

## THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME February 3, 2008

*"Seek the Lord, all you humble of the earth,  
who have observed his law;  
seek justice, seek humility;"*  
-- Zephaniah 2:3 --

### FEAST OF SAINT BLAISE

Today, February 3, is the **Feast of Saint Blaise**, the saint who is known for intercession on behalf of people with ailments of the throat. It is the traditional day for the **Blessing of Throats**. Because this feast falls on a Sunday, the Mass of the Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time is celebrated. At the end of each Mass this weekend (Saturday and Sunday), the presiding priest will bless the throats of all present as part of the final blessing of the Mass. Those who wish may remain after Mass and have the individual prayers with a blessed candle prayed over each one individually by the priest or one of the Ministers of Holy Communion.

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Your **Sacrificial Offering** for last weekend amounted to **\$12,378.61**.

The **Christmas Offering**, as of Monday, January 28, amounted to **\$66,000.41**. **Thank You!**

**Thank you** very much for your generous sharing with your parish community each weekend and at Christmas. 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!)

### WINTER WEATHER

Because we have come to depend on your regular generosity in order to make ends meet, please, if at all possible, consider making up your weekly offering the following week whenever the bad winter weather prevents you from getting to Mass on a weekend. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

### 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.

### LENT 2008

This **Wednesday, February 6, 2008**, marks the beginning of the special and holy season of **Lent** with our observance of **Ash Wednesday**. Lent is the season of the Church year during which **Catechumens** complete their preparation for **Baptism** during the **Easter Triduum** and the **already baptized** prepare to **renew their Baptism** during the **Easter Triduum**. The **Easter Triduum** is the name of the three great holy

days during which we Christians remember and celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ for us (this year from the **evening of Holy Thursday, March 20, to the evening of Easter Sunday, March 23**).

Please use the next couple of days to finalize your plan for keeping holy the season of Lent so that you will be prepared at Easter to renew your Baptism and your promise to reject sin and follow Jesus faithfully.

### ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE

**Ash Wednesday**, the first day of the holy season of **Lent**, will be observed on **February 6, 2008**. Our schedule for **Mass and Distribution of Ashes** on that day is as follows:

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

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

**4:00 P.M. Prayer Service** with Distribution of Ashes at Our Lady of the Snows Church

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

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

### THE EASTER TRIDUUM

The **Easter Triduum** will begin on **Holy Thursday, March 20, 2008**, with the **Mass of the Lord's Supper** celebrated at 7:00 P.M. in the Church of Saint Benedict. On **Good Friday, March 21, 2008**, the **Commemoration of the Lord's Death** will take place at **7:00 P.M.**, in the Church of Saint Benedict. On **Holy Saturday, March 22, 2008**, the **Easter Vigil** will be celebrated at **8:00 P.M.**, in the Church of Saint Benedict. On Easter Sunday, March 23, 2008, we will have our regular Easter Sunday Mass schedule (to be published in future bulletins). Please mark your calendars now and plan to gather with your parish community to keep these days holy.

### LENTEN FAST AND ABSTINENCE

**Ash Wednesday, February 6, and Good Friday, March 21**, are days of **Fast and Abstinence**. All of the **Fridays of Lent** are days of **Abstinence**.

All of the faithful who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence. On a day of abstinence, no meat may be eaten by anyone obliged by this law.

All of the faithful from the age of 18 to their 59<sup>th</sup> birthday are obliged by the law to fast. On a fast day, those obliged by this law eat only one full meal and two partial meals unless dispensed or excused.

**CATECHUMEN: An unbaptized adult who has been formally welcomed into the Catechumenate by the public Rite of Welcome.**

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Stations of the Cross** will be prayed in **Our Lady of the Snows Church** each **Friday evening of Lent** at **7:00 P.M.** All are invited to participate. On Friday, March 14, 2008, the Living Way of the Cross will be presented by high school students of our parish and community.

