

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

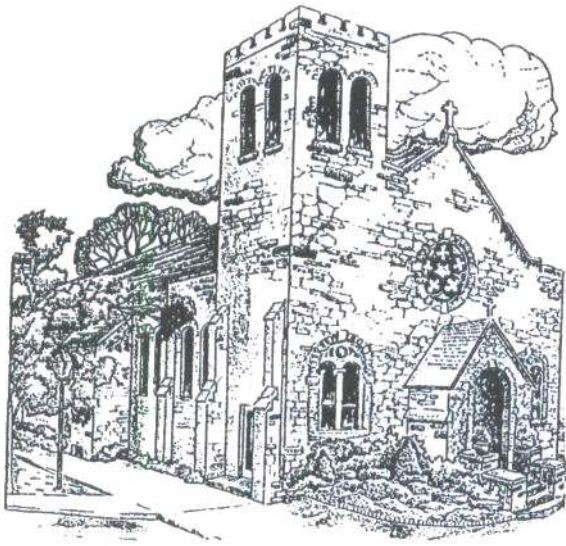
Saturday

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 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 14, 2010

"But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep."

-- 1 Corinthians 15: 20 --

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday of this week, **February 17, 2010**, is **Ash Wednesday**, the first day of the Season of Lent. During the season of Lent, we prepare, along with the Church throughout the world, for the solemn **Easter Triduum** when we celebrate the death and resurrection in a most solemn way. During the **Easter Triduum**, we welcome new members into the Church through Baptism or a Profession of Faith (if they are already baptized). During Lent, they complete their preparation for Baptism. During Lent, the rest of us, the already baptized, prepare to renew our Baptism during the Easter Triduum and the Easter Season. On Wednesday, we begin our preparation for the Easter Triduum and the Easter season. We accept ashes on our foreheads as a sign that we are ready to enter into this time of renewal and growth in preparation the Easter Triduum and the Easter Season.

Ashes will be distributed on **Ash Wednesday** during **Masses** celebrated at **7:00 A.M., 12:10 P.M. and 7:00 P.M.** in **Our Lady of the Snows Church** and at **5:00 P.M.** in the **Church of Saint Benedict**. In addition, **ashes** will be distributed during a **Prayer Service at 4:00 P.M.** in **Our Lady of the Snows Church**.

"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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent, **Stations of the Cross** will be prayed at **7:00 P.M.** each **Friday evening** in **Our Lady of the Snows Church**. Please join us for this very special Lenten Devotion. The **Living Way of the Cross** will be presented by high school students of our parish and community on **Friday, March 26, at 7:00 P.M.** in **Our Lady of the Snows Church**. All are invited!

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Thank you for your ongoing and very generous **Sacrificial Giving**. Your Sacrificial Offering for last weekend amounted to **\$15,205.26**. **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.	Cheryl L. Neugebauer	Desimone Family
12:10 P.M.	Ben Haines Kamla	Angie Howland/ Estelle

Tuesday

7:00 A.M.	Catherine Devine	Pat/Marge Welk
12:10 P.M.	Frank Pulice	Bonnie McGrail

Wednesday

7:00 A.M.	Kate Frye	Bob/Jeanne Simoncelli
12:10 P.M.	Walter Cronin	Marie/Ben Hodgins
4:00 P.M.	Service	
5:00 P.M.	CSB Roc E. Tomaselli	Family
7:00 P.M.	OLS Irene Pieretti	Bill/Barbara Roehl

Thursday

7:00 A.M.	Robert Ace	Snyder Family
12:10 P.M.	Gerard Connors	Joan/John Ardizoni

Friday

7:00 A.M.	Joseph Shaute	Susan Shaute
12:10 P.M.	Helen Kennedy	Jack/Noreen Blewitt

Saturday

4:00 P.M.	Joseph Jacquinet	Pivovarnick Family
5:00 P.M.	Vincenzo M. Coviello	Rosary Group
6:30 P.M.	Jacqueline Welby	Dennis/Grace Dawgert

