

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**The Twenty Second Day of Easter**  
**April 13, 2008**

***The Good Shepherd is Risen!***

**THE FIFTY DAYS OF EASTER**

The Easter Mystery, the raising of Jesus from the dead, is so deep and so important and so special that we celebrate it for fifty days. Each weekend, as we gather for Eucharist, we are sprinkled with water and reminded of our Baptism. By the water of Baptism, the story of Jesus resurrection from the dead became our story. We were raised from the dead with Jesus as we were born again into his Risen Life. During the fifty days of the Easter Season, we struggle with the question: "How do we live as people raised from the dead?"

**D.E.B.T. REDUCTION RAFFLE**

Thank you to all who so generously supported the **2008 D.E.B.T. Reduction Raffle**. **496 tickets** were sold. We should be making a payment of almost **\$40,000.00** on the Debt Principal in the very near future. The winners of the **\$10,000.00** prize were **Richard and Mary Ellen Davison**. We congratulate them and thank them for their participation in the Raffle.

**MEN'S CLUB 500 CLUB**

Spring is almost here and it is time for the Men's Club annual fundraiser, the **500 CLUB**. The **\$20.00 ticket** entitles you to **60 chances** to win from **\$25.00 to \$500.00**. The odds are definitely with you!! Call **Bernie Harding** at **563-8565** or **Wade Whitney** at **563-2472** for tickets. The Drawings start soon. Hurry! Proceeds fund many Men's Club projects and charities throughout the year.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

Your **Sacrificial Offering** for last weekend amounted to **\$14,061.29**. As of last Tuesday, your **Easter Offering** amounted to **\$42,963.59**. Additional reports will be given as additional Easter Gifts are received.

We **thank you** once again for your generous sharing with your parish community. Your generosity makes possible the day-to-day life of our parish community with its many ministries. **Thank You!** (We need an average of **\$15,900.00** weekly in order to make ends meet and take care of our beautiful buildings and properties and maintain our many ministries. **Thank you for all that you do!**)

**A REMEMBRANCE IN YOUR WILL**

If you are able, a remembrance for your parish in your will is a wonderful way to provide for the future well-being of your parish community. Thank you for considering this very special way of sharing with your parish family.

Our **Youth Ministry** will be sponsoring a **Pasta Dinner** on **Sunday afternoon, April 20**, from **Noon to 5:00 P.M.**, in the **Gathering Room** on the lower level of **Our Lady of the Snows Church**. Served will be Pasta, three different sauces, rolls, dessert and drinks. Tickets are on sale after Mass today and at the door that day: **\$7.00 for adults** and **\$4.00 for children**. Proceeds will benefit the Habitat for Humanity Trip to West Virginia this summer. Please join us.

**EASTER SACRAMENTS**

During the Easter Season, we have parish celebrations of the Easter Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation for young people in our parish community. We have scheduled three celebrations of **First Eucharist: Saturday, April 26, 2008; Saturday, May 3, 2008**, and **Saturday, May 10, 2008**. All three celebrations will take place at **11:00 A.M.** at the **Church of Saint Benedict**. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on two occasions because of the size of the class. **Bishop Timlin** will be with us for the **Celebration of Confirmation on Monday, April 28, 2008**, and **Wednesday, April 30, 2008**. Both celebrations will take place at **5:00 P.M.** at the **Church of Saint Benedict**.

Please remember the candidates for these sacraments and their families in your prayers during the Easter Season. **Your prayerful support of our candidates will be a wonderful gift to them and to our parish**. Thank you in advance for your prayers.

**CALENDAR**

**Sunday, April 13, 2008**

11:15 A.M. OLS CHOIR \*\*

6:00 P.M. Eucharistic Adoration \*\*

**Monday, April 14, 2008**

7:00 P.M. Knights of Columbus \*\*\*\*\*

**Tuesday, April 15, 2008**

5:30 P.M. Parish Nurse Meeting \*\*\*

**Wednesday, April 16, 2008**

7:00 P.M. Jamaican Ministry \*\*\*

**Thursday, April 17, 2008**

6:00 P.M. Orientation of New Member \*\*\*\*\*

**Friday, April 18, 2008**

10:00 A.M. Friday Morning Company \*

**Parish Center\* Church\*\* Large Conference Room\*\*\* Church of Saint Benedict\*\*\*\* Small Conference Room\*\*\*\*\* Gathering Room\*\*\*\*\***

**BAPTISM**

JACK HANNIGAN FRYE, son of David and Alina Wojnar Frye was born into Jesus' life and welcomed into the family of the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism. We congratulate him and his parents.

