

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 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
January 24, 2010

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord."*
-- Luke 4: 18-19 --

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The annual **Time of Prayer and Praise** as we pray for **Christian Unity**, sponsored by the **Abington Ecumenical Ministerium**, is scheduled for next **Sunday afternoon, January 31, 2010, at 3:00 P.M.** in the **Clarks Summit United Methodist Church**, located on the Morgan Highway at West Grove Street. Choirs from various churches in the Ministerium will be participating. **Please mark your calendars and plan to join us.**

"LIVING CHRIST" RETREATS

Our next **"Living Christ" Retreat** is scheduled for **Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 18, 19 and 20, 2010.** The 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.** If you have not already made one of these special retreats, please consider making this next one. You will be very happy that you did. It is a wonderful spiritual experience. Please call the parish office for more information or details or to register. Thank you for your consideration of this invitation.
We ask all members of the parish to pray for God's blessing on this and each Retreat.
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.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Thank you for your ongoing and very generous **Sacrificial Giving.** Your **Sacrificial Offering** for **Christmas** (as of 01/19/10) amounts to **\$66,603.34.** As long as additional Christmas gifts are being received, we

will update the report on the Christmas collection each weekend. There was an error in last week's bulletin announcement. Your **Sacrificial Offering** for last weekend, **January 16-17, 2010,** amounted to **\$13,782.13. Thank you again for your wonderful generosity to your parish!**

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

If you have not already pledged to the 2009 Diocesan Annual Appeal, please consider doing so. 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.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

- Monday
 - 7:00 A.M. Helen/Martin/Frank Maloney Jerry Maloney Family
 - 12:10 P.M. Sean Panko Parents
- Tuesday
 - 7:00 A.M. Ann Gallagher Family
 - 12:10 P.M. Eugene Bucher M/M Tom Kamla
- Wednesday
 - 7:00 A.M. Romuald Przborowski Michael/Christine Wendy Marek
 - 12:10 P.M. Stella Buntz Betty Sfarra
- Thursday
 - 7:00 A.M. Lawrence Toth Joseph Gronsky
 - 12:10 P.M. Cheryl Moher Howard/Susan Hoffman Neugebauer
- Friday
 - 7:00 A.M. Anna Perrone Irene/Roy Bayless
 - 12:10 P.M. Michael McGunniss Lee/Jim Ryan
- Saturday
 - 4:00 P.M. Anne Kraynak Mrs. Frank Savo, Jr.
 - 5:00 P.M. Frank Pullo Wanda Brown/Family
 - 6:30 P.M. Albert/Ida Pagano Kaminski Family
- Sunday
 - 7:00 A.M. For all members of the parish
 - 8:00 A.M. Anne Kutsop Emmett/Bonnie Sherman
 - 9:30 A.M. Robert D. Kane Dr/M Terry Cochran
 - 11:00 A.M. Kathryn Galasso M/M Jerry Burke
 - 11:15 A.M. Julia Davenport Rich/Francie/Griff Walters
 - 12:20 P.M. Alice Chrusciel Joseph Gronsky

A PRAYER PLEASE- Your prayers are requested for all the sick and deceased members of our parish, especially Fred Major.

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).

CHRISTIAN UNITY

The annual **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** began this past Monday, January 18, and continues through Monday, January 25. **This Sunday, January 24, 2010 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!

FORTY HOURS DEVOTIONS

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

ASH WEDNESDAY

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

LENTEN ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

MUSIC MINISTRY

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

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

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

OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS 100TH YEAR

Our Lady of the Snows 100th year celebration will occur in 2011. We are beginning to prepare a historic time line of our church. If you have any pictures, articles or memorabilia you would like to share, please contact one of the following: Phyllis Ruzbarsky at 586-2119 or Jo Ann Carr at 586-3520 or Anna Scahill at ascahill@epix.net or Bonnie Sherman at 587-2235.

CALENDAR

Sunday, January 24, 2010

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

Wednesday, January 27, 2010

1:00 P.M. Bible Class *

Thursday, January 28, 2010

7:00 P.M. OLS Choir **

7:00 P.M. Youth Group Meeting *

Friday, January 29, 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?**

BISHOPS (Part 3 of 4)

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

The highest rank among our church's ordained ministers are the bishops. When we consider these individuals, we probably think of them in their role as ordinaries, that is, primary administrators of our dioceses. The essential power of the bishop, however, resides in his ability to ordain deacons, priests, and other bishops. We believe that our bishops are the successors of the apostles and that the power to ordain has flowed in an unbroken line from the apostolic era to our own day. In the early church, bishops were the usual liturgical ministers. The priesthood and the diaconate developed out of the bishops' need for help as the church grew.