### FORTY HOURS DEVOTIONS

Our annual **Forty Hours Devotions** with **Eucharistic Adoration** will be held on **Sunday, February 10, Monday, February 11, and Tuesday, February 12.** On Sunday, Adoration will begin at the conclusion of the 11:15 A.M. Mass in Our Lady of the Snows Church. On Monday and Tuesday, Adoration will begin immediately following the 7:00 A.M. Mass in Our Lady of the Snows Church. On all three days, Adoration will conclude with a Service at 7:00 P.M. **Father Thomas Major**, who grew up in Our Lady of the Snows Parish and was in residence here for several years when he served as Chaplain at Clarks Summit State Hospital and is currently pastor of Saint Ann's Church in Shohola, PA, will preach the homily at the three evening services.

### LENTEN ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The annual **Lenten Adult Religious Education Program** sponsored by the parishes of our region will be presented in the **Gathering Room** on the lower level of **Our Lady of the Snows Church** on **Sunday, February 17, 2008, Sunday, February 24, 2008, and Sunday March 2, 2008.** The program will begin at **7:00 P.M. and conclude at 8:30 P.M.** each of those evenings. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us. Please check the insert in today's bulletin for more details regarding our speaker and the topics of each presentation.

### LITTLE LENTEN SACRIFICES

Once again this year the Women's Guild is sponsoring the Little Lenten Sacrifice program. Each week during lent, we are asking you to make a little sacrifice. Please take a sheet from the church entrances with the weekly items needed listed on it. Each week during Lent purchase an item on the list. When all the items listed have been purchased, please return it to the church. We are collecting the basic necessities for the Women's Resource Center. The Women's Resource Center operates a 24 hour hotline in Lackawanna and Susquehanna Counties to provide assistance from domestic violence. All services are free and confidential. When women go to the Resource Center, they leave their houses with nothing. These women need the basic necessities to help them get a fresh start. Week 1 – Deodorant, Week 2, - toothbrush & toothpaste, Week 3 – Hair comb/brushes, Week 4, Ladies socks, Week 5 – Shampoo/conditioner and Week 6 -- Body wash/gel. Thank you in advance for participation. The OLS/CSB Women's Guild.

### BAPTISM CLASS FOR PARENTS

The next **Baptism Class for parents** will be on **Sunday evening, March 30, 2008, at 6:30 P.M.** A Baptism class is required for all parents of children being baptized. If parents have already attended one of these classes, they are not required to attend one before the Baptism of another baby. Parents may attend these classes at any time before the Baptism. Parents may choose to attend the class before the birth of their baby if this is more convenient. Godparents are more than welcome to attend. Please call the parish office (586-1741) to register.

### CALENDAR

#### Sunday, February 3, 2008

11:15 A.M. OLS Choir

#### Tuesday, February 5, 2008

4:00 P.M. Altar Server Training \*\*

7:00 P.M. Women's Guild

#### Wednesday, February 6, 2008

1:00 P.M. Bible Study \*

6:00 P.M. Just a Social \*

#### Thursday, February 7, 2008

7:00 P.M. Pastoral Council \*\*\*

#### Friday, February 8, 2008

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

7:00 P.M. Stations of the Cross \*\*

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

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

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

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

#### Monday

7:00 A.M. Brian Sheridan, Jr. Jerry/Marilyn Graff

12:10 P.M. Clarence Geodritis M/M Jack Lee

#### Tuesday,

7:00 A.M. Helena Roehl M/M Robert Morgan

12:10 P.M. Donald Eline Michael/Mary

Ann/Kaitlyn

Sanders

#### Wednesday

7:00 A.M. Margaret L. Hornbeck Friend

12:10 P.M. Mary McGuinness Family

#### Thursday

7:00 A.M. Special Intention Friend

12:10 P.M. Mary Walski Marty/Bonnie

#### Pentasuglio

#### Friday

7:00 A.M. William E. Haggerty Elaine Guzek

12:10 P.M. Joseph Aveline Wife

#### Saturday

4:00 P.M. Daniel Tullock Marion Bede

5:00 P.M. Florence/Patrick Ann Roslund

Prendergast

6:30 P.M. Robert Nole Wife

#### Sunday

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

8:00 A.M. Cyril Franko Family

9:30 A.M. Suzanne Matri James TeDESCO, Jr.

