

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

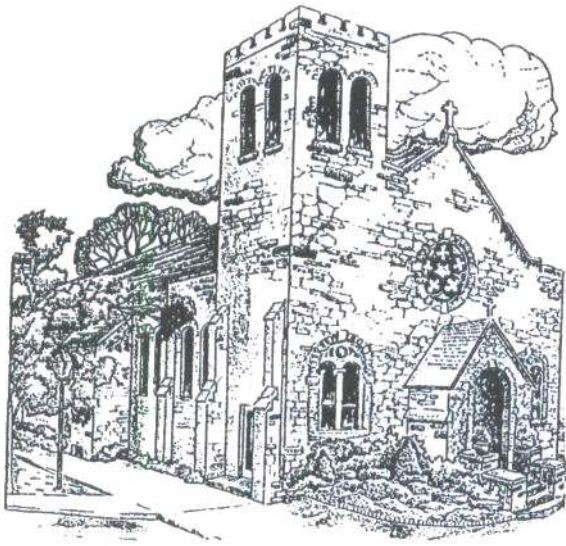
Saturday

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

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A 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 Zakaruskas
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.



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

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 F 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 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME February 7, 2010

*"Do not be afraid;
from now on you will be catching men"*
-- Luke 5: 10 --

"LIVING CHRIST" RETREAT: PLEASE CONSIDER!

Our next "Living Christ" Retreat is scheduled for **Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 18, 19 and 20, 2010**. This Retreat will be held in the **Gathering Room** on the lower level of **Our Lady of the Snows Church**. The Retreat will run from **6:00 P.M. until about 10:00 P.M. on Thursday and Friday evenings** and from **8:00 A.M. until about 12 Noon on Saturday morning**. All members of our parish are invited to participate in this Retreat. It promises to be a very wonderful and spiritual experience for all who participate. Our goal is to eventually have every member of our parish in one of these Retreats. It will take quite a while but will have a tremendous impact on the life of our parish.

Please consider participating in the Retreat in March. That will be during **Lent, a perfect time** to make one of these retreats. Please join us in March. Please call the parish office for more details or **to register** as soon as possible.

Please pray for God's blessing on these Retreats.

You may use the following prayer or pray in any way you wish.

Prayer for God's Blessing on Our Parish "Living Christ" Retreats

Loving God, we ask you to send your blessing on the "Living Christ" Retreats in the Our Lady of the Snows/Church of Saint Benedict Parish Community. Guide and direct those who are leading the retreats and open the hearts and minds and souls of those participating in them. Lead all participants to a deeper experience of your Son Jesus Christ and to a greater commitment as disciples and followers of Jesus. Without you, such success is not possible. With your help, all things are possible. Bring about great spiritual growth in our parish that we might more effectively do your will. We ask all of this help through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord. Amen.

EASTER TRIDUUM

Please mark your calendars and make plans to participate in the special liturgies of the **Easter Triduum**. The Easter Triduum begins with **Holy Thursday, April 1, 2010**. The **Mass of the Lord's Supper** will be celebrated at **7:00P.M.** in the Church of Saint Benedict on that day. **Good Friday** will be observed on **April 2, 2010** with the **Solemn Liturgy** at **7:00 P.M.** at the Church of Saint Benedict. **Holy Saturday** will be observed on **April 3, 2010** with **Easter Vigil Mass** at **8:00 P.M.** at the Church of Saint Benedict. Easter Sunday Masses will be celebrated at both churches on **Easter Sunday, April 4, 2010**. The schedule will be published in weeks to come. Please mark your

calendars and plan to join us for the liturgies of the **Easter Triduum**.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Thank you for your ongoing and very generous **Sacrificial Giving**. Your Sacrificial Offering for last weekend amounted to **\$14,542.45**. **Thank you again for your generosity to your parish!**

The **average weekly offering from July 1, 2009**, (the start of the current fiscal year) **through January 31, 2010**, was **\$15, 299.28**. **Thank you** for your generous sharing.

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.

As of the **end of January**, our unpaid bills amount to **\$27,790.83**. As of the **end of August 2009**, we had over **\$89,000.00** in unpaid bills. This tremendous progress is a result of your ongoing and generous sharing with your parish. **Thank you** very much.

