

*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 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
Parish Priest.....	Rev. Kevin Mulhern
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	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 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

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
August 29, 2010

**“ Conduct your affairs with humility,
and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts.
Humble yourself the more, the greater you are,
and you will find favor with God.”**
- Sirach 3:17-18 -

OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS 100TH YEAR

In observance of our **One Hundredth Year** of **parish life**:

We have begun a **Memory Wall** in the Gathering Room. Please bring in any photos you may have of events occurring at Our Lady of the Snows and place it on our Memory Wall (please print your name and address and phone number on it so that we can return it to you next year).

OUR LADY OF PEACE CLASSES TO RESUME

Students in Grades 1-8 at **Our Lady of Peace School** will return to class for the new academic year on **Monday, August 30**. Doors will open at 8:00 A.M., Monday through Friday. All classes will be dismissed at 11:45 A.M. on each day of that week. Students residing in the Abington Heights School District who ride the bus must be picked up by their parents at the 11:45 a.m. dismissal.

Kindergarten students will begin class on **Tuesday, September 7**. Students whose last name begins A-L will report on Tuesday; students whose last name begins M-Z will report on Wednesday, September 8. All students will report on Thursday, September 9.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Your **Sacrificial Offering** for the last weekend amounted to **\$13,552.90**. Thank you for your generosity. In order to make ends meet, we need to average **over \$16,200.000 each weekend**. Thank you for your generosity during these summer months that can be very hard on a church budget as people travel and vacation. Keep up the good work!

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.

Thank you for all that you do for our parish!

IMPROVEMENT FUND -- THANK YOU

Thank you to all who have already contributed to the annual **Parish Improvement Fund**. Your kindness and generosity is much appreciated and will be great help in maintaining our beautiful parish building and properties. If you have not yet contributed, you know that donations are always welcome. You can use the envelope you received in the mail or any envelope that you mark **Parish Improvement**. Thank you in advance. As of August 22, 2010, the amount contributed to the **Improvement Fund** amounted to **\$16,218.75**. **Thanks again to all!**

THANK YOU

Thank you, everyone, for your kindness in praying for me during the time of knee surgery and rehabilitation which is continuing. Please keep up the prayers. Thank you also for the many cards and notes and gifts. God bless you for your thoughtfulness.

Father McGarry

CALENDAR

Tuesday, August 31, 2010

7:00 P.M. R.C.I.A. Session of Inquiry ***

Wednesday, September 1, 2010

7:00 P.M. Just a Social

Friday, September 3, 2010

10:00 A.M. Friday Morning Company *

Parish Center * Church ** Large Conference Room

***** Church of Saint Benedict **** Small Conference Room ***** Gathering Room *******

LIFELINES – BULLETIN BRIEFS

His death is the ultimate sign of his mercy and of his willingness to suffer with and for us. Neither we nor our children have done anything to deserve his unconditional love and compassion, but we who mourn can entrust ourselves to his mercy. His death gives us hope that there is meaning in suffering. His resurrection also teaches us that there is life after tragedy, even the death of a child by suicide.

Gladys Sweeney, Ph.D., “Losing a Child to Suicide: Trusting in God’s Mercy,” USCCB Respect Life Program (2010-2011)

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday

7:00 A.M. John M Lowe Wife/Jessica/Family
12:10 P.M. Grace Becker Family

Tuesday

7:00 A.M. Robin Blackburn Jim/Marge Gallagher
12:10 P.M. Kate Frye Kay Gallagher

Wednesday

7:00 A.M. Joseph Houlihan M/M David Bartz
12:10 P.M. Olga Fox Joe Fox

Thursday

7:00 A.M. William D. Walsh Family
12:10 P.M. Eileen Short Karen/Frank Fata

Friday

7:00 A.M. Anita S. Boers M/M Nick Coyer
12:10 P.M. Daniel Duffy Jim/Marge Gallagher

Saturday

4:00 P.M. Daniel LaSorsa Thomas/Lisa Davis
5:00 P.M. Jane O’Dell Edw. Yasinskas Family
6:30 P.M. Mary Otley Family

Sunday

7:00 A.M. For all members of the parish
8:00 A.M. Lydia Yarema Lukaszewicz Famil
9:30 A.M. Robin Blackburn Jim/Marge Gallagher
11:00 A.M. Joseph J. Ruzbarsky Grambo Family
11:15 A.M. Nathan Noto Daughter
12:20 P.M. Donald Franko Gene Dziak Family

A PRAYER PLEASE- Your prayers are requested for all the sick and deceased members of our parish, especially Joseph Langan.