11:00 A.M. Brian Sheridan Janeski Family

11:15 A.M. Henry Sacchetti, Jr. Hawk Family

12:20 P.M. Paul Yadouga M/M Al Czopek

**A PRAYER PLEASE-** Your prayers are requested for all the sick and deceased members of our parish and community and especially Peter Palutis and Theodore Jaditz.

### 2007 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

**Thank you** to all who have made a pledge or gift to this year's Diocesan Annual Appeal. Your Generosity will help the Church at the diocesan level to accomplish much good in the name of all of us. To date, members of our parish have pledged **\$73,638.00** to this year's Diocesan Annual Appeal. This represents **71%** of our parish goal of **\$103,300.00** and the participation of **636** families or individuals in our parish. **If you have not already made a pledge or a gift, it is not too late.** If you pledged, your payments begin to come due this month. You will receive a reminder from the Diocesan Appeal Office. **Thank you again for all that you do for the Church in our parish and our diocese.**

### MENDED HEARTS

"Anyone with heart related ailments and their families are cordially invited to attend a meeting of MENDED HEARTS, in the large conference room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Mercy Hospital, Scranton, PA. Tom Walsh, Mercy Hospital Chef, will be the guest speaker. He will be demonstrating how to prepare a heart healthy dessert. Applications for membership will be available at the meeting for those wishing to become members of this organization. The public is welcome. For additional information, please contact Jack Walsh at 340-4842.

### DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

The regular quarterly meeting of the Upper Lackawanna – Wayne District, Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, will be conducted on **Sunday, February 17, 2008**, in **Our Lady of the Snows Church**, Clarks Summit. Rev. Joseph Hornick will conduct the Benediction Service. **Registration is at 12:45 P.M.** **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** will take place at **1:00 P.M.** and the **Benediction Service** at **1:30 P.M.** The District Meeting will follow in the parish meeting room downstairs. Nancy Addley, District President, will conduct the meeting. Bonnie Sherman, Parish President, is coordinating the event. **All women are invited to attend.**

### 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.

### NEW IN THE PARISH?

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

### WEEKLY BULLETIN ON PARISH WEB PAGE

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

### BULLETIN BRIEFS

A Catholic cannot vote for a candidate who takes a position in favor of an intrinsic evil, such as abortion or racism, **if the voter's intent is to support that position.** In such cases a Catholic would be guilty of formal cooperation in grave evil. At the same time, a voter should not use a candidate's opposition to an intrinsic evil to justify indifference or inattentiveness to other important moral issues involving human life and dignity.

"Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship," (no.34),  
USCCB, Nov. 14, 2007

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

Resources, then click on *Virtus: Protecting God's Children*. We will be scheduling a Virtus Training in January or February. Please watch the bulletin.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

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

**CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY ....** Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 5, 2008. All you can eat pancakes, Sausages, Fruit cups, coffee, tea, milk and Orange juice. Parish Hall 1003 Church Hill Rd., Glenburn 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. No Charge- Donations are accepted. For questions, please call 570-563-1564.

**HOLY ROSARY BINGO ...** Doors open at 4:30p.m. Early birds at 6:30p.m. Holy Rosary Center, Wayne Ave & West Market St. Double Jackpot night will be held February 5, 2008. We will have two (2) guaranteed \$1,000.00 Jackpots. \$2,000.00 may be waiting for you !!! For more information call the rectory 342-4881.

