

*The Parish Community of  
Our Lady of the Snows  
– Church of St. Benedict*



**SATURDAY VIGIL MASSES**

4:00 PM - CHURCH OF ST BENEDICT  
5:00 PM - CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS  
6:30 PM - CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS

**SUNDAY MASSES**

7:00 AM - CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS  
8:00 AM - CHURCH OF ST BENEDICT  
9:30 AM - CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS  
11:00 AM - CHURCH OF ST BENEDICT  
11:15 AM - CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS  
12:20 PM - CHURCH OF ST BENEDICT

**DAILY MASSES**

7:00 AM - CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS  
12:10 PM - CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE/ RECONCILIATION**

3:00 PM - CHURCH OF ST BENEDICT  
6:00 PM - CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS



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## *A welcoming community*

### OUR PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor .....	Rev. James J. McGarry
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Deacon .....	Leo Lynn
In Residence .....	Rev. Philip Altavilla, V.E.
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Dir. Of Youth & Young Adult Min. ....	Stephen Wallo
Director of Music/Organist .....	Jennie Pitkus
Associate Organist .....	Maria Fay
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Parish Secretary .....	Debbie Waters
Maintenance .....	Peter Serine
Sacristan OLS.....	Aaron Fleming
.....	Connor Fleming
Sacristan CSB.....	Joe Coleman
Cub Master .....	John D'Elia

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday: ..... 8:30 AM - 12 Noon  
 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
 Evenings and weekends by appointment

### WELCOME

A warm welcome is extended to all who have come to Our Lady of the Snows and to the Church of Saint Benedict this weekend to join together in this community of worship and praise to Almighty God. We are grateful to our faithful parishioners who come here every weekend. Also, we welcome our neighbors and guests who visit us occasionally and want them to know they are always welcome.



## A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

As a Stewardship Parish, our life together is based on the need to share our time and talent and treasure as an expression of gratitude for all of God's gifts to us.

### PARISH DEVOTION

**THE ROSARY** – will be prayed after the 12:10 PM Mass every day.

**PRAYER PETITION** – anyone who wishes to place a petition in the Prayer Petition Book is asked to write it in the book that is located on a stand in the back of the Church

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION HOLY CROSS SCHOOL SYSTEM

Holy Cross High School, Dunmore, PA

Principal- Mr. James Marcks

Phone 346-7541

OUR LADY OF PEACE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, CLARKS GREEN

Principal – Mrs. James Quinn

Phone 587-4152

### SACRAMENTAL LIFE

**THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)** is the official five-stage process the Catholic Church uses to bring adult members into the faith. Anyone interested in becoming a part of this process or in obtaining more information can call the Parish Center.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** In order to understand and better appreciate the special sacrament, parents are required to attend the Pre-Baptismal Program. Our Parish offers this instruction once every two months, so please watch the bulletin for information, or call the Parish Center.



**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:** Congratulations! You are asked to contact one of the parish priests at least six months before the date of your marriage so that the appropriate preparations can be made for this special celebration.

**SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Urgent call will be attended to at any time of the day or night.

**VISITATION OF THE SICK:** Please call the Parish Center for visitation of the sick at home, in the hospital, or health care facility.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE:

Grades Pre-K and Kindergarten

Parish Center Basement

Sunday, 9:30-10:30 AM

All other classes have Clusters or Classes on Sundays at Our Lady of Peace School; Clusters are encouraged.

High School – Released Time Program Monthly  
 Call parish office for dates and times

**EASTER SUNDAY  
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD  
April 24, 2011**

*"When Simon Peter arrived after him,  
he went into the tomb  
and saw the burial cloth there,  
and the cloth that had covered his head,  
not with the burial cloths  
but rolled up in a separate place.  
Then the other disciple also went in,  
The one who had arrived first,  
and he saw and believed."  
-- John 20: 7-8 --*

**HAPPY EASTER!**

Dear Friends,

**Happy Easter to all of you!** May the Risen Lord Jesus fill your hearts and minds with the peace that only He can give. May this Easter Day and the entire Easter season be a time of great celebration and rejoicing, a time during which we grow in the life of the Risen Jesus into which we were born at Baptism. May all of us live more fully as people already raised from the dead with Jesus. May the Risen Jesus bless you and your loved ones.