**PASTA DINNER**

## MUSIC MINISTRY

### The Resurrection Choir

This Choir sings at funerals. For further information, please call Jennie at the parish office.

### Cantors

If you would like more information about our cantor Program, please call Jennie at the Parish Office.

### Choir

Please call Jennie at 586-1741.

## YOUTH CHOIR

The parish Youth Choir accompanies the singing at the 9:30 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of the Snows usually every other week. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 -6:30 in the choir loft during that same week. This choir is open to young people ages 11-18. We will also be preparing for liturgies which include Palm Sunday, Easter Sunday (at Church of St. Benedict) and Pentecost Sunday. Call Ann Marie for more information at 586-4112 or e-mail at [Pianogirlz@comcast.net](mailto:Pianogirlz@comcast.net)

## NEW IN THE PARISH?

If you are new in the parish and have not yet registered, you are invited to become a registered member of our parish community. You can stop at the parish office or you can call the office (586-1741) and ask to have a census form sent to you. When the census form is completed, you can drop it in the collection basket any weekend or send it or bring it to the parish office. **We are happy to have you as a member of our parish community.**

## WEEKLY BULLETIN ON PARISH WEB PAGE

See our parish web page at [www.OLSSB.com](http://www.OLSSB.com) for our weekly parish bulletin. You can locate the bulletin by pressing Bulletin on the main page. The bulletin will be placed there each week a few days before the weekend. The bulletins of previous weeks will remain on the website for several months or longer.

## **PASCHAL MYSTERY:**

**The mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus; the Passover Mystery; the Passover of Jesus from death to new life.**

### \*\*\*\*\* YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS \*\*\*\*\*

We are asking your help with your email address if you have one. If you have not yet done so, please consider sending it to the parish office (ols2@epix.net) or writing it on the front of one of your church envelopes. Certain mailings and financial reports and letters can be sent by e-mail. This can result in a substantial savings in terms of labor and postage (especially with the increase this year of the postage rates) if we can send a large portion of these by e-mail. Thank you for considering this request.

## IN THE HOSPITAL?

Most often, the hospitals in Scranton are very good about letting us know when members of our parish are in the hospital. Once in a while, we do not get the name of a particular person for a wide variety of reasons – most often admission through an emergency room when all concerned are busy about more important things than documenting the parish of the patient being treated. If you do not receive a visit from one of the parish priests or one of our parish visitors within a couple of days, please ask someone to call the parish office and leave a message about your admission. You will be visited as soon as possible.

## WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS

The regular May meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the large conference room. Plans for the upcoming May Crowning will be discussed. All are welcome to attend.

## LITTLE LENTEN SACRIFICES

Thank you for your participation in the Little Lenten Sacrifice program. We have collected over 500 personal care items for the Women's Resource Center. Your little sacrifices will make a big difference in someone's life.

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday	7:00 A.M. Irene Giannone	Lee Electric
	12:10 P.M. Ann Marie Feller Kennedy	St. Ann's Knights of Columbus
Tuesday	7:00 A.M. Robert Serafin	Hickman Family
	12:10 P.M. John Mysko	Sharon/Chris Calvey
Wednesday	7:00 A.M. John Antolick	Daniel Whetsell
	Family	
	12:10 P.M. Stanley Bozenko	Bill/Kate Frye
Thursday	7:00 A.M. William Guyette	St. Michael's School
	12:10 P.M. Walter Brooks	Sheryl/Seth Gross
Friday	7:00 A.M. Chester Batrone	John Wilk/Family
	12:10 P.M. Ann McGoff	Joe/Eulaine Gronsky
Saturday	4:00 P.M. Margaret Roche	Pivovarnick Family
	5:00 P.M. Joseph Sewack	Friday Morning Co.
	6:30 P.M. Bette White	Les White
Sunday	7:00 A.M. For all members of the parish	
	8:00 A.M. Walter Brooks	Mike Frankowski
	9:30 A.M. Suzanne Matri	Ron/Michaelene
Vakay	11:00 A.M. Margaret Arvay	Teri/John Rizzo
	11:15 A.M. Robert Gallagher	Mary Alice/Dave Bartz
	12:20 P.M. Frances Beck	Jim/Minerva Barrett/Family

