

PEOPLE OF THE

# COVENANT



# PALM SUNDAY

24 MARCH 2024 • SEASON OF LENT 2024

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

The crowds of Jerusalem beautified the path of Jesus as he came into the city, offering their own cloaks in homage. Let us make way in our hearts for the King as we enter into Holy Week.

## CHRISM MASS

## PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

All are invited to attend the Diocese of Scranton's annual Chrism Mass this **Tuesday, March 26 at 4 PM** at **St. Peter's Cathedral**.

Priests from across the Diocese will renew their priestly promises before Bishop Bambera, and the oils to be used in many of our sacraments will be blessed. These oils will be brought into our church at the beginning of the Evening Mass of the Lord's supper on Holy Thursday.

Even if you cannot attend this Mass, let's pray for our Bishop and the priests of our Diocese. And in particular, we thank God for the priests who shepherd us, Fr. John, Fr. Michael, and Msgr. Quinn. May God bless them with health and happiness in their service to the Church—this Holy Week and always!



## Remembering AT EUCHARIST

### MONDAY | MAR. 25

8:00 AM @ CSG

12:10 PM @ OLS

### HOLY WEEK

**Ralph Grambo** (*Kenny & Judy*)

**David Kozlosky** (*Wife*)

### TUESDAY | MAR. 26

8:00 AM @ CSG

12:10 PM @ OLS

### HOLY WEEK

**Michael Faciglia** (*Pat & Michael Coffey*)

**Brunhilde Blank** (*Tom & Rose Kamla*)

### WEDNESDAY | MAR. 27

8:00 AM @ CSG

12:10 PM @ OLS

### HOLY WEEK

**Nancy Gallagher** (*Gloria Davidow*)

**Joan Cummings** (*Family*)

## HOLY WEEK HOSPITALITY

Christ called all people to follow the gospel and welcomed all to gather around the table. As Christ's church, we promise to practice simple ways of welcome and inclusion. We anticipate large crowds for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday, we encourage your patient cooperation. Let's fill each row from the center: If you're the first one in a row, don't hug the end (unless you have a special need.) Move into the middle so that others may come and sit beside you. This is all part of the ministry of hospitality which all of us who are baptized are called to exercise. Because these three moments are so special, the Church asks us to come together only once each day. Let us look past any discomfort or inconvenience of a full Church and enjoy the loving presence of a community coming together to praise God as one family!

## HOLY WEEK CONFESSIONS



Receive the grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Holy Week. Confessions will be heard this Monday evening, March 25, from 5:30-6:30 PM at Our Lady of the Snows Church and this Wednesday evening, March 27, from 5:30-6:30 PM at Saint Gregory's Church. All are welcome.





# LET US GLORY IN THE CROSS HOLY WEEK 2024

**TODAY WE BEGIN HOLY WEEK.** A week that holds the celebration of the Great Three Days all over the world. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday — called the Triduum — is our annual retreat as a community. I encourage you to participate. Make time. Bring your children. **These are the days when we tell the full story of how we came to be and who we are as Christians.**



## HOLY THURSDAY OUR CALL TO SERVE

**HOLY THURSDAY** is reserved for one celebration of our Lord's Last Supper. We hear the command of Jesus to wash each other's feet, to be humble servants of one another. As servants, we are invited to join in the sacrificial meal that makes present Jesus in this world, in this time and in this place.

### PRAY WITH US...

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

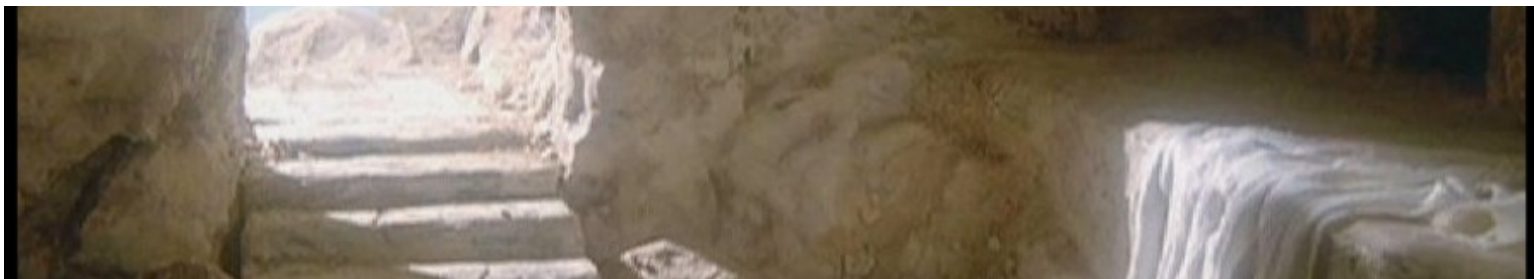


## GOOD FRIDAY OUR CALL TO SACRIFICE

On **GOOD FRIDAY** we remember our Lord's passion and death. Each year we hear the story from Saint John's Gospel. We pray for all the needs of the world and then we are invited to come forward and venerate the cross, showing our gratitude for the suffering of Jesus and uniting our suffering to his.

### PRAY WITH US...

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



# HOLY SATURDAY

## OUR CALL TO WAIT

**HOLY SATURDAY** night is the holiest of all nights of the year. We anticipate a glorious evening as we gather with The Church of Saint Gregory for one Easter Vigil. This is the night we tell our whole story. It begins with the lighting of the Easter Fire and the blessing and lighting of the Easter Candle—a sign of the presence of Christ. In most places, all worshipers are given a candle, lit from the one candle. Then the Easter Proclamation is sung, an ancient song so holy it is sung only once a year. It is on this night that new members of the community are baptized, confirmed, and received into our church. We join them in the great renunciation of sin and profession of faith.

