

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD January 6, 2008

*"They prostrated themselves and did him homage.  
Then they opened their treasures  
and offered him gifts of  
gold, frankincense, and myrrh."  
-- Matthew 2: 10 -11 --*

### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Today's feast, the Epiphany of the Lord, is also called the feast of the Three Kings or Magi or the Wise Men. Epiphany means manifestation. This refers to the manifestation of Jesus to the non- Jewish world, to the Gentiles. This feast celebrates the fact that Jesus came to save the entire human family. No one would be excluded or left out. As we pray today, we thank God for His love which includes every one of us.

### THANK YOU

We offer a very special **Thank You** to all who helped in any way to make our parish celebration of Christmas such a wonderful and inspiring experience for all. Most important are all who gathered for the liturgies on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Each liturgy was a gathering of the Body of Christ in worship and praise. Thank you for gathering. Gratitude and appreciation are also offered to the other ministers of these liturgies: the Mass Servers, the Lectors, the Ministers of Holy Communion, the Ushers, the Sacristans and the Music Ministers. We also thank all who helped to plan the liturgies and all who prepared and rehearsed the music so well and all who cleaned and decorated both churches so beautifully. The participation was wonderful and the liturgies were inspiring. All this doesn't just happen. Many, many people (the church community) make it happen with each one doing his or her own part. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way and who participated in any way. **God bless all of you!**

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Because of the holiday schedule, this bulletin is being printed earlier than usual. We are not able to include any offerings received after Christmas day. Christmas Offerings received after Christmas Day will be included in the report in next Sunday's bulletin. The Offering for the weekend of December 29 and 30 will also be included in next weekend's bulletin.

The **Christmas Offering**, as of the day after Christmas, amounted to **\$55,715.41**. Additional Christmas offerings received after that date will be included in our next report. As usual, we will continue to report the Christmas Offering as long as gifts are being received.

Your Sacrificial Offering for the weekend of **December 22 and 23** amounted to **\$17,584.30**. **Thank you** for your generous sharing with your parish community on the weekend and on Christmas. Your generosity makes possible the day-to-day life of our parish community

with its many ministries. **Thank You!** (We need to average **\$15,900.00** weekly in order to make ends meet and take care of our beautiful buildings and properties and maintain our many ministries.)

### 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.

### BAPTISM CLASS FOR PARENTS

The next **Baptism Class for parents** will be on **Sunday evening, January 27, 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.

### BAPTISM

SARAH ELIZABETH MIZENKO, daughter of Stephen and Lori Taylor Mizenko will be born into Jesus' life and welcomed into the family of the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend. We congratulate her and her parents.

### 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.

### 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 **\$71,873.00** to this year's Diocesan Annual Appeal. This represents **70%** of our parish goal of **\$103,300.00** and the participation of **628** families or individuals in our parish. **If you have not already made a pledge or a gift, it is not too late.** You can make a pledge and pay it in five monthly

payments beginning in January 2008. Thank you for whatever you are able to do. **Thank you** again for all that you do for the Church in our parish and our diocese.

### MEDED 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

### 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

Studies published ... in the journal Cells and Science offer new hope for advancing stem cell research and therapies while fully respecting the dignity of human life. Scientists in Japan and Wisconsin used four genes to “reprogram” ordinary adult human cells, creating “induced pluripotent stem cells (iPS cells).

Thus the goal sought for years through failed attempts at human cloning – the production of “pluripotent” stem cells that are an exact match to a patient – has been brought within reach by an ethical procedure. The technology avoids the ethical landmines associated with embryonic stem cell research: it does not clone or destroy human embryos, [and] does not harm or exploit women for their eggs...

This advance reminds us once again that medical progress and respect for human life are not in conflict...

Cardinal Justin Rigali, Statement on Stem Cell Breakthrough, Nov. 20, 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.