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.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday

7:00 A.M. Jonathan Supanek Carey Family
12:10 P.M. Irene Grella Bob/Nettie Goldate

Tuesday

7:00 A.M. Robert Nole Wife
12:10 P.M. Bernard Berkoski Family

Wednesday

7:00 A.M. Charles Urban Wife/Family
12:10 P.M. Cheryl L. Neugebauer Kathee Senofonte

Thursday

7:00 A.M. Sophie Gretkowski John/Kathy Lee
12:10 P.M. Julia/Stanley Matylewicz M/M David
Kozlosky

Friday

7:00 A.M. Joseph Aveline Wife
12:10 P.M. Dominick Cruciani Family

Saturday

4:00 P.M. Paul Kutzar Family
5:00 P.M. Ronald Hart Jerry/Marilyn Graff
6:30 P.M. Mary Otley Family

Sunday

7:00 A.M. For all members of the parish
8:00 A.M. Louis Milo Bill/Patty Gerrity
9:30 A.M. Mary Lehne Iris/Al Watts
11:00 A.M. Kathryn Galasso M/M John Martin
11:15 A.M. James P. Walsh Wife/Family
12:20 P.M. Muriel May Mark/Leah Mackrell

A PRAYER PLEASE- Your prayers are requested for all the sick and deceased members of our parish, especially Ann Marie Mendez and Patricia Giannetta.

ANNUAL COUNTRY BAZAAR

As you look ahead to warm weather and summer vacations, please keep in mind the dates of our **Annual Country Bazaar: Thursday, Friday and Saturday, August 5, 6 and 7, 2010.** Make plans to join us for this very special parish community event.

FORTY HOURS DEVOTIONS

Our annual days of **Eucharistic Adoration**, also known as **Forty Hours Devotions**, are scheduled to begin on the **First Sunday of Lent, February 21, 2010.** This special time of Eucharistic Adoration in our parish will continue on **Monday and Tuesday, February 22 and 23.** **Brother Andre**, a member of the Passionist Community, will be leading us in reflection on those three days. More details regarding Forty Hours Devotions will be available during the coming weeks. In the meantime, **please mark your calendars** and plan to be with us at **7:00 P.M. in Our Lady of the Snows Church on each of those evenings.**

ASH WEDNESDAY

The holy and special season of Lent begins this year on **Ash Wednesday, February 17.** Please mark your calendars!

LENTEN ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The annual **Lenten Program of Adult Religious Education** sponsored by the Catholic parishes of our region will be held on three **Sunday** evenings, **March 7, March 14 and March 21**, at **7:00 P.M.**, in the **Gathering Room** on the lower level of **Our Lady of the Snows Church.** More details regarding topics and speakers can be found in this bulletin in the coming weeks. **Please mark your calendars now and plan to be with us.**

WOMEN'S GUILD

The **Women's Guild** will hold a meeting on **Tuesday, February 2nd** at **7:00 P.M.** in the **Large Conference Room** on the first floor of the parish center. All are invited to attend.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Resurrection Choir: This choir sings at funerals to support the bereaved. If you are interested in joining, please call Jennie for information.

Parish Youth Choir: The Parish Youth Choir accompanies the congregational singing at the 9:30 A.M. Mass at Our Lady of the Snows usually every other week, beginning in September through May. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 -6:30 in the choir loft during that same week. This choir is open to young people ages 11-18. We sing for Liturgies which include Palm Sunday, Easter Sunday (at the Church of St. Benedict) and Pentecost Sunday. Please call Ann Marie for more information at 586-4112 or e-mail at Pianogirlz@comcast.net.

CANTORS are needed for the 12:20p.m. and 6:30 p.m. (Saturday) Masses. If you love to sing, please call Jennie at 586-1741.

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 587-2235.

CALENDAR

Sunday, February 7, 2010

10:00 A.M. CSB Choir ****

Monday, February 8, 2010

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

Wednesday, February 10, 2010

1:00 P.M. Bible Class *

7:00 P.M. Liturgy Committee ***

Thursday, February 11, 2010

7:00 P.M. 100th Anniversary Committee ***

7:00 P.M. Youth Group Meeting *

Friday, February 12, 2010

10:00 A.M. Friday Morning Company *

Saturday, February 13, 2010

9:00 A.M. VIRTUS Training *

**Parish Center * Church ** Large Conference Room
*** Church of Saint Benedict **** Small Conference
Room ***** Gathering Room *******

LUCKY YOU!

It's that time again! The **OLS and CSB Men's Club** happily announces that our annual **500 Club** will begin again on **Monday, February 1.** This is our only fund raiser of the year so your assistance is crucial for the success of our programs.

