

*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
5:00 PM - 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 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

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 Zakarauskas
- 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.



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 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
The Thirty-Sixth Day of Easter
May 9, 2010

*"The Advocate, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my name,
will teach you everything
and remind you of all that I told you."
-- John 14: 26 --*

THE FIFTY DAYS OF EASTER

We continue to make our way through the **fifty days** of the **Easter Season**, a very special season given to us to help us to come to a deeper to a deeper appreciation of the **Easter Mystery** of the death and resurrection of Jesus. By our **Baptism, the death and resurrection of Jesus have become our death and resurrection.** The Easter Season helps us to live out this Easter Mystery, living more fully as people already raised from the dead with Jesus.

MOTHER'S DAY

On this Mother's Day, we remember our mothers with love -- whether they are still with us in this life on earth or have gone ahead of us to life with the Father in heaven. We remember **their unselfish and unfailing love for us** and we return love to them either directly if they are still with us or by our prayers if they have already gone before us. In our prayers today, let us all thank God for the gift of our mothers and the love our mothers have for us, a love which shows us God's love. **Happy Mother's Day to all mothers in the assembly today!**

MOTHER'S DAY CARNATION SALE

The annual **Mother's Day Carnation Sale** sponsored by the **Pennsylvanians for Human Life** will be held this weekend after each Mass. The proceeds of this sale will provide valuable support to the **Pennsylvanians for Human Life** in their work on behalf of life. Your support of this sale will be appreciated very much.

ASCENSION THURSDAY:

A HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION

Thursday of this week, May 13, the fortieth day of Easter, is a holyday of obligation. On this day, we remember and celebrate the ascension of Jesus into heaven. Our Mass schedule for the holyday is as follows:

Wednesday, May 12

5:00 P.M. Mass at the Church of St. Benedict

Thursday, May 13

7:00 A.M. Mass at Our Lady of the Snows Church

12:10 P.M. Mass at Our Lady of the Snows Church

7:00 P.M. Mass at Our Lady of the Snows Church

OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS 100TH YEAR

In observance of our **One Hundredth Year of parish life:**

We have begun a **Memory Wall** in the Gathering Room. Please bring in any photos you may have of events occurring at Our Lady of the Snows and place it on our

Memory Wall (please print your name and address and phone number on it so that we can return it to you next year).

In **May**, we will have the **Centennial May Crowning** during the **11:15 A.M. Mass** in **Our Lady of the Snows Church** on **Sunday, May 16, 2010.** All **First Communion** and **Confirmation candidates** are welcome to participate. Please contact **Bonnie** at **587-2235** if you plan to participate.

A **Centennial Strawberry Festival**, reminiscent of the Strawberry Festival which was a precursor to our famous Bazaar, will be held on **June 13, 2010**, from **1:00 P.M to 3:00 P.M.** (with strawberry shortcake and ice cream, karaoke and local entertainment); on **July 14, 2010**, a **Wednesday**, a **Centennial Choir Concert**, featuring your favorite songs and hymns will be presented by our fabulous choir at **7:00 P.M.** at the **Church of Saint Benedict.** **Submit your favorite songs/hymns and briefly tell why it is your favorite and we will include it in the program.**

BISHOP BAMBERA TO VISIT

Bishop Joseph Bambera will be with us on **Saturday, May 29, 2010**, to celebrate the **5:00 P.M. Mass** in **Our Lady of the Snows Church.** A **Reception** will follow immediately **after Mass** in the **Gathering Room** on the lower level of Our Lady of the Snows Church. **All are invited** to the **Mass** and the **Reception.** Please mark your calendars and plan to be with us!

