

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

Saturday

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

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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. Jane Quinn

Phone 587-4152

A welcoming community

OUR PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor	Rev. James J. McGarry
Parochial Vicar	Rev. John O'Bell
Deacon	Leo Lynn
In Residence	Rev. Philip Altavilla, V.E.
Dir. Of Rel. Ed/Family Ministry	Nettie Goldate
Dir. Of Youth & Young Adult Min.	Stephen Wallo
Director of Music/Organist	Jennie Pitkus
Associate Organist	Maria Fay
Associate Organist	Ann Marie Zakarauskas
Pastoral Associate.....	A. Carol Salva
Parish Secretary	Debbie Waters
Maintenance.....	Peter Serine
Sacristan OLS	Matt Gerlach
Sacristan CSB	Sal Conaboy
Cub Master.....	Steven Gember

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 or 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.



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 this 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 calls 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 grades 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

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME August 16, 2009

*"This is the bread that came down from heaven.
Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died,
whoever eats this bread will live forever."
-- John 6: 57-58 --*

BAZAAR NEWS

Our **Annual Country Bazaar 2009** is now complete. Although it usually takes a while to have a final financial report available, we know that this year's Bazaar was a huge success. The weather turned out to be fantastic, the best weather of the summer to date. The turnout was unbelievable. There were huge crowds, the largest we have ever seen. (At least it seemed that way.) The workers were great in number and even greater in spirit and willingness to help. The food, as always, was fantastic. There were many, many compliments and the need to go back to the stoves and prepare more food because it went so quickly with the large crowds. All of the games and stands were snags left you are reading this bulletin on Saturday, August 8, there is still time for you to come to the Bazaar which will be open until 11:00 P.M. on Saturday evening, August 8.

Please join us for an enjoyable evening.

If you are reading this on Sunday, the Bazaar is already history but no report is available. A very special **Thank You** to all who helped in any way with the 2009 Country Bazaar. (Special thanks to our chairpersons, **Pat Pasqualichio and Sue Burke.**) Your generous help and participation is appreciated very much. The help of so many is what makes the Country Bazaar a success year after year. May God bless all of you! More specific thanks and details will be available in next week's bulletin.

"LIVING CHRIST" RETREATS UNIVERSAL CALL TO HOLINESS

The **Second Vatican Council** reminded us that **all** members of the church are, by their Baptism, **called to holiness**. Holiness is not for the "elite" few but for every member of the Church. In response to the recommendation of our Parish Pastoral Council. Our parish is beginning to sponsor, on a regular basis, parish retreats. These retreats are intended for all members of our parish community. For the convenience of all, these retreats will be held at the parish and be presented by members of the. There will be no need to travel or stay overnight or miss work.

The first of these retreats will be held on **Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, August 27, 28 and 29.**

Please pray for God's blessing on this retreat and on those participating in it. Ongoing prayer is essential to the success of the retreats because the spiritual growth, which is the purpose of the Retreat, can only be achieved with God's help and by God's action in our lives. Thank you in advance for your prayers. (There is a limit of about thirty people for each retreat.) If you are interested in participating in the near future, please call The parish office and leave your name and phone number. Spouses of all participants are invited to participate. The spouse does not have to be Catholic in order to participate.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Your **Sacrificial Offering** for last weekend amounted to **\$13,312.76**. **Thank you** for your **Sacrificial Offering** which makes possible the day-to-day life of our parish with its many ministries and the requirements of maintenance of our beautiful properties. **Thank you for all that you do!**

In order to make ends meet, we need to average **\$16,200.00** a weekend. Anything you can do to help us reach that figure in these challenging times will be greatly appreciated.