COUNTRY BAZAAR 2010 THANK YOU

Once again, with God's blessing and the wonderful participation and cooperation of so many members and friends of our parish community, our annual **Country Bazaar** (August 5, 6 and 7 – the 18th annual) was a great success. We appreciate the wonderful crowds and the wonderful time that everyone seemed to be having. A Country Bazaar like this is only possible with the participation and very hard work of a very large number of people. Thank you to all who helped in any way. The Bazaar was truly a wonderful experience. It was truly an experience of Church -- many people working and sharing together. A **special word of thanks** is extended to this year's chairpersons, **Peter Brokus** and **Kathy Judge**. **You did a great job.** A final financial report will be available as soon as all of the bills are received and paid. It usually takes a while. We will present the report in the bulletin as soon as it is ready.

Bazaar Volunteers
**Anyone knowing the whereabouts of a watch
that was lost at the Bazaar on Friday night,
please call the parish office – 586-1741**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our parish religious education program will begin classes for this year on **Sunday, October 3, 2010**, and **during that week**. As the year begins, we want to thank the very large number of **cluster leaders/teachers** who make this special program possible. Through their generous commitment, it becomes possible to offer classes on many, many different days and times and places. It also enables us to have small classes with much more personal attention than would be possible in larger classes. The location of the many of the cluster meetings in homes adds another rich dimension to the program. Discipline problems are reduced drastically and faith and religion become understood as a part of everyday life. As we thank the cluster leaders/teachers, we ask you to remember them in your prayers all during the year but especially at the beginning of the program year. **God bless you, cluster leaders/teachers!**

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

As always, we are in need of additional Ministers of Holy Communion. This need arises because of the number of weekend Masses and because the large number of ministers needed to provide Holy Communion under both species at each Mass in the parish. If you would be willing to share in this special ministry, please call Carol Salva or one of the parish priests and let them know that you are interested and willing. If you have any questions about this ministry and its opportunities and possibilities, please call and ask. Training sessions will be scheduled very soon. Please consider volunteering to be a Minister of Holy Communion. Your schedule can be accommodated and your preferences respected. Please consider this invitation.

LITURGY COMMITTEE NOTES

Do you know about Saint Gregory, the Great (+604), Pope, doctor of the church, whose memorial is September 3, 2010?

We are now in Summer Ordinary Time. We will be featuring a different saint each week in this column.

Saint Gregory came from a wealthy Roman family. He turned the family villa on the Caelian Hill into a monastery dedicated to Saint Andrew, which he himself entered. He was pope from 590 to his death (+604). Gregory restarted missionary work in northern Europe and sent Augustine of Canterbury to England. He asserted the primacy of the Bishop of Rome, and worked to reconcile East and West. Much of his correspondence and writings have survived, including sermons, the *Commentary of Job, Rule for Pastors*, and letters. Book II of his *Dialogues* is our primary source for the life of Saint Benedict.

Lesson: The nature of a person's vocation may change at different stages of life; Gregory served first in a civil position, then as a monk, then as a papal advisor while remaining a monk, and finally as Pope; even as Pope, his calling involved many different spiritual and secular duties.

(The Sourcebook 2010; 1999 Basilica Press Lessons from the Lives of the

Saints; Steve LaRue)

Weekly Inspiration: 8/29/10 **22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

We don't know God's plan for our lives but we trust in His love to guide us.