You know that every year we donate a scholarship to OLP School, we organize and underwrite the free Men's Retreat at St. Gabriel's. Over the last 25 years, we have organized the Tiny Tim "Christmas for the Poor" program, built the garage at St. Benedict's, provided lawn tractors, snow blowers, etc. In short, we're members of the Family and we are there when you need us. Now we need you. For tickets (price is still \$20.00) or to volunteer, call Bernie Harding 563-8565 or Wade Whitney 563-2472. God Bless All and Thanks!

LITURGY COMMITTEE NOTES

**The Sacred Space, Furnishings, Vesture, Books
Do you know about THE LITURGICAL COLORS?**

About four hundred years ago, the Council of Trent decreed that certain colors should be used for specific liturgical seasons and celebrations. These colors remain in effect today:

Green is the most used color of the year and is a sign of hope. It is the color for the Sundays and weekdays of Ordinary Time. White is used during the Christmas and Easter seasons, for solemnities and feast of the Lord and the Virgin Mary, and for most saints' days. Red is seen on Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Pentecost, and on days that celebrate saints that are martyrs, apostles, or evangelists. Purple is the color for both Advent and Lent, though liturgists suggest that we distinguish the seasons by choosing a blue-purple for Advent and a red-purple for Lent. There are optional

colors in this liturgical rainbow as well: Rose may be used on the Third Sunday of Advent and the Fourth Sunday of Lent. Gold may replace white on particularly solemn or festive occasions. White, purple, or black may be used for funerals and on All Souls Day.

(Steve LaRue; *Marion Eagen 2002 Resource Publications, Inc., The Conciliar and Post Conciliar Documents, Vatican Council II.*

Weekly Inspiration: 2/07/10 **5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

God is present in the midst of our daily lives and calls us to follow him.

Readings for Next Week: 2/14/10 Jeremiah 17:5-8; 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20; Luke 6: 17, 20-26

Music for Next Week: 2/14/10 Opening Song: "All Are Welcome" #544; Communion Song: "Now We Remain" #474; Closing Song: "Alleluia! Alleluia!" #263.

A CALL FOR NEIGHBORHOOD PARISH REPS

We are in need of some new Neighborhood Parish Representatives since we eventually would like to have all our parishioners in a Neighborhood Parish. This is an **IMPORTANT BUT VERY EASY POSITON THAT CAN BE CARRIED OUT WITH A MINIMAL AMOUNT OF TIME AND EFFORT.** To fulfill our parish goals of welcoming, community and invitation, the Neighborhood Parish Representative (NPR) has only two responsibilities: to contact members twice a year and to invite them to a social gathering once a year. This means that you may send a card to your members at any of the holidays such as Valentine's Day and invite them to any of our many programs that have a social time connected with them such as the Lenten Series that will take place during Advent, the Bazaar, the Advent Reflection, the Jamaica Annual Collection, etc. In addition, we provide a prayer card each year that can be inserted in a Christmas card for your second contact. That is all you have to do unless you wish to do more. If you would like we can have another NPR contact you and explain how easy it is, and what they are doing in their Neighborhood.

When we give another the gifts of welcome, contact, and invitation, we open the door for the Holy Spirit to work in their lives. Becoming a NPR allows the Holy Spirit to work through you for the good of our parish. If you are interested, please feel call Carol at the Parish Center at 586-1741.

JAMAICA MINISTRY

SHIPMENT TO JAMAICA: We received a thank you note from St. Elizabeth's in Kingston. Fr. Richard Award writes: Dear Church Community, Your gifts were great; they helped the Basic School children, the children from our church community and a big outreach at Villa Rd. Many children who may have done without will have a pleasant Christmas and holiday. Some may say that Christmas is too commercialized – too much emphasis on "material" things – but you can't say that when you see the smiles when someone remembered them. We had a beautiful candle light service the other night and have several get-togethers over the holiday. Christmas is a time for building memories, sharing wishes, and making dreams come true. Happy Holidays. Peace, Fr. Richard

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, Call Dr. Dennis Dawgert at 587-5437 for information about volunteer opportunities.

PENNY POWER: Thank you to all who have generously placed their change or cash in our Penny Power jugs. We have sent \$200.00 to the Calvary Retreat House in Mandeville. We are now collecting for the **Stony Hill four missions and three schools.** These mission churches are within a 20 mile radius of Immaculate Conception Church of Stony Hill. There are about 250 people at the four missions. There are also three All Age Schools and three Basic schools.