The Vatican II document, *The Dogmatic Constitution on the Church*, states, "...the bishops, as vicars and legates of

Christ, govern the particular churches assigned to them by their counsels, exhortations and example, but over and above that also by the authority and sacred power which indeed they exercise exclusively for the spiritual development of their flock in truth and holiness, keeping in mind that he who is greater should become as the lesser, and he who is the leader as the servant (Luke 22:26-27)."

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

Weekly Inspiration: 1/24/10 3rd **Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jesus brings God's world-shaking message of liberation for the poor and oppressed.

Readings for Next Week: 1/31/10 Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13; Luke 4: 21-30.

Music for Next Week: 1/31/10 Opening Song: "Praise My Soul, The King of Heaven" #373; Communion Song: "Blest Are They" #415; Closing Song: "We Are the Light of the World" #417.

A CALL FOR NEIGHBORHOOD PARISH REPS

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

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 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 smile when someone remembered them. We had a beautiful candle light service the other night and have several get-togethers over the holiday. Christmas is a time for building memories, sharing wishes, and making dreams come true. Happy Holidays. Peace, Fr. Richard

MEDICAL AND DENTAL PROFESSIONALS: You are needed to assist Dr. Carol Narcevic at her clinics. Please note the list above for items needed at the clinic, Call Dr. Dennis Dawgert at 587-5437 for information about volunteer opportunities.

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

LETTERS AND CARDS TO OUR SERVICEMEN

Our servicemen are in need of cards and letters. Please drop them one and let them know you are thinking about and praying for them. Please send in or call the parish office with the names of servicemen who could use cards.

Jones, Allen
Unit 931003 TFTS
APO AE 09391

P.F.C. Jenkins	Kieth Kempinski ASGA
F.O.B. WARRIOR	ACO 1/111 th 56 SBCT
C.C.O. 15 TH BSB 2BCT ICD	Unit #6260
A.P.O. AE 09338	APO/AE 09378

VIRTUS PROGRAM

All volunteers who work 20 hours or more with children **MUST** have the one time Virtus Training. Please check the Diocesan website for future training sessions at www.dioceseofscranton.org, then click on Departments and Resources, and then click on Virtus: Protecting God's Children.

RCIA

RCIA (Rite for Christian Initiation for Adults) are for adults of all ages, and are for everyone (Catholics and non-Catholics alike): ***Never been baptized and finding yourself attracted to the Catholic faith. *Non-Catholics who are considering the Catholic faith. *Baptized Catholics wanting to complete their full initiation into the faith. *Catholics who have drifted away from the church, who want to learn more about our faith, or who want to know enough to answer their children's or friend's questions.**

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

FRIDAY MORNING COMPANY

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

ADULT BABYSITTERS FOR

Living Christ Retreats

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

100th YEAR CELEBRATION HELP NEEDED

We would like to issue an open invitation to any parishioner interested in serving on a committee to help with the 100th year celebration festivities. There will be a meeting on January 28, 2010 at 7:00P.M. in the Large Conference Room. Any parishioner interested in volunteering is invited to attend. If you are unable to attend and are interested please contact Phyllis Ruzbarsky at 586-2119. Thank you for your support.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

James, Peter, and Jude: The Catholic Letters

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

ALTAR SERVERS FOR FUNERALS

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

USHERS (MEN OR WOMEN) NEEDED

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

CLUSTER ACTIVITIES

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

WOULD LIKE COMMUNION

WOULD LIKE A VISIT

NEEDS SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

NEEDS OTHER ASSISTANCE

Jamaican Ministry Donation Fund

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Please make checks payable to OLS/CSB (please note Jamaican Ministry on the bottom of your check.)
I wish my funds to be used for:

- ___ Medical Needs of the people in the Missions
- ___ Help with Tuition for a school child. \$300/year
- ___ Help with funds for a student at Catholic College of Mandeville. Tuition - \$2000/year Books - \$500/year
- ___ Funds for Mandeville Retreat House - \$50/person
- ___ General funds for the Passionist Mission in Jamaica

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

SICK HOMEBOUND IN HOSPITAL

NURSING HOME

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

THE PRISM

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

CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING: PRAYER, TEACHING, WITNESS AND THANKSGIVING TO GOD!