PARISH FINANCES: A DEFICIT

For a variety of reasons including the difficult economy, our envelope income for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, was down about 3.4 % (\$32,183) from the previous years. We had projected a 4% increase. This left us with unpaid bills at a time when bills were increasing with increased subsidies and bills for the new fiscal year – increases based on our increased income in the 2007-2008 fiscal year. With a very difficult July, the unpaid bills have increased to about **\$82,000**. We are very grateful for the continuing generosity of so many people. We need the help of everyone as we work at surviving this crisis in the economy. **Please consider an increase if you are able.** All we ask is whatever you are able to do and we know that these are difficult times. **Any increase or additional gifts will be appreciated very much.** We thank those who have already given some additional gifts in response to our great need.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday

7:00 A.M. Dolores Henley Mary Ellen Moran
12:10 P.M. Claude Welcome Ann Pricci

Tuesday

7:00 A.M. Paul Buntz Family
12:10 P.M. Leo Lynott Rita/Bill Gilligan

Wednesday

7:00 A.M. Stella Jagielski M/M Roy Bayless
12:10 P.M. Ann Marie Tomczyk Family

Thursday

7:00 P.M. Mary Beth Clarke Adams Mom/Dad
12:10 P.M. George Schumacher Nicole Iacono

Friday

7:00 A.M. Bill Kalt Dee/Bud Holt
12:10 P.M. Timothy Deery Mrs. Fran Lomeo

Saturday

4:00 P.M. Brian Ives Maureen Kearney
5:00 P.M. David (Nick) Philbin Travis Family
6:30 P.M. Genevieve Kobeski Rich/Mary Ellen Davison

Sunday

7:00 A.M. For all members of the parish
8:00 A.M. Frank Valvano Kashinsky
9:30 A.M. Maurice P. Longo M. Santina Muys
11:00 A.M. Margaret McAuvic Susan Shaute
11:15 A.M. Ann Morgan Chris/Sharon Calvey
12:20 P.M. Peter Palutis Dr/M Paul Mackarey

A PRAYER PLEASE- Your prayers are requested for all the sick and deceased members of our parish and community, especially Joseph Houlihan, Joseph J. Ruzbarsky, Bernadine Munley Muir and Christina Strain.

BAZAAR CHAIRPERSONS

Thank you to **Kathy Judge** and **Peter Brokus** for accepting the responsibility of **Co-Chairpersons** for the **2010 and 2011 Country Bazaars**. We wish them the best as they begin planning as soon as this year's Bazaar is over. Please be as cooperative and as helpful with the new chairpersons as you have always been. **Thanks for all you do!**

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OUR LADY OF PEACE SCHOOL

Our Lady of Peace School, a Catholic Elementary School, Grade K through 8, located at **410 N. Abington Road in Clarks Green**, next to the Church of Saint Gregory, is a part of the Holy Cross School System of the Diocese of Scranton. The school has enjoyed an excellent reputation from its founding as the parish school of Our Lady of the Snows Parish in 1954. **Openings for the 2009-2010 School Year are available in most of the grades.** For information or to register, please call the school office at 587-4152.

OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS 100TH YEAR

Our Lady of the Snows 100th year celebration will occur in 2011. We are beginning to prepare a historic time line of our church. If you have any pictures, articles or memorabilia you would like to share, please contact one of the following: Phyllis Ruzbarsky at 586-2119 or Jo Ann Carr at 586-3520 or Anna Scahill at ascahill@epix.net or Bonnie Sherman at bonniesherman@comcast.net.

CALENDAR

Thursday, August 20, 2009

7:00 P.M. Jamaica Mission Meeting

Parish Center * Church ** Large Conference Room

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

Room *** Gathering Room *******

BAPTISM

WILLIAM EDWARDS REGAN, son of Brian and Holly Edwards Regan will be born into Jesus' life and welcomed into the family of the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend. We congratulate him and his parents.

VIRTUS PROGRAM

All volunteers who work 20 hours or more with children **MUST** have the one time **Virtus** Training. If you have not attended training please call Carol at the Parish Center or please check the Diocesan website for future training sessions at www.dioceseofscranton.org, then click on Departments and Resources, then click on Virtus: Protecting God's Children.

LITURGY COMMITTEE NOTES

The Sacred Space, Furnishings, Vesture, Books

Do you know about the ALTAR LINENS?

