FEBRUARY 16 2020

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

If you trust in God, you too shall live; God has set before you fire and water; to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand.

Sirach 15:15-16

Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church
Dear Parishioners,

Hopefully all of us have noticed the announcement about “Formed.” (See back page.)

This is an online platform filled with Catholic videos and programs. This is free for you. What I hope is that we can use this for our own personal formation and for use in the school, Religious Education and for other small groups.

Explore it! Because as Lent approaches, and even beyond Lent, we need to grow in our faith, to push ourselves beyond our comfort zones, and to realize that what we think we may know is probably not enough.

Your Pastor,
Fr. Bob

**From Fr. Bob’s Desk**

**OLS LENTEN ACTIVITIES**

- Women’s Lenten Bible Study
- Notre Dame online course (see page 4 of this bulletin)
- Ash Wednesday Services - Feb. 26
- Ash Wednesday Soup Supper
- Rice Bowl
- Young Adults Retreat - Feb. 29
- Family Retreat - Feb. 29
- Rite of Election for Adults - Mar. 1, 2:00pm at St Rose of Lima
- Rite of Election for Children - Mar. 8, 2:00pm at OLS
- Parish Holy Hour - Mar. 10, 6:30-7:30pm
- Brown Bag reflections: Mar. 3 & 10; Apr. 7 & 14 at 12:15 - 12:45pm
- Lenten Reconciliation Service - Mar. 11, 6:30pm
- Chrism Mass - Apr. 2, 5:30pm at St. Rose of Lima
- Fish Fry - Apr. 3, Parish Center
- Stations of the Cross - every Friday in Lent in Church
- Soup Suppers - following Stations of the Cross in PC

**Brown Bag Reflections**

Come join together with Fr. Bob Chorey for 30 minutes of quick reflection for Lent. We will reflect upon a word or theme from our Catholic Tradition and explore a deeper meaning to it.

We will meet in the OLS room of the Parish Center. Bring your own lunches and drinks. Tables and chairs provided.

**The following Tuesdays, 12:15-12:45pm**

- March 3: The meaning of “Catholic” and “Catholicity”
- March 10: The meaning of Church
- April 7: Religious and Spiritual
- April 14: Salvation and Redemption

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**OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS**

**Mass Intentions**

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**Friday, February 21**

- 8:00 am Communion Service - Deacon Dave

**Saturday, February 22**

- 5:00 pm Anna Tolich & Elinor Evatz by the Stefani Family

**Sunday, February 23**

- 7:30 am Angie Sterling by Pat Kolarik & Tellgren Family
- 9:30 am People of the Parish
- 11:30 am Fred Shimkovsky by Bonnie Ciabattari
- 5:00 pm Procter Hug by Christine & Peter Vikre

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**Weekend Priest Schedule**

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**Schedule Subject to Change**

**Reflection**

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sirach 15:15-20
Psalm 119
1 Corinthians 2:6-10
Matthew 5:17-37

**Choice**

“If you choose you can keep the commandments,” Sirach tells us. God “has set before you fire and water; to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand” (Sirach 15:15, 16). This is a great mystery: God does not control us so completely that we cannot choose our own path. We have certain boundaries, of course, but no one but we can choose our way within those boundaries.

In today’s reading from Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus reminds us of our freedom and our responsibility for our lives. He calls us to look beyond the words of the commandments, all the way to their meaning. Look beyond the adultery to the selfishness that poisons our love. Look beyond the murder to the anger that eats away at our compassion. Look beyond the perjured testimony to the lies and deception that drive our behavior.

Our vocation is to choose life for ourselves, and to choose a path through our part of the world that helps make life possible and more abundant for others as well.

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There is no cost for these Youth Rallies. To register, email Virginia at youthm@olsparish.com by Feb. 19.
GIVING OF OUR TIME & TALENT

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Feb 16 - Bingo - 1:00 pm
Feb 23 - Blood Drive in Parish Center
Feb 26 - Ash Wednesday Soup Supper
Mar 1 - Pancake Breakfast
Mar 2 - Officers’ Meeting
Mar 3 - VA Bingo
Mar 11 - Council Meeting
Mar 29 - 5th Sunday Rosary after 9:30 Mass for Jim Barnes & Tony Monaco
Mar 30 - Officers’ Meeting for April

Grand Knight Leon Carroll - 224-7096.

SNOWS WOMEN’S AUXILIARY

February 26 - Ash Wednesday
March 3 - General Meeting
March 14 - St. Patrick’s Dinner
March 15 - Bingo
April 7 - General Meeting
April 9 - Holy Thursday
April 10 - Good Friday
April 12 - Easter

Questions: Contact Susann Boley at 775-499-9603.

All activities are in the Parish Center unless otherwise noted.

BECOME A BLOOD HERO!

