

*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**

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. Kevin Mulhern
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 Zakaraukas
Pastoral Associate.....	A. Carol Salva
Parish Secretary .....	Debbie Waters
Maintenance.....	Peter Serine
Sacristan OLS .....	Aaron Fleming
.....	Connor Fleming
Sacristan CSB .....	Andy Medina
Cub Master.....	John D'Elia

### 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 and to 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. James 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 the 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 call will be attended to at any time of the day or night.

**VISITATION OF 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 classes 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

**MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**  
**June 26, 2011**

*"Unlike your ancestors  
who ate and still died,  
whoever eats this bread  
will live forever."*

-- John 6: 58 --

**BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**

With today's Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, we celebrate a feast that puts our focus on the mystery of the Eucharist that we celebrate so regularly. Saint Augustine reminded his listeners and us that in the Eucharist we "receive what we are and become what we receive." We are the Body of Christ by Baptism and in the Eucharist we receive the Body of Christ which is meant to transform us more fully into the Body of Christ. May this transformation continue to happen every time we celebrate and share in the Eucharist.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

Your **Sacrificial Offering** for last weekend amounted to **\$14,588.76**. **Thank you** once again for your generosity. Members of our parish may want to consider donating **appreciated assets, stock, bonds and mutual funds, etc.** You can take the full amount as tax credit and our parish gets the full amount donated – a sure win-win situation. **Thank you** for considering this.

**BULLETIN BRIEFS**

While movies, television, and peers told them otherwise, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, as of 2009, over 72% of girls and over 71% of boys age 15 to 17 have remained abstinent. Including all teenagers ages 15 to 19 in the 2006-2008 reporting period, nearly 58% have remained abstinent. If they can resist pressure from movies, television, and peers to become sexually active, why can't the others? Of the teens who are sexually active, a great majority of sexually-active teens use contraception, but one in three sexually-active teen girls will become pregnant within two years, and half of the 20 million new cases of STDs each year are acquired by young people.

U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops'  
Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, 2011

**FAREWELL RECEPTION**

We will have a **Farewell Reception** for **Father Mulhern** and **Father Altavilla** on **Sunday, July 10, 2011**, in the **Gathering Room** on the **lower level** of **Our Lady of the Snows Church**, immediately following the **11:15 A.M. Mass**. Please join us to wish Father Mulhern and Father Altavilla the best in their new assignments – Father Mulhern as pastor of Saint Robert Bellarmine Parish in Wilkes-Barre and Father Altavilla as pastor of the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton. Both of them will begin their new assignments on **Monday, July 11, 2011**.

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

First Time: Matthew Healy, Holy Rosary, Hawthorne NY

Courtney McGraw, Our Lady of the Snows

Gregory Kane, Our Lady of the Snows  
Malari Martin, Our Lady of the Snows

Second Time: Matthew Lynn, Our Lady of the Snows  
Kasey Robinson, Our Lady of the Snows

Nicholas Freeman,  
Trichia Sladicka, Our Lady of the Snows

Third Time: Dustin Kenprianski  
Brandi Bartels, Our Lady of the Snows

Brady Ralston, Baptist  
Victoria Pasqualicchio, Our Lady of the Snows

**CALENDAR**

**Monday, June 27, 2011**

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

**Wednesday, June 29, 2011**

9:00 A.M. **Light the Fire Rally** at Misericordia U.

**Friday, July 1, 2011**

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. McNally Family M/M Dick Cavanagh  
12:10 P.M. June Toomey Bob/Joan Kranick

Tuesday

7:00 A.M. Mary Ann Popizchak Mary Ann/Tony  
Antinnes  
12:10 P.M. Eugene Kane Tom/Bill Butler

Wednesday

7:00 A.M. Joe Aveline Wife  
12:10 P.M. Wade Whitney Susan/Frank Lesnefsky

Thursday

7:00 A.M. Mildred McCormick Steve/Jo Anne  
Kavulich  
12:10 P.M. Ruth Dwyer Mary Lou/Kay

