

**THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**The Thirty-Sixth Day of Easter**  
**April 27, 2008**

*“And behold,  
I am with you always,  
until the end of the age.”*

-- Matthew 28: 20 --

**THE FIFTY DAYS OF EASTER**

During the fifty days of the Easter Season, we struggle with the question: **“How do we live as people already raised from the dead?”** On Thursday of this week, the fortieth day of Easter, we celebrate the Ascension and begin more seriously to prepare for the Fiftieth day of Easter, the Solemnity of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles and disciples and gave them the strength and courage and wisdom to live as followers of Jesus, as people already raised from the dead with Jesus. The same Spirit who filled the apostles and disciples with strength, courage and wisdom, has filled us with the same gifts. Our celebration of Easter culminating in Pentecost can awaken these gifts in us.

**THE CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION**

We welcome **Bishop Timlin** to our parish this week. Bishop Timlin will be with us the Celebration of the **Sacrament of Confirmation on Monday** afternoon, **April 28**, and **Wednesday** afternoon, **April 30**. Both of these celebrations will take place at **5:00 P.M.** at the **Church of Saint Benedict**. We also congratulate all of the candidates from our parish who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this week. We will list their names in the bulletin shortly after the Celebration of Confirmation.

**Rehearsal for Candidates and Sponsors** who will be celebrating **Confirmation on Monday, April 28**, will be held on **Sunday, April 27**, from **4:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.** at the **Church of Saint Benedict**.

**Rehearsal for Candidates and Sponsors** who will be celebrating **Confirmation on Wednesday, April 30**, will be held on **Tuesday, April 29**, from **7:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.** at the **Church of Saint Benedict**.

If the sponsor is not able to be present at these rehearsals, we ask that another adult accompany the candidate to the rehearsal and take the place of the Sponsor during the rehearsal.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

We congratulate the young members of our parish who received the Eucharist for the first time yesterday at the church of Saint Benedict. We also ask your prayers for the young people who will be receiving the Eucharist for the first time this Saturday, May 3, and the following Saturday, May 10. The names of all who are receiving First Eucharist will be listed in the bulletin after the last of the three celebrations.

**ASCENSION THURSDAY**

Thursday of this week, **May 1, 2008**, is **Ascension Thursday**, a **holyday of obligation**. Our Mass schedule for the holyday will be as follows:

**Wednesday, April 30:**

**5:00 P.M. Confirmation Mass at the Church of Saint Benedict.**

**Thursday, May 1:**

**7:00 A.M. Mass at Our Lady of the Snows Church**

**12:10 P.M. Mass at Our Lady of the Snows Church**

**5:00 P.M. Mass at the Church of Saint Benedict**

**7:00 P.M. Mass at Our Lady of the Snows Church**

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

Your **Sacrificial Offering** for last weekend amounted to **\$14,621.52**. (An additional report on the Easter Offering will be given next weekend.)

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.

**BAZAAR NEWS 2008**

It's not too early to start planning for this year's Bazaar. With a lot of new and exciting things already happening, we are looking forward to working with all of the wonderful volunteers who make our Bazaar a success. With that in mind, please know we are searching for a few new booth chairs. We need help in the Antiques Booth, The Plant or Green Thumb Booth and the Children's Games. If you or a group of you are interested in getting involved, please call Sue Burke @ 587-3913 or Pat Pasqualichio @ 586-8959 or the parish center @ 586-1741. Thank you in advance for helping out with such a worthwhile event.

**Dates of Bazaar 2008: Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 31, August 1 and August 2.**

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU!**

Members of Our Lady of Peace girl's and boy's basketball teams wish to express their thanks and appreciation to all parishioners who purchased carnations after Masses on Easter Sunday. Your generosity helped to make the 8<sup>th</sup> grade dream of "going to States" a reality.