Readings for Next Week: 9/05/10 Wisdom 9:13-8b; Philemon 9-10, 12-17; Luke 14:25-33

Music for Next Week: 9/05/10 Opening Hymn; "Holy, Holy, Holy" #287; Communion Song: "One Bread, One Body" #494; Closing Song: "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" #558

THE NEIGHBORHOOD PARISH PROGRAM

What are Neighborhood Parish Representatives doing?

It is very easy to fulfill the role of Neighborhood Parish Representative during the spring, summer, and fall. This is an ideal time to both make a contact and invite to a social gathering in one easy phone call or card. This **INVITATION IS THE HEART** of the responsibility of the NPR as the liaison between the parish and parishioners. This invitation allows the Holy Spirit to work in people's lives. It helps the parish to meet the needs of our members by offering an **experience of community**, by **welcoming new people**, and by **reaching out to all parishioners by inviting them into the life of the parish**. Below is a list of ideas for Neighborhood Parish Reps to use during the year. **Choose one and you will fulfill both your contact and social for the year:**

NEW IDEA: HOME MASSES: From now until Labor Day,

Neighborhood Parish Reps are invited to host a Mass in your home or a convenient location. Several neighborhoods may go together. Fr. Kevin is anxious to provide this unique opportunity to experience the Eucharistic celebration in a relaxed, informal setting as the early Christians did regularly. You can have a simple social gathering afterwards with coffee and some cookies. Most often, people volunteer to bring something. Please call Fr. Kevin or Carol at the parish Office for available dates.

100th Anniversary Celebrations: Invite your neighborhood to participate in the 100th Anniversary committee. They need people to help with the Centennial Anniversary book and the

Gala Affair which will be held on March 5, 2011. This is a contact and big social coming up.

Social: This can be done in so many ways over the summer or fall such as; a pot luck supper, have donuts and coffee after mass for your neighborhood (you need to book the Gathering Room at the parish office); have an ice cream social.; just have people over for coffee and cake in the back yard, etc.

Collection for the Food Pantry: We are always in need of food for the pantry both at our church and in Dalton. Several NPRs contacted their members and asked for non-perishable items. They left a large container on their front porch and made no accounting for who gave what. The donations were anonymous and plentiful. The food was delivered to the parish or directly to the food pantry.

Annual Jamaica Share Collection: September 18 and 25, 2010 from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM. Please pick up your list in the back of the churches and read the Jamaica column in the bulletin. Contact your members and collect and deliver them to Our Lady of the Snows parking lot. Ask them to come join and help at the collection or help with the packing on Sunday, September 26, 2010. We have lots of fun that day, and you have made your contact and invited them to a social.

If anyone would like more information or is interested in becoming a Neighborhood Parish Representative, please call Carol at the Parish Office.

JAMAICA MINISTRY

JAMAICA MISSION TRIP: Carol, Ed, and JR Salva, Grace and Denny Dawgert, Nettie and Bob Goldate, Sharon LaRue, Linda DeNault, and Father Jim Price, CP left for Jamaica on August 9, 2010 and returned on August 13, 2010. Denny, Linda and Carol worked with Dr. Carol Narkevic at St. Vincent Strambi Medical clinic in Bull Savannah. Grace, Nettie, Ed and Carol met with Sister Una O'Connor, CP, president of the Catholic College of Mandeville, to discuss its programs, future plans and current needs. Grace, Ed, Nettie and Sharon accompanied Bro. Mike Stomber on a visit to the county owned poor house, which Bro. Mike visits weekly to provide religious services and companionship to the over 200 people that reside there. Bob Goldate and JR Salva spent 4 days painting and repairing Mount Calvary Retreat House. The painting pros were assisted by Grace, Carol, Nettie, Sharon, and Fr. Jim. Sharon painted all the black lines on the gazebo. Ed Salva assisted the cook, Beverly, in the kitchen in the preparation of our meals. The entire group met with the Twinning Team at St. Elizabeth's parish in Kingston to plan activities that we can do together next year. The whole group also met with Sister Bernadette Hughes, CP to discuss the retreat programs, future plans, and needs. The Passionist volunteers, five recent college grads who were just starting a year of service to the people of Mandeville, met with our group. There were five work and fun packed days that left us amazed, saddened, inspired, fatigued, and ready to accompany the people in the Passionist mission on our life's journey.