Sunday

7:00 A.M.	For all members of the parish	
8:00 A.M.	Bruney Nowakowski	Wife/Children
9:30 A.M.	Kate Frye	John/Lynn Earley
11:00 A.M.	Kathryn Galasso	Bob/Nettie Goldate
11:15 A.M.	Marie Paternoster	Mary Ann/Tony Antinnes
12:20 P.M.	Dolores Barrett	Diane/Billy/Tony/ Chris DeCicco

A PRAYER PLEASE- Your prayers are requested for all the sick and deceased members of our parish, especially Lena Chermak, Diane Gerrity and Dorothy Colony.

LENTEN FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday, February 17, and Good Friday, April 2, 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 59th 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.

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 **7:00 P.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 the **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**.

FORTY HOURS DEVOTIONS

Our annual days of **Eucharistic Adoration**, also known as **Forty Hours Devotions**, are scheduled to begin next Sunday, 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**. Our preacher for the **Forty Hours Devotions** will be **Brother Andre Mathieu, C.P.**

Eucharistic Adoration will take place from immediately following the **11:15 A.M. Mass in Our Lady of the Snows Church on Sunday, February 21**, until the **conclusion of Evening Prayer** which begins at **7:00 P.M.** On **Monday and Tuesday, February 22 and 23**, Eucharistic Adoration will take place from immediately following the **7:00 A.M. Mass** until the **conclusion of Evening Prayer** that will begin each evening at **7:00 P.M.** Please join us each of the three evenings, **Sunday, Monday and Tuesday at 7:00 P.M. for the Prayer Service and preaching.**

Please mark these special days in the life of our parish by spending some time in quiet prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament in the monstrance. Sign-up sheets can be found in the back of the Church today, during the week and next weekend.

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**. The overall topic for this year is: **LIFE IN THE CHURCH: YESTERDAY AND TODAY**. The topic for **Session I** on March 7 is "**Whatever happened to Sin?**". The topic for **Session II** on March 14 is "**The Misunderstood Sacrament of Reconciliation**". The topic for **Session III** on March 21 is "**The Misunderstood Sacrament of the Sick**". **Please mark your calendars now and plan to be with us.**

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.

On **Monday, March 1, 2010**, we will mark the **99th Anniversary of the Founding of Our Lady of the Snows Parish (March 1, 1911)**. Our plan is to mark our 100th Anniversary by remembering and rejoicing and celebrating for an entire year – The One Hundredth Year of our parish life.

The **Kick-off for the 100th year celebration of faith and family** will begin on the weekend of **February 27 and 28, 2010**. Coffee and Doughnuts will be available after each of the weekend Masses at Our Lady of the Snows Church and the Church of Saint Benedict. Please plan to spend some time after Mass that weekend sharing some coffee and doughnuts with fellow parishioners as we begin this special year celebrating family and faith.

A **special feature** of the weekend will be a visit and magic performance by **Christopher the Magician** in the Gathering Room following the 11:15 A.M. Mass. Along with the Magic Show after the 11:15 A.M. Mass will be a Candy Buffet and Chocolate Goodies. If at all possible, join us for that show and the goodies.

At the same time, we will begin 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 (Print your name and number on it so that we can return it to you next year).

CALENDAR

Sunday, February 14, 2010

11:15 A.M. OLS Choir **

6:00 P.M. Eucharistic Adoration **

Wednesday, February 17, 2010

7:00 A.M. Mass/Ashes at OLS

12:10 P.M. Mass/Ashes at OLS

4:00 P.M. Prayer/Ashes at OLS

5:00 P.M. Mass/Ashes at CSB

7:00 P.M. Mass/Ashes at OLS

Thursday, February 18, 2010

7:00 P.M. Youth Group Meeting *

Friday, February 19, 2010

10:00 A.M. Friday Morning Company *

5:00 P.M. Lenten Soup Supper *****

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

Parish Center * Church ** Large Conference Room

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

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

LITURGY COMMITTEE NOTES

The Sacred Space, Furnishings, Vesture, Books

Do you know about LAY MINISTRY?

