

PEOPLE OF THE

COVENANT



FIFTH SUNDAY OF

17 MARCH 2024

LENT

OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS PARISH & CHURCH OF SAINT GREGORY

WORSHIP

We assemble for worship to transform hearts, inspire minds, and heal souls.

LIVE THE LITURGY

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus reminds us that the grain of wheat can never realize its potential without sacrifice. God has a plan for each one of us. May He give you strength to become who you were born to be.

CLARKS SUMMIT DEANERY PENANCE SERVICES



Receive the grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation at one of our DEANERY PENANCE SERVICES. Each service begins at 7 PM.

MONDAY, MARCH 18 CSG

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20 OLA Dalton

THURSDAY, MARCH 21 SJV Montdale

THREE DAYS TO SAVE

Holy Thursday brings the end to Lent. That night we begin the Tree Days that are the center of our year. You might ask, why are these days so important? What do they mean for you? Why should we make these three Days different from all the days of the year.

Because we are all needed to gather here at church. All of us need the whole community together on its greatest days.

On these days, we gather a number of times. Together we hear some of the church's most beautiful prayers and scriptures and we make some of our finest music. Please look closely at the parish schedule for both Our Lady of the Snows and the Church of Saint Gregory now and make plans to take part in the various liturgies and other gathering of Holy Thursday night, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Above all, come on Saturday night for the Vigil! You do not want to miss it.



Remembering AT EUCHARIST

MONDAY | MAR. 18

8:00 AM @ CSG

12:10 PM @ OLS

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Dr. Thomas Rittenhouse (Family)

Mary Port (Dr. Mario Genovese)

TUESDAY | MAR. 19

8:00 AM @ CSG

12:10 PM @ OLS

SAINT JOSEPH

John Hart (Family)

Joseph Ware (Wife, Sally)

WEDNESDAY | MAR. 20

8:00 AM @ CSG

12:10 PM @ OLS

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Mary Nolan (Family)

Francis Cunion (Family)

THURSDAY | MAR. 21

8:00 AM @ CSG

12:10 PM @ OLS

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Gloria Lavelle (Maggie Whitbeck)

Rick Fitzgerald (Carey & Berry Families)

FRIDAY | MAR. 22

8:00 AM @ CSG

12:10 PM @ OLS

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Judge James M. Munley

(Kathleen, Julia, Gwen, Neave)

Leo Lynott (Wife)

PALM SUNDAY

SATURDAY | MAR. 23

4:00 PM @ CSB

5:00 PM @ CSG

5:30 PM @ OLS

Joseph T. Guzek (Family)

Andrew Millett (Family)

Stephen Kavulich

(Joanne Kavulich & Family)

SUNDAY | MAR. 24

7:00 AM @ OLS **All Deceased Members of the Parish**

8:00 AM @CSB

8:00 AM @CSG

9:30 AM @ OLS

Chris Kalina (Mom & Dad)

Albert W. Sakovich

(Horence A. Sakovich & Family)

10:00 AM @ CSG

11:15 AM @ OLS

Brother John Patrick Calvey (Family)

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 17, 2024

Jeremiah 31:31-34 | Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15

Hebrews 5:7-9 | John 12:20-33

TENEBRAE: SONG OF THE SHADOWS

Tenebrae ("shadows" or "darkness") is a Holy Week service that is at least 1,000 years old and consists of hymns and readings, similar to the "lessons and carols" services familiar at Christmastime. Join our parish choirs this **Friday, March 22** at 7 PM at Our Lady of the Snows for *Song of the Shadows*. The deeply moving music and narratives will help us all to contemplate the love and sacrifice of Christ as we enter Holy Week.



CELEBRATING THE HOLY TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY | MARCH 28

8:30am	Morning Prayer	CSG
7:00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper	CSB
7:00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper	CSG
10:00pm	Night Prayer	CSG

GOOD FRIDAY | MARCH 29

8:30am	Morning Prayer	OLS
12 noon	Stations of the Cross	CSG
3:00pm	Liturgy of the Lord's Passion	OLS
7:00pm	Liturgy of the Lord's Passion	CSG

HOLY SATURDAY | MARCH 30

8:30am	Morning Prayer	CSG
1:30pm	Easter Egg Hunt	OLS
2:00pm	Food Basket Blessing	OLS
2:00pm	Food Basket Blessing	CSG
8:00pm	The Easter Vigil	CSG



WORD

We study God's word to form faith, challenge understanding, and animate action.



PEOPLE OF THE COVENANT

FROM THE PASTOR—FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Our journey of Lent is nearing its climax, as Holy Week and the celebration of the Great Three Days draw near. Our catechumens and candidates have been studying, praying, and preparing to enter our family of faith and to become Church with us in word, worship, community, and service. There is an excitement in our parish communities to welcome, to embrace, to uphold, and to support these new members as they approach their baptisms, confirmations, and first Eucharists. Just imagine the joy of our Easter Vigil this year – new life in abundance, overflowing to each of us! And if we don't feel that excitement, perhaps we might take these last few days of our Lenten journey to ponder what our faith is about – a faith that is literally drawing people in before our eyes. Ours is a faith of covenantal love, expressed so strikingly and yet so simply in today's reading from Jeremiah:

*I will be their God, and
they shall be my people.*

No conditions. No stipulations. No demands. The God who created the oceans, the God who knows the number of the stars, the God who breathes life into all creation, invites us personally into covenant – to be our God. Through the giving of God's very self in the person of Jesus, through Jesus' life, suffering, death, and resurrection, God fulfills every covenant made with His people. Even to today. And this should give us great reason to be excited, to be joy-filled, to be eager to welcome others into the covenant, the promise, the love of the people of God. Ours is a faith of covenantal love. Let's not waste this love but live it. Live it boldly. Live it generously. Live it gratefully. Live it in a way that shows the world who we are: **a people of the Covenant.**

-Father John



COMING SOON TO CSG!