**A PRAYER PLEASE-** Your prayers are requested for all the sick and deceased members of our parish and

community, including Angie Kaminski, Joseph Bryne, Leo Lynott and Eileen Horter.

### AN INVITATION TO ALL FIRST COMMUNION CANDIDATES

May Crowning of Our Blessed Mother will be held on **Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at the 12:20 Mass at Church of St. Benedict.** Children who have received First Holy Communion are invited to participate in the May Crowning. Children are to wear their First Holy Communion outfits. A May queen and her escort will be chosen from those attending. Light refreshments will be served after the Mass. Please plan to have your son/daughter participate in this special event honoring Our Blessed Mother.

### MENDEED HEARTS

"Anyone with heart related ailments and their families are cordially invited to attend a meeting of MENDEED HEARTS on Thursday, April 17, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be in the large conference room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Mercy Hospital, Scranton, PA. Our guest speaker that evening will be Dr. Linda Sebastian Frantz. Her topic will be "Women and Cardiovascular Disease" Applications for membership will be available at the meeting for those interested in becoming members of the Mended Hearts organization. The public is welcome. For additional information, please contact Mr. Jack Walsh, President at 340-4842.

### COMMUNITY NEWS

WE THANK those who brought Pasta/Sauce this weekend. If you can, please bring Crackers next weekend. Your generosity will not go unnoticed by a grateful Lord.

### ST. ANN BASILICA PARISH \$100 Raffle Tickets:

Our Annual Raffle Tickets with a top prize of \$10,000 are now available by calling the Rectory at 342-5166. The will be on sale every weekend until the drawing on June 14<sup>th</sup>. There are only 400 tickets sold.

to register, please call Sr. Gertrude @ 383-2763.

**PLEASE DONATE USED SCHOOL UNIFORMS** to Limulungo Community School, Mongu District in Western Zambia, Africa. Any size white shirts, navy and plaid skirts, pants, shorts, sweaters and sweat shirts will be welcome. These children are too poor to buy uniforms and all children in Africa must wear uniforms to school. Call Andrea White at 587-3268 to arrange drop-off and pick-up.

**A SPRING MARKETPLACE** a gathering of quality merchants offering items such as jewelry, handbags, housewares, clothing, accessories and much, much more! This event will be held on Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, from 10A.M. to 5P.M. at Our Lady of Peace School.

**SPRING HAFLI -- Saint Ann Maronite Catholic Church** in Scranton will hold its **Spring Hafli** on **Saturday** evening,

**April 26, 2008**, at Saint Mary's Center, 320 Mifflin Avenue in Scranton. There will be live Arabic music by the Tony Mikhael band, a grand Lebanese mezza, and buffet and a cash bar. Tickets are \$60.00 per person (same as last year) and can be purchased from the Reservations Chair, Ann Abbott Bryant (342-9581).

**THE PRISM NEWSLETTER** – Spring/Easter issue – was mailed to parish households prior to Holy Week. The editors wish to thank all who contributed articles, items, photos, art work. They are: Msgr. McGarry, Pastor; Alene Perry, C.P., Sue Burke, Rebecca Haggerty, Mister Joseph; Grace Dawgert; CCD Class leaders (with photos) Jilda Julian, Christine Johnson, Laurie Fleming plus 2007 Vacation Bible School groups; Maria Fanning and RENEW group; Joe Scott (former parishioner) Kate Frye and Deacon Leo Lynn. We welcome suggestions and interesting input. Please contact Susan Chuff (586-0212) or Kay Gallagher (586-7236). Deadline for summer issue is July 1. Thanks in Advance.

