

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
January 20, 2008

*"It is too little, the Lord says,
for you to be my servant,
to raise up the tribes of Jacob,
and restore the survivors of Israel;
I will make you a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."*
-- Isaiah 49: 6 --

CHRISTIAN UNITY

The annual **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** began this past **Friday, January 18**, and continues through **Friday, January 25**. This **Sunday, January 20, 2008**, is **Ecumenical Sunday**. This is an occasion to recall that, while our churches are united in Baptism and while we recognize each other's ecclesial community as a source of vitality and vision, we also painfully acknowledge that we do not yet celebrate the fullness of Christian unity. We seek to understand the obstacles that lie in the path toward unity and we firmly believe that, through the power of the Holy Spirit, these obstacles can be overcome. We pray that as God, in Christ, has gifted us with life and light by the power of the Holy Spirit, so too will God continue to inspire us by the same Spirit to work for the unity of the Church! **Today we pray for the time when our full, visible unity may emerge through the power of the Holy Spirit as a foretaste of the Kingdom where God's love reigns eternal.**

**AN ECUMENICAL CELEBRATION
OF GOD'S WORD**

The faithful of the Diocese of Scranton are invited to **Saint Peter's Cathedral**, Scranton, on **Thursday, January 24, 2008**, at **10:30 A.M.** for **An Ecumenical Celebration of God's Word**. Please note the time of this year's prayer service. **The Most Reverend Joseph F. Martino, D.D., Hist. E.D.**, Bishop of Scranton, will preside. **The Reverend Robert L. Driesen**, recently installed bishop of the **Upper Susquehanna Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**, will deliver the message. Clergy and representatives from various Christian traditions and ecumenical agencies will be present. The public is cordially invited to attend. The service will be aired on Catholic Television (**C-TV**).

ECUMENICAL CHOIRFEST

The annual **Ecumenical Choirfest** sponsored by the **Abington Ecumenical Ministerium** in observance of the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** will be held on **Sunday, January 27, 2008**, at **3:00 P.M.**, at the **First Presbyterian Church** on School Street in Clarks Summit (immediately behind Our Lady of the Snows Church). Our Lady of the Snows Adult Choir and our Children's Choir will participate. Please consider joining with our brothers and sisters from neighboring churches

for this very enjoyable time of singing and praising God.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Your **Sacrificial Offering** for last weekend amounted to **\$16,032.42**.

The **Christmas Offering**, as of Monday, January 14, amounted to **\$65,590.41**. 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.

Thank you very much for your generous sharing with your parish community each weekend and at Christmas. Your generosity makes possible the day-to-day life of our parish community with its many ministries. **Thank You!** (We need an average of **\$15,900.00** weekly in order to make ends meet and take care of our beautiful buildings and properties and maintain our many ministries. Our **average weekly Offering** for the twenty-seven weekends between **July 1, 2007**, and **December 31, 2007**, amounted to **\$14,802.80**. This is a truly significant amount of money and a great testimony to your faith and generosity. Please continue the wonderful sacrificial offerings and please remember that any slight increase or additional one-time gifts are appreciated very much. Thank you for all that you do!)

WINTER WEATHER

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

A REMEMBRANCE IN YOUR WILL

If you are able, a remembrance for your parish in your will is a wonderful way to provide for the future well-being of your parish community. Thank you for considering this very special way of sharing with your parish family.

IN THE NEAR FUTURE

Lent 2008 begins on **Ash Wednesday, February 6, 2008**. **Passion/Palm Sunday** will be celebrated on **Sunday, March 16, 2008**. The **Easter Triduum** will begin on **Holy Thursday, March 20, 2008**, with the **Mass of the Lord's Supper** in the evening and will conclude on the evening of **Easter Sunday, March 23, 2008**, one of the earliest dates that is possible for Easter. **Good Friday** will be observed on **Friday, March 21, 2008**, and **Holy Saturday** will be observed on **Saturday, March 22, 2008**. Please mark your calendars now and plan to gather with your parish community to keep these days holy.