COMMUNITY

We nurture a community that welcomes neighbor, embraces differences, and celebrates unity.



PALMS & PARADES is a Holy Week retreat open to students in grades K-3 on **Thursday, March 21** from **4-5:30 PM** in the **Ministry Center at CSG**. Students from both parishes are welcome to join us! Space is limited. So, **SIGN UP TODAY** for either retreat by clicking [HERE](#).

RECTORY, SET, COOK!

Rectory, Set, Cook III: Collars & Collars is wrapping up soon! Please consider visiting the Diocese of Scranton website and donating to "CHEF FR. MICHAEL BORIS!"

Check Your Mail!

FOR AN EXCITING INVITATION
FROM OUR PARISH THIS WEEK



WE WILL BE HOSTING A JOYFUL
EVENT ON SATURDAY, APRIL 13
TO CELEBRATE OUR LINKAGE.

Be Our Guest!

YOU'RE INVITED TO HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP LENTEN SERVICE PROJECT + ICE CREAM SOCIAL

STUDENTS WILL ENGAGE IN A
LENTEN SERVICE PROJECT STUFFING
EASTER EGGS FOR OUR UPCOMING
PARISH EASTER EGG HUNT!

**SUNDAY
MARCH 24**

6 PM AT CSG

WE WILL ENJOY AN
ICE CREAM SUNDAE BAR TOO!

ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!



SERVICE

We support and care for all through compassionate outreach and service.

LENTEN STEWARDSHIP

During the Lenten season we observe certain practices of sacrifice and self-denial as an offering to God and as good spiritual training for this race we are engaged in called life. These things are good for us but they should not remain only in Lent. In fact, we should always be about working towards a complete surrender of ourselves to the will of God. Jesus taught that unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it cannot bear fruit. It will remain the same always and will not lead to any type of growth. We are the grains of wheat that need to die to ourselves in order to be born again. However, many of us are the same today as last Lent and the many Lents before that. We have not moved forward to a more mature faith that makes it possible for us to be transformed.

Surrender is not easy. But we need to see our observance of Lent as a way to move forward. No athlete lifts the same weight forever. No dieter finds satisfaction in losing the same 5 pounds year after year. We must work to always be moving toward holiness. This is the commitment of an everyday steward. We are called to pray today than yesterday. We are called to give more today than yesterday. We are called to love more today than yesterday. Standing still is not an option. Our God is calling us to grow in our discipleship and stewardship for the benefit of our souls and the health of the Body of Christ. May this Lent be a time of moving forward and may we all draw ever closer to our God who calls us to leave it all behind and follow Him.

EASTER BASKET DRIVE ASSEMBLING PARTY

Let's make Easter morning a morning of JOY in our community! Our Easter Basket Drive concludes this weekend — bring your donations of small stuffed animals, toys, games, crafts, candy, baskets, Easter grass, and cellophane to the Narthex.

Join us on Wednesday, March 20 at 6 PM for an 'assembling party' where divvy up the donations and assemble some beautiful baskets! All are welcome!



WEEKLY FOOD COLLECTION

The need at our local food banks grows every day. We welcome your donations of non-perishable food items each week. Donations of pet foods are also welcome. Thank you for your generous spirit in helping us feed the hungry!

AT MASS...

We will include your gifts for the poor with the gifts of bread and wine at the offertory. Simply place your donation in the basket near the font.

...OR IN THE CART!

We welcome your donations during the week too! Our Food Cart is located inside the entrance near OLP School on Monday, Wednesday, & Friday from 9 AM-3 PM.

MARCH
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CSG
Easter Egg
Hunt

JOIN US AFTER THE 10 AM MASS ON
EASTER SUNDAY ON THE MINISTRY
CENTER LAWN! ALL ARE WELCOME!

STEWARDSHIP

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

March 10 SUNDAY OFFERING

Envelopes \$ 7,608.00 Online \$ 7,400.09

Please donate today by mail, at church, or online at thechurchofstgregory.com, on the Saint Gregory parish app, or the GivePlus app.

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To accompany all in loving God
and living Eucharist.



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BAPTISM

Baptisms are normally celebrated on the Third Sunday of every month at 1 PM. Baptisms may be arranged at other times when necessary. Parent and Godparent preparation may be scheduled by calling the rectory for an appointment.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact the rectory at anytime for the celebration of this sacrament.

MARRIAGE

Arrangements should be made six months prior to the desired wedding date. Please contact Father Lapera.

COMMUNION CALLS

A team of Extraordinary Communion Ministers visit our home-bound with Communion every month. For more Information please contact Deacon Robert Sheils at rsheils1@comcast.net

HOSPITAL VISITATION

If anyone has a family member, relative or friend in any of the area hospitals and would like them to have a visit, please call the rectory.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

FOUNDATIONS is a comprehensive faith formation program that creatively fosters the sharing of faith *primarily* among parents and families and among catechists, mentors, peers, and the parish community. Through guided family formation experiences, collaborative grade level workshops, and immersive service opportunities, FOUNDATIONS will lay the foundation for the next generation's full and active participation in the life of our parish and Church.

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY-FRIDAY

8:00 AM CSG, 12:10 PM OLS

SATURDAY

5:00 PM Vigil CSG

SUNDAY

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM CSG

CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY

4:00 PM-4:30 PM

or by appointment

OFFICE SCHEDULE

MON – THURS | 9 AM—4 PM

FRIDAY | 9 AM—12 PM