### LITURGY COMMITTEE NOTES

#### Did you know?

In today's Gospel reading (John 10:1-10) Jesus describes himself as a careful, loving shepherd who watches over his sheep, keeps them safe, and leads them to pasture. During the night a good shepherd stays at the gate guarding the sheep from those who would steal them or kill them. When the sheep of different flocks are gathered together and it is time to separate them, the shepherd calls his sheep by name and leads them out of the pasture. The sheep know his voice. They know they can trust him and he will take care of them if they stay near him.

Jesus was speaking to religious leaders, telling them that he was the true shepherd who knew how to care for the sheep better than they did. They did not understand. But we the sheep understand. Staying near to our Good Shepherd is our job during our lifetime. Each of us follows the Good Shepherd in our own way, for although we may all seem to be alike, God has made each of us different.

We stay in touch with Christ, our shepherd, by talking with him regularly in prayer and by taking quiet time to listen to what he wants of us. That's how we hear his voice. How comforting it is to know he is always with us, like the Good Shepherd in the Gospel we hear today.

(Steve LaRue; 2007 Liturgy Training Publications)

Weekly Inspiration: 4/13/08 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Hear the voice of the Good Shepherd; follow Him and you will be saved.

Readings for Next Week 4/20/08 – Acts 6:1-7; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12

Music for Next Week 4/20/08 – Gathering Hymn "Sing a New Song" #365; Communion Song "You Are Mine" #454; Closing Song "Alleluia No. 1" #271

### VIRTUS PROGRAM

To remain in compliance with the *Charter for the Protection of God's Children and Young People* set by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, all volunteers who work 20 hours or more with children **MUST** have the one time Virtus Training. If you have not attended training please check the

diocesan websites for future training sessions at [www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org) then click on Departments and Resources, then click on *Virtus: Protecting God's Children*. We will be scheduling a Virtus Training in January or February. Please watch the bulletin.

### **NEIGHBORHOOD PARISH (NP) PROGRAM** **NP Representatives for the Newton Area**

Please accept the call to help with our Neighborhood Parish Program in the **Newton area** by becoming a NP Representative. We are increasing the number of neighborhoods in this particular area as we strive toward the goal of placing all parishioners in a small group with 10-15 other families in the same natural, geographic area.

The Neighborhood Parish Program cannot function without NP Representatives, couples or individuals, who fulfill the program goal of welcoming and inviting the members of our very large parish to participate in the life of the parish. The NP Representative is a very important position, **but one that is easy to carry out with a minimal amount of time and effort**. If you are new to the parish and are looking for ways to become involved, this would be a perfect way to get to know your neighbors and provide a valuable service to Our Lady of the Snows/Church of St. Benedict.

Our parish staff is ready to assist with ideas, networking, and planning social events. Please consider calling Kate or Carol at the Parish Center at 586-1741 to find out more about the role.

### **USHERS**

We are looking for men or women who attend the 11:15A.M. Mass at Our Lady of the Snows Church to become ushers. If you are interested or need further information, please speak to one of the priests or call Carol at the Parish Center.

### **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

The Red Cross will conduct a blood drive at Our Lady of the Snows Church in the Gathering Room on Sunday, May 4, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. A person may donate blood every 8 weeks – for more information on giving blood, please call **1-800-GIVELIFE** (1-800-448-3543).

**We are looking for volunteers to help at the blood drive, even for a half hour that morning.** Please call Kate to volunteer your time.

### **WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS**

#### **Acts of the Apostles**

In a few weeks the Wednesday Bible Class will begin studying the Acts of the Apostles. This Bible Study meets on Wednesday afternoons from 1:00P.M. Until 2:30P.M. For further information or to register please call Jim Kalp at 586-4225.

### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

We will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, when the Eucharist is visibly exposed in the monstrance for adoration, on the second Sunday of each month at Our Lady of the Snows Church. **The next Eucharistic Adoration will be held on April 13, 2008 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.**

### **ORIENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS**

An Orientation Dinner for New Members will be held on **Thursday, April 17, 2008 in the Gathering Room** of Our Lady of the Snows Church. **If you were unable to attend a dinner, you are welcome to come to this one.** Please call Carol at the Parish Center with the number attending.