Sincerely yours,

Father McGarry  
Father Mulhern  
Father Altavilla  
Deacon Lynn

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

Your **Sacrificial Offering** for last weekend amounted to **\$16,811.44**. **Thank you** for your generosity. In order to make ends meet, we need to average over **\$16,400.00 each weekend**.

Members of our parish may want to consider donating **appreciated assets, stocks bonds, mutual funds, etc.** You can take the full amount as a tax credit and our parish gets the full amount donated – a sure win-win situation.

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

Thank you to all who have already purchased a **D.E.B.T. Reduction Raffle ticket**. The generosity of so many over the years have greatly reduced the outstanding debt on the **OLS Church Renovation Project** which took place in 2001 and the early months of 2002. The **remaining debt** on the **OLS Church Renovation Project** is now **about \$34,700**. With a very successful Raffle this year (with close to 500 tickets sold) we could eliminate the **Church Renovation Project Debt** completely. If you have not yet purchased a **Raffle Ticket**, please purchase one and help us to eliminate this debt completely. **Thanks for whatever you can do**. The **drawing** will take place on **Tuesday, May 3, 2011**, at **3:30 P.M.** in the **Large Conference Room** on the **first floor** of the **parish center**.

**BULLETIN BRIEFS**

I was watching a show about seals. It was a very well done show that followed a group of scientists on the West Coast who were doing a study on a particular group of seals. During their work they discovered that one of the seals was badly injured, and when they examined her more closely, they realized that she was also pregnant, and not only was she pregnant, but she was very far along in her pregnancy, so far along that the scientists were almost certain that the baby seals would be able to survive outside their mother's womb, but after further tests they all agreed that there was no way to save the life of the mother, and that if she were to die, her babies would die with her. So they did an emergency operation and saved the lives of all the baby seals. None of the scientists questioned what the mother seal's "choice" was, they didn't ask if the unborn baby seals had a "right" to live. No, they just used their common sense and did the right thing. They protected life. Human beings instinctively want to save life, but how then in our country could there be so many who are not pro-life?

Rev. Mark Ivany, Homily, Mass in Washington, DC on the morning of the March for Life, Jan. 24, 2011

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

Monday

7:00 A.M. Gina Toomey Bob/Joan Kranick  
12:10 P.M. Rosemary/Jerry Carpenter  
Patricia Stiles M/M Eugene Gallagher

Tuesday

7:00 A.M. Marion/Arthur Lewert Family  
12:10 P.M. Kristyn Kromko Family

Wednesday

7:00 A.M. Brenda Egan Margaret/James Roche  
12:10 P.M. Wade Whitney Lois Jean/Gene Gallagher

Thursday

7:00 A.M. Gertrude Murray Ellen Lahey  
12:10 P.M. Genevieve Matylewicz Karen Thompson

Friday

7:00 A.M. Bill Washo Lee Electric Supply  
12:10 P.M. Christopher Dillon M/M Michael Kenehan

Saturday

4:00 P.M. M/M Chester Allen Family  
5:00 P.M. Stella Macheska M/M Caryl Kapp  
6:30 P.M. Michael Orr Helen Travis

Sunday

7:00 A.M. For all members of the parish  
8:00 A.M. Henry Przywara Jean Josephson  
9:30 A.M. Ruth Ziegler Joyce Wyatt  
11:00 A.M. Nancy Gatto Ursula/Kevin Kerns  
11:15 A.M. Marion/Arthur Lewert Family  
12:20 P.M. Kristyn Kromko Haggerty Family

**A PRAYER PLEASE-** Your prayers are requested for all the sick and deceased members of our parish, especially Mary Dreher and Dawn Aberth.