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.

Jones, Allen
Unit 931003 TFTS
APO AE 09391

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.

A Virtus Training Session will be held at Our Lady of the Snows on Saturday, February 13, 2010, from 9:00A.M. to 11:30A.M. in the Parish Center. Please call the Parish Center at 586-1741 to register. If you are unable to attend, please check the Diocesan website for future training sessions at www.dioceseofscranton.org, then click on Departments and Resources, and then click on Virtus: Protecting God's Children.

RCIA

RCIA (Rite for Christian Initiation for Adults) are for adults of all ages, and are for everyone (Catholics and non-Catholics alike): ***Never been baptized and finding yourself attracted 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.**

The RCIA schedule continues on Sundays after the holidays at 9:30 A.M. in the Large Conference Room. If you feel this invitation is for you or need further information please contact either of the priests or Carol at 586-1741. Anyone is welcome to attend.

FRIDAY MORNING COMPANY

Do you believe in the power of prayer? Do you feel that we need prayers, now more than ever? Then join us on **Friday mornings after the holidays in the Parish Center from 10:00 AM until 11:45 AM.** We begin with Morning Prayer, and then pray for individual and global intention. We have a 15 minute social, followed by prayer and discussion of the Sunday Scriptures. We welcome all our parishioners and friends from neighboring Churches, whether young, young at

heart, or somewhere in between. For more information, please call Carol at the Parish Center.

**ADULT BABYSITTERS FOR
Living Christ Retreats**

We are looking for adult babysitters for the **Living Christ Retreats** so that our younger couples with children can attend the retreats. These can be adults or couples who can share babysitting in order to attend opposite retreats. We are hoping to find a team of people so it will only involve one night or morning. The **Living Christ Retreats** are scheduled on a Thursday and Friday night from 6P.M. until 10P.M. and Saturday morning from 8AM until 12 Noon. The next retreat will be Thursday, March 18 and Friday, March 19 from 6 P.M. to 10 P.M. and Saturday, March 20 from 8 A.M. to 12 Noon. For further information, please call Carol at 586-1741.

100th YEAR CELEBRATION: HELP NEEDED

We would like to issue an open invitation to any parishioner interested in serving on a committee to help with the 100th year celebration festivities. There will be a meeting on **February 11, 2010, at 7:00P.M. in the Large Conference Room.** Any parishioner interested in volunteering is invited to attend. If you are unable to attend and are interested please contact Phyllis Ruzbarsky at 586-2119. Thank you for your support.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

James, Peter, and Jude: The Catholic Letters

We will have a seven week study of the Letters from James, Peter, and Jude beginning **Tuesday, March 2, 2010 in the Parish Center of Our Lady of the Snows Church.** The study comes complete with lecture, group discussion and individual lesson assignments. The same class is held both morning and evening. The morning session is held from 9:00A.M. - 11:00A.M. and has child care available if needed for 1-5 year olds. The evening session is held from 7:00P.M. – 9:00P.M. The cost is **\$25.** For more information, please contact Carol at the parish center at 586-1741.

ALTAR SERVERS FOR FUNERALS

We need additional adult altar servers, men or women, for funerals. IF anyone is interested in serving in this capacity, please call Carol at the Parish Center. Training will be conducted soon.

USHERS (MEN OR WOMEN) NEEDED

We are in need of men or women who would consider being an usher **at the 7:00A.M. and 11:15A.M. Masses.** This is an easy task that we will train you for. For further information, please call Carol at the Parish Center.

CLUSTER ACTIVITIES

St. Patrick's Church in Nicholson is having a Valentine's Day Covered Dish Dinner on Sunday, February 14, 2010 at 4:00P.M. in the Parish Hall. There will be homemade foods and desserts, a 50/50 raffle, and entertainment. All are welcome. For further information contact Pat Webster at 942-6011.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

We will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, when the Eucharist is visibly exposed in the monstrance for adoration, on the second Sunday of the month at Our Lady of the Snows Church. **The next Eucharistic Adoration will be held on February 14, 2010, from 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M.**