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday

7:00 A.M. Barbara Jacobson Chris/Sharon Smith

12:10 P.M. Charles Cino Mrs. Charles Cino

Tuesday

7:00 A.M. Kate Frye M/M Leonard Rafalko

12:10 P.M. Albert DeNault John Grula

Wednesday

7:00 A.M. Thomas G. Craven M/M Michael Petrauskas

12:10 P.M. Joseph R. White Les White

5:00 P.M. CSB Thomas Osborne Jim/Denise Battle

Thursday

7:00 A.M. Irene R. Barnes Jim/Jean Carroll

12:10 P.M. Catherine Devine Dennis/Estelle Kelly

7:00 P.M. OLS Jack Julo, Jr. Joseph Curmaci

Friday

7:00 A.M. Ruth Schoefield Friends

12:10 P.M. George Tinsley Wife

Saturday

4:00 P.M. Marie Jackson John/Joyce Skorec

5:00 P.M. Nazzareno/Betty Luciani Family

6:30 P.M. Robert Vauter Irene Vauter

Sunday

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

8:00 A.M. Walter Van Wert Lou/Pat Pistella

9:30 A.M. Marian Mosier Martin/Bonnie Pentasuglio

11:00 A.M. Joseph Gaughan, Sr. Dan/Karen Brier

11:15 A.M. Michael Valesse Joell/Harry McGrath

12:20 P.M. Donald Franko Brother Dave Franko/
Margaret

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Your **Sacrificial Offering** for the last weekend amounted to **\$14,645.40**. Thank you for your generosity. To date, your **Sacrificial Offering** for **Easter** amounts to **\$42,953.57**. Thank you for your generosity. We will continue to report on the Easter Collection as long as we receive offerings. Thank you again!

In order to make ends meet for the current fiscal year, we need to **average \$16,200.00** each weekend.

Anything you can do to help us to reach that figure in these challenging times will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your generosity to your parish!

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.

Traditionally, **May** and **June** are difficult months for parish finances. The collections are usually lower than usual because of so many special events and celebrations which require families to travel and to incur extra expenses. These times are difficult financially for everyone. Any extra effort that you can make to keep your offerings at their ordinary level will be appreciated very much. We become dependent on your ordinary great generosity. Whatever you can do is appreciated very much. **Thank you for all that you do!**

CHOIR NEWS

On July 14, the Choir of Our Lady of the Snows will be performing a concert to celebrate the 100 year anniversary of our Parish. Within the concert we will sing several hymns chosen by members of our Parish. If you have a favorite hymn, please list it here:

Please consider sharing with us the reason for your choice. Does the hymn bring back wonderful memories? Are the words especially meaningful? Within a few sentences, please tell us why this hymn is special to you
Thank you.

WOMEN'S GUILD

Important meeting to discuss the May Crowning on May 12th at 7:00 p.m. Also, a great big **"THANK YOU"** to all who participated in giving to the Little Lenten Sacrifices. Close to 2000 items were collected for the Women's Resource Center.

MAY CROWNING

Our annual parish **May Crowning** will be observed as a Centennial May Crowning in this our **one hundredth year of parish life**. The May Crowning will take place during the **11:15 A.M. Mass** in **Our Lady of the Snows Church** next **Sunday, May 16, 2010**. All First Communion and Confirmation Candidates are invited and encouraged to participate. Please call **Bonnie Sherman** at **587-2235** if you are able to participate.

Please do your best to join us. Help to make this centennial year very special.