## CALENDAR

### Sunday, April 24, 2011

11:15 A.M. Wednesday Afternoon Choir \*\*

### Monday, April 25, 2011

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

### Tuesday, April 26, 2011

9:00 A.M. Bible Study \*\*\*

### Wednesday, April 27, 2011

1:00 P.M. Bible Class \*

6:30 P.M. First Eucharist Practice \*\*\*\*

### Thursday, April 28, 2011

6:30 P.M. First Eucharist Practice \*\*\*\*

### Friday, April 29, 2011

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

7:00 P.M. Bingo \*\*\*\*\*

### Saturday, April 30, 2011

11:00 A.M. First Eucharist \*\*\*\*

Parish Center\* Church\*\* Large Conference Room\*\*\*

Church of Saint Benedict\*\*\*\* Small Conference

Room\*\*\*\*\* Gathering Room\*\*\*\*\*

## ABINGTON CHURCH TOUR

Saturday, April 30, 2011

8:45 – 12:15

- 8:45 – 9:00 Gathering at First Presbyterian Church  
300 School St., Clarks Summit
- 9:00 – 9:30 First Presbyterian Church Presentation
- 9:30 - 9:40 Transit to Our Lady of the Snows Church  
301 S. State St., Clarks Summit
- 9:40 – 10:10 Our Lady of the Snows Church Presentation
- 10:10 -10:20 Transit to Clark's Green United Methodist  
119 Glenburn Rd., Clarks Green
- 10:20 – 10:50 Clark's Green UMC Presentation
- 10:50 -11:00 Transit to Trinity Lutheran Church  
205 W. Grove St., Clarks Summit
- 11:00 – 11:30 Trinity Lutheran Church Presentation
- 11:30 – 11:45 Transit to Clark's Summit Unite Methodist  
1310 Morgan Highway (corner of Grove)
- 11:45 – 12:15 Clark's Summit UMC Presentation

## THANK YOU

**Thank you for your generosity to the Collection for Japan.** The collection amounted to **\$2,130.14.**

**Thank you also for your generosity to the recent collection for Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton.** The collection amounted to **\$3,972.55.**

## LITURGY COMMITTEE NOTES

### Easter Sunday

Reforming our lives during Lent has led us to renewing our baptismal promises at this Easter celebration. Each Sunday during the Easter season, we should recall our baptism through the rite of blessing and sprinkling of holy water. This is the ideal time of year to celebrate not only baptism but also confirmation and first communion, the sacraments which complete the Christian initiation process begun with baptism.

Please pray for all the people in RCIA who are being received into the church at the Easter Vigil. Please also pray for the children who will be receiving their first communion on April 30, May 7 and May 14, 2011; and the young boys and

girls who will be receiving the sacrament of confirmation on May 17 and May 19, 2011.

**We would like to wish everyone a very Happy Easter.**

(Steve LaRue, Marion Eagen, *Resource Publications, Inc.*)

Weekly Inspiration: 4/24/11 Easter Sunday

**Alleluia! Jesus Christ is raised from the dead!**

Readings for Next Week: 5/01/11 Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

Music for next Week: 5/01/11 Opening Hymn: "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" #261; Responsorial Psalm: "Psalm 118: "This is the Day"; Communion Song: "Ye Sons and Daughters" #267; Closing Song: "The Strife is O'er" #269

## THE NEIGHBORHOOD PARISH PROGRAM

**What is the role of the Neighborhood Parish Representative?**

**The Neighborhood Parish Representative (NPR) is a very important and crucial role in our parish, but one that is easy to carry out with a minimal amount of time and effort.** Busy single or married people can easily accomplish this task. The NPR is a member of the parish who is willing to contact their members twice a year and invite them to one social gathering. The contact can be by phone, letter, card, email, visit, etc. The social gathering can be an invitation to one of the many programs that are presented at the Parish which are outlined in the bulletin.

The biggest strength of the Neighborhood Parish Project lies in the Neighborhood Parish Representatives. They are a "Ministry of Presence" in their Neighborhood and a liaison to the parish staff. It is nearly impossible for two parish priest and pastoral staff to **reach out**, contact, **welcome** and invite 2650 families and approximately 6800 members into the life of the parish **community** on a yearly basis.

This "Ministry of Presence" is more of a "being" than "doing." The "doing" is minimal and includes the two contacts and the invitation. This simple, easy task of tilling the soil and planting seeds in your own Neighborhood creates an environment where the Holy Spirit can work. The "being" is being there if someone needs you and accepting and meeting members as they are. Whenever the Neighborhood Parish Representatives need help, please feel free to call our Parish staff for further assistance.