### CALENDAR

#### Sunday, January 6, 2008

2:00 P.M. OLS Concert \*\*

#### Tuesday, January 8, 2008

7:00 P.M. Regional Parishes Meeting \*\*

#### Wednesday, January 9, 2008

7:00 P.M. Cub Scouts \*

#### Thursday, January 10, 2008

7:00 P.M. Jamaica Missions Meeting \*\*

7:30 P.M. Men’s Club \*

#### Friday, January 11, 2008

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

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

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

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

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

#### Monday

7:00 A.M. Raymond Deininger M/M Michael Petruskas

12:10 P.M. Helena Roehl M/M Chris Calvey

#### Tuesday,

7:00 A.M. James Canavan Joseph/Ann

Dougherty

12:10 P.M. Donald Eline Niva/Deloris Trovota

#### Wednesday

7:00 A.M. Nina Benson Peggy Rafter

12:10 P.M. Ann O’Connell Deacon/M Edwin Salva

#### Thursday

7:00 A.M. Howard Siebecker Family

12:10 P.M. Catherine Monahan Joan Beyrent

#### Friday

7:00 A.M. Margaret Cullen Robert/Jeanne Simoncelli Family

12:10 P.M. Michael Evans Family

#### Saturday

4:00 P.M. Mary Walski John/Joyce Skorec

5:00 P.M. Paul Corbett Betty Kreder

6:30 P.M. Angelina Iacobino The Pat Tarantini/ The Pat Pasqualichio Families

#### Sunday

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

8:00 A.M. Bruney Nowakowski Francis/Martha Kettle

9:30 A.M. John G. Antoine Theresa Antoine

11:00 A.M. Paula Mueller Albert/Carol Mueller

11:15 A.M. Jerry Matteo M/M Richard

Garofalo

12:20 P.M. Chester Nerch Asay Family

**A PRAYER PLEASE-** Your prayers are requested for all the sick and deceased members of our parish and community and especially William Chessick.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

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

### ST. GREGORY'S TO HOST NOTRE DAME CHORALE

**CONCERT:** As part of their Winter Tour, the University of Notre Dame Chorale, a singing group of about 35 students, will give a free concert at The Church of St. Gregory in Clarks Green on Monday, January 7, 2008, at 7 P.M. The concert is being presented by the Notre Dame Club of Scranton, and will be open to the public. We are looking for families who would be willing to house two students for the night of the concert. If you are able to open your home to these young people, please call Bill and Judy Burkavage at 587-1876. Thank you!

### THE CHINCHILLA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

located on the corner of Layton Rd. and Church St. will be hosting an all you can eat Pasta-Fest Dinner on Saturday, January 12 at 5p.m.-7p.m. for \$6.50. The dinner includes all you can eat choice of three pasta, (Ziti, Spaghettis, Fettuccini ), choice of Marina sauce with or without meatballs, Alfredo Sauce, Italian bread, build your own Salad, dessert and beverage. Take outs dinners will be available from 4:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. but will not include a beverage.

### TINY TIM PROGRAM: 25 YEARS OLD

Congratulations to our parish **Men's Club** and the **members of our parish community** on the completion of twenty-five years of the Tiny Tim Program each year at Christmas. It has been estimated that at least **25,000 gifts** have been donated and distributed during that time. This year alone, **over 1,200 gifts** were donated and distributed at Christmas. Thank you to the members of the Men's Club who so generously donated their time and energy to organize and coordinated the program. It is a massive job and they carry it out with a wonderful spirit and great dedication. Thank you to all of the members and friends of our parish who willingly and generously donate one or more gifts each year. So many people experience God's love through your love at Christmas. This entire program is a wonderful testimony to great faith and deep love. **Congratulations and thank you to all!**

Here is a copy of a letter received by the Men's Club this year:

### TO THE KIND PEOPLE AT THE TINY TIM CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

How can you thank someone who has done so much? Someone who has touched your heart and your life with their kindness and generosity.

For the last ten years you have brightened our Christmas: Each year I pray that circumstances may change, but unfortunately things don't seem to get easier. If ever some windfall ever occurs I promise that I will not forget "Tiny Tim".

Christmas is the season of giving and I hope that each one of you is blessed with the special feeling that God bestows on us when we give unselfishly of ourselves. There's no greater joy than doing that which is asked of us by God.

I am sure that God is smiling down on you and your goodness will be rewarded.

May all of you have a wonderful Holiday Season.

"God Bless Us Everyone"

Many Thanks!

## LITURGY COMMITTEE NOTES

### Did you know?

Today is the traditional day of Epiphany – the "Twelfth Day of Christmas." On this day we mark the apex, as it were, of the Christmas season. The season has been moving steadily toward this moment of great revelation and epiphany. Today we acknowledge and celebrate that the child born in a lowly manger in the darkness of night is revealed as the manifestation of God (the literal meaning of Epiphany). Throughout the liturgies of the season, Christ has been revealed in many ways: as Lord, King, the one in whom God is present and acts. All manifestations of God are "lights" that shine through Christ, illuminating and revealing a deeper understanding of his identity.