## CALENDAR

### Sunday, April 27, 2008

4:00 P.M. Confirmation Rehearsal with Sponsors  
(those being Confirmed on Monday 4/28)

### Monday, April 28, 2008

5:00 P.M. **The Celebration Of Confirmation \*\*\*\***

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

### Tuesday, April 29, 2008

7:00 P.M. Confirmation Rehearsal with Sponsors \*\*\*\*  
(those being Confirmed on Wednesday,

4/30)

### Wednesday, April 30, 2008

1:00 P.M. Bible Study \*

2:00 P.M. Parish Nursing Program \*\*\*\*\*

5:00 P.M. **The Celebration Of Confirmation \*\*\*\***

7:00 P.M. **Parents Forum on Drugs** at AHHS

### Thursday, May 1, 2008 -- Ascension Thursday

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

### Friday, May 2, 2008

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

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

### Saturday, May 3, 2008

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

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

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

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

## YOU'RE A WINNER!

At each of the ten weekly drawings of the **500 Club**, sponsored by the OLS Men's Club, we pray for the intentions of our benefactors. So, whether or not you win one of the \$25 to \$500 prizes, you've won our prayer and gratitude for helping fund our missions for another year. Sale of the few remaining tickets will end on Sunday, April 27, and drawings will begin on April 28. If you haven't purchased a ticket yet, please call Bernie Harding (563-85650 or Wade Whitney (563-2477). Thank You!

## BAPTISM

ANNA ELIZABETH BARRETT, daughter of Matthew and Virginia Speicher Barrett, SEAMUS ERIN CARRICK, son of Casey and Lindsey Johnson Carrick, EMMA LYNN KWIATKOWSKI, daughter of John and Jennifer Brown Kwiatkowski and MAIA KATHERINE LOIACONO, daughter of Christian and Diane Mozeleski Loiacono, will be born into Jesus' life and welcomed into the family of the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism. We congratulate them and their parents.

## WEDDING BANNS

First Time: Michael Callen – Our Lady of the Snows  
Camille Palmese- St. Mary Gate of Heaven, NY

## 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.**

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Monday

7:00 A.M. Ann McGoff Scoda Family

12:10 P.M. Helen Polednak Bob/Nettie Goldate

### Tuesday

7:00 A.M. William Haggerty Bill/Kate Frye

12:10 P.M. Harry Zyla William/Helen Giannetta

### Wednesday

7:00 A.M. Betty Luciani Dennis/Grace Dawgert

12:10 P.M. M/M Chester Allen Family

5:00 P.M. All members of the Church

### Thursday

7:00 A.M. Valerie Palauskas Davis Family

12:10 P.M. Ruth Ziegler Joyce Wyatt

5:00 P.M. CSB Rinaldi Family Pete/Ann/Katie

### Brokus

7:00 P.M. OLS Ann O'Connell Jennie/Jerry Pitkus

### Friday

7:00 A.M. Loretta Dwyer Ann Marie Grayek

12:10 P.M. Laura Puza Mother/Brother

### Saturday

4:00 P.M. Vera Dellcave Melody Karen Weiss

5:00 P.M. Paul Corbett Corbett Family

6:30 P.M. Lynn Berkobin Carson Family

### Sunday

7:00 A.M. For all members of the parish

8:00 A.M. Cyril Franko M/M Chris Calvey

9:30 A.M. Neva O'Brien Nick/Jean Tielli

11:00 A.M. Paulette Flynn Paul/Beverly Polcha

11:15 A.M James P. Walsh Wife/Children  
12:20 P.M. Paul Corbett M/M Robert Sheakoski  
**A PRAYER PLEASE-** Your prayers are requested for all the sick and deceased members of our parish and community, especially Russell Collins , James Noone and Timothy Deery.

### 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** of the parish center/rectory. Plans for the upcoming May Crowning will be discussed. All are welcome to attend.

### 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.

### \*\*\*\*\* 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.

### COMMUNITY NEWS

WE THANK those who brought Canned Soup r this weekend. If you can, please bring Canned Vegetables 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. They will be on sale every weekend until the drawing on June 14th. There are only 400 tickets sold.