CALENDAR

Sunday, May 9, 2010

11:15 A.M. OLS Choir **

6:00 P.M. Eucharist Adoration **

Monday, May 10, 2010

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

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

1:00 P.M. Bible Class *

5:00 P.M. Holyday Mass at Church of Saint Benedict

6:30 P.M. First Eucharist Practice ****

7:00 P.M. 100th Anniversary Committee Meeting ***

Thursday, May 13, 2010

7:00 A.M. Holyday Mass at Our Lady of the Snows

12:10 P.M. Holyday Mass at Our Lady of the Snows

6:30 P.M. First Eucharist Practice ****

7:00 P.M. Holyday Mass at Our Lady of the Snows

7:00 P.M. Youth Group Meeting *

7:30 P.M. Pastoral Committee Meeting ***

Friday, May 14, 2010

10:00 A.M. Friday Morning Company *

Saturday, May 15, 2010

11:00 A.M. First Eucharist ****

Parish Center * Church ** Large Conference Room

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

Room *** Gathering Room *******

YOUTH MINISTRY ANNUAL PASTA DINNER

The annual **Pasta Dinner** sponsored by our parish **Youth Ministry** in support of the summer trip to West Virginia to work with **Habitat for Humanity** will be held on **Sunday, May 23, 2010**, from **12 Noon until 6:00 P.M.**, in the **Gathering Room** on the lower level of **Our Lady of the Snows Church**. The meal includes Pasta – Marinara Sauce, Vodka Sauce and Broccoli Mix, Meatballs, Rolls, Desserts, and Drinks. Adults: \$8.00 and Children under 12: \$4.00. **EAT IN or TAKE OUT!** Your support is appreciated very much.

MENDED HEARTS

"Anyone with heart related ailments and their families are cordially invited to attend a meeting of MENDED HEARTS on Thursday, May 20, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be in the large conference room, 2nd floor Mercy Hospital, Scranton, PA. Our guest speaker that evening will be Dr. Stylianos Galanakis, His topic will be "Peripheral Vascular Disease". Applications for memberships will be available at the meeting for those interested in becoming members of the Mended Heart organization. The public is welcome. For additional information, please contact Mr. Jack Walsh, President, at 340-4842.

LITURGY COMMITTEE NOTES

Do you know about Saint Matthias, apostle, whose Feast is May 14, 2010?

During the Easter Season and Summer/Fall Ordinary Time we will be telling you about the saints whose feast or memorial we will be celebrating during the next week.

Please let the children know about this featured column.

Before the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the 11 remaining apostles sought to bring their number back up to 12 by replacing Judas Iscariot, who had committed suicide after his betrayal of Jesus. They cast lots, and Matthias was chosen. Tradition has him preaching in Judea, and then in Georgia in the Caucasus, where he was crucified. Other traditions put him in Ethiopia, and in Jerusalem, where he is supposed to have been stoned and beheaded.

Lesson: The church has the authority to make binding decisions in response to particular issues or questions that may arise. Jesus is nowhere recorded as having told the Apostles to replace Judas; St. Peter and the others themselves decided that this should be done, and the Holy Spirit ratified this decision.

(The Sourcebook 2010; 1999 Basilica Press Lessons from the Lives of the

Saints; Steve LaRue)

Weekly Inspiration: 5/9/10 **6th Sunday of Easter (Happy Mother's Day!)**

Look for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in making decisions.

Readings for Next Week: 5/16/10 Acts 7:55-60; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; John 17:20-28

Music for Next Week: 5/16/10 Opening Hymn; "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" #261 Communion Song: "You Are Mine" #455 Closing Song: "How Great Thou Art" #400

THE NEIGHBORHOOD PARISH PROGRAM

What is the role of a Neighborhood Parish Representative (NPR)?

Neighborhood Parishes fulfill the three main needs identified in our faith community for the last 25 years. There is a need for an **experience of community**, a need to **welcome new people**, and a need to **outreach to all parishioners and invite them into the life of the parish**. Because these needs are ongoing we have an ongoing project called Neighborhood Parishes which is a group of 10-15 families linked as closely as possible in a natural geographic neighborhoods. Each Neighborhood Parish has a couple or two persons who are the Neighborhood Parish Representatives (NPRs). They have an important but very easy position to fulfill. A NPR has two simple responsibilities: 1) to contact neighborhood members twice a year by a card, telephone, email, visit, etc. and 2) to invite them to one social gathering such as the bazaar, Jamaica Mission collection, the annual Advent reflection, coffee and donuts, pot luck supper, etc. The most important element of the goal is the **invitation**. We cannot be sure of the response to our invitations – we can only be consistent and faithful. It is enough to INVITE because the person at least knows that they are important to the parish and are welcome, and giving members the gift of contacting, welcoming, and invitation is opening the door for the Holy Spirit to work in their lives. If anyone would like more information or is interested in becoming a Neighborhood Parish Representative, please call Carol at the Parish Office.