Before the liturgical reforms of Vatican II, three linen cloths had to cover the altar for Mass - two underclothes and a white top cloth known as a fair linen. In addition to that, a smaller linen called a corporal was placed upon the altar just before the consecration to collect any crumbs and drips that might result from the Eucharistic action. Today the altar is

covered with a cloth of any worthy material. This cloth may cover just the tabletop of the altar or the top and sides, or it may be one of those full covers called Jacobean or laudean frontals that surround the entire altar in fabric. The cloth may be of other colors possessing Christian honorific or festive significance, provided that the uppermost cloth is always white in color. The instructions for Mass still call for a corporal as the specific cloth on which to rest the bread and wine to be consecrated. The word "corporal" comes from the Latin work for "body".

(Steve LaRue; *Marion Eagen 2002 Resource Publications, Inc., General Instruction of the Roman Missal/USCCB Publishing*)

Weekly Inspiration: 8/16/09 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

When we eat the Body and Blood of Christ, we are drawn into deeper communion with the Father.

Readings for Next Week: 8/23/09 Joshua 24:1-0a, 15-17, 18b; Ephesians 5:21-32; John 6:60-69

Music for Next Week: 8/23/09 Opening Song: "Sing to the Mountains" #364; Communion Song: "Bread That Was Sown" #486; Closing Song: "Glory and Praise to Our God" #351

NEIGHBORHOOD PARISH (NP) PROGRAM

Gatherings

The most important element of the Neighborhood Parish Program is invitation. We cannot be sure of our response to our invitations for we only plant the seeds. It is enough to INVITE because the recipient at least knows that he/she is important to our parish and is welcome. Neighborhood Parish Representatives can only be consistent, faithful, and available to the members of our groups.

If you were unable to ask your members to the Parish Bazaar, the Jamaican Ministry is going to have their first annual Share Jamaica collection on Saturday, September 12 and 19, 2009. You may contact your neighbors to see if they wish to give to the collections. Then leave a large container on your porch and bring the contents over that day. Or ask your members if they want to be a part of the volunteers for that day or be a part of the packing on Sunday, September 20, 2009. There will be much laughter and fun together. This would also be considered an invitation to a social activity. Remember it is enough to INVITE. This allows the Holy Spirit to work in the lives of others. For further information please call Carol at the Parish Center.

THE JAMAICAN MINISTRY: A Twinning Project

PENNY POWER: Beginning in August we will be collecting Penny Power for The Calvary Retreat House in Mandeville. Sr. Bernadette has been running the retreat house for 23 years. This safe haven for people is booked 50 out of 52 weeks a year for it has a great reputation through out the island as a place to come and get spiritually fed.

First Annual

SHARE – JAMAICA

Collection

OLS parking lot 2 Saturdays

September 12 & 19, 2009

9 AM to 11 AM

Please bring **NEW** items on these days for our twinning project with the **Passionist Mission in Jamaica**. Medical rehab items such as wheel chairs, walkers, crutches, etc. can be gently used and cleaned. On the days of the collection, we will need:

TRUCKS or VANS on the dates above to transport items to the storage site.

PEOPLE to accept items on the collection dates.

PEOPLE to pack items for shipping on **Sunday, September 20 from 9 AM until all items are packed.**

Please call Grace Dawgert 587-5437 or Carol Salva 586-1741 to volunteer. Some of the items needed include: **Dr. Carol Narkevic's Dental and Medical Clinics:** gauze, tape, and bandages, test strips for hemoglobin, glucose, cholesterol, urine, etc.; cotton balls, lancets, hand and wrist splints; alcohol wipes, AA and AAA batteries; canes, wheelchairs, crutches, walkers, slings, ace wraps, blood pressure cuffs, toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental hygiene products.

MEDICAL AND DENTAL PROFESSIONALS: You are needed to assist Dr. Carol Narcevic at her clinics. Please note the list above for items needed at the clinic, and call Dr. Dennis Dawgert at 587-5437 for information about volunteer opportunities.

JAMAICA MINISTRY MEETING: A meeting of the Jamaica Ministry will be held **Thursday, June 20, 2009** in the **Large Conference Room at 7:00 P.M.** Anyone who is interested in this ministry is welcome.