### **THE JAMAICAN MINISTRY:**

#### **A Twinning Project**

During the past few weeks there has been information about the various programs in the Passionist Jamaican Mission. For the next few weeks we will introduce you to some of the Passionists living and working in Jamaica.

#### **BROTHER MICHAEL STOMBER CP AND S.**

**KATHLEEN BURKE** – The priests and the sisters in the Passionist mission in Jamaica are a remarkable group. Brother Michael Stomber CP has been in Jamaica for over 27 years. He has many talents: he built an airplane, he can fix anything, and he is known throughout Jamaica as an accomplished sculptor. He and Sister Kathleen Burke CP minister to the people who live at the Manchester Infirmary. To say that Sr. Kathleen has worked tirelessly does not do her justice. Sr. Kathleen was called to Jamaica in 1985. She is 91 years old and is still fulfilling her commitment to work with the poor. Brother Michael and Sister Kathleen are the Church for the 100 residents in the poor house of Manchester Infirmary. They bring God's love to the destitute, many of whom have physical and mental disabilities.

For more information about the Jamaica Ministry, keep reading the updates every Sunday or contact Anna Scahill at 587-5708.

If you know a parishioner who is ill or homebound and

### **THE JAMAICAN MINISTRY:**

#### **A Twinning Project**

Each week there will be information about a Passionist mission site so we can get to know the Jamaican Ministry.

**MOUNT CALVARY RETREAT HOUSE** - The Mount Calvary Retreat House has been in operation in Mandeville since 1973. Sister Bernadette Hughes, CP and various Passionist priests provide weekly retreats, an annual biblical institute, youth camps, and ongoing personal spiritual direction. The retreat center is dedicated to the original ideal of St. Paul of the Cross, the founder of the Passionists, as a place for personal reflection on issues of human and spiritual development. The retreat house is also involved in the Priestly Formation program which is providing local men the opportunity to become priests for the Jamaican people.

For more information about the Jamaica Ministry, keep reading the updates every Sunday or contact Anna Scahill at 587-5708.

needs a visit, communion, or help, please fill out the card below and drop at the parish center or in the basket.

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____  PHONE NUMBER _____ ( ) sick ( ) homebound ( ) in hospital ( ) nursing home ( ) would like communion ( ) would like a visit ( ) needs Sacrament of the sick ( ) needs other assistance
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**FAMILY MINISTRY**

**Bereavement Support for Parents: Please call Sue Brier at 586-2162**

**CONVERSATION CORNER**

Following Jesus' example is not easy. He did what was right even if others disagreed with him. He did not exchange insults with those who sought to put him down and harm him nor did he threaten to retaliate. How do you respond to those who disagree with you or seek to do you harm? Do you seek to "get back" at those you regard as your enemies? Do you strive to treat everyone with dignity and respect regardless of who they are or what they believe?

**FOR BETTER FOR WORSE**

**Discovering the Secrets of Soul Mate Love**

Forgive yourself and your partner: Being willing to forgive yourself and your partner, and to make amends when necessary is an ongoing process of cleanup. We all make mistakes; it's human. But when we hold fast to a grudge it eats away at our sense of peace and serenity. If you aren't willing to forgive, you might ask yourself what habit of ego you're attached to. Do you want to continue life with unresolved issues hanging over you? When we take a stand and refuse to let go of something, we can always find evidence to justify it. Or we can try to make peace. Instead of blaming or making excuses, we can clean things up and move forward. This is not an excuse for staying in a dysfunctional situation, but an opportunity to see innocence. Once we do that, we gain—or give—freedom to move out of a "stuck" place.

. *Kathy Freston, The One: Discovering the Secrets of Soul Mate Love.*

**MOTHERS GROUP**

The Mother's group will meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday 10:00-11:30am beginning in January at the home of Annie James. . All mothers are welcome to join us for a morning of socializing, faith sharing, For

more information or for directions call Annie James at 586-6199.