There will be a Regional Prayer Meeting at St., Mary's Church, 715 Hawthorne St., Avoca, PA 18641, on Monday, February 1st at 7:30 P.M. All are invited. The meeting will be held in the School Auditorium. Refreshments will be served. For additional information, please contact: Karen McLain at 983-6251 or Jack McQuade at 639-0952.

FAMILY MINISTRY

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The next bereavement session will be on **Wednesday February 3rd at 10:00 am** and on **Sunday February 21st at 2:00pm** in the parish center. All are invited to attend. For more information call Nettie at 586-1741. **Bereavement Support for Parents: Please call Sue Brier at 586-2162.**

CONVERSATION CORNER

We are all members of one body in Christ. We all have a purpose vital to the good of the community. Some have well defined roles and are given special titles; but, most of us do not have that. In fact, we would be hard pressed to explain what our "vital" role is in the community. Remember the movie, It's A Wonderful Life? Don't worry about defining your role. Focus on allowing God's love to work through you and, even if it is not apparent to you, you will be fulfilling your role in the community.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

NIGHT OF THE RACES

WHEN: MARCH 6, 2010

**WHERE: OUR LADY OF PEACE SCHOOL
TICKETS \$10.00 PER PERSON, \$15.00 AT THE DOOR**

Name a horse for \$10.00 to run in a race. Winner claims \$50.00.

Proceeds of the event will benefit our parish 's Vacation Bible School Program

SCOUT SUNDAY

Sunday February 7th is Scout Sunday at Our Lady of the Snows/Church of St. Benedict. All Cub/Boy/Girl Scouts and leaders are invited to attend the **11:15 am Mass at Our Lady of the Snows Church in full uniform.**

MARRIAGE PROGRAMS

Your marriage deserves your attention, just like your health, home, car, job. Attention to keep it healthy and strong. Are you giving your marriage the attention it needs?

Consider a **Marriage Encounter Weekend** www.wvme.org or a **Retrouvaille Weekend** www.helpourmarriage.org

RETRouvaille WEEKEND

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

The program concentrates on areas of :

- **Healthy communication**
- **Conflict Management**
- **Trust/ forgiveness Issues**
- **Intimacy/Rediscovering the romance**

For more information or to register please call 587-0415 or 1-800-470-2230 or the website www.Retrouvaille.org .

Registration deadline March 8, 2010

MOMS AND TOTS GROUP

Looking for interested participants in a monthly moms/caregivers of toddlers fellowship group. Please call Nettie at the parish office 586-1741 if interested.

Care-Giver Support

If you are interested in an elder parent care support group please call Mona DelSole at 586-3344.

LAZARUS MINISTRY

The Lazarus Ministry is a group of volunteers to prepare a meal for the bereaved family in The Gathering Room (lower level of the Church) after the funeral of their loved one. We can always use volunteers to help with the cooking, setting up of the tables, serving the meal, and cleaning up afterwards. All ages welcome. Please consider helping out in any way possible. For more information or to sign up call Nettie at 586-1741 or June Burns at 586-2048.

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

Sunday Religious Education Program
Classes resume Jan. 17, 2010

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 2010

January 30thSt. Joseph's Center Visit
January 31stTeen Mass
February 7thSouper Bowl of Caring Collection

St. Joseph's Center Visit

We'll be paying a visit to St. Joe's on Saturday January 30th. St. Joseph's is a center for mentally and physically handicapped young people. When we go volunteer here, it's a ministry of presence. We spend time playing games and having fun with these young people who are all wheel chair bound.

Keep in mind that volunteers are often the only visitors that they get other than family members.

After the visit we'll go out for pizza and then head back to OLS. Meet at OLS at 10:30AM, the visit is from 11:00-12:30PM and then Lunch after. Returning to OLS at about 1:30PM

Teen Mass

Our next youth Mass will be held on January 31st! 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: January 31st 2009

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**

Topic: Walking a New Walk:
Finding a path for the new year



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

Where: Armetta's Pizza

When: January 26th 2010

Time: 7PM – 8:30PM

Cover: \$5 includes Pizza and wings