We are now trying to place the entire parish in a Neighborhood Parish. If anyone is interested in becoming a Neighborhood Parish Representative, please call Carol at the Parish Office.

**Below is a list of ideas for Neighborhood Parish Reps:**

**Food Drive for Dalton Food Pantry:** We are in desperate need of peanut butter. Put a container on your porch and ask your members to drop non-perishable food in. This is an easy contact that has immeasurable benefits to the entire community.

**Cards for the Manchester Infirmary/Jamaica:** Contact your members and ask all, including the children, to write a simple note for anyone in the Infirmary and drop them in the collection basket. We will be taking them to the Infirmary when we go in September on our Mission Trip.

**Prevention Program for Parents, Teens, and Public:** Contact your members to join us for speakers and a teen panel on prevention of drug and alcohol abuse on **Tuesday, May 3, 2011 at 6PM** in the Gathering Room. A spaghetti dinner is being served.

**JAMAICA MINISTRY**

**JAMAICA MISSION TRIP:** We need **YOU**. The Jamaica Committee is traveling to Jamaica again from **August 29 to September 5, 2011**. We need **Dentists, Physicians, and Nurses to work with Dr. Carol at the clinic and health educators to provide classes. Medical people should call Dr. Dawgert at 587-5437 for details on temporary credentials in Jamaica.** For further information please contact Grace Dawgert at 587-5437 or Carol at 586-1741.

**St. Elizabeth's/Kingston Jamaica:** The pastor is Fr. Richard Award. This parish has just celebrated its 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The parish complex consists of a church, school and parish house which is surrounded by barbed wire to help keep the parishioners and school children safe from the local violence. During our visit in 2010 (pictures are on the bulletin boards) we were able to see the school which provides preschool and elementary education for children from toddlers to age eight. The school provides a safe haven and two meals per day as well as a fine education. Deacon Desmond explained that the food program is so essential because the children get two meals a day, then the parents have enough food for the rest of the family.

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would like to participate in the Jamaica Mission by donating \$\_\_\_\_\_ so someone can travel in my name.

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

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**GREETING CARDS FOR THE MANCHESTER INFIRMARY:**

There is a way you can touch the lives of the people at the infirmary. Get some greeting cards and write a note of encouragement to a friend at the infirmary. Drop the card in the collection basket or at the rectory, and we will take them to Brother Mike when we go on the mission trip.

**PRAYERS NEEDED FOR:** The people at St. E.'s, Passionist Volunteers, Dr. Carol, Sr. Una, Br. Mike, Fr. Award, all the people in Jamaica

**LETTERS AND CARDS TO OUR SERVICEMEN**

Our servicemen are in need of prayers, cards and letters. Please pray for them and drop them a card to let them know you are thinking about and praying for them. Please send in or call the parish office with the names of servicemen who could use cards.

Jeremy LaCoe                      SPC McGuigan Shamus  
B CO 277<sup>th</sup> ASB                      D.CO.2-502 IN 2 BCT. 101<sup>ST</sup> ABN  
TF MTN EAGLE                      FOB Ramrod APO AE 09313  
APO AE 09354-9998

**PARISH NURSE PROGRAM**

**What everyone should know and do about antibiotics:**

Are you aware that colds, flu, most sore throats, and bronchitis are caused by viruses? Did you know that antibiotics do not help viruses? Taking antibiotics when you have a virus may do more harm than good. Taking antibiotics when they are not needed increases your risk of getting an infection later that resists antibiotic treatment. Antibiotics cure bacterial infections, not viral infections such as colts or flu. Most coughs and bronchitis are not caused by strep. Snort, sniffle, sneeze; no antibiotic, please.

**When you are prescribed an antibiotic:**

Take it exactly as the doctor tells you. Complete the prescribed course even if you are feeling better. If treatment stops too soon, some bacteria may survive and re-infect you. This goes for children, too. Discard any leftover medication once you have completed your prescription.