Friday

7:00 A.M. Bernard Berkoski Joan  
12:10 P.M. Betty White Rich/Wendy/Melissa/  
DeAnna Calegro

Saturday

4:00 P.M. Buddy Terry Mamie Sohns/Family  
5:00 P.M. Elizabeth Morgan Rita Guzy  
6:30 P.M. Mary Rosico Ron Glosenger

Sunday

7:00 A.M. For all members of the parish  
8:00 A.M. Rebecca Gryczko George/Kathy/  
Michael Lasher  
9:30 A.M. Stanley Bozenko Wife  
11:00 A.M. Elizabeth Busch Betty Shell  
11:15 A.M. Elsie Magnavita Magnavita Family  
12:20 P.M. Jane Farkas NEPA Philharmonic Staff  
**A PRAYER PLEASE-** Your prayers are requested for  
all the sick and deceased members of our parish.

## CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES

**Congratulations** to all graduates in our parish. Congratulations on your accomplishments and best wishes in the future. May the Lord walk with you each and every day and keep you safe and bless your efforts and all your endeavors.

## NINETEENTH ANNUAL COUNTRY BAZAAR

Our nineteenth annual **Country Bazaar** is scheduled for **Thursday, Friday and Saturday, August 4, 5 and 6, 2011**, on the grounds of the Church of Saint Benedict on Newton Ransom Boulevard in Newton Township. **Please mark your calendars now and make plans to join us for this annual parish and community event.** Remind your friends and neighbors of the dates. Pass the word round. Returning for their second year as Chairpersons are **Peter Brokus** and **Kathy Judge**. According to the usual custom, they will be completing their term with this year's Bazaar. They have been working on this year's Bazaar since the close of **Bazaar 2010**. They are hoping for and counting on the usual and wonderful spirit of cooperation and participation. Everyone working together can produce another very successful gathering of parishioners and friends and neighbors. **Please mark your calendars!**

## BAZAAR SET-UP DAYS

Monday, August 1, 2011, Tuesday, August 2, 2011 and Wednesday, August 3, 2011. Adult volunteers are needed beginning at 9:00 A.M. each morning at the Church of St. Benedict for site preparation jobs. Sign-up sheets are available or call the rectory/Bazaar co-chairs to volunteer.

## BAZAAR WORKERS NEEDED

If you are interested in chairing a booth or just working a shift or two, please sign up in the book at the back of the Church, or call one of the co-chairs for more information. It takes a large crew of dedicated parishioners to make this event possible.

## CASH BOX RAFFLE TICKETS

The Cash Box Raffle Tickets for **Bazaar 2011** have been mailed to all parishioners. The start-up costs for the Bazaar are funded from early ticket sales. All early ticket purchases will be eligible for Early Bird Prize drawings. The **Early Bird Prize** will be a **\$50 weekly** drawing **July 11, July 18, July 25 and August 1**. Raffle returns can be made directly to the office or by mail in the pre-addressed envelope provided with the Raffle Tickets.

## CRUISE WITH THE POETS PARTY AT SEA

This drawing will have **one Grand Prize**: a trip for 2 on the popular "**Cruise with The Poets Party at Sea**" and feature **Bazaar 2011's** Friday live entertainment – **The Poets**. Dates for the **cruise** are **November 10 – 20, 2011**. This drawing will be held on **Friday, August 5, 2011**. Tickets have also been mailed to all parishioners.

Additional Cash Box raffle tickets or Cruise with The Poets Party at Sea tickets can be obtained at **OLS Rectory** or by **calling either of the Bazaar co-chairs**.

## BOOK BOOTH

We will be working on book at CSB on July 6, 2011 from 10:00 A.M. till 12:00 P.M.