### 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.

**“SILENT AUCTION AND ARAFFLE”** on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> from 12-4:00 P.M. at OLS Gathering Room. Items for auction/raffle range from \$15.00 to over \$200.00. Have fun and Help! “The Rose Center” is a non-profit program, sponsored by The Sisters of the Good Shepherd, for mediation and conflict resolution. “We help turn conflict into conversation”. Adult Admission \$10.00 (or \$12.00 at the door), Children’s Lunch Ticket -\$3.00. Children three (3) and under free. (Cash or Check to “the Rose Center”). Admission Ticket covers “ID” Bid Number, Packet of “20” Raffle Numbers, Lunch and Door Prizes. Also available are “50-50” and “Tombola Table” chances. (Tickets are available after Masses on weekends May 3-4 and 10-11)

**AARP AND TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH** will present the Mature Driver’s Course in May. This is a classroom refresher course is for drivers 55 years of age and older. The course will be held on Saturday May 10 and Saturday May 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 205 West Grove St., Clarks Summit. The cost of this two day course is \$10.00 per person. This course is being given in two separate sessions over a two day period. Each class day of instruction lasts approximately four hours. You must attend both days to be awarded a certificate of completion. The classes will be taught by a trained volunteer instructor of AARP. Please be sure to contact your insurance company prior to registration to verify discount eligibility. Enrollment is limited to 32 participants. Registration for enrollment closes on Friday May 2 or when the class is filled. Please contact Wendy at 586-4047 or Carole at Trinity Lutheran Church at 587-1088 for more information and a registration form.

### LITURGY COMMITTEE NOTES

#### Did you know?

In the letter of Peter that we hear proclaimed at today’s liturgy (1Peter 3:15-18), we are admonished to keep our conscience clear. Most people would probably say that they do have a clear conscience, so Peter’s rule might not seem such a difficult one to follow. *The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC)* says we have the right to act in conscience and in freedom to personally make moral decisions (#1782). This freedom brings with it a

responsibility to have a conscience that is informed in order to know right from wrong. Being informed is a lifelong task (CCC, 1784), beginning in childhood and continuing to the day we die. We must never stop learning, questioning, and growing in forming our conscience. The Word of God is the light to this path and the Holy Spirit is always there to help us (CCC, 1785). Christ also taught that it is not enough to know right from wrong. We must also live and act according to what our conscience tells us. In other words, our life, and our daily actions must show that what we believe is the right way to live and treat other people. It is not enough just to say, "I believe in the right to life." Or, "I believe racism is wrong." Our actions must speak for us, and as our conscience continues to grow and develop, so will our faithful following of Christ. The Easter season is a rich time to examine how we are doing with developing our conscience.

(Steve LaRue; 2007 Liturgy Training Publications)

Weekly Inspiration: 4/27/08 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

We show our love for Jesus by keeping His commandments.

Readings for Next Week 5/04/08 – Acts 112-14; 1 Peter 4:13-16; John 17:1-11a

Music for Next Week 5/04/08 – Gathering Hymn "Sing to the Mountains" #364; Communion Song "Now We Remain" #402; Closing Song "The Strife is O'er" #268.

### **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.

### **LITURGY COMMITTEE**

#### **Meeting April 9, 2008**

Prayer: We had a reflection and sharing on "The Good Shepherd."

Triduum and Easter: Despite the cold weather, the Triduum was a wonderful experience. The services were well attended and appreciated. Easter flowers were beautiful and reflected the joy of the season. There was great difficulty in finding volunteers for the different rituals during these three days. Next year, we will announce in the bulletin and from the pulpit, as well as, extend personal invitations.

Diocesan Pastoral Plan: Carol gave an update. The Core Committee attended a meeting conducted by the diocesan consulting firm on 4/8/08. We are now to meet with our Cluster Core Committees at least four times before 6/1/08. St. Gregory and Our Lady of the Abingtons are in our Cluster. We are also working on how to convey the results of the Parish Survey to the parish at large.

Review of the Draft of the Purpose of the Liturgy Committee: Suggestions were accepted.