## LITURGY COMMITTEE NOTES

### Did you know?

For the past few weeks, the Gospel has recounted the beginning of the public ministry of Jesus. Today the Gospel shifts focus to the meaning of discipleship. This begins with the proclamation of the Beatitudes. The Beatitudes are the great guide for Christian living. The also foreshadow the cost of discipleship – insult and persecution. Following Jesus may indeed carry a cost.

On Ash Wednesday, February 6, 2008, we will go to church clean and come home dirty. Instead of fasting and doing penance in private, today we proclaim our penance to the world. "Did you get your ashes?" people will ask. It may be better to ask "Do you mean your ashes?"

(Written by Steve LaRue; Sourcebook 2008)

Weekly Inspiration: 2/03/08 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Jesus teaches us how to stay in right relationship with God.  
Readings for Next Week 2/10/08 – Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7;  
Romans 5:12, 17-19; Matthew 4:1-11

## 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.dioceseofscanton.org](http://www.dioceseofscanton.org) then click on Departments and

## NEIGHBORHOOD PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Our Lady of the Snows/Church of St. Benedict has a goal of placing all parishioners in a small group with 10-15 families who live in the same natural, geographic neighborhood. It is now in its fourth year of operation through the Neighborhood Parish (NP) program.

Neighborhood parishes cannot function without NP Representatives, couples or individuals, who fulfill the program goal of welcoming and inviting every member of our very large parish to participate in the life of the parish. This is a very important position, but easy to carry out with a minimal amount of time and effort. With almost five years of experience, our parish staff is ready to assist with ideas, networking, and planning social events.

If you are not currently in a Neighborhood Parish, please consider calling Kate or Carol at the Parish Center to find out more about the role of Neighborhood Parish Representative. 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.

## PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

There are baskets in the back of each church to collect palms from last year. These palms will be burned and the ashes used for distribution on Ash Wednesday.

## LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

### *The Passion and Resurrection Narratives of Jesus*

**This seven week guided study is being held at Our Lady of the Snows from February 19, 2008 until April 1, 2008.** The sessions are complete with lecture, group discussion and individual lesson assignments. (See [www.littlerockscripture.org](http://www.littlerockscripture.org)) Two sessions are available: Tuesday morning from 9:00-11:00A.M. or Tuesday evening from 7:00-9:00P.M. **Childcare is available if needed.** The cost is \$17.00 and includes study book, questions, and lecture. **The deadline for reservations is February 5, 2008.** For further information, please contact Carol at the Parish Center.

## 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.

## ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

We continue to need altar servers at both churches. Training will be held on **Tuesday, February 5, 2008 at 4:00P.M. at Our Lady of the Snows Church.** Any boy or girl completing the third grade or above is eligible. For further information, please call either of the priests or Carol at the Parish Center at 586-1741.

## OPERATION RICE BOWL

Operation Rice Bowl is the Lenten solidarity program of Catholic Relief Services. We join in the traditional practices of Lent and pray as a community, fast in solidarity with those who are hungry, give concrete assistance to those most in need, while we learn about the joys and challenges in the lives of our brothers and sisters around the world. 75% of the contributions to Operation Rice Bowl come to Catholic Relief Services and support development projects that help families and communities around the world. 25% of the Operation Rice Bowl contributions remain in our diocese to fund local poverty and hunger alleviation efforts. Each week in this column we will feature a different country that you have helped with your contributions.

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.

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

The next bereavement session will be on **Wednesday Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am in the large conference room.** For more information call Nettie at 586-1741. .  
**Bereavement Support for Parents: Please call Sue Brier at 586-2162.**

**CONVERSATION CORNER**

Take some time to reflect on the Beatitudes. What do they mean? How are these qualities reflected in your life? Do you hunger for holiness, show mercy, and seek peace? Do you harbor grudges or resent the good fortunes of others? Do you make time to grow in your relationship with God or are you too busy with other things? Consider how you might grow in the

qualities expressed in the Beatitudes and pray for the grace to grow in your hunger for holiness.