**Can You Help Us? Can We Help You?**

**Prayers.** If you or someone you know is in need of prayers, or if you wish to become a prayer partner in our prayer chain. **Transportation** to mass, grocery store, doctor's appt. **Home visit Communion visit/ Respite care. Temporary help providing meals** during recovery from surgery, family member being hospitalized, new baby, etc. **If you are in need of any of these services, or if you can help out please call Nettie @ 586-1741.**

**Care-Giver Support**

If you are interested in an elder parent care support group please call Mona DelSole at 586-3344.

**LAZARUS MINISTRY**

The Lazarus Ministry is a group of volunteers to prepare a meal for the bereaved family in The Gathering Room (lower level of the Church) after the funeral of their loved one.

We can use volunteers to help with the cooking, setting up of the tables, serving the meal, and cleaning up afterwards. Please consider helping out in any way possible. For more information or to sign up call Nettie at 586-1741 or June Burns at 586-2048.

**Only you can help...please read on.**

**Side By Side** is a network of people in our parish who have experienced a difficult situation or "cross" in their life, (cancer, amputation, mastectomy, miscarriage, SIDS, Multiple Sclerosis, Alzheimer's Disease, death of a child, caring for an elderly parent, unwed pregnancy, child on drugs, etc.) Are you willing to simply talk to someone who is going through a similar situation? Are you willing to help another by sending a card, or making a phone call telling someone you understand? Then your help is needed in the **Side By Side Ministry**. The Apostle Paul implores us to "Bear one another's burdens", and there is no one who can bear another's burden as well as someone who has been there himself/herself .All information is held in confidence. For more information about this ministry or to help out please call Nettie Goldate, Director of Family Ministry @ 586-1741.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**CONFIRMATION PARENTS PLEASE NOTE:**

**TWO CONFIRMATION DATES**

**MONDAY APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup> 5:00PM CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT (STUDENTS A-J)**  
**WEDNESDAY APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup> 5:00PM CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT (STUDENTS K-Z)**

Please call Nettie at the parish office if you must remain on April 28<sup>th</sup> due to travel plans of sponsor that cannot change.  
 Letter has gone out with practice dates and times.  
 Please call Nettie if you did not receive a letter.

**FIRST EUCHARIST PARENTS:**

**The First Eucharist dates are as follows:**

**Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup> 11:00am Church of St. Benedict**

This group includes the following clusters: Julo, Longo, Neary,  
 Practice dates are April 23<sup>rd</sup> and April 24<sup>th</sup> (Wed. Thurs.)  
 6:30-7:30pm

**Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup> 11:00am Church of St. Benedict**

This group includes the following clusters: Deak, Gaurys, Hickman, Jonsson, Lacey  
 Practice dates will be May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> (Thursday and Friday)  
 6:30-7:30pm

**Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am Church of St. Benedict**

This group includes clusters in Gilhooley and OLP students  
 Practice dates: May 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> (Wed. Thurs.)  
 6:30-7:30pm

**SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG WOMEN AGES 13-18 YEARS OLD**

Holy Family Residence: Little Sisters of the Poor  
 2500 Adams Avenue, Scranton. Contact Mother Charles Patricia or Sister Patrick 570-343-4065

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR OUR PARISH'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**HELPERS NEEDED FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL.**

**We need adults to help our with arts and crafts this year. Please call Nettie if you are interested in helping in this area.**

**Please sign up today. VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WILL BE THE WEEK OF JUNE 23<sup>RD</sup> AT THE NEWTON REC. CENTER. WE ARE ALWAYS IN NEED OF ADULT AND STUDENT HELPERS. STUDENT HELPERS MUST BE NO YOUNGER THAN 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE. PLEASE CALL NETTIE AT THE PARISH CENTER TO SIGN UP TO HELP.**

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

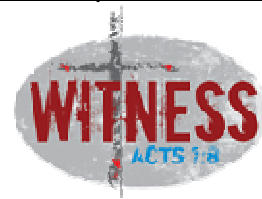
The youth ministry at Our Lady of the Snows is all encompassing. We hold a general planning meeting on every **Wednesday night from 7:00PM until 8:00PM.**

A Jr. High Youth program the meets weekly is available for any youth in grades 7 and 8. **Team meetings are Sundays from 1:00PM until 2:00PM.** Please call ahead if you're a new student who wishes to join.