We will tell the story of the trip in the bulletin over the next few months. Watch this site for the amazing story of our friends in Jamaica. Please look for the list of items to donate to the Second Annual Share Jamaica Collection on

September 18 and 25, 2010 in the bulletin, on the bulletin boards, and in the back of both churches.

St. Elizabeth Parish and Preschool for 3-6 year olds: LAPTOP/DESK TOP COMPUTERS-NEW OR LESS THAN 3 YRS. OLD, PRINTER PAPER, ENVELOPES, STICKERS, CRAYONS, MARKERS, PENCILS, PENS, ERASERS, TABLETS, FOLDERS, CONSTRUCTION PAPER, PUZZLES, BOARD GAMES, CARD GAMES, MODELING CLAY, PLAY DOH, COLORING/STORY BOOKS, FLASH CARDS, PRIMARY & PRESCHOOL ECUDATION, CCD MATERIALS AND CURRICULUM GUIDES, LIGHT BLUE T SHIRTS SIZES 3 TO 8, NAVY BLUE SHORTS SIZES 3 TO 8, PLAYGROUND ITEMS, JUMP ROPES, CHALK, OUTDOOR TOYS, LEAPFROG OR OTHE PRESCHOOL COMPUTER GAMES AND DEVICES.

Catholic College of Mandeville: LAPTOP AND DESK COMPUTERS LESS THAN 3 YRS. OLD, COMPUTER PAPER, TABLETS, PENS, FOLDERS,, BOOKS ON LIBRARY SCIENCE, EARLY EDUCATION, COUNSELLING CURRICULUMS, JOURNALS, AND TEXT BOOKS LESS THAN 10 YEARS OLD, EDUCATIONAL COMPUTER GAMES FOR K TO 12(IF USED PLEASE DELETE YOUR DATA)

MORE ITEMS NEXT WEEK.

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.

(Please note change of APO as of 7/19/10)

PFC McGuigan, Shamus

D Co., 2-502 Inf.

2 BCT, 101st ABN Div.

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PARISH NURSE PROGRAM

A few tips to "stay young" as we grow older:

Exercise: Why? Physical activity burns calories. When you burn more calories than you eat each day, you will take off pounds. As we age most of us lose from 20 to 40 percent of muscle mass. The quality of muscle tissue in older adults is also decreased. Strength exercises can partly restore muscles and strength, often very quickly.

What You Can Do:

Talk to your doctor about how much exercise is right for you. A good goal for many people is to work up to exercising four to six times a week for 30 to 60 minutes at a time.

USHERS (MEN OR WOMEN) NEEDED

We are in need of men or women who would consider being an usher **at the 7:00A.M. Mass.** This is an easy task that we will train you for. For further information, please call Carol at the Parish Center.

FOOD PANTRY

The Saint Thomas Food pantry in Archbald is available for qualifying residents in the zip code 18411. The Pantry is open on Tuesdays from 10 AM to 12 Noon and is housed at the St. Thomas Aquinas Rectory located on 429 Church Street in Archbald. Please contact the Bread Basket of NEPA for qualification requirements at 343-2324.

CLEANING THE CHURCHES

We are in need of people to help clean Our Lady of the Snows and Church of St. Benedict's. This includes sweeping, vacuuming, cleaning the windows and dusting, and involves about 2-3 hours once monthly. We are in need of some people to help at Our Lady of the Snows in the

evening. For more information, please contact Carol at the parish center.

LECTOR TRAINING

We are in need of lectors at all of the masses and will be holding a lector training in the near future. The session will include liturgical catechesis, preparation, helpful hints, and discussion. Anyone who is interested should call the priests or Carol at the Parish Center.