JAMAICA MINISTRY

MEETING: There will be a meeting of the Jamaica Ministry on Thursday, May 20, 2010 at 7 PM in the Large Conference Room of the Parish Center. Anyone who is interested is welcome to attend.

Shipment to Jamaica: We received an email from Brother Mike who is at the Infirmary. He says, Alleluia, Alleluia,

your boxes have finally arrived! Many thanks and Blessings.

Sacramental Celebrations: Our Lady of the Snows/Church of St. Benedict and our twinned parishes, St. Elizabeth and Immaculate Conception in Jamaica, will be having First Penance, First Eucharist and Confirmation this spring. Please pray for all of the children and their families that they may grow in recognizing God's love for them.

Jamaica Mission trip: There are now 12 parishioners who will travel to Jamaica in August. The team will meet with representatives from the parishes, Dr. Narkevic, Sr. Una from the Catholic College of Mandeville, Sr. Bernadette at the Passionist Retreat House, and Bro. Mike who ministers to the people at the Manchester Infirmary. The goal of the trip is to build relationships, spiritual growth and friendships together and to find ways that we can all work together on projects that can improve both the material and health needs of the people in the Jamaican mission. We will also be doing some work at the Retreat House.

Prayer Request: Mrs. Nsongolo, mother of Father Gaston Nsongolo CP, pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Stony Hill, has died at her home in the Congo. Please say a prayer for the repose of her soul and for Fr. Nsongolo who continues to serve in the Stony Hill region in Jamaica.

MEDICAL AND DENTAL PROFESSIONALS: You are needed to assist Dr. Carol Narcevic at her clinics. Call Dr. Dennis Dawgert at 587-5437 for information about volunteer opportunities.

PENNY POWER: Funds in March, April, and May will be sent to the Passionist mission in both Haiti and Jamaica. Thanks to all who continue to empty their pockets into the jugs at the back of the churches.

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.

Kieth Kempinski ASGA
ACO 1/111th 56 SBCT
Unit #6260
APO/AE 09378

VIRTUS PROGRAM

For Those Who Need to Attend a Virtus Program

The Virtus Program is a mandatory three-hour training session for all adult volunteers who work with children throughout the Diocese of Scranton. 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.

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 in the Parish Center from 10:00 AM until 11:45 AM. until June 25, 2010.** 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.

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS!

There will be a meeting **Wednesday, May 12, 2010 at 7:00 PM in the Large Conference Room of the Parish Center** for anyone interested in helping with the May Crowning and Strawberry Festival. All are welcome. These will be special celebrations as part of the 100th Anniversary. For further information please contact Phyllis Ruzbarsky at 586-2119. Thank you for your support.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

We will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, when the Eucharist is visibly exposed in the monstrance for adoration, on the second Sunday of the month at Our Lady of the Snows Church. **The next Eucharistic Adoration will be Sunday May, 9, 2010 from 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M.**

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.

FOOD PANTRY

The Saint Thomas Food pantry in Archbald is available for qualifying residents in the zip code 18411. The Pantry is open on Tuesdays from 10 AM to 12 Noon and is housed at the St. Thomas Aquinas Rectory located on 429 Church Street in Archbald. Please contact the Bread Basket of NEPA for qualification requirements at 343-2324.

CLEANING THE CHURCHES

We are in need of people to help clean Our Lady of the Snows and Church of St. Benedict's. This includes sweeping, vacuuming, cleaning the windows and dusting, and involves about 2-3 hours once monthly. For more information, please contact Carol at the parish center.

ORIENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

There will be an Orientation of New Members on **Tuesday, May 18, 2010 in the Gathering Room of Our Lady of the Snows Church.** This includes a dinner, a chance to meet our parish staff and an outline of the programs we offer. If you have been unable to attend this dinner, please feel free to come. To register please call Carol at the Parish Office.

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

LIFELINES – BULLETIN BRIEFS

God loves each human being uniquely and profoundly.