LETTERS AND CARDS TO OUR SERVICEMEN

Our servicemen are in need of cards and letters. Please drop them one and 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.

Mr. Terry O'Brien	Jones, Allen
C Company	Unit 931003 TFTS
3-19 Med Evac	APO AE 09391
FOB Sykes	
APO, AE 09351	

P.F.C. Jenkins	Kieth Kempinski ASGA
F.O.B. WARRIOR	ACO 1/111 th 56 SBCT
C.C.O. 15 TH BSB 2BCT ICD	Unit #6260
A.P.O. AE 09338	APO/AE 09378

VIRTUS PROGRAM

All volunteers who work 20 hours or more with children **MUST** have the one time Virtus Training. Virtus Training Sessions are scheduled at the **Parish Center of Our Lady of the Snows on Thursday evening, September 17, 2009, at 6:00P.M. or Saturday morning, September 26, 2009 at 9:00A.M.** Please call Carol at the Parish Center to register or please check the Diocesan website for future training sessions at www.dioceseofscranton.org, then click on Departments and Resources, then click on Virtus: Protecting God's Children.

CLUSTER #4 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

The Diocesan's Implementation Commission's Review of the Annual Cluster Implementation Plan for Cluster #4 (Our Lady of the Snows/Church of St. Benedict, Church of St. Gregory, Our Lady of the Abingtons, and St. Patrick) is as follows:

Appreciation: We wish to thank you for the prayer, reflection, and work which you have put into the *Called to Holiness and Mission* to date. We appreciate the time and effort you have given to designing your Annual Cluster Implementation Plan. Further Action Steps Needed; 1) Provide a list of the Partnership programs selected by your cluster no later than August 31, 2009 to the Diocesan Implementation Committee. The Implementation Committee is currently working on a list of programs to send to the Planning Commission. If anyone is interested in being on one of the subcommittees, please call Carol at the Parish Center.

TIPS FROM THE PARISH NURSES

Preventing the Flu: Good Health Habits Can Help Stop Germs

Avoid Close Contact. Avoid close contact with people who are sick; keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick too. **Stay home when you are sick.** If possible, stay home from work, school, and errands when you are sick. You will help prevent others from catching your illness. **Cover your mouth and nose.** Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. It may prevent those around you from getting sick. **Clean your hands.** Washing your hands often will protect you from germs. **Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.** Germs are often spread when a person touches his or her eyes, nose, or mouth. **Practice other good health habits.** Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids, and eat nutritious food.

Parish Nurse Grant from Scranton Area Foundation For Drug and Alcohol Awareness Support Group

Within the past year, our parish and surrounding communities have experienced several serious health issues and deaths among our teens and young adults from substance abuse. The Parish Nurse Ministry recognized the need for ongoing education and awareness groups and forums to be available for parents, teens and young adults. We hope to make the parish community and surrounding communities aware that early use of drugs and alcohol increases a person's chance of a more serious drug and alcohol abuse leading to addiction and serious health problems.

We applied for and received a Drug and Alcohol Awareness Support Group – Contingent Grant. We received part of the money (\$2,000) for the costs of a psychologist and general assistance to set up the program and to train and educate the nurses, for outside speakers, resource materials, supplies, and emergency funds. This is contingent that we raise the rest of the money (\$1,000) for expenses. We would like to ask for your help in raising the remainder of the money so we can start the training in the fall. If anyone is interested in donating to this project or would like to be involved please call Carol at 586-1741 or Beth McGuigan at 587-7641.

GARDEN FLOWERS ACCEPTED

If you have an abundance of garden flowers and would like to share them, the Art and Environment Committee can use them for altar flowers for Our Lady of the Snows and Church of Saint Benedict. Long stemmed and appropriately sized flowers work best such as Lupines, Lilies, Foxgloves, and Shasta Daisies.

Please call Mary Ann Cornell at 563-1560 or 945-3669 for details about pick-up and delivery. We will be happy to do the flower arranging.

