

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 BAPTISM OF THE LORD January 10, 2010

*"And a voice came from heaven,
'You are my beloved Son;
with you I am well pleased.'"
-- Luke 3: 22 --*

THE BAPTISM

Today's solemnity, the Baptism of the Lord, marks the end of the liturgical season of Christmas. This feast celebrates the beginning of the public ministry of Jesus – the beginning of his preaching and teaching and working of miracles. This is the time when, having completed his time of preparation, Jesus began the work for which he had become one of us. He began to announce the Word of God, the word of reconciliation and forgiveness and salvation. He began to proclaim the unconditional and unselfish love of God for all. May this celebration

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Thank you for your generous **Sacrificial Giving**. Your **Sacrificial Offering** for **December 19-20, 2009**, amounted to **\$16,245.62**. Your **Sacrificial Offering** for **Christmas** (as of 01/04/10) amounts to **\$64,466.34**. As long as additional Christmas gifts are being received, we will update the report on the Christmas collection each weekend. Your **Sacrificial Offering** for **December 26-27, 2009**, amounted to **\$12,532.43**. Your **Sacrificial Offering** for last weekend, **January 2-3, 2010**, amounted to **\$14,859.55**. **Thank you** again for your generosity in these difficult times.

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.

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.

2009 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

LET US DO GREAT THINGS TOGETHER

Thank you to all who have already donated or pledged to the **2009 Diocesan Annual Appeal**. As of our latest report from the Diocesan Appeal Office, **391 individuals or families** in our parish had pledged **\$54,814.50** to the **2009 Appeal**. This amount is **46.04%** of our parish goal of **\$119,055.00**.

If you have not already pledged, please consider doing so. The pledges may be paid over a six month period, beginning in **January 2010**. You can use the envelope received in the mailing from the diocese or you can use any envelope which can be marked **2009 Diocesan Annual Appeal** and dropped in the collection basket on the weekend or sent to the parish office. Please list your name and address and the amount of your pledge. **Thank you for whatever you can do.** With all of us doing what we can, we can provide much help to the many projects scheduled to be funded by this year's Appeal.

"LIVING CHRIST" RETREATS

A very special event in the life of our parish is approaching very quickly: our next "**Living Christ**" **Retreat**. The next Retreat will be held on **Thursday, Friday and Saturday, January 21, 22 and 23, 2010**, in the **Gathering Room** on the lower level of Our Lady of the Snows Church. On **Thursday** and **Friday** evenings, the **Retreat** will run from **6:00 P.M. until about 10:00 P.M.** On **Saturday**, it will run from **8:00 A.M. until about 12 Noon**.

These retreats are so special that we hope that eventually every member of our parish will participate in one of these retreats. They are designed to be held in the parish so that the participants will be able to stay at home and maintain their work schedules, etc. These retreats are intended to be more convenient and less expensive. The two retreats held so far have also been very effective and very successful. They have been wonderful spiritual experiences for all involved.

Please consider participating in this upcoming Retreat. **Please call the parish office as soon as possible to register.** Please consider this announcement an invitation to participate in this Retreat. Please call the parish office as soon as possible.

We ask all members of the parish to continue to pray regularly for God's blessing on the "Living Christ" Retreats in our parish.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday
7:00 A.M. Lucy McGinnis M/M Robert Simoncelli
12:10 P.M. Michael S. Evans Family

Tuesday
7:00 A.M. Catherine Devine Jim/Denise Battle
12:10 P.M. Edward Gerrity James Palutis

Wednesday
7:00 A.M. Dorothy Matyas Joseph Gronsky
12:10 P.M. Edward Bergin Jim/Katie Gallagher

Thursday
7:00 A.M. John Kundmueller Kate/Bill Frye
12:10 P.M. Joseph Chermak, Sr. Wife/Family

Friday
7:00 A.M. Bill Giannone Lee Electric Supply
12:10 P.M. Orienta Calise Friday Morning Co.

Saturday
4:00 P.M. Grace Loughery Maureen Kearney
5:00 P.M. Mrs. Denardo Lydon Family
6:30 P.M. Ken Wreen James/Patty Pivertto/
Family

Sunday
7:00 A.M. For all members of the parish
8:00 A.M. Joseph Heldmann Grace/Harold Johnson
9:30 A.M. Jason Bilardi Joan Ammerman
11:00 A.M. Annabel Babcock Steve/Joanne Kavulich
11:15 A.M. Kathleen McGlenahan Hall Anne/Mary/
Mary Ann
12:20 P.M. Peter Farrell Anthony Storc

A PRAYER PLEASE- Your prayers are requested for all the sick and deceased members of our parish, especially Grace Tougher, Mary Giblin, William Chessick, Edward Yasinskas and Helen Earley and Glenn Hall.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

The Office for Parish Life/Family Life wishes to invite couples celebrating their **25th or 50th wedding anniversary** in 2010 to a diocesan **Wedding Anniversary Celebration** on **Sunday, April 25**. The event includes a **2:30 P.M. Mass** at **St. Peter's Cathedral** followed by a reception. Requests for an invitation, with a mailing address that will be accurate in February, should be made through your pastor before **January 10, 2010**.