Our annual **Forty Hours Devotions with Eucharistic Adoration** will be held on **Sunday, February 10, Monday, February 11, and Tuesday, February 12**. On Sunday, Adoration will begin at the conclusion of

the 11:15 A.M. Mass in Our Lady of the Snows Church. On Monday and Tuesday, Adoration will begin immediately following the 7:00 A.M. Mass in Our Lady of the Snows Church. On all three days, Adoration will conclude with a Service at 7:00 P.M. **Father Thomas Major**, who grew up in Our Lady of the Snows Parish and was in residence here for several years when he served as Chaplain at Clarks Summit State Hospital and is currently pastor of Saint Ann's Church in Shohola, PA, will preach the homily at the three evening services. Please mark your calendars and plan to be with us. More details to follow.

The annual **Lenten Adult Religious Education Program** sponsored by the parishes of our region will be presented in the **Gathering Room** on the lower level of **Our Lady of the Snows Church** on **Sunday, February 17, 2008, Sunday, February 24, 2008, and Sunday March 2, 2008**. The program will begin at **7:00 P.M. and conclude at 8:30 P.M.** each of those evenings. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us. More details regarding these presentations will be available in this bulletin in the next several weeks.

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.

2007 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

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

MENDEED HEARTS

"Anyone with heart related ailments and their families are cordially invited to attend a meeting of MENDEED HEARTS, in the large conference room, 2nd 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

CALENDAR

Monday, January 21, 2008

Martin Luther King Day

Tuesday, January 22, 2008

7:00 P.M. Cub Scouts

Wednesday, January 23, 2008

1:00 P.M. Bible Study *

Thursday, January 24, 2008

10:30 A.M. **An Ecumenical Celebration of God's Word**

at St. Peter's Cathedral

6:30 P.M. CPR/AED Training*****

Friday, January 25, 2008

10:00 A.M. Friday Morning Company*

Saturday, January 26, 2008

9:00 A.M. CPR/AED Training*****

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

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

Gathering Room*****

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday

7:00 A.M. Alice Flood Davis Anna Walsh/Family

12:10 P.M. David Gallagher Family

Tuesday,

7:00 A.M. Dr. Stanley Stampien Wayne/Kathy Griffiths

12:10 P.M. Stanely Bozenko Deacon/Mrs. Edwin Salva

Wednesday

7:00 A.M. Paula Mueller Albert/Carol Mueller

12:10 P.M. Donald Eline Kay Gallagher

Thursday

7:00 A.M. Bernard Bolsar Kelly Moran

12:10 P.M. Sean Panko Parents

Friday

7:00 A.M. Helen/Martin/Frank Jerry Maloney Maloney Family

12:10 P.M. Eugene Bucher M/M Tom Kamla

Saturday

4:00 P.M. Frank Savo, Jr. Linda Burns

5:00 P.M. Ann Gallagher Family

6:30 P.M. Mary T. Lenahan Friend

Sunday

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

8:00 A.M. Billy Marciano Catherine Nasta

9:30 A.M. Wesley Anderson Betts Family

11:00 A.M. Bernard Bolsar Kelly Moran

11:15 A.M. Rita Dottle Lee Electric Supply

12:20 P.M. Leona Shantz Anne Karp

A PRAYER PLEASE- Your prayers are requested for all the sick and deceased members of our parish and community and especially Connie Lacey and James Anderson.

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 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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK AND REGISTRATION

Catholic Schools Week will be observed by the Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Scranton including **Our Lady of Peace School in Clarks Green** during the **week** beginning **January 27, 2008**.

Open House will be held at the school on **Sunday, January 27, 2008, from 1:00 P.M. until 3:00 P.M.** All are invited to visit the school during this time.

Registration of new students for the 2008-2009 school year will take place on **Monday, January 28, 2008**, and **Tuesday, January 29, 2008**. Registrations will be accepted on those days from **9:00 A.M. until 12 Noon** in the **school auditorium**. Children registering for Kindergarten must be five years of age by August 31, 2008. Children registering for First Grade must be six years of age by August 31, 2008. Birth and Baptism (for Catholic students) Certificates and Immunization Records must be presented at the time of registration. If you have any questions about the school, please call **Mrs. Jane Quinn, school principal, at 587-4152**.

OUR PARISH IN 2007

The following is a report from our parish in the year 2007:

Baptisms: 119 (In addition, 2 adults were received into the Catholic Church by Profession of Faith at the Easter Vigil.)

First Communions: 84

Confirmations: 93

Marriages: 20

Deaths: 56

MUSIC MINISTRY

The Resurrection Choir

This Choir sings at funerals. For further information, please call Jennie at the parish office.