RCIA INQUIRY SESSION

RCIA (Rite for Christian Initiation of adults) is a process through which non-baptized men and women enter the Catholic Church. It includes several stages marked by study, prayer, and rites at Mass. Inquiries into RCIA are open at all times, and all are welcome. **An RCIA Inquiry Session will be held on August 26, 2009 in the Large Conference of Our Lady of the Snows Parish Center.** For further information please contact either of the priests or Carol at 586-1741.

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

DIocese OF SCRANTON ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CLERK

– The Diocese of Scranton is seeking qualified candidates for the position of Accounts Payable Clerk. This position is responsible for processing all vendor bills and to ensure that the appropriate coding is accurate. The successful candidate will also be expected to establish a system of filing/tracking for all invoices and prepare reports accordingly. This is a full-time position which includes the benefits outlined in the Diocesan Personnel Handbook. Any on interested in applying for this position are asked to submit a letter of interest with salary requirement and a complete resume to: James Burke, Diocesan Director of Human Resources, 300 Wyoming Ave., Scranton, PA 18505.

THE CLARKS SUMMIT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH will hold a blood drive on Friday, August 21 from 1-6p.m.

CLOTHING & SHOE DRIVE will take place on August 15th – August 30th. Please drop off Clean, wearable adult and children's clothing and sleepwear, sneakers, shoes, sheets and linens, curtains, purses, belt, bags, hats, sock, sporting clothing and shoes, outdoor clothing and shoes, stuffed animals and soft cloth toys. We are unable to accept any items not on this list. Please do not include them. Please NO torn, wet or stained items. Drop off is at 621-629 Northern Boulevard, Clarks Summit, former Rainbow Market site, empty lot across from the South Abington Elementary School. Look for the big trailer with the sign! Please place all items in well-tied plastic bags. Bring donations to the location listed above on any of the dates listed above. That's it! Questions? Call Fibers of the Earth, LLC at 570-586-5242.

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN A series of weekly presentations on Saint John's Gospel will begin on Saturday, Sept. 12 at 10 a.m. at Saint Gabriel's Retreat House, Clarks Summit. For details and to register call 586-2791.

OLD FASHIONED HYMN SING will take place on Sunday, August 23, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Countryside Community Church, 14001 Church Hill Rd. For more information please call 570-587-3206

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD CHURCH, 633 Orchard St., Scranton, invites you to celebrate their **Annual**

Summer Parish Festival, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, August 20, 21 and 22. The Festival will feature games for adults and children, various raffles and A White Elephant Sale, Bake Sale, Live Entertainment and Delicious Food!

THE LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE SENIOR PROGRAM at Marywood University will holds its fall preview of course offerings and trips on Thursday, August 20, from 7-9 in the Latour Room (formerly the Crystal Room) in Nazareth Hall. Light refreshment will be served. Additional information can be obtained by calling 570-348-6292.

ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST BUFFET will be held at the Clarks Summit Fire Co., 321 Bedford St., Clarks Summit, PA on August 16, 2009 from 8:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. Adult \$7.00 and Child \$4.00.

MENDED HEARTS

Anyone with heart related ailments and their families are cordially invited to attend a meeting of MENDED HEARTS on Thursday, August 20, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be in the large conference room, 2nd floor Mercy Hospital, Scranton, PA. Our guest speaker that evening will be Dr. Anthony Perry. His topic will be "Diabetes vs. Heart 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.

FAMILY MINISTRY

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

On **Sunday August 9th 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.**

HELP NEEDED: We are looking for people who will be interested in helping with our monthly Bereavement Support Group. Training available. Anyone interested in serving in this very important parish ministry please call Nettie at 586-1741.

CONVERSATION CORNER

If we would become more Christ-like, we need to reflect on our behavior every day. Do our words, and actions reflect how Christ would have behaved? If not, what can we do to improve? A daily self examination does not have to be long and complicated. Ask the Spirit to help you see both what you have done well and what you need to work on. Put your reflections in a notebook and from time to time look it over. Gradually, you will see how the Spirit is helping you to become more Christ-like in all things.