## MUSIC

**Evening of Music Hymn Sing** will take place at the **Church of Saint Benedict** on **July 13, 2011** at **7:00 P.M.**

**Cantor Workshop** will take place on **July 30, 2011** at **OLS** at **7:00 P.M.**

## LITURGY COMMITTEE NOTES

### Body and Blood of Christ

Today's solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ celebrates the doctrine of the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. This feast was established in the thirteenth century not long after the Fourth Lateran Council reaffirmed this doctrine in the face of much theological debate on the issue. In former days, it was known as Corpus Christi, the Body of Christ, and there was a separate feast of the Precious Blood. The current church calendar combines the two into a single celebration. In many places of the world, it is still celebrated on its traditional day, the Thursday after Trinity Sunday. That day was chosen by the church to remember Holy Thursday, the day on which the Eucharist was instituted.

(Steve LaRue, Marion Eagen, *Resource Publications, Inc.*)

Weekly Inspiration: **6/26/11 Body and Blood of Christ**

**Jesus is reminding us to break bread with Him and to become the Body of Christ.**

Readings for Next Week: 7/03/11 Zechariah 9:9-10; Romans 8:9, 11-13; Matthew 11:25-30

Music for next Week: 7/03/11 Opening Hymn: "How Great Thou Art" #400 Responsorial Psalm: "Psalm 145: "I Will Praise Your Name"; Communion Song: "Christ, Be Our Light" #418; Closing Song: "America" #560

### THE NEIGHBORHOOD PARISH PROGRAM

**Why do we have Neighborhood Parishes?**

For the last twenty years in this large parish three ongoing needs have emerged: **1) an ongoing need for providing an experience of community to all members of the parish; 2) a need to welcome all the new members of the parish (We have about 100 families that move into the parish each year.); and 3) a need to reach out to all members and invite them into the life of the parish community.** The Neighborhood Parish Program is an extremely important project because it addresses all three needs.

**Need 3: A NEED TO REACH OUT TO EVERYONE**

**God, the Father initiated a universal outreach to all of humanity when He reached out and sent His beloved Son to save us from our sins.** This evangelization, the

outreach begun by the birth of Christ over 2000 years ago, is the natural attitude all Christians should take until the second coming of Christ. All Christians should reach out and establish relationships of respect and love with each other. The church document, *Announcing the Good News*, tells us that evangelization is the essential mission of the Church. We are all called to proclaim the Good News.

Msgr. Bohr, in his book, *Evangelization in America*, states that the first thing we all need to do in proclaiming the Good News is to "start with the people where they are, not where they should be, not where we think they should be, but where, in fact, we find them. The Neighborhood Parish Project meets people where they are in a very gentle way. The primary goal of the program is to welcome, reach out

and invite everyone to become a part of the parish community.

We are in the process of placing the entire parish in a Neighborhood, and we continue to need Neighborhood Parish Representatives. They are a "Ministry of Presence" and a liaison to the parish staff. It is impossible for two parish priests and pastoral staff to **reach out**, contact, **welcome** and invite 2650 families and approximately 6800 members into the life of the parish **community** on a yearly basis. This "Ministry of Presence" is more of a "being" than "doing." The "doing" is minimal and includes reaching out and making two contacts a year and an invitation to one social gathering in the life of the parish **community**. This simple, easy task of tilling the soil and planting seeds in your own Neighborhood creates an environment where the Holy Spirit can work. The "being" is being there if someone needs you and accepting and meeting members as they are. Whenever the Neighborhood Parish Representatives need help, please feel free to call Carol at the Parish Office.

**Below is a list of ideas for Neighborhood Parish Reps:**

**NEW!! Neighborhood Parish Masses:** Fr. Kevin has graciously agreed once again to do Neighborhood Parish Masses this summer and fall. Neighborhood Parish Reps are invited to host a Mass in your home or a convenient location. Several Neighborhood Parish Reps may go together for a joint celebration. You may have a simple social gathering afterwards with coffee and some cookies. Most often, people volunteer to bring something. Please contact Fr. Kevin at 586-1741 to schedule or contact Carol for further information.

**Cards for the Manchester Infirmary/Jamaica:** Contact your members and ask all, including the children, to write a simple note for anyone in the Infirmary and drop them in the collection basket. We will be taking them to the Infirmary when we go in August on our Mission Trip.