From the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

**SICK AND HOMEBOUND**

Do you know someone who is sick, homebound, or in the hospital and unable to come to church? Would they like someone to take them Holy Communion? If so, please call Carol at the Parish Office at 586-1741 or email your request to [ols1@epix.net](mailto:ols1@epix.net).

**VIRTUS**

**Learn an Awareness of How to Protect our Children**

The United States Catholic College of Bishops has mandated that all volunteers who work 20 hours or more with children **MUST** have the one time Virtus Training. This training provides an awareness of how to protect our children from abuse. All parents are also encouraged to attend these sessions. Please check the Diocesan website for future training sessions at [www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org). and click on *Virtus*.

**HOSPITAL VISITORS**

We are in need of some adults who would like to visit our parishioners once a month in the hospitals. You do not need to be a Minister of Communion. Please call Carol at the Parish Center if you are interested or need further information.

**CHURCH ENVELOPES**

Parishioners who might be attending Mass at another church in our cluster are welcome to put their parish envelope in the collection at that church. It will be forwarded to our parish. Hopefully, this will be a convenient option for you when circumstances require you to attend another church. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL MOVIE MADNESS**

Come join other middle school-ers (grade 6-8) for food, fun, faith and films on the second Friday of the month. The next session will be held in the **Gathering Room on May 13, 2011 from 6PM-9PM**. Make new friends, watch a movie and learn about our Catholic faith. Bring a pillow to prop on and a snack and soda to share. For further information please call Mrs. Tully at 945-7516 or email to [tptully@epix.net](mailto:tptully@epix.net).

**BAKE SALE FOR MARCH OF DIMES**

Cub Scout Troop 201 will conduct a bake sale for the March of Dimes on **May 1, 2011 at the 9:30 AM and 11:15 AM masses**. Please stop by to pick up dessert to help and support this worthwhile cause.

WE THANK those who brought Canned Soup this weekend. If you can, please bring Canned Meat next weekend. Your generosity will not go unnoticed by a grateful Lord.

**OLS PARISH COOKBOOK**

**WANTED – YOUR RECIPES FOR AN OLS PARISH COOKBOOK.**

We are currently seeking favorite family recipes for inclusion in an OLS Parish Cookbook. Heirloom recipes are especially welcome !! We are planning to even include a few secret recipes from the Bazaar and are hoping to have the book printed in time for this year's Annual Bazaar. I

know we have some great cooks out there and some wonderful traditional family recipes. Please share! Recipes can be dropped off at the Parish office, or emailed directly to Holly Hricko at [three4charity@yahoo.com](mailto:three4charity@yahoo.com). Please include your name and contact information with recipe in case we have any questions. I can be reached at 945-5637 or by email if you have any questions. Thanks in advance for your participation.

### SPRING TEA

You are invited to join in a Spring Tea on May 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. in the Gathering Room at OLS. Please bring any old fashioned hats gloves, etc to wear or display. Assorted sweets, teas and coffee will be served. Sponsored by the Women's Guild.

### COMMUNITY NEWS

**ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST BUFFET** will be held at the Clarks Summit Fire Co., 321 Bedford St., Clarks Summit, PA on Sunday, May 15, 2011 from 8:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.. Adults \$7.00 and kids (10yrs and under) \$4.00. For more information please call 586-9656.

**CUB SCOUT PACK 175 PANCAKE BREAKFAST** will be held on May 15<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 A.M. to 1 P.M. at the Dalton United Methodist Church, Dalton, PA. Tickets are \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children 10 and under. We also will have a basket raffle.

**MEET THE KNIGHTS**---Knights of Columbus Council 6611 will hold an **open house** Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the **Gathering Room** at **Our Lady of the Snows Church**. Learn more about the Knights of Columbus, our insurance plans and our service to the community. Light Refreshments will be served.