Pope Benedict XVI, Message to the Pontifical Academy for Life, (February 13, 2010)

FIRST COMMUNION

Young members of our parish are receiving **First Holy Communion** in three groups to provide adequate space in the Church for all family members and friends. The **celebrations** are taking place on **May 1, May 8 and**

May 15. On each of those Saturdays, **First Communion Mass** will be celebrated at **11:00 A.M.** in the **Church of Saint Benedict.** Please pray for these young candidates as they complete their preparation for this very special Sacrament.

COMMUNITY NEWS

CAPERS TICKET SALES ARE BRISK! Get yours now! This year's production promises to be filled with delight, laughter and joy while honoring Monsignor Quinn for 20 years of smiles. With more than a dozen priests and various guest performers already committed to be on stage, Capers '10 will be a memorable show indeed! Set for May 14th, (Fri.), 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at Scranton Cultural Center in Downtown Scranton. Buses will be available leaving from and returning to Carbondale Area High School for just \$5 (round trip). Help support Saint Rose Parish as a vibrant community of faith. Tickets start at \$35. To get yours, please call 282-2991.

ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST BUFFET at the Clarks Summit Fire Co., 321 Bedford St., Clarks Summit, PA on May 16, 2010 from 8 AM – 12:30 PM. Adults \$7.00 and Child \$4.00.

CATHOLIC CHORAL SOCIETY OF SCRANTON will be presented on Friday evening, May 21 at 7:30 P.M. at Immaculate Conception Church, 801 Taylor Ave., Scranton. The program will feature the Catholic Choral Society singers in their 62nd season performing sacred, classical, Broadway and popular music under the direction of Ann Manganiello. The guest performers for this concert will be Vivace!, the Valley View School District Treble Choir under the direction of Gina Lupini. There will be an additional concert on Sunday, May 23rd at 7:00 p.m. at St Ignatius Church, 339 North Maple St., Kingston where the Choral Society will host as guest performers the Holy Redeemer High School Royal Singers under the direction of Ann Manganiello. Tickets are available from society members or by calling 587-2753.

THE PRISM PARISH NEWSLETTER – Deadline for summer issue June 15. Please forward items, photos, art work, etc. to editors Kay Gallagher (586-7236) or Sue Chuff (586-0212) or drop off at Rectory. Your interest is deeply appreciated! We plan to highlight Country Bazaar news as well as 100th Parish Anniversary memoirs. Thank you in advance.

FAMILY MINISTRY

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The next bereavement session will be on **Sunday May 16th 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

Jesus said, "my peace is my gift to you." What is this peace? All the stresses and worries that come with life would seem to make peace a joke. The peace Jesus speaks of is not defined in worldly terms meaning the absence of strife. It is the peace within that comes from awareness of God's presence and grace. We trust in

God's love and goodness and know that no matter what happens, we belong to him and he will never stop caring for us and helping us.

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?

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL INFORMATION:

Theme: High Seas Adventure
Dates: June 21st - June 25th
Time: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Place: Newton Rec Center

Volunteers needed for this year's Vacation Bible School. Whether you are looking for Confirmation hours or not, young or old or in between, we need you! **There are four MANDATORY meetings** scheduled to prepare for Vacation Bible School. During these very important meetings, crew leaders will be identified, songs will be taught, T-shirts will be distributed, and responsibilities will be delegated. **Mark your calendar with the following dates: May 19 and 26 and June 2 and 9 from 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM.** The meetings will be held in the Gathering Room in the basement of Our Lady of the Snows Church. You must attend all four meetings in order to volunteer at this year's Vacation Bible School. Complete the Volunteer Registration form and return it to the Rectory as soon as possible. For more information, call Laurie Fleming at 587-4611 or Nettie at the parish center 586-1741
Children's fee of adult volunteers will be waived.

Camper Registrations:

Campers for Vacation Bible School must be 4yrs-11yrs old.

Cost : \$15.00 per child/Family of 3 or more children \$40.00

Registrations will be taken the **week of May 23rd-June 14th.**

Registration forms can be found in the bulletin / on our website or by stopping by the parish office. Please return registration forms