The following prayer has been prepared for those who would like to use it:

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.

OUR LADY OF PEACE SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration for new students for **Our Lady of Peace School** for the **2010-2011 school year** will take place on **Monday and Tuesday, February 1 and 2, 2010** at **Our Lady of Peace School**. A birth certificate, a Baptismal Certificate and a non-refundable \$100.00 registration fee are required. Please mark your calendars and please considering registering your child(ren).

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.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

The **Little Sisters of the Poor** from **Holy Family Residence** want to thank you the generous offering when they visited our parish during December. The Offering amounted to **\$2,245.58**. Thanks to all who participated.

CALENDAR

Sunday, January 10, 2010

6:00 P.M. Eucharistic Adoration **

Monday, January 11, 2010

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

Wednesday, January 13, 2010

1:00 P.M. Bible Class *

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

Thursday, 14, 2010

7:00 P.M. OLS Choir Rehearsal **

6:30 P.M. Youth Group Meeting *

Friday, January 15, 2010

10:00 A.M. Friday Morning Company *

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 the ORDAINED MINISTRY?

DEACONS (Part 1 of 4)

Deacons, priests and bishops constitute the ordained ministry of our church.

Deacons are either transitional or permanent. Transitional deacons have committed themselves to celibacy and are on their way to the priesthood. Permanent deacons have chosen the diaconate as a lifelong ministry. A permanent deacon may be a married man, but if he loses his wife, he may not marry again.

The Vatican II document, *The Dogmatic Constitution on the Church*, states, "At the lower level of the hierarchy are to be found deacons, who receive the imposition of hands "not unto the priesthood, but unto the ministry. For, strengthened by sacramental grace they are dedicated to the People of God, in conjunction with the bishop and his body of priests, in the service of the liturgy, of the Gospel and of works of charity." (No. 29)

The ministry of charity should predominate since that remains the distinctive feature of the deacon's identity. These include: hospital, nursing home, hospice, street-ministry, homeless, elderly, persons with disabilities, youth, soup kitchen, justice, migrants, administration, etc.. Liturgically, a deacon may baptize, celebrate benediction, conduct the vigil and grave-site rites at a funeral, to assist at and bless marriages, to administer sacramentals, and to instruct and exhort the people. The ministry of the Word

includes: adult education, catechetical instruction, sacramental preparation, outreach to alienated Catholics and the unchurched, parish renewal programs, etc. The deacon's most solemn functions during the Eucharistic liturgy are to proclaim the Gospel and to preach. A deacon's stole is worn diagonally, placed across the left shoulder and fastened at the right hip. His Mass vestment is a kind of square, sleeved garment called a dalmatic.

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

Weekly Inspiration: 1/10/10 **Baptism of the Lord**

Baptism is the beginning of our life in the Spirit. We are called to live like Jesus in deep communion with God.

Readings for Next Week: 1/17/10 Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11

Music for Next Week: 1/17/10 Opening Song: "Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven" #373; Communion Song: "One Bread, One Body" #494; Closing Song: "Companions on the Journey" #543.

TNEIGHBORHOOD PARISH (NP) PROGRAM

The most important element of the Neighborhood Parish Program is invitation and contact. We cannot be sure of our response to our invitations or our contacts for we only plant the seeds. It is enough to INVITE AND MAKE CONTACTS because the recipient at least knows that he/she is important to our parish and is welcome. Neighborhood Parish Representatives can only be consistent, faithful, and available to the members of our groups. The contact, itself, allows the Holy Spirit to work in people's lives.

Many thanks to all the Neighborhood Parish Representatives who have done such a wonderful job of maintaining contact with their members. Although the fruits of your perseverance may not be seen by you, please know the fruits of these contacts have been many. You are letting the Spirit work through you for the good of our parish. If you need anything, please feel free to call Carol at the Parish Center at 586-1741.