**DIVINE MARCY** devotions will be held on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 from 3 to 4pm at Our Lady of the Snows Church in Clarks Summit. Father Philip Altavilla, V.E., Episcopal Vicar of the Northern Pastoral Region, will serve as guest homilist for the celebration, which will also include the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharistic Adoration. Chaplet of the Divine Marcy and Benediction. Any questions please call Ricki Kalp at 947-6899

**3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL DUTCH AUCTION/POLUCK DINNER** will be held on Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. Potluck Dinner starting at 6:00 and Auction to follow. Please bring an item to be auctioned (gift, gift basket or bag) with approximate value on bottom of item. Proceeds will Benefit Warm Hugs Outreach which helped several hundred needed persons in the last 3 years. Details at 587-3206 or [www.countryside-church.org](http://www.countryside-church.org).

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** (K of C) will be sponsoring a BINGO night on Friday, 4/29/11, at 7:00 P.M. in the Our Lady of the Snows Parish Gathering Room. Cards will cost \$.50 each or three (3) for \$1.00 per game. Please feel free to contact Chris Kane (587-1390) with any questions.

### FAMILY MINISTRY

#### BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

There will be bereavement session on **Wednesday May 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am** and on **Sunday May 15<sup>th</sup> at**

**2:00pm** in the **parish center**. . All are invited to attend. For more information call Nettie at 586-1741.

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

**Post-Abortion Support: Project Rachel and Rachel's Vineyard** diocesan retreat [www.hopeafterabortion.org](http://www.hopeafterabortion.org) or contact Catholic Social Services 207-2283 or 822-7118

### CONVERSATION/REFLECTION CORNER

In the fifth reading from the Easter Vigil Mass, Isaiah reminds us that the Lord is always with us. We do not need to fix our attention on the things of the world that are temporary and passing. All that is needed is for us to seek the Lord in all things—listen to the Lord and seek to do what he asks of us. Even when we fail, we should turn to him, trusting in his forgiveness. If we would only stop trying to control everything and allow God to take control of our lives, we would find that we have what we need and our spirit would be at peace in the Lord. We cannot predict or know what God is doing in our lives. We can only trust that ultimately, whatever happens, it can be turned to our good. Are you willing to let God be in charge?

### MARRIAGE PROGRAMS:

Your marriage deserves your attention, just like your health, home, car, and job. Attention to keep it healthy and strong. Are you giving your marriage the attention it needs? Tell a friend or family member about the following programs.

*"The measure of love, is to love without measure"* St. Francis De Sales

### MARRIAGE PROGRAMS

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue—or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? **Are you considering separation or divorce?** **Retrouvaille** (pronounced retro- vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped 10's of 100's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For information please call **1-800-470-2230** or visit the website [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com) All calls confidential. **Next local weekend will be September 23-25, 2011 at The Fatima Renewal Center, Dalton. . Must register to attend. To register please call 1-800-470-2230.**

- **Marriage Encounter Weekend** (marriage enrichment for couples who want to make a good marriage better) For more information please call Ed & Diane at 876-1610 or 800-787-7679 or visit [www.wwme-nepa.org](http://www.wwme-nepa.org) . **The next Marriage Encounter weekend will be June 24-26<sup>th</sup> in Easton, PA**

### MOMS AND TOTS GROUP

For more information please call Kate Walsh at 586-6432

### 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 always use volunteers to help with the cooking, setting up of the tables, serving the meal, and cleaning up afterwards. All ages welcome. 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, AIDS, 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.

**PRAYER CHAIN**

We are looking to expand our prayer chain ministry. Anyone wishing to be a pray chain warrior call or send the form below with your name, address, phone number and e-mail address to Nettie at the parish office. Persons of all ages welcome to join in this special ministry.

**PRAYER CHAIN**

I / we wish to be included as one who will pray for others on our parish prayer chain.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
CLUSTER LEADERS:**

**Thank you to all the cluster leaders for your most generous donations for our Night At the Races Fundraiser. The gift baskets, gift cards, lottery tickets and gift certificates were greatly appreciated and helped make the evening most enjoyable for all in attendance.**

**THANK YOU again for your support and generosity.**

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

This year's **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** will be the **week of June 20<sup>th</sup>** at the Newton Rec. Center, Newton Ransom Blvd. Clarks Summit. Children 4-11 are eligible

to attend. Please mark your calendar for a fun filled week of music, games, crafts and snacks.

Registration forms will be coming soon to our website, and bulletin.