FOR BETTER FOR WORSE FOR PARENTS

Reflection by Erma Bombeck

"I see children as kites. You spend a lifetime trying to get them off the ground. You run with them until you are both breathless...they crash...you add a longer tail...they hit the rooftop...you pluck them out of the spout. You patch and comfort, adjust and

teach. You watch them lifted by the wind and assure them that someday they'll fly. Finally they are airborne, but they need more string and you keep letting it out. With each twist of the ball of twine, there is a sadness that goes with the joy because the kite becomes more distant and somehow you know that it won't be long before that beautiful creature will snap the lifeline that bound you together and soar as it was meant to soar...free and alone.
Only then do you know that you did your job."

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 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

ATTENTION PARENTS OF SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN: Registration for Religious Education/First Eucharist and Confirmation for 2009-2010

ALL REGISTRATIONS FORMS ARE NOW DUE IN THE PARISH OFFICE.

Registrations forms have been mailed for the Religious Education program **grades K-8th**.

First Eucharist Registration and Confirmation Registration Forms have also been mailed in the Religious Education Registration Mailing sent out the last week of June. If you have not received a registration packet for your child/children please contact Nettie at the parish office.

All registration forms due in the parish office by August 1st.

OLDER CHILDREN WHO NEED TO RECEIVE FIRST RECONCILIATION/FIRST EUCHARIST OR CONFIRMATION:

If the student is older than 3rd grade and needs to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation and Eucharist, or is older than eighth grade and needs to receive the sacrament of Confirmation please call Nettie at the parish center to arrange to have the student instructed for the sacraments needed.

Cluster Leaders:

Thank you for helping the children in our parish community grow in their faith. Your time and talent is so greatly appreciated. May God continue to bless you and your family. Have a joyful, restful summer. We hope to see you all back next fall.

Please return teacher manuals, unused textbooks, and attendance records to the parish office as soon as possible.

PLEASE KEEP September 20, 2009 open on your calendar, we will be inviting you to join us for a special dinner in recognition of Catechetical Sunday. We hope that all will be able to attend.

CLUSTER LEADERS: PLEASE RETURN YOUR REGISTRATION FORM WITH YOUR CLASS SESSION DAY AND TIME TO NETTIE AT THE PARISH OFFICE IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO. FORMS WERE SENT OUT IN JUNE. YOU MAY ALSO CALL IN YOUR DAY AND TIME OF CLASS SESSION TO NETTIE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO HELP WITH SCHEDULING. Cluster Leader lists will be published in the bulletin at the beginning of September.

Cluster Leaders for Religious Ed. Needed:

GRADE 1 Teachers needed. Anyone interested in teaching First Grade Religion please call Nettie at the parish center 586-1741. We are also in need of grade levels 1-2-4-5- for our Sunday Program that meets at Our Lady of Peace School from 9:00-10:30 am. Volunteers to teach religious education grades K-8th are always needed. If you would like to teach a class or for more information about our religious education program please call Nettie at the parish center.

Youth Ministry Corner

The youth ministry at Our Lady of the Snows is all encompassing. **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.**

Scheduled Events for 2009

August 20thWildwood beach trip
November 19-22ndNCYC 09 Kansas City

Wildwood Beach Trip

OLS youth ministry is gearing up for a day trip to Wildwood, NJ! We're looking for High School Students and Families who want to have some fun in the sun one more time before the end of summer. We're looking at renting a Bus to take us to and from Clarks Summit to Wildwood. Wildwood is a great family area that offers free beaches and fantastic entertainment. Details are still being worked out but we'll be leaving at 6:00AM from OLS and leaving Wildwood at about 7:00PM. Call for more information!

Bazaar Setup

Thanks to everyone who came out to help in anyway with the OLS Bazaar! We had students for setup, cleanup, running stands, and the infamous garbage haulers: Team Trash! Thanks again for all you've done.

Pray for us as we're in Jamaica working at the retreat center, infirmary, college, and medical facilities!

- Steve Wallo
- Erin Phillips
- Casey Phillips
- Jillian Abballe