**Bazaar – August 4, 5, 6, 2011.** A perfect way to involve members in the life of the parish community and is a contact and an invitation to a social.

#### **JAMAICA MINISTRY**

**JAMAICA MISSION TRIP:** Volunteers from Our Lady of the Snows will travel to Jamaica from **August 29 to September 5, 2011.** We will visit St. Elizabeth's Parish in Kingston, and then travel to Mandeville to assist Sr. Bernadette by doing repairs and gardening at the Retreat House, by going with Br. Mike Stomber to visit the people at the Manchester poor house, by working in the clinic at St. Paul of the Cross, and by working with the youth of St. Paul. All the transportation costs including the airplane fare are to be paid by the volunteers. Because tickets are expensive, we are asking parishioners to become part of the mission by making a donation for a scholarship for someone to go on the mission. Make checks payable to Jamaica Mission Fund of Our Lady of the Snows.

**How can I help St. Elizabeth's/Kingston Jamaica:** Please keep the families at "ST. E.'s" in your prayers. They live in a stressful environment that we cannot imagine, yet they manage to raise their families, share faith, and provide Catholic education for their children. We would like to bring new or gently used laptops with us when we travel to Jamaica in August. If you are buying a new laptop, or if the company you work for is getting new laptops, please remember the children and parish office at

St. Elizabeth's. We will provide you with a donor statement for tax purposes. Please delete all personal information from the computer. We could also use preschool and elementary level educational software, Leapfrogs, etc. Please call Grace Dawgert to discuss the donation.

Visiting once a year helps to establish friendships, but only a few can travel that far.

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I would like to participate in the Jamaica Mission by donating \$\_\_\_\_\_ so someone can travel in my name.

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

#### **GREETING CARDS FOR THE MANCHESTER**

**INFIRMARY:** There is a way you can touch the lives of the people at the infirmary. Get some greeting cards and write a note of encouragement to a friend at the infirmary. Drop the card in the collection basket or at the rectory, and we will take them to Br. Mike when we go on the mission trip.

**PRAYERS NEEDED FOR:** The people at St. E.'s, Passionist Volunteers, Dr. Carol, Sr. Una, Br. Mike, Fr. Award, all the people in Jamaica

#### **LETTERS AND CARDS TO OUR SERVICEMEN**

Our servicemen are in need of prayers, cards and letters. Please pray for them and drop them a card to 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.

Jeremy LaCoe  
B CO 277<sup>th</sup> ASB  
TF MTN EAGLE  
APO AE 09354-9998

#### **PARISH NURSE PROGRAM**

#### **JUNE AND JULY ARE SUN SAFETY MONTHS:**

You can lower your risk of skin cancer by regularly taking steps to protect yourself from the sun.

- Avoid sun exposure from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M., when the sun's rays are most damaging.
- Be sure to use a sunscreen that is at least SPF 15.
- Wear sunglasses.
- Wear a hat with a wide brim to shade the face, head, ears, and neck.
- Check you skin monthly. Tell your doctor about new moles or mole changes.

Applying Sunscreen for children:

Sunscreen helps protect your children's skin from sunburn and damage, but it must be applied properly. The Skin Cancer Foundation offers these guidelines:

- Apply sunscreen to children, as long as they are at least 6 months old. Children younger than 6 months should not be exposed to the sun.
- Choose a broad-spectrum sunscreen (SPF at least 15) that protects against UVA and UVB rays.
- Use about 1 ounce of sunscreen for good coverage.
- Apply sunscreen 30 minutes before going outside, and reapply every 2 hours.
- Reapply sunscreen after swimming, sweating, or towel drying.

• Be aware of how much time you spend in the sun.  
From [www.womenshealth.gov](http://www.womenshealth.gov) and CDC Prevention

### **SICK AND HOMEBOUND**

Do you know someone who is sick, homebound, or in the hospital and unable to come to church? Would they like someone to take them Holy Communion? If so, please call Carol at the Parish Office at 586-1741 or email your request to [ols1@epix.net](mailto:ols1@epix.net).