Student and Adult volunteers always welcome. Please call Nettie at the parish office.

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION:**

Any student **older than** grade 2 and needs First Eucharist Instruction or older than Grade 8 for Confirmation Instruction please call Nettie at the parish center.

**PROFESSIONAL VIDEO AND GROUP PHOTOS FOR THE FIRST EUCHARIST AND CONFIRMATION**

will be available for purchase. Order forms will be handed out at practices. For more information call Nettie at the parish center.

**FIRST EUCHARIST INFORMATION:**

**Please note the following First Eucharist Dates, time, clusters and practice dates for each Communion. Any questions call Nettie Goldate at the parish office.**

**ALL Practices are Mandatory for children receiving communion on their scheduled date.**

The First Eucharist Dates for our children receiving First Eucharist will be:

**Saturday April 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am** at the Church of St. Benedict :for Our Lady of Peace Elementary Students and for Seehock Cluster. **Practice Dates** will be Wednesday April 27 and Thursday April 28<sup>th</sup> 6:30-7:30 pm in the Church of St. Benedict, Newton Ransom Blvd. Clarks Summit

**Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am** at The Church of St. Benedict for the following clusters: Burke/Fazio ( OLP Sunday Cluster) Schuster and Stevens Cluster.

**Practice** will be Wednesday May 4<sup>th</sup> and Thursday May 5<sup>th</sup> 6:30-7:30 pm Church of St. Benedict.

**Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am** Church of St. Benedict for the following clusters: Deibert, Kozar, McKeon, **Practice Dates** will be Wednesday May 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday May 12<sup>th</sup> 6:30-7:30 pm Church of St. Benedict.

**FIRST EUCHARIST BANNER:**

First Eucharist Children are asked to make a 12 x18 banner that will be displayed in the church during the mass of their First Eucharist. The banner must include the child's name and date of their First Eucharist, and symbols that represent Eucharist (cross, chalice, bread, grapes, wheat, etc.) and also symbols of the child's special interests (sports, dance, musical instruments, hobbies, etc.) Any questions please call Nettie Goldate at the parish center.

There are First Eucharist Banner Kits available for purchase online. Please check on the website [www.catholicsupply.com](http://www.catholicsupply.com)

**CONFIRMATION INFORMATION**

**CONFIRAMTION CANDIDATES:**

**Requirements due in parish office by Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> :**

Confirmation Registration form (information needed for church records)  
 Baptismal Certificate if baptism was not in Our Lady of the Snows/Church of St. Benedict. Your Confirmation date must be recorded in the Parish records where you were baptized. –therefore very important for us to know where to you're your information.

The name your taking for Confirmation (even if you are keeping your given name at Baptism.

Report on the name you have chosen for confirmation, even if you are keeping your name given at your baptism, the meaning and the history of the Saint of that name.

Sponsor's name and parish. A Sponsor card or Certificate of Eligibility is needed from your sponsor's parish if he /she is not a parishioner at Our Lady of the Snows/Church of St. Benedict.

Service Hours—30 hours of community/parish hours.

**CONFIRMATION SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**

- Write or make greeting cards for the patients at the Manchester Infirmary in Jamaica. Send cards to the parish office. Attn: Nettie
- Church Cleaning- Please call Carol Salva at the parish office 586-1741
- Do yard clean-up-Shovel snow (volunteer-no payment)
- Baby –sitting, or mother's help (volunteer-no payment)
- Offer to clean garage or basement. (volunteer-no payment)
- Tutor or help a younger friend/sibling with school work, sports, dance, or music instruction, etc. (volunteer-no payment)
- Call Steve Wallo for parish service hour opportunities at 586-1741
- For community hours call the library, Humane Society, St. Francis Soup Kitchen, The Newton Rec. Center,