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____
<input type="checkbox"/> SICK <input type="checkbox"/> HOMEBOUND <input type="checkbox"/> IN HOSPITAL
<input type="checkbox"/> NURSING HOME
<input type="checkbox"/> WOULD LIKE COMMUNION
<input type="checkbox"/> WOULD LIKE A VISIT
<input type="checkbox"/> NEEDS SACRAMENT OF THE SICK
<input type="checkbox"/> NEEDS OTHER ASSISTANCE

Jamaican Ministry Donation Fund	
Name _____	
Address _____	
Phone _____	
Please make checks payable to OLS/CSB (please note Jamaican Ministry on the bottom of your check.)	
I wish my funds to be used for:	
___ Medical Needs of the people in the Missions	
___ Help with Tuition for a school child. \$300/year	
___ Help with funds for a student at Catholic College of Mandeville. Tuition - \$2000/year Books - \$500/year	
___ Funds for Mandeville Retreat House - \$50/person	
___ General funds for the Passionist Mission in Jamaica	

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

LIFELINES – BULLETIN BRIEFS

Human persons are not to be understood merely from the perspective of their past histories or from...the present. ... We must always see in other human beings persons with whom we shall one day share God's joy. We must look upon them as persons who are called, together with us, to be members of the body of Christ, with whom we shall one day sit at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and with Christ himself, as their brothers and sisters, as the brothers and sisters of Christ, and as children of God.

Pope Benedict XVI, "In the Beginning...": A Catholic Understanding of the Story of Creation and the Fall

BLOOD DRIVE

Blood Drive will be held at the Clarks Summit United Methodist Church on Friday, February 19th from 12 Noon to 6 P.M.

THE PRISM

Parish Newsletter – Deadline for Easter/Spring issue March 1. Welcome items include photos, art work, some humorous subjects, personal memoirs, etc. also, the search for a short slogan identifying the scope of the seasonal publication is still open to readers. Please submit ideas and items to editors Kay Gallagher and Susan Chuff at rectory office. Thanks in advance for your interest.

FAMILY MINISTRY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The next bereavement session will be **on Sunday February 21st 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.**

Lenten Soup Suppers

Our parish will be hosting Lenten soup suppers Fridays during lent 5:30-6:45pm in The Gathering Room (lower level of the Church). All ages are welcome to attend. Anyone wishing to donate a pot of meatless soup for the evening may call Amy McKeon at 586-8436.

There is no cost for the supper. Station of the Cross will follow at 7:00 pm in the Church for those wishing to attend.

CONVERSATION CORNER

Do you ever look at yourself and wonder if there is any point in even trying to be a really good person much less a "holy" person? It is easy to throw up your hands and admit defeat. But if you stop there you have missed a great blessing.. Sure we all have faults and weaknesses and a tendency to backslide; but, what really makes a difference is our faith in God's love and grace. Admitting what we lack keeps us humble and reminds us of how much we need God. God will use us (faults included) to do good and in the process we will become the holy people we are called to be. Who do you depend on?

CURSILLO –SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

Cursillo (pronounced sur-see-yo_ means "little course" in the fundamental teachings of Jesus as lived with other Christians. The experience of Cursillo enables one to sense more vividly the enthusiasm of the first Century Church. 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. The next Women's Weekend will be March 18-21st at St. Gabriel's Monastery, Clarks Summit. Men's Weekend will be April 15-18th at St. Gabriel's Monastery. Registration is required. Please call Deacon Leo Lynn at 586-5876 for more information / to register or visit the website: www.scrantoncursillo.homestead.com

MARRIAGE PROGRAMS

Your marriage deserves your attention, just like your health, home, car, job. Attention to keep it healthy and strong. Are you giving your marriage the attention it needs? Consider a **Marriage Encounter Weekend** www.wvme.org or a **Retrouvaille Weekend** www.helpourmarriage.org

RETROUVAILLE WEEKEND

There will be an upcoming Retrouvaille (re tro vi –to rediscover) program March 12-14th, 2010 at the Fatima Renewal Center in Dalton.

The program concentrates on areas of :

- Healthy communication

- Conflict Management
- Trust/ forgiveness Issues
- Intimacy/Rediscovering the romance

For more information or to register please call 587-0415 or 1-800-470-2230 or the website [www. Retrouvaille.org](http://www.Retrouvaille.org) . Registration deadline March 8, 2010

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.

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

Sunday Religious Education Program OLP School 9-10:30am

In case of inclement weather please call the rectory at 587-1741 and follow the prompts to #5 holy day schedule or check our website at www.OLSSB.com

FIRST EUCHARIST PARENT MEETING

There will be a parent meeting on Wednesday February 24th OR Sunday February 28th at 7:00 pm in The Gathering Room. All parents are asked to attend one of these meeting dates.