### **VIRTUS**

#### **Learn an Awareness of How to Protect our Children**

The United States Catholic College of Bishops has mandated that all volunteers who work 20 hours or more with children **MUST** have the one time Virtus Training. This training provides an awareness of how to protect our children from abuse. All parents are also encouraged to attend these sessions. Please check the Diocesan website for future training sessions at [www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org) and click on *Virtus*.

### **HOSPITAL VISITORS**

We are in need of some adults who would like to visit our parishioners once a month in the hospitals. You do not need to be a Minister of Communion. Please call Carol at the Parish Center if you are interested or need further information.

### **CHURCH ENVELOPES**

Parishioners who might be attending Mass at another church in our cluster are welcome to put their parish envelope in the collection at that church. It will be forwarded to our parish. Hopefully, this will be a convenient option for you when circumstances require you to attend another church. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office.

### **HELP NEEDED TO WEED**

We are need of a few people to weed in the front and side of Our Lady of the Snows and by the statue of Mary at St. Benedict's. This would require about one hour a week. Any adult or children looking for service hours may call Carol for further information.

### **FRIDAY MORNING COMPANY IN THE SUMMER**

Friday Morning Company will continue during the summer months **from 10:00 AM until 11:45 AM in the basement of the Rectory**. We read and discuss the Sunday Scripture in preparation for the upcoming Sunday Liturgy. We then have a short social followed by Morning Prayer and prayer for personal, national and global needs. We welcome all parishioners and friends of neighboring churches to join us on any Friday. For further information please contact Carol at 586-1741.

WE THANK those who brought Sugar this weekend. If you can, please bring Peanut Butter/Jelly next weekend. Your generosity will not go unnoticed by a grateful Lord.

### **OLS PARISH COOKBOOK**

**WANTED – YOUR RECIPES FOR AN OLS PARISH COOKBOOK.** We are currently seeking favorite family recipes for inclusion in an OLS Parish Cookbook. Heirloom recipes are especially welcome !! We are planning to even include a few secret recipes from the Bazaar and are hoping to have the book printed in time for this year's Annual Bazaar. I know we have some great cooks out there and some wonderful traditional family recipes. Please

share! Recipes can be dropped off at the Parish office, or emailed directly to Holly Hricko at [three4charity@yahoo.com](mailto:three4charity@yahoo.com). Please include your name and contact information with recipe in case we have any questions. I can be reached at 945-5637 or by email if you have any questions. Thanks in advance for your participation.

### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR A RECEPTION** to Benefit the Michael Brunetti Trust on Sunday, June 26, 2011 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Waverly Club, Waverly, PA. For more information, contact [doughformichael@yahoo.com](mailto:doughformichael@yahoo.com) or 570-876-0531.

**ST. STANISLAUS BINGO** will take place on Sunday, June 26, 2011 from 2 to 5 p.m. at 530 East Elm St., South Scranton, PA. Prizes are cash and refreshments will be served. For more information please call Paul Kowalski @ 570-842-8812.

**HOLY CROSS CRUSADERS BOYS BASKETBALL CAMP** open to boys in grades 4-9 from June 27 – July 1 (Monday – Friday) from 8:30 -12:00 at Holy Cross High School, 501 E. Drinker St., Dunmore, PA. Registration at the door, Monday June 27<sup>th</sup>. For more information please contact Al Callejas at 677-1288, 650-9858 or by e-mail [ac31078@aol.com](mailto:ac31078@aol.com).

### **FAMILY MINISTRY**

#### **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

There will be bereavement session on **Wednesday July 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am** and on **Sunday July 17<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**Post-Abortion Support: Project Rachel and Rachel's Vineyard** diocesan retreat [www.hopeafterabortion.org](http://www.hopeafterabortion.org) or contact Catholic Social Services 207-2283 or 822-7118

### **CONVERSATION/REFLECTION CORNER**

This Sunday reminds us that we are all one body. As American, our society stresses individuality and self-reliance. It is not that these are "bad" things. They have their place. However, as Christians, our values do not stress individuality but community and rather than self-reliance, reliance on the providence of God. We recognize that we are all God's children, regardless of our race or religious beliefs. As God's children, we are all one family and whenever one member of the family is hurt in any way, the whole family is hurt. Whenever one member is in want, we all have an obligation to help. What we do affects others. Are we making choices that build up the family or are we choosing things that are only for our own benefit?