RCIA INQUIRY SESSIONS

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) sessions are for adults of all ages, and for everyone (Catholics and non-Catholics alike):

*Never been baptized and finding an attraction to the Catholic faith;

*Non-Catholics who are considering the Catholic faith;

*Baptized Catholics wanting to complete their full initiation into the faith;

*Catholics who have drifted away from the church, who want to learn more about our faith, or who want to know enough to answer their children's or friend's questions.

An RCIA Inquiry session will be held on August 31, 2010, at 7:00 P.M. in the Large Conference Room of the Parish Center of Our Lady of the Snows Church.

All are welcome. For further information please call Carol at 586-1741.

WE THANK those who brought non-perishable this weekend. If you can, please bring any non-perishable items next weekend. Your generosity will not go unnoticed by a grateful Lord.

COMMUNITY NEWS

ABINGTON COMMUNITY PARK DOG PARK COMMITTEE will have a fund raiser. We need your help and tax deductible donation. Abington Senior Center on Sunday, August 29 from 6:00p.m. to 9:00 p.m.. Food, Spirits and Silent Auction. Tickets on Sale at following community offices: So. Abington Twp., Clarks Summit Boro., Clarks Green Boro. And Glenburn Twp. For questions please call 586-5866.

TOUR de SHUNK... Father Joe Hornick will be participating in this year's Tour de Shunk bicycle race. The 100 mile tour will be held on September 19, 2010. You can get in on the fun and support Father Joe by donating a minimum of 10 cents or more for each mile Father Joe will complete. A drawing will be held of all the winning entries. The winner will receive ½ of the total money raised. The other half will go to the Youth Group. Please contact the rectory to place your wager. PS Father Joe is training on a STATIONARY BIKE!!!

WAVERLY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH annual Labor Day Bullroast will be held on Monday, September 6th, 2010 on the grounds of Waverly United Methodist Church; 103 Church St., Waverly. Serving from 1-5p.m. Adults \$12.50 and children under 10 \$6.00. Tickets will be available at the door or contact Heather Gatz @ 585-5479. Take-outs Available.

OUR LADY OF THE ABINGTONS 43RD ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL will be held on Saturday & Sunday, September 11th & 12th. Saturday: 5:00 p.m. until 11:30 p.m. Pig Roast (starting 5:00 p.m.) Music by the Poets

(7:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.) Sunday: 11:30 A.M. until 6:00 P.M. Chicken Bar-B-Que (starting at Noon) Music is Jake from Froggy 101 (12:00 P.M. until 4:00 P.M.). Car Cruisers: All Cruisers Welcome. Free parking & Free admission.

EVERYBODY LOVES BETTY Silent & Live Auction. An Afternoon of Friends, Fine Art & Treasured Items from 3:30 – 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 19 at Fatima Renewal Center, Dalton, Pa. Tickets are \$20 advance/\$25 door. For more information and tickets please call 586-1672.

9th ANNIVERSARY WORLD TRADE CENTER LITURGY OF REMEMBRANCE with: Civil Ceremonies at St. Ann Basilica 1250 St. Ann St., Scranton, PA on Friday September 10, 2009 at 7P.M. Music by: St. Ann Music Ministry Jim Sweeney on Bagpipes.

“Weekend Youth Retreat: Up and Over, Sept. 17-19 – at Fatima Renewal Center, Dalton. Weekend retreat for 7th & 8th grade students features fun activities and events, including outdoor obstacle course. Theme: “Teamwork and Recognizing God's Gifts.” Retreat experience also includes Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, movie, free time, buffet-style meals and private rooms. Arrival time is Friday at 7p.m.; departure is Sunday at 1pm. COsat \$110 (includes \$25 non-refundable deposit). Registration deadline: Sept. 8. For more information & registration, contact Fatima Center at 561-8500 or register online at www.fatimarenewalcenter.org.