Lay ministry is an important concept in the life of today's church. Vatican II began to recognize that those lay Catholic Christians who answer their baptismal call to serve the church in an ongoing way can indeed be considered ministers. Although lay ministers serve the church in other capacities, those in liturgy usually include lectors, cantors, and other music ministers, altar servers, extraordinary ministers of communion, and ministers of hospitality. Because they serve the community in order to build up the Kingdom on God, lay ministers should do all they can to carry out their responsibilities with care.

The Vatican II documents state: "But the laity are made to share in the priestly, prophetic and kingly office of Christ; they have therefore, in the Church and in the world, their own assignment in the mission of the whole People of God. . . . it is exercised when they endeavor to have the Gospel spirit permeate and improve the temporal order, going about it in a way that bears clear witness to Christ and helps forward the salvation of men." (Dogmatic Constitution *De Ecclesia*, chap. IV, no.33)

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

Weekly Inspiration: 2/14/10 **6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Good fortune consists of receiving God's kingdom blessings, not the world's material blessings.

Readings for Next Week: 2/21/10 Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13

ASH WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 17, 2010

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 POSITION 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

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. 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.

OLD PALMS

Please bring your old palms to Our Lady of the Snows and St. Benedict's Church and place in the baskets that are provided. They will be burned and used for ashes on Ash Wednesday.

FORTY HOUR ADORATION SIGN-UP

We will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during Forty Hours on **Sunday, February 21, 2010 from 12:30 P.M. and Monday and Tuesday February 22 and 23 from 7:30 A.M. until 6:30 P.M.** Please sign up on the sheets in the back of either church. Please consider attending the service at 7:00 P.M. Brother Andre has been directing retreats and workshops for men and women for over fifteen years and is a very spiritual and talented speaker who can reach out to anyone.

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

LIFELINES – BULLETIN BRIEFS

Mary Immaculate helps us to rediscover and defend what lies within people. ...Our Lady teaches us to be open to God's action and to see others as he sees them: starting with the heart. And to look at them with compassion, with love, with infinite tenderness, especially those who are lonely, despised, or exploited.

Pope Benedict XVI, Address on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (Dec. 8, 2009)

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.

FAMILY MINISTRY

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The next bereavement session will be **on Sunday, February 21, 2010 at 2:00 P.M.**, in the **parish center**. All are invited to attend. For more information, call Nettie at 586-1741. **Bereavement Support for Parents: Please call Sue Brier at 586-2162.**

CONVERSATION CORNER

There are those who claim that true believers prosper and have no troubles in this life. Look at the life of Jesus. He had lots of trouble! The depth of your faith is not measured by your prosperity but by how you handle the ups and downs of life. If you try to do what is good and right and rely on God's grace you will have a peace and steadiness within you no matter what is happening around you. When things happen, you will have gratitude for what is good and trust that you will be given the strength to endure the bad and find the blessing hidden in them. God is always at your side blessing you and sustaining you.

CURSILLO –SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

Cursillo (pronounced cur-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

RETROUVILLE WEEKEND

Know a marriage in trouble? Throw them a lifeline and tell them about Retrouvaille, a Catholic program that helps couples communicate once again (or for the first time.) Even if separated or divorced, Retrouvaille can help. 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. 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.

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.

COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

Volunteers needed for Timmy's Town Snow Ball that will be held on Friday, February 19th at Scranton Cultural Center. Please call Val Serine Langan at 814-1421 or 586-4152 or Michele Crowley at 586-9652.

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 27thConfirmation Retreat #1
February 28thTeen Mass
March 6thConfirmation Retreat #2
March 11-14thVermont Ski Trip

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:

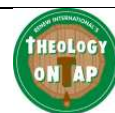
This year, Our Lady of the Snows will be offering two summer mission trips to West Virginia to work with Habitat for Humanity.

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 23, 2010

Time: 7:00 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.

Cover: \$5 includes Pizza and wings