This service is longer, but it is so filled with imagery and the triumphant proclamation of the truth, that even small children are interested. And if they fall asleep on mom's lap or dad's shoulder—how lovely. This year, two new Paschal candles will be lit for the very first time at the end of this solemn liturgy and carried out in procession. They will be brought to Our Lady of the Snows and Saint Benedict's church on Easter morning.

### PRAY WITH US...

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

I encourage you to participate. Make time. Bring your children. "These are the most important days of our church calendar year." They define us in every way as a parish family. I look forward to seeing all of you on Easter morning. A combined schedule was mailed to every household for your convenience. Let this Easter moment be the start of great things to come!

Wishing you a blessed Holy Week,



# EASTER SUNDAY

## OUR CALL TO REJOICE

### MASSES AT CSG

8 AM  
10 AM  
12 PM

### MASSES AT OLS

7 AM  
9:30 AM  
11:15 AM

### MASSES AT CSB

8 AM  
11:15 AM



# WORD

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

## BLESSING CUP MASS

Families and friends of the children receiving their First Communion this year are invited to a **Blessing Cup Mass on Sunday, April 14, at 10:00 AM.** Consider joining the parish as we bless and celebrate the 60 children who continue to prepare for the sacrament of First Eucharist.

## SPRING BIBLE STUDY BEGINS TUESDAY, APRIL 9



## The Bible Timeline

*The Story of Salvation*

**Join us on Tuesdays!**  
**April 9 - May 28**

Held in the Gathering Room at OLS  
Cost: \$30 per Workbook

### Two Session Times Available:

10:00am – 11:30am  
with Irene Vauter  
or  
6:30pm – 8:00pm  
with Fr. Michael



For more information or to register,  
call Sue Burke at the OLS Parish Center  
at 570-586-1741!



## THE CHOSEN: SEASON 4

Season 4 of THE CHOSEN is coming to Saint Gregory's. Please join us on **Tuesday evenings at 6:30 PM, starting April 9**, and continuing for eight weeks as we watch and discuss each episode of Season 4. THE CHOSEN has become the most successful crowdfunded series and highlights the followers of Jesus, their personal journeys, and their struggles as they learn the cost of being a true disciple of Jesus.

## SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS 2024!





# COMMUNITY

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



NATIONAL  
**Eucharistic  
Congress**

**July 17-21, 2024  
Indianapolis, IN**

The National Eucharistic Congress in 2024 will be a pivotal, unifying, and transformative moment for the Church in the United States of America. Be part of this historic event as Catholics from around the country gather together for a week centered on Eucharistic revival with liturgical worship, great speakers, workshops, much more!

**DISCOUNT TICKETS ONLY**



**\$200** ~~\$360~~

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ALL ARE WARMLY WELCOME TO

*Be Our Guest*

AS WE ALL COME TOGETHER FOR A JOYFUL  
EVENING OF COMMUNITY & CAMARADERIE



OLS • CSG

**SATURDAY, APRIL 13 | 6:00 PM**

**MONTDALE COUNTRY CLUB  
195 COUNTRY CLUB ROAD  
JERMYN, PA 18433**

**LIVE MUSIC • COCKTAILS • LIGHT FARE**  
THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO ADULTS AGE 21 AND OVER

**RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED**  
SPACE IS LIMITED • EVENT IS COMPLIMENTARY

**RESPOND BY FRIDAY, APRIL 5 BY  
CALLING YOUR PARISH OFFICE OR  
VISITING YOUR PARISH WEBSITE**  
[WWW.OLSPARISH.NET](http://WWW.OLSPARISH.NET) • [WWW.THECHURCHOFSTGREGORY.COM](http://WWW.THECHURCHOFSTGREGORY.COM)

## 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.*

## YOUR EASTER OFFERING

### EVERY GIFT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Easter is the sign of God's great sacrifice for all of us. At Easter, Jesus offered everything for us, including His very life! We are focusing and asking everyone to do what Jesus modeled for us! Jesus gave his life for us.

This year we are asking everyone in our church to pray about what God would have you give "over and above" your regular Easter Offering. If you have not participated in the past, make a special first gift this year.

We know that everyone cannot contribute at this time. Your wonderful gift of prayer is equally important and very much needed. God has given us a great mission, and we're blessed to be able to join God in advancing the Gospel in the Abington's.

Your Easter gifts to the Church of St. Gregory are critical to maintaining our many ministries and helping develop new opportunities for ministry in our new strategic plan. In addition, we are upgrading our technology suite for religious faith formation and programming efforts.

Thank you for all you do. If everyone participates, a huge opportunity for growth and evangelization will follow.



**THANK YOU** to all who contributed to our **EASTER BASKET DRIVE** this year, and to those who came to assemble them this past week. Your generosity will spread much joy this Easter!

## 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 17 SUNDAY OFFERING

**Envelopes \$ 10,351.00 Online \$ 6,596.00**

Please donate today by mail, at church, or online at [thechurchofstgregory.com](http://thechurchofstgregory.com), on the Saint Gregory parish app, or the GivePlus app.

# THE CHURCH OF SAINT GREGORY



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## OUR MISSION

To accompany all in loving God  
and living Eucharist.



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Church of Saint Gregory

## 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](mailto: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