**FOR BETTER FOR WORSE**

Let your partner be who God designed them to be and then learn from each other.

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND:**  
It is not too early to think about the BEST present you can give each other for Valentine's Day—a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend—where you can have a face-to-face, heart-to-heart encounter with the one you've decided to spend your life with. The next weekend will be held in Bethlehem, PA, **February 15-17, 2008.** For information call -1800-787-7679 or on the web at [www.meallentown.org](http://www.meallentown.org).

**RETROUVAILLE PROGRAM FOR MARRIAGES**  
Take care of your marriage. Everything over time needs to be spruced up. So why not your relationship? The **Retrouvaille Program** is a spin-off of Marriage Encounter. It is a French word that means "re-discover". The program concentrates on a communication technique that will improve the marriage relationship, as well as conflict management, issues of trust, forgiveness and intimacy. The next local program will be given on **Feb. 8-10 at the Fatima Renewal Center in Dalton.** For more information or to register please call **1-800---470-2230**. Check out the website at [www.helourmarriage.org](http://www.helourmarriage.org).

**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 NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!**

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

### FIRST EUCHARIST PARENT MEETING

There will be a parent meeting of children receiving First Eucharist on **Sunday March 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm** in the Gathering Room **OR** on **Tuesday March 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm**.

Please plan on attending this important meeting. (This schedule reflects a change in the original schedule given out earlier in the school year)

**CLUSTER LEADERS AND PARENTS: PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENT IS THIRTY (30) HOURS OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PER YEAR.**

Cluster Leaders please make sure you make up cancelled sessions, and parents please take your child's attendance seriously in our religious education program.

### WINTER WEATHER CANCELLATION PROCEDURE FOR SUNDAY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

During inclement weather on Sunday mornings, please check our website at [www.OLSSB.com](http://www.OLSSB.com) or call the rectory at 586-1741 and press #5 on the menu for the holiday schedule. Also watch WBRE TV Channel 3. Announcements will be made by 8:30am in case of class cancellation.

## CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Please submit your confirmation name and sponsor's name if you have not already done so. Also sponsors need a sponsor card from their parish (not if they are a member of Our Lady of the Snows/Church of St. Benedict). This information is due to later than January 31<sup>st</sup>.

## CONFIRMATION RETREATS:

(NOTE DATE AND LOCATION CHANGE)

**Parents: If you did not receive a letter about this retreat call Nettie at the parish office immediately.**

**Permission slip sent to students home, must be returned to the parish office as soon as possible.**

- Confirmation candidates **MUST** attend one of the following retreats.
- **Measurements for confirmation robes will be taken at this time.**
- **Permission slip needs to be returned to parish office before attending scheduled retreat.**
- The Fatima Renewal Center is located on Seminary Road in Dalton across from Our Lady of the Abingtons Church
- When entering main entrance to the Fatima Center please drive around to the rear of the building.
- Closing for students and their families and sponsors will be mass at 4:00pm in the chapel at the Fatima Center. Dismissal will be immediately after mass.

**February 2<sup>nd</sup> (For students last names beginning A-K) FATIMA RENEWAL CENTER, DALTON**

**or February 16<sup>th</sup> (students last names beginning L-Z) FATIMA RENEWAL CENTER, DALTON.**

10:00am arrival, with closing mass at 4:00pm (Parents, family, and sponsors invited)

### CONFIRMATION SERVICE HOURS

**30 HOURS TOTAL (15 Parish-15 community)**  
**All service projects and hours must be submitted by March 27, 2008.**

Please call Nettie at the the parish office and submit your name to be called for upcoming parish projects. If you are in need of hours.