K of C sponsored BLOOD DRIVE
February 23
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
in the Parish Center

Sign up this Sunday, February 16, after all the masses OR you can go online to make an appointment yourself. Go to Bloodhero.com, select “Locate a Blood Drive,” Enter snows in the code word window. Select Search. Select the February 23 date. Select your preferred time.

Thank you!

KNIT & CROCHET
and ARTS & CRAFTS

The SWA Knit & Crochet group and the OLS Arts & Crafts group meet next on February 18 in the Parish Center from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. For more information, call Pat at 722-7998.

Come join us!

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SNOWS WOMEN’S AUXILIARY
NEEDY MINISTRY

The Food Pantry is always in need of non-perishable food items, toiletries, diaper wipes and plastic bags.

At present, we are NOT in need of diapers or men’s clothing.

Please bring your donations with you to mass and leave in the “Food for Life” area of the church.

SPECIAL EASTER NEEDS: We need Easter baskets, grass that goes in the bottom of the baskets, and candy to fill the baskets. THANK YOU!

CONFIRMATION DATE SET

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Rehearsal is Thursday, May 21, at 6:30 pm. If the sponsor cannot attend the rehearsal (or the ceremony), a parent needs to be present to serve as the proxy.

PROJECT RACHEL, A POST-ABORTION HEALING MINISTRY

The month of February we pray for all marriages which have been negatively impacted by the scars of an abortion. May these couples reach out for help so they can experience the willingness of God to walk with them through this challenging time, His immeasurable love, and His mercy. Find out more about us www.renodiocese.org; click on Our Works, scroll down, click on Project Rachel.

Contact our confidential, nonjudgmental help line 775-324-4325 or email KarenM@Catholicreno.org to take advantage of valuable resources.

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FRIENDS FOR LIFE DINNER

Make plans to attend Nevada Right to Life’s 14th annual “Friends for Life Dinner” Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 5:30 pm at the Reno Downtown Ballroom honoring long time Casa de Vida President, Brigid Pierce.

Keynote speaker is Melissa Coles, birthmother in the documentary “I Lived on Parker Ave.” Visit www.nevadarighttolife.org to purchase tickets and tables.

For more information call Kathleen Rossi, 775-815-2099.

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SAVE THE DATE

JUNE 6, 2020
4th Annual Community Yard Sale
8:00 am - 2:00 pm
Sponsored by Snows Women’s Auxiliary
Monday, February 17 - Office Closed
9:00 - Communion Service

Tuesday, February 18
10:00 am - Knit & Crochet and Arts & Crafts in PC

Thursday, February 20
8:30 am - Eucharistic Adoration in Church
12:15 pm - Centering Prayer group in Church

Sunday, February 23
Blood Drive in Parish Center
10:00 am - RCIA meets in Parish Center

Eucharistic Adoration
There is Eucharistic Adoration on Thursday mornings following the 8:00 am mass until 12:30 pm. Questions: Donna Kelly 722-5030

Centering Prayer
The Centering Prayer group meets each Thursday from 12:15 pm - 1:45 pm in the Cry Room of the Church. Questions: Call Ann at 826-2133.

Treasures From Our Tradition
What would you say is the oldest, most frequently sung, most translated, most memorized, song text in the Christian world today? A surprising answer might be the Gloria, “Glory to God in the Highest.” Soon the Lenten fast will begin, and the Gloria, sung at the beginning of Sunday Mass, will be silenced. It is an heirloom from a treasury of hymns spun from the songs of praise on the lips of Mary, Elizabeth, and Zachary. We move in the prayer from the song of the angels at the first Christmas, to the praise of God, and to a final plea to Christ to continue and complete his work in us.
For nearly 1500 years, the singing of the Gloria has been a sign of the festive quality of a particular Mass. From the beginning it was a song of the people, not of the choir or clergy. These last few Sundays of winter Ordinary Time allow us a chance to savor the hymn and give ourselves over to the chorus. How is the song of praise arising from your pew? If you claim the song as yours, its absence from Lent will be more striking, and its return at Easter will cheer your heart.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
To register with us, please complete the registration form found in the church vestibule, or visit our website at olsparish.com. Return the form either through the collection basket or bring/mail it to the parish office. Please remember that registration is required to obtain a letter of good standing or for school affidavits; etc. Thank you!

TO OUR REGISTERED PARISHIONERS
In order to keep better records of your weekly or monthly donations, please use the donation envelopes that are mailed to you. If you use a check, please enter your envelope number on it. If you don’t know it, please call the parish office for that information. If you requested contribution envelopes, but have since found that you no longer need them, please notify the parish office so we may update our records. Thank you.

Funeral Services – Please call the parish office. If you have already made arrangements with a funeral director, a staff member will coordinate with them to meet your needs. Assistance with music is available on request.

Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) - Updated 2/11/20

Goal $173,155
Families Pledged 377
% of Families 25%
Amount Pledged 230,309
Amount Paid 225,829
Rebates expected 57,154

Today, Tomorrow, Together - Updated 2/11/20

Goal $1,260,399
Families Pledged 397
% Participating Families 26%
Amount Pledged 1,617,935
Amount Paid 1,493,372
Rebates expected $178,768

Financial Column

Weekly Offering

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Our Lady of the Snows
Reverend Bob Chorey, Pastor
Reverend Mike Mahone, Parochial Vicar
Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Weekday Masses: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday - 8:00 am
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am, 5:00 pm
Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil - 5:00 pm
Civic Holiday Masses: 9:00 am
Holy Days of Obligation: 8:30 am, 12:10 pm and 5:30 pm
Mission Statement: We, the Body of Christ at Our Lady of the Snows, are a community of disciples on a journey of faith. To live the gospel message as listeners, learners, and leaders, we will: Enrich our liturgies as the foundation for greater spirituality; nurture an awareness of Christ in one another—see and reach out to those who long for mercy, healing, and justice; and facilitate the sharing of our Catholic legacy in the diverse settings of our lives.

SACRAMENTS
Reconciliation: Saturdays: 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. or by appointment
Anointing of the Sick: Those wishing to receive the Anointing of the Sick are asked to speak with any of the priests or call the office at 323-6894. Masses for Anointing of the Sick are celebrated throughout the year, and are announced in the bulletin.
Baptisms of.Infants through 2nd Grade: Parents are asked to attend our Baptism Preparation class on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. Sponsors are also invited to attend. Please call the office at 323-6894 or email secretary@olsparish.com for more information and to sign up.
Baptisms of third graders and older: Parents are asked to call our Director of Children’s Sacraments, Lauri-Anne, for information at 329-6147.
Communion to the Homebound: If you are ill at home and wish to receive the Eucharist, call the office at 323-6894.
First Holy Communion and Confirmation: The Diocese of Reno requires a two year preparation for children and teens receiving these Sacraments. Please contact Lauri Anne Reinhart at 329-6147.
Marriage: Couples wishing to be married at Snows need to make their initial contact with the parish six months before their wedding date. Couples are asked to contact Sandy McGowan at 323-6894 ext.525 or liturgy@olsparish.com.
R.C.I.A.: Adults wishing to become Catholic or Catholic adults needing to receive First Communion and/or Confirmation, should contact adultfaith@olsparish.com, or call 323-6894 ext. 502.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY
ALTAR SERVERS: Dave Norman
davececc@icloud.com
LAY COUNCIL: Marian Hull
marian.hull@att.net
Eucharistic Ministers: Terry Norman
terrynormanapn@icloud.com
USHERS: Brian Kilroy
527-2522
Sacraments: Greg Higgins 690-4519

PARISH LEADERSHIP
Parish Council (meets 3rd Wednesday of each month)
Fr. Bob Chorey
Fr. Mike Mahone
Dave Brach
Ann McCarthy
David Mieding
Deacon Dave Norman
Kevin Short, Secretary
Mike Short, Chair
Katie Weber, Vice Chair
Jill White
Brian Wilcox
Finance Council
Fr. Bob Chorey
Fr. Mike Mahone
Kathy Benson
Leo Bergin
Susann Boley
Stan Bondick
John Bydakle
Keith Pierce
Andy Stewart
Parish Building Committee
Fr. Bob Chorey
Susann Boley
Mary Conklin
David Mieding
Greg Erny
Paul Gordon
Tim Heydon, Jr.
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ATTENTION: YOUNG ADULTS

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ATTENTION: YOUNG ADULTS

ARE YOU READY FOR LENT?

Praise & Worship
Guest Speaker
Small Group Discussions
Quiet Prayer
Reconciliation
Mass

Young Adults
Prepare for Lent with a Lenten Retreat
Feb. 29, 2020
At Our Lady of Snows Rock House
1145 Lander St
9:00am - 4:45pm
Join us for Mass at 5:00pm
A light breakfast and lunch will be provided
Cost: $25 before Feb. 14
$30 after Feb. 14
To register go to: olsparish.com or contact Virginia at the Parish Office

Patrick River
Guest Speaker

Patrick River is the Director of the Office for Young Adult Ministry at the Diocese of San Diego. He was born in California, raised in Tennessee, and studied in New Jersey at Seton Hall University where he was also a seminarian for the Diocese of Nashville. Not knowing what to do with a Philosophy Degree, he became an automotive technician before God called him back into full-time ministry.

For nearly two decades, Patrick has served the parish, collegiate, or diocesan level. As a speaker, he draws insights from his time as a youth ministry, young adult coordinator, parish lay pastoral associate, college missionary, and worship leader, but most importantly, his first church, which is his wife Margot and their five children ages 9 and under.