JAMAICA MINISTRY

Steve Wallo, Youth Director, Erin Phillips, Casey Phillips, and Jillian Abballe would like to thank everyone for their generous contributions toward their summer service trip to Jamaica. Through your amazing generosity, they were able to bring over much needed medical supplies, medications, clothing, and toiletries for residents at the nursing home in Balaclava, and patients at both St. Peter's and St. Vincent's medical clinic. During their visit, Steve, Casey and Jillian worked at the Mt. Calvary Retreat House in Mandeville, Jamaica painting and doing much needed repairs. Erin assisted Dr. Carol Narkevich at the Balaclava nursing home and St. Vincent's medical clinic in bull Savanna, Jamaica. It was a very eye opening experience to see the needs of people in another country. Your contributions have been so very much appreciated.

MEDICAL AND DENTAL PROFESSIONALS: You are needed to assist Dr. Carol Narkevich 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 1/111th 56 SBCT
C.C.O. 15TH 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. 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.

For those in need of a class, a Virtus training session is scheduled on Monday, January 11, 2010 at Marion Catholic Elementary School, 638 Hemlock Street, Scranton from 6:30P.M. – 9:30P.M.. Please call 346-9922 to register.

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.

ANGEL NEEDED

We are looking for an anonymous donor(s) to help fund a parish program for the Benefit of children whose parents are suffering through a divorce. If Interested call Carol at the parish center @ 586-1741.

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 Living Christ Retreat is on January 21, 22, and 23, 2010.** For further information, please call Carol at 586-1741.

PARISH NURSE MEETING

There will be a Parish Nurse Meeting on **January 19, 2010, at 5:30 PM in the Large Conference Room of the Parish Center.** We will be looking at our yearly schedule of programs. Anyone interested in attending these meetings is welcome to attend. For further information, please call Carol at 586-1741 or Beth at 587-7641.

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 January 10, 2010, from 6:00P.M. until 8:00P.M.**

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 **\$20 for early registration which is before January 26, 2010. Late registration is \$25.00.** For more information, please contact Carol at the parish center at 586-1741.

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

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

() SICK () HOMEBOUND () IN HOSPITAL

() NURSING HOME

() WOULD LIKE COMMUNION

() WOULD LIKE A VISIT

() NEEDS SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

() NEEDS OTHER ASSISTANCE

**FAMILY MINISTRY
BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

The next bereavement session will on **Sunday January 17th at 2:00 pm** 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.**

Holy Family

It is easy to think of the Holy Family as perfect; but, the truth is they had their problems too. Jesus goes off on his own without a word to his parents and gives them quite a scare. It gives us an indication that life was not always peaceful and perfect for them. So it is with us. Families can be difficult. Children can be unruly. Parents can be too hard or too soft on their children. Family relationships are important. Above all, we want and need to know that our family is there for us, ready to cheer us on in the good times and lend a helping hand when things go wrong. What is your family like? Do they know they are loved unconditionally? What can you do to make your home a place of love, acceptance, support and encouragement for each person in the family?

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.wwme.org or a Retrouvaille Weekend www.helpourmarriage.org

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 Religion Education Program Holiday
Schedule**

There will be no class at Our Lady of Peace School on Sunday, Dec. 23rd, Jan. 3rd or Jan. 10th. Classes will resume on Sunday January 17th.

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

**OLDER CHILDREN WHO NEED TO RECEIVE FIRST
RECONCILIATION/FIRST EUCHARIST OR
CONFIRMATION:**

If the student is older than 3rd grade and needs to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation and Eucharist, or is older than eighth grade and needs to receive the sacrament of Confirmation please call Nettie at the parish center to arrange to have the student instructed for the sacraments needed.

CONFIRMATION SERVICE HOURS:

There will be several opportunities for parish service hours during the next several weeks. Please call Barbara at the parish office 586-1741 to have your name placed on the list of students willing to help on these service projects.

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

January 21-22ndMarch for Life
January 31stTeen Mass
February 7thSouper Bowl of Caring Collection

Pro Life March in Washington DC

January 21-22nd 2010

There are at least 1.4 million unborn babies killed each year in the US (3700 each day). Every January, Pro Life Supporters come from all over the US to show support for the right to life of the unborn. This year we will be joining other youth ministries from Scranton in an overnight Vigil followed by the March for Life.



We will travel down the night before the March and stay at Nativity Church in Washington DC, hosted by the Salesians. During the night, there will be food and games along with live music, speakers, and a place for Adoation.

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.

2010 Vermont Ski Weekend Trip

March 4th – 7th is skiing time and it's time to book your spot! Flyers, reservation forms, and brochures are available soon in the Youth Office. This trip is open to all high school students and those in 7th and 8th 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

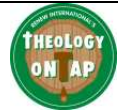
-Loads of Fun



Approximate Price: \$400.00

\$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



Young Adults: **THEOLOGY ON TAP**

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

Where: Armetta's Pizza

When: Last Tuesday of every month

Time: 7PM – 9PM

Cover: \$5 includes Pizza and wings