Today is also the traditional day for blessing homes and other buildings by marking the lintels of doorways with chalk. The markings commemorate the three Magi traditionally known by the names of Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. The markings for 2008 are 20 + C + M + B + 08. These letters represent the three initials of the Magi's names written between the numbers of the year, separated by four crosses. **Please pick up a card on your way from church which have these numbers and a prayer on the back to bless your home.**

(Written by Steve LaRue; Sourcebook 2008)

Weekly Inspiration: 1/06/2008 Epiphany of the Lord

The Light of the World shines as a beacon to all nations.

Readings for Next Week 1/13/08 – Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Matthew 3:13-17

Songs for Next Week 1/13/08 – Gathering Hymn: "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" #227; Communion Song: "Table of Plenty" #467 Closing Song: "Joy to the World" #208

### 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.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org) then click on Departments and Resources, then click on *Virtus: Protecting God's Children*. We will be scheduling a Virtus Training in January or February. Please watch the bulletin.

**NEIGHBORHOOD PARISHES  
VOLUNTEER POSITION**

Please accept the call to help with our Neighborhood Parish (NP) program. We are constantly increasing the number of neighborhoods as we move toward the goal of placing all parishioners in a small group with 10-15 other families who live in the same natural, geographic area.

The NP program cannot function without NP representatives, couples or individuals who fulfill the program goals of welcoming, contacting, and inviting every member of our very large parish to a parish social function each year. This is a very important position, and our staff is ready to make it easy and enjoyable. With four years of experience, we share ideas; we provide networking; and we offer social events for members of NPs.

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

**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 each month at Our Lady of the Snows Church. **The next Eucharistic Adoration will be held on January 13, 2008, from 6:00 P.M. until 8:00P.M.**

**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.

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 _____ <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
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**FAMILY MINISTRY  
BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

The next bereavement session will be **on Sunday January 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm** in The Gathering Room. For more information call Nettie at 586-1741. . **Bereavement Support for Parents: Please call Sue Brier at 586-2162.**

**CONVERSATION CORNER**

The feast of Epiphany commemorates the visit of the three magi at Jesus' birth. At the very beginning, we are reminded that Jesus came not just for a select group but for all people. It is worth noting that the ones who acknowledged the birth of Jesus were lowly, uneducated shepherds and foreigners. The priests and elders of their own community were not there. Perhaps we need to rethink our assumptions about people and to remember that God so loved all of us that he sent his son to walk with us all.

**FOR BETTER FOR WORSE**

Take care of your marriage. Everything over time needs to be spruced up. So why not your relationship. The **Retrouviale Program** is a spin-off of Marriage Encounter. It is a French work 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.heloourmarriage.org](http://www.heloourmarriage.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.**

**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

**CLUSTER GROUPS : PLEASE SUPPORT OUR PARISH'S... A NIGHT AT THE RACES!!!**

Gift Baskets, gift certificates, lottery tickets, and the selling of tickets will be greatly appreciated. All baskets and certificates will be given out as a raffle and door prizes, please have your group's donation in by January 25th. All horse sales ticket stubs and money must be in on January 28<sup>th</sup>.

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**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.**

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

**No class the week of Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>-January 6<sup>th</sup>.  
Classes resumes the week of January 13, 2008.**

## 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:

Confirmation candidates **MUST** attend one of the following retreats.

**February 2<sup>nd</sup> (For students last names beginning A-K)  
or February 23<sup>rd</sup> (students last names beginning L-Z)**

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR. MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW.**

## 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. Rake leaves for your neighbors.
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 so a parent can Christmas shop, or do other Christmas preparations, baking, wrapping etc.
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.

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</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  
 June 14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</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 9th grade to recent 12 grade graduates.

*But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth." Acts 1:8.*

### 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: \$330.00**

\$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**

### Ski for Lupus

The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual ski for lupus event is being held on January 13<sup>th</sup> 2008 at Elk Mountain. Tickets are only **\$20** and are for 12:30 – 4:30PM or 4:30 – 10:00PM.

Please call 570-558-2008 for tickets. Buy them by January 11<sup>th</sup> 2008!

### High School Religious Ed Program

**Next date: January 15<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 [WalloInc@aol.com](mailto:WalloInc@aol.com)

Anyone who has a family member or friend that is active military, please call the Parish Office and give us his/her name, rank and complete mailing address and if possible, when his/her tour will end. This information will be periodically published in your Parish Bulletin so parishioners can send them care packages (including food, letters, books, etc.) Thank you.

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