Cantors

If you would like more information about our cantor Program, please call Jennie at the Parish Office.

Choir

Please call Jennie at 586-1741.

NEW IN THE PARISH?

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

BULLETIN BRIEFS

Unfortunately, politics in our country often can be a contest of powerful interests, partisan attacks, sound bites, and media hype. The Church calls for a different kind of political engagement: one shaped by the moral convictions of well-formed consciences and focused on the dignity of every human being, the pursuit of the common good, and the protection of the weak and the vulnerable. The Catholic call to faithful citizenship affirms the importance of political participation and insists that public service is a worthy vocation.

“Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship,” (no.14),
USCCB, Nov. 14, 2007

***** YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS *****

We are asking your help with your email address if you have one. If you have not yet done so, please consider sending it to the parish office (ols2@epix.net) or writing it on the front of one of your church envelopes. Certain mailings and financial reports and letters can be sent by e-mail. This can result in a substantial savings in terms of labor and postage (especially with the increase this year of the postage rates) if we can send a large portion of these by e-mail. Thank you for considering this request.

IN THE HOSPITAL?

Most often, the hospitals in Scranton are very good about letting us know when members of our parish are in the hospital. Once in a while, we do not get the name of a particular person for a wide variety of reasons – most often admission through an emergency room when all concerned are busy about more important things than documenting the parish of the patient being treated. If you do not receive a visit from one of the parish priest or one of our parish visitors within a couple of days, please ask someone to call the parish office and leave a message about your admission. You will be visited as soon as possible.

COMMUNITY NEWS

WE THANK those who brought Coffee/Tea this weekend. If you can, please bring Pasta/Sauce weekend. Your generosity will not go unnoticed by a grateful Lord.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY .. Experience the personal fulfillment that comes from helping others! The

Hospital Elder Life Program (HELP) of Moses Taylor Hospital, Scranton, is looking for volunteers to sit with our senior patients, read to them, assist with meals, and other activities. Volunteers must be at least 16 years of age. Training is provided. A commitment of two hours per week for 10 weeks or more is requested (weekdays only). Free parking and meal pass provided. For more information, call Moses Taylor's HELP Program at 340-2161.

LITURGY COMMITTEE NOTES

Did you know?

Today there is a subtle seasonal shift. After hearing the readings one can still easily envision the Christmas season. And yet, all week long we have been hearing readings that point toward the beginning of Jesus' ministry on earth. The readings fit this as well. Thus, we can look upon today as a transitional Sunday – one that pushes headlong into the new season, but with a film or a residue of the previous season of Christmas. (Written by Steve LaRue; Sourcebook 2008)

Weekly Inspiration: 1/20/2008 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 "Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." (John 1:29)

Readings for Next Week 1/27/08 – Isaiah 8:23-9:3; 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17; Matthew 4:12-23

Songs for Next Week 1/27/08 – Gathering Hymn: "All are Welcome" #505; Communion Song: "One Bread, One Body" #472; Closing Song: "Companions on the Journey" #427

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 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 PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

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

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

If you are not currently in a Neighborhood Parish, please consider calling Kate or Carol at the Parish Center to find out more about the role of Neighborhood Parish Representative. If you are new to the parish and are looking for ways to become involved, this would be a perfect way to get to know your neighbors and provide a

valuable service to Our Lady of the Snows/Church of St. Benedict.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

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

USHERS

We are looking for men or women who attend the 11:15A.M. Mass at Our Lady of the Snows Church to become ushers. If you are interested or need further information, please speak to one of the priests or call Carol at the Parish Center.

CPR/AED TRAINING

The short CPR/AED training course will be presented at Our Lady of the Snows Church. AEDs (Automatic External Defibrillators) are accurate and easy to use, and one is located in each church in case of emergency. In order to train as many people as possible, the training is being held in the **Parish Center at two different times: Thursday, January 24, 2008 from 6:30P.M. to 9:00P.M. OR Saturday, January 26, 2008 from 9:00A.M. to 11:30A.M.** Please consider taking this life saving training course.

If you know a parishioner who is ill or homebound and needs a visit, communion, or help, please fill out the card below and drop at the parish center or in the basket.