1. Call Steve Wallo for future parish and community service projects at 586-1741 or check a Youth Ministry Corner in Bulletin
2. Waverly Elementary PTA can use help 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm at the school. Call Mary at 575-1691 for more information.
3. Call Patty Rowland @ 587-5572 or Mary Jo Loboda @ 563-0912 for collection of items needed for Haiti Project.
4. Clean snow from sidewalks and driveway without being told
5. St. Francis Soup Kitchen call 342-5556
6. Cleaning of the Church call Carol at 586-1741
7. Do light housekeeping for an elderly relative or friend.
8. Volunteer to walk a neighbor's dog after school or on weekends.
9. Volunteer your time babysitting
10. Tutor a younger student or peer in an subject/area in which you excel. (DO NOT DO THEIR HOMEWORK-HELP THEM UNDERSTAND HOW TO DO THEIR HOMEWORK  
Give some basketball lessons, help a friend in your dance class with their routine, help a friend practice piano, violin, etc.

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

#### HELPERS NEEDED FOR VACATION BILBE 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 Corner

The youth ministry at Our Lady of the Snows is all encompassing. We have several different Teams based on different youth interests. Any high school youth can join any of these teams at any time. We hold a general planning meeting on every **Wednesday night from 7:00PM until 8:00PM.**

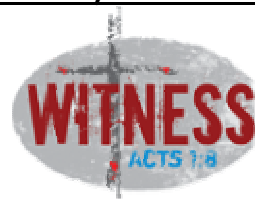
A Jr. High Youth program the meets weekly is available for any youth in grades 7 and 8. **Team meetings are**

**Sunday from 1:00PM until 2:00PM.** Please call ahead if you're a new student who wishes to join.

### Scheduled Events for 2007-2008

Spring TBA .....Bus to Nowhere  
February 16<sup>th</sup> .....8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Retreats  
February 28<sup>th</sup> – March 2<sup>nd</sup> ... Vermont Ski Weekend  
March 14<sup>th</sup> .....Living Way of the Cross  
May 31<sup>st</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> .....Relay for Life  
June 18<sup>th</sup> .....Light the Fire Youth Rally  
June 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> ..... Vacation Bible School  
June 29<sup>th</sup> – July 5<sup>th</sup> ..... West Virginia Mission Trip  
July 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> .....Franciscan Youth Conference

### Franciscan University Summer Conference 2008



Spots are now available for the 2008 summer conference in Steubenville, OH. Last year was the first year for thirteen OLS students to experience what this conference has to offer. Every one of those students can't wait to return this year! We have spots for 20 students this time around. They will definitely go fast!

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

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

### 2008 Vermont Ski Weekend Trip

February 28<sup>th</sup> through March 4<sup>th</sup> is skiing time and it's time to book your spot! Flyers, reservation forms, and brochures will be available soon in the Youth Office. This trip is open to all high school students and those in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade if an older sibling or parent is going.

**-3 day ski pass**

**-5 meals**

**-3 nights at the Round Hearth at Stowe Mt.**

**-Round Trip Transportation**

**-Loads of Fun**

**Approximate Price: \$350.00**

\$100 reserves your spot. Get your deposit in as soon as possible for this awesome trip!

If you are interested in more information, call Steve at the Church: 586-1741. **Forms are available for download under the Youth section of OLSSB.com**

### Living Way of the Cross

This Year's Annual Living Way of the Cross Easter Production will be held on March 14<sup>th</sup> 2008. John Conaboy

was our Director last year and did a wonderful job.

**We are in need of a director or directors  
for this year's production.**

If you are a High School student who is interested in directing or playing a role (on or off stage) please let us know ASAP. Thank you!

**High School Religious Ed Program**

**Next date: February 19<sup>th</sup> 2008**

This program is open to all High School students in the Abington Heights School District. PA's Time Release Law allows students to be released from school for up to 33 hours a year for Religious Education experiences.

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

**Odds and Ends**

**Young Adult Ministry** – new ministry for college age and those just starting out in their careers. Open to married and single, college years until 30's. A planning team for this ministry is in the formation stages: We have several on the team already. If you'd like to be a part of it, contact Steve. 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

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