**CONFIRMATION DATES:**

**CONFIRMATION PRACTICE:**

**ALL CANDIDATES FOR CONFIRMATION MUST ATTEND THE PRACTICES FOR THEIR SCHEDULED CONFIRMATION DATE.**

**MANADATORY PRACTICE FOR MAY 17<sup>TH</sup> CONFIRMATION WILL BE:**

**MONDAY MAY 9<sup>TH</sup> 6:30-8:00PM CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT**

**MONDAY MAY 16<sup>TH</sup> 7-8 PM WITH SPONSORS CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT.**

**MANADATORY PRACTICE FOR MAY 19<sup>TH</sup> CONFIRMATION WILL BE:**

**TUESDAY MAY 10<sup>TH</sup> 6:30-8:00PM CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT**

**WEDNESDAY MAY 18<sup>TH</sup> 7-8PM WITH SPONSORS CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT**

**Tuesday May, 17, 2011  
 5:00 pm Church of St. Benedict**

The following clusters will receive on this date:  
 Arcangelo, Hawley, Lacey/Duboski, Lazar, Kochmer, and LaRusso.

MANADATORY PRACTICES for this confirmation will be Monday May 9<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:00pm at the Church of St. Benedict AND on Monday May 16<sup>th</sup> 7:00-8:00 pm (with sponsor)

**Thursday May 19, 2011**

**5:00 pm Church of St. Benedict**

The following clusters will receive on this date:  
 Barrett, McHale, Pfister, Our Lady of Peace School Students, and John Rovinsky (OLP Sunday Program)

MANADATORY PRACTICES for this confirmation will be on Tuesday May 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00 pm AND on Wednesday May 18<sup>th</sup> 7:00-8:00 pm (with sponsors) The Church of St. Benedict.

**Youth Ministry Corner**

**Youth Ministry planning meetings are every Thursday night starting at 6:30PM with a general gathering and team meetings starting at 7:00PM. All High school students are welcome to attend anytime.**

**Upcoming Dates**

- April 29.....Trip to Nowhere
- May 22-28.....Young Adult Mission Trip
- June 29.....Light the Fire Youth Rally
- July 8-10.....Franciscan Youth Conference OH
- August 14-20.....Youth Mission Trip
- November 16-20.....NCYC

**Service**

**Summer Mission Trips:**



**College Students and Young Adults.**

This trip will be from **May 22 - 28, 2011**. There is room for 10 students, total. Cost will be approx \$270.

**High School Students** now have a waiting list. If interested, you can still all to be put on it.

**Relay for Life 2011**

This year's Relay for Life for the American Cancer Society will take place on June 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. The Relay for Life of the Abingtons is the largest Youth run relay in the country. Our committees of 30 students work year round on this event. We encourage you to come out to Abington Heights High School and join us for the event. It begins at 3:00PM on Saturday. You can support us in many ways: Starting a team and fundraising, donating funds, being a business sponsor, and buying a luminary in memory of someone who's battled cancer. If you are a cancer survivor, let us know so we can honor you with an invitation to a catered dinner in your honor!

**Faith**

**Student Bible Study**

Weekly Bible study on Wednesdays from 6:30PM until 8:00PM. Held in the Youth Office.

**Franciscan Youth Conference 2011**

*Schedule  
d Events  
for 2010  
August 1<sup>st</sup>*

July 8<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> 2011

The conference combine awesome talks,  
e music, praise and worship, time for prayer and  
fellowship, entertainment, and anointed liturgies.

**WHERE:** Steubenville, OH

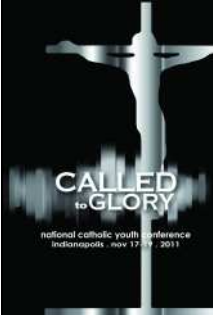
**COST:** \$250 fully inclusive

**NCYC: National Catholic Youth Conference**

**WHEN:** November 16-20, 2011

**WHERE:** Indianapolis IN

**WHAT:** This is a 3 day gathering of over 24,000 students  
where faith and fun is the focus. Students who are now  
in 8<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> grade during this school year are welcome  
to join us in this journey! Call Steve Wallo for more info.



**Theology  
on TAP** 

**TOPIC:** Finding Your Place!

**By:** Fr. Christopher Washington.

**What:** A monthly discussion series

for young adults, single, married, 18-40 yrs old.

**Where:** Armetta's Pizza

**When:** May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2011

**Time:** 7PM – 8:30PM

**Cover:** \$5 includes Pizza and wings