s appeal.

**Remembering Our Parish**

With the completion of tax season, it is a good time to evaluate long-term plans.

All gifts to your church, whether now or in your will, are tax deductible. Know that Our Lady of the Snows Parish benefits greatly from all gift bequests which support our operations and ministries and help keep our church in good repair.

Why not consider asking your estate planner or accountant for assistance in setting up this important gift? Future generations will thank you as indeed we are grateful to those generous and selfless souls who have preceded us.

**Memorial Contributions**

Donations have recently been made to our parish in loving memory of **William J. Clarke** from Helen Smetana, Joseph & Cheryl DeHaut and Mike & Ellen Urbanski

Donation have recently been made to our music ministry in loving memory of **John Stracham** from Elizabeth & Benjamin Holbert and Francis & Michele Crowley

May we all keep these good souls being remembered as a part of our own prayers.

**…Being Good Stewards…**

**Know how grateful we are for your Sunday offerings from the weekend of: April 16 - 17**

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**Thank You!**

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**Why Register as a Parishioner?**

Whether you are currently a parishioner or are interested in becoming one, we love having you at Our Lady of the Snows Parish. Choosing your church can be as vital to your family as it is selecting the town in which you live. Registration is the first step toward active participation in a parish.

You will find that Our Lady of the Snows is a warm and welcoming church family with many diverse personalities and talents. There are many parish ministries in which to involve yourself.

As a registered parishioner, you may receive verification letters to sponsor individuals for sacraments, receive sacraments yourself, or participate in Faith Formation classes.

In addition, you become a supporting member of the parish community. Registered parishioners will have available an end-of-the-year tax contribution statement. Registered parishioners also have several special mailings each year to keep you abreast of parish and community happenings. Your parish family will support and assist you and your family during difficult times.

You can register by calling us at the parish office at (570) 586-1741.

Once you register, we will be in touch to say “Hello.” **Register today!**
Confirmation Penance Service

Tomorrow, Monday, April 25th, Our Lady of the Snows Parish and the Church of St. Gregory will have a joint Confirmation Penance Service at the Church of St. Gregory at 7pm.

If you have a scheduling conflict, please call Nettie Goldate at the Parish Office. We can’t wait to see you all there!

First Eucharist Practices

Congratulations to our students who recently received the Sacrament of Holy Communion yesterday at the Church of St. Benedict!

Practice for the April 30th First Communion students will be on April 27th and 28th from 6:30-7:30pm at the Church of St. Benedict.

Practice for students for the May 7th First Communion students will be held on May 4th and 5th from 6:30-7:30pm at the Church of St. Benedict.

Vacation Bible School

Start planning ahead for this year’s 2016 Vacation Bible School adventure. Last year, over 200 children attended this exciting program! In addition to that, we had over 80 volunteer crew leaders to make sure that things ran smoothly.

In the next few weeks, we will be posting the Crew Leaders sign up form and the children’s sign up form. Until then, here are some important details:

Dates: June 20th - 24th, 2016
Times: 9:00AM to 12:00 Noon
Location: Our Lady of Peace School
Ages: 4 through 11 years old
Cost: $25 Early Registration by June 7th
      $30 Regular Registration after June 7th

Remember that space will be limited. We hope to see you there!

Thank You, Marywood Singers

Our thanks to conductor Rick Hoffenberg and the Marywood University Chamber Singers for performing last Sunday at The Church of St. Benedict. It was an inspiring and outstanding performance!

Supporting Our Young Missionaries

Once again, Abington Catholic Youth Ministry students and adults are preparing for their annual mission experience to West Virginia to dedicate a week of service to Habitat for Humanity. This year, we have 43 signed up for this amazing trip!

To help offset the costs of this trip, which runs $400, they will be holding their Annual Pasta Dinner Fundraiser next Sunday, May 1st in the OLS Gathering Room from Noon until 6pm. Included in this meal are: Pasta with red or vodka sauce, meatballs, rolls, salad, dessert, and drinks.

Tickets are $8 for an adult and $5 for children under 10.

Hope to see you there and thank you so much for your support!
In this memoir, set as deeply in his mind as in the Southeast Asian jungle, a young American soldier embarks on a journey to a war that, for him, will never be over.

The world was a playground for Mickey, a naive Irish American kid bored with his life. His father served in World War II, his brother was a Marine in Vietnam; now it was his turn. His 365 days in Vietnam builds in torment until an attack on a bunker complex in Cambodia. Wounded, his friend captured, he becomes a tormented survivor knowing he is always just a heartbeat from death.

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or visit: http://goo.gl/ZGdeFF

When you help the American Red Cross, you help America. Call 1-800-Help Now or visit us at redcross.org