Summer Flower: Plans are being made to try to incorporate garden flowers into altar arrangements during the summer. Evaluation of Liturgy Committee: The size is workable and cooperative. New members will be suggested when appropriate.

Liturgical Focus: We will focus on Sacred Silence after Communion in the fall.

Members of the Liturgy Committee are: Peter and Ann Brokus, Gina Cochran, Mary Ann Cornell, Joann Durdan, Stephen Larue, Nancy Lynn, Grace Wolujewicz, Msgr. McGarry, Fr. Joe Hornick, Jennie Pitkus, A. Carol Salva.

### **THE JAMAICAN MINISTRY:**

#### **A Twinning Project**

Now that we have some information about some of the various missions and people in the Jamaican Ministry,

it is time to decide what each of us can do to participate in the program. This ministry is so vast and encompassing that there is something for each individual, family, and/or parish group to do to assist our brothers and sisters in Jamaica. The Jamaican Ministry column will be a permanent part of the bulletin. Look for information and ideas for involvement that you and your friends and family can accomplish. The first request and the easiest for all to do are to pray daily for the Jamaican Ministry and for all the people they serve. We can also become aware of political and social issues in the Caribbean area by paying attention to news reports and using the internet to educate ourselves about conditions in Jamaica. We have asked the Passionists to inform us of specific material needs and skills so that our parish can assist them. 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 needs a visit, communion, or help, please fill out the card below and drop at the parish center or in the basket.

**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.

- sick     homebound     in hospital
- nursing home
- would like communion
- would like a visit
- needs Sacrament of the sick
- needs other assistance

**FAMILY MINISTRY**

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

The next bereavement session will be on **Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm** in the large conference room of the parish center. **Also on Wednesday May 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am 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**

**CONVERSATION CORNER**

How easily are you offended by what others say? Do you find yourself feeling indignant when others twist what you say or do? Do you feel you have the right or even obligation to "set them straight" and clear your name? Is that the way a disciple of Christ should respond? There will always be things we say and do that others will find offensive in some way even if that was the furthest thing from our minds. The best way to refute falsehoods is by living an honorable life doing what is right and just, treating others with respect, kindness and compassion. The fruits of our behavior will bring out the truth. *"If you love me, you will keep my commandments."* John 14-15

**FOR BETTER FOR WORSE**

**Discovering the Secrets of Soul Mate Love**

Seeing in the dynamic of the relationship the reflection of what you need to learn helps bring you back to what is important. Sometimes we get lost in the chatter of day-to-day patterns and lose sight of the soul's mandate to bring us closer to realizing our Oneness. The best way to see where we need to work on things is to observe who we are and what we do within the context of a relationship. Any Time you recognize your impulse to create distance rather than intimacy, you can make the adjustment and get back on track. *Kathy Freston, The One: Discovering the Secrets of Soul Mate Love.*

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

**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.

### **Confirmation Practices:**

Monday April 21<sup>st</sup> Church of St. Benedict  
5:30-6:30pm April 28<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Candidates  
7:00-8:00 pm April 30<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Candidates  
Friday April 25<sup>th</sup>  
5:30-6:30 pm April 28<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Candidates  
7:00-8:00pm April 30<sup>th</sup> Candidates

Sunday April 27<sup>th</sup> 4:00-5:00pm April 28<sup>th</sup>  
Confirmation Candidates and Sponsors

Tuesday April 29<sup>th</sup> 7:00-8:00 pm April 30<sup>th</sup>  
Confirmation candidates and sponsors.

### **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: Julio, 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

### **VIDEO AND GROUP PHOTOS OF THE SACRAMENTS:**

Order forms to purchase a video and group photo shot of Confirmation or the First Eucharist Classes can be obtained by calling

**Nettie at the parish office, or by stopping by the parish office for an order form.**

**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**

**Youth Ministry Corner**

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 that 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**



**\$150**

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 **\$150** for the weekend (transportation, meals, registration) Fund raising is done to bring down the cost (i.e. Luminary sales).

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

**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. **See Full page form in this bulletin.**

**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!



**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.
- 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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