**Scheduled Events for 2007-2008**

- April 13<sup>th</sup> .....Pass the Salt – Williamsport
- May 3<sup>rd</sup> .....Concert for Haiti clothing drive
- May 9-10<sup>th</sup> .....Project: Launch
- May 31<sup>st</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> .....Relay for Life
- June 18<sup>th</sup> .....Light the Fire Youth Rally
- June 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> .....Vacation Bible School
- June 29<sup>th</sup> – July 5<sup>th</sup> .....West Virginia Mission Trip
- July 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> .....Franciscan Youth Conference

**Franciscan University Summer Conference 2008**



Spots are now available for the 2008 summer conference in Steubenville, OH.

Every year the Franciscan University of Steubenville, OH reaches out to 36,000 teens. This year, we'll be a part of it. It will be a three day weekend, July 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> 2008. Cost usually runs about \$225 for the weekend (transportation, meals, registration, tee shirts) Fund raising is done to bring down the cost (i.e. Luminary sales).

Open to those entering 9th grade to recent 12 grade graduates. **Spots are going fast!**

**PASTA DINNER!!!**

On April 20<sup>th</sup>, the OLS Youth Ministry annual pasta dinner. Come support the 40 youth and adults going on our Mission trip to West Virginia. Meal includes Pasta, choice of 3 different sauces, dessert, and drinks.



**Tickets are \$7.00 Adult and \$4.00 Child.**

### Project: Launch

Confirmation Students, mark your calendars for May 9-10<sup>th</sup> 2008! The Sr. High is hosting this new overnight event at Camp Orchard Hill for 8<sup>th</sup> graders who have just gone through Confirmation. This overnight experience will be an amazing time to get to know each other and the Youth Ministry of Our Lady of the Snows. These two days will be a time to experience leadership, teamwork, service, and fun. More information will follow in the weeks to come or you can contact the Youth Office for details.

**Cost: \$45** (includes meals, activities, lodging)

### Relay for Life

The annual Relay for life of the Abingtons will be held May 31<sup>st</sup> to June 1<sup>st</sup>. This event is a huge event for the Our Lady of the Snows Youth Ministry as well as other organizations throughout the area.

Do you know someone who has cancer or has had cancer? A family member? Friend? Someone in your school or neighborhood? Participating in the Relay for Life is one way to help fight for the cure for cancer. The money raise goes right into not only research but back to our local community to aid our friends and family in their struggle. Help out this year by donating, buying a luminary in the name of a loved one, or participating on a team. Team Captain Signup is going on now!



### High School Religious Ed Program

**Next date: April 15<sup>th</sup> 2008**

**Speaker: Nafty Hage**

Nafty Hage is a local area poet, musician, artist, and writer. He has been my personal Bible study teacher for several years and well versed in scripture as well as practical application. His poems have been published around the world and his trilogy of novels is about to be published and made into a movie by the same people who produces Lord of the Rings. Don't miss this session!

Students who sign up for the program have the choice of leaving school for 3 hours on a scheduled date once a month and are bused to The Abington Youth Center for the program. Lunch is provided. **If you did not get one and would like to sign up for this program, forms are available online at OLSSB.com under the Youth section. If you'd like a paper copy, you can call the Parish Office.**

### Young Adults

- Our Lady of the Snows Young Adult Ministry is bringing **Theology on Tap** to our region. **Theology on Tap** is a speaker series for **young adults 19-40, single and married**. A casual forum where friends of all denominations and walks of life gather at a local bar or restaurant for "straight talk,

hard facts, and real answers" on our faith and how it applies to daily life. It has been running since 1980 in all parts of the United States. If you are a young adult and would like to be part of this planning committee, please contact me at 570-764-2531. Look for TOT in May!

- For all the latest information, call Steve at the Youth Office: 586-1741 or join our weekly e-mail list by sending an e-mail to [WalloInc@aol.com](mailto:WalloInc@aol.com)

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