#### **MARRIAGE PROGRAMS:**

Your marriage deserves your attention, just like your health, home, car, and job. Attention to keep it healthy and strong. Are you giving your marriage the attention it needs? Tell a friend or family member about the following programs.

*"The measure of love, is to love without measure"* St. Francis De Sales

**RETROUVAILLE PROGRAM (RE DISCOVER THE LOVE)**

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue—or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? **Are you considering separation or divorce?** Retrouvaille (pronounced retro- vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped 10's of 100's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For information please call **1-800-470-2230** or visit the website [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com) All calls confidential. Next local weekend will be September 23-25, 2011 at The Fatima Renewal Center, Dalton. . Must register to attend. To register please call 1-800-470-2230.

- **Marriage Encounter Weekend** (marriage enrichment for couples who want to make a good marriage better) For more information please call Ed & Diane at 876-1610 or 800-787-7679 or visit [www.wvme-nepa.org](http://www.wvme-nepa.org) . The next Marriage Encounter weekend will be June 24-26<sup>th</sup> in Easton, PA

**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.

**PRAYER CHAIN**

We are looking to expand our prayer chain ministry. Anyone wishing to be a prayer chain warrior, please call or send the form below with your name, address, phone number and e-mail address to Nettie at the parish office. Persons of all ages welcome to join in this special ministry.

**PRAYER CHAIN**

I / we wish to be included as one who will pray for others on our parish prayer chain.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLUSTER LEADERS:**

PARENTS OF CHILDREN WHO RECEIVED FIRST EUCHARIST AND CONFIRMATION **PROFESSIONAL VIDEO AND GROUP PHOTOS FOR THE FIRST EUCHARIST AND CONFIRMATION will be available for purchase.** Order forms available at the parish office. For more information, call Nettie at the parish center.

**CLUSTER LEADERS:** Please return teacher manuals, unused textbooks, and class enrollment folder to the parish office as soon as possible. Thank you for all your cooperation and support this past year. Have a safe and happy summer vacation.

**Youth Ministry Corner**

**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.**

**Upcoming Dates**

- July 16.....Bus to Nowhere II
- June 20-24.....Vacation Bible School
- June 29.....Light the Fire Youth Rally
- July 8-10.....Franciscan Youth Conference OH
- August 14-20.....Youth Mission Trip
- November 16-20.....NCYC

**Van Fund**

Amount \$3,500.00 raised. Our goal is about \$12,000.00. We appreciate any assistance in this project.



**Service**

**Summer Mission Trips:**



**High School Students** now have a waiting list. If interested, you can still all to be put on it.

**College Mission Trip Pictures**

*Schedule  
d Events  
for 2010  
August 1<sup>st</sup>*



**COST: \$250** fully inclusive

**NCYC: National Catholic Youth Conference**  
**WHEN:** November 16-20, 2011  
**WHERE:** Indianapolis IN  
**WHAT:** This is a 3 day gathering of over 24,000 students where faith and fun is the focus. Students who are now in 8<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> grade during this school year are welcome to join us in this journey! Call Steve Wallo for more info.

**Faith**

**Light the Fire 2011**

**WHEN:** June 29<sup>th</sup> 2011  
**WHAT:** This one day event planned by students from our own parish combines awesome talks, incredible music, praise and worship, time for prayer and fellowship, entertainment, and high energy.  
**WHERE:** Misericordia University, Dallas PA  
**COST: \$25** and includes 2 meals

**Franciscan Youth Conference 2011**

**WHEN:** July 8<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> 2011  
**WHAT:** The conference combine awesome talks, incredible music, praise and worship, time for prayer and fellowship, entertainment, and anointed liturgies.  
**WHERE:** Steubenville, OH