FAMILY MINISTRY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The next bereavement session will be on Wednesday **September 1st at 10:00 am** and Sunday **September 19th 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.**

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE a weekend program to help heal from loss of a spouse through death, divorce or separation. For more information call Ann at 587-2851 or Mary at 629-0651 or visit www.beginningexperience.org

Post-Abortion Support: Project Rachel and Rachel's Vineyard diocesan retreat www.hopeafterabortion.org or contact Catholic Social Services 207-2283 or 822-7118

ADULT SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

The following retreats will be given at St. Gabriel's Retreat Center. All retreats begin on Friday evenings at 7 pm and end after the noon meal on Sunday. Preached retreats consist of conferences on the spiritual life, time for personal reflection, prayer service, opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and Liturgy. Suggested fee for the weekend is \$90 (include meals on Saturday and Sunday. The Fall Preached Retreat Schedule is as follows:

- September 10-12 "Be Not Afraid –Women's Retreat directed by Br. Andre Mathieu, CP
 - September 17-19 Women's Retreat directed by Rev. Kenan Peters, CP
 - October 10-13 The Emotional Passion of Jesus –A Retreat on The Passion of Jesus Christ (for men and women) directed by Br. Andre Mathieu, CCCC
- For more information or to register please call Kathy at 586-4957

CURSILLO

The weekend consists of spiritual talks, discussion, daily Mass, prayer time and the availability of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The "talk" part is built around 15 short presentations given by clergy, religious, and laypersons. After each instruction small groups discuss material presented. Any person of the Catholic Faith 18 years and over (including priest, deacons, and religious) who wish to strengthen their spiritual lives may attend Cursillo Weekend . Must register to attend.

Women's Weekend: Sept. 30-Oct.3rd at St. Gabriel's Retreat Center

Men's Weekend: Nov. 11-15th at St. Gabriel's Retreat Center.

For more information please call Nettie at the parish center, Deacon Leo Lynn at 586-5876 or visit the website www.scranton.cursillo.com

CONVERSATION/REFLECTION CORNER

Have you ever given someone something or helped someone in their time of need and then later complained that they did not seem to appreciate what you had done for them? Such a feeling is a sign that what you did was really for yourself and no thanks is deserved. When we give, it should not be in order to receive a reward of any kind,- not even gratitude. We are only doing what we should as good disciples. In fact, the more quietly and anonymously we can help others the better. We should never make anyone feel indebted to us. How freely do you give to others?

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.

Are you unhappy in your marriage? — 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? 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 confidential information about or to register for the September program beginning with a weekend on Sept. 24-26th at the Fatima Renewal Center, Dalton call **1-800-470-2230** or visit the website www.HelpOurMarriage.com

- **Marriage Encounter Weekend** (marriage enrichment for couples who want to make a good marriage better) will be the weekend of **Oct. 15-17, 2010** at the Fatima Renewal Center, Dalton. For

more information please call Ed & Diane at 876-1610 or 800-787-7679 or visit www.wwme-nepa.org

MOTHER'S HELPER AVAILABLE

Two responsible high school girls of our parish are available for hire as a mother's helper. Anyone interested may call Nettie at the parish office 586-1741

MOMS AND TOTS GROUP

Looking for interested participants in a monthly moms/caregivers of toddlers fellowship group. Please call Nettie at the parish office 586-1741 if interested.

Care-Giver Support

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PLEASE HELP OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM:

We are in need of religious education instructors (cluster leaders) for all grades K-8th—most especially grades 1 We also NEED grades -2 -4 and 5 for our Sunday Program which meets 9-10:30 am at Our Lady of Peace School beginning in October.

If you are willing to help please call Nettie at the parish center as soon as possible.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Registration forms for this coming year's religious education program are now due in the parish office.

First Eucharist and Confirmation Registration Forms have been mailed if your child is in 2nd or 8th grade and will be receiving the sacrament of First Eucharist (Grade 2) or Confirmation (Grade 8) and did not receive a registration form for these sacraments please call Nettie at the parish office as soon as possible.

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.

Memo to Cluster Leaders:

Please return all teacher manuals, unused student books, bibles and attendance roster to Nettie at the parish office

Please send or call Nettie your cluster group's day, time and location as soon as possible. Cluster lists will be published in the bulletin the beginning of September.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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.**

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