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____
() sick () homebound () in hospital
() nursing home
() would like communion
() would like a visit
() needs Sacrament of the sick
() needs other assistance

FAMILY MINISTRY

CONVERSATION CORNER

We have been consecrated in baptism and called to be holy. Do you ever think about what that means?

What do you think it means to be "holy" and do you think it applies to you? According to the dictionary, holy means belonging to God, consecrated, deserving deep respect, awe, and reverence. Holy is not something you become but what you are. You did not earn it but you can develop it. We all have talents and abilities but they cannot bear fruit unless we develop them and hone our skills. So it is with holiness. Reflect on what it means to be holy and what you are doing to become more holy.

FOR BETTER FOR WORSE

Don't take your life too seriously. Don't take yourself too seriously, either. But you must take your partner and your relationship seriously!

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND:

It is not too early to think about the BEST present you can give each other for Valentine's Day—a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend—where you can have a face-to-face, heart-to-heart encounter with the one you've decided to spend your life with. The next weekend will be held in Bethlehem, PA, February 15-17, 2008. For information call 1-800-787-7679 or on the web at www.meallentown.org.

Renewal is the principle—and the process—that empowers us to move on an upward spiral of growth and change, of continuous improvements. *Stephen R. Covey*

RETROUVAILLE PROGRAM FOR MARRIAGES

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

MOTHERS GROUP

The Mother's group will meet on the **1st and 3rd 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 28th.

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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 or call the rectory at 586-1741 and press #5 on the menu for the holiday schedule. Also watch WBRE TV Channel 3. Announcements will be made by 8:30am in case of class cancellation.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

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

CONFIRMATION RETREATS:

(NOTE DATE AND LOCATION CHANGE)

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

Measurements for confirmation robes will be taken at this time.

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

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

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

CONFIRMATION SERVICE HOURS

30 HOURS TOTAL (15 Parish-15 community)

All service projects and hours must be submitted by March 27, 2008.

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

1. Call Steve Wallo for future parish and community service projects at 586-1741 or check a Youth Ministry Corner in Bulletin
2. Waverly Elementary PTA can use help 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm at the school. Call Mary at 575-1691 for more information.
3. Call Patty Rowland @ 587-5572 or Mary Jo Loboda @ 563-0912 for collection of items needed for Haiti Project.
4. Clean snow from sidewalks and driveway without being told
5. St. Francis Soup Kitchen call 342-5556
6. Cleaning of the Church call Carol at 586-1741

7. Do light housekeeping for an elderly relative or friend.
 8. Volunteer to walk a neighbor's dog after school or on weekends.
 9. Volunteer your time babysitting
 10. Tutor a younger student or peer in an subject/area in which you excel. (DO NOT DO THEIR HOMEWORK-HELP THEM UNDERSTAND HOW TO DO THEIR HOMEWORK)
- Give some basketball lessons, help a friend in your dance class with their routine, help a friend practice piano, violin, etc.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR OUR PARISH'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WILL BE THE WEEK OF JUNE 23RD AT THE NEWTON REC. CENTER. WE ARE ALWAYS IN NEED OF ADULT AND STUDENT HELPERS. STUDENT HELPERS MUST BE NO YOUNGER THAN 7TH GRADE. PLEASE CALL NETTIE AT THE PARISH CENTER TO SIGN UP TO HELP.

YOUTH MINISTRY CORNER

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

A Jr. High Youth program the meets weekly is available for any youth in grades 7 and 8. **Team meetings are Sunday from 1:00PM until 2:00PM.** Please call ahead if you're a new student who wishes to join.

Scheduled Events for 2007-2008

Spring TBABus to Nowhere
February 2nd & 23rd8th Grade Confirmation Retreats
February 28th - March 2nd ... Vermont Ski Weekend
March 14thLiving Way of the Cross
June 14th - 15thRelay for Life
June 18thLight the Fire Youth Rally
June 23rd - 27th Vacation Bible School
June 29th - July 5thWest Virginia Mission Trip
July 11th - 13thFranciscan 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 11th – 13th 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.

2008 Vermont Ski Weekend Trip

February 28th through March 4th 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 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: \$350.00

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

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

Living Way of the Cross

This Year's Annual Living Way of the Cross Easter Production will be held on March 14th 2008. John Conaboy was our Director last year and did a wonderful job.

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

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

High School Religious Ed Program

Next date: January 15th 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

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