FIRST COMMUNION ATTIRE

BOYS: DARK SUIT, WHITE DRESS SHIRT, DARK, OR WHITE TIE, DRESS SHOES

GIRLS: WHITE/IVORY DRESS, VEIL OR FLOWER HEADPIECE, DRESS SHOES.

WE HAVE DONATED NEW AND GENTLY WORN DRESSES AND BOYS SUITS IN THE PARISH OFFICE. ANYONE WISHING TO VIEW WHAT IS AVAILABLE PLEASE CALL NETTIE AT THE PARISH CENTER OR STOP BY THE PARISH OFFICE.

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION

March 1st is the deadline for all confirmation requirements: confirmation name, sponsor's name, parish of sponsor, and sponsor card (if not a member of Our Lady of the Snows/Church of St. Benedict, baptismal certificate for candidate if not baptized at Our Lady of the Snows/Church of St. Benedict, report on name taking for Confirmation, and 30hrs of service completed and recorded on service sheet.

CONFIRMATION RETREATS

The retreats are **mandatory** for all confirmation candidates. If the candidate cannot attend their scheduled retreat, they are allowed to attend the other date scheduled.

FEBRUARY 27 RETREAT IS FOR CANDIDATES RECEIVING CONFIRMATION ON APRIL 12TH . THIS INCLUDES STUDENTS IN THE FOLLOWING CLUSTERS: BECK, CROWLEY, DANOSKI, GEMBER, HECKMAN LIONETTI, AND STEVENS.

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

February 7thSouper Bowl of Caring Collection
March 11-14thVermont Ski Trip

Souper Bowl of Caring



Our youth will hold soup pots at church doors on Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday, February 7, 2010. They will join young people in churches across the country to collect money for those who are hungry and hurting. In 2009, over 13,000 groups participated in the Souper Bowl of Caring generating over \$10 million. All of the money collected is donated to a charity selected by the participant. None of the money is sent to the Souper Bowl of Caring headquarters. Organizers only ask that each participant report their collection so national totals can be determined and announced. Since the Souper Bowl of Caring began in 1990, more than \$60 million has gone to help people in need. Please support the youth of our church in this effort to "love our neighbors" by dropping your dollar in the soup pot on February 7th. All donations will go towards the Dalton Food Pantry.

Teen Mass

Our next youth Mass will be held on February 28th! Join us as our students perform lively music, and celebrate the Eucharist together. After the Mass we'll be having dinner in the Gathering Room and a time a fun and activities.



Who: Students in 8th – 12th grade and their families

**When: February 28th 2010
Time: 4:00PM to 6:00PM**

Where: Our Lady of the Snows Church

**Franciscan Youth Conference
2010**

WHEN: July 16th -18th 2010

WHAT: The conference combine



awesome talks, incredible music, praise and worship, time for prayer and fellowship, entertainment, and anointed liturgies.

WHERE: Steubenville, OH

WHO: Students entering grades 9-12 in the Fall of 2009 – OR – be a 2010 High School Graduate.

COST: \$250 Cost includes: Conference fee, all meals while at the conference, lodging on campus, round trip bus transportation, 3 tee shirts, and orientation and follow up retreat costs. Fund raising will be done in order to bring down the cost as much as possible. Scholarships are also available for students who want to attend but cannot afford it.

Summer Mission Trips:

This year, Our Lady of the Snows will be offering two summer mission trips to West Virginia to work with Habitat for Humanity.

The first is for College Students and Young Adults. This trip will be from **May 23 - 29, 2010**. There is room for 20 students, total. Cost will be approx \$300.

The second trip is for students who have just graduated 8th grade to students who have just graduated high school. This trip will be **August 15 – 21, 2010**. There is room for 30 students, total. Cost will be approx \$330.

To register... a \$100 deposit will hold your spot. This is first come, first serve and space is limited.

A Jamaica Mission trip to work with the Passionists may be offered in the month of July for college students and young adults. If interested in this opportunity, contact Steve Wallo



Young Adults: **THEOLOGY ON TAP**

What: A monthly discussion series for young adults, single, married, 18-40 yrs old.

Where: Armetta's Pizza

When: February 23rd 2010

Time: 7PM – 8:30PM

Cover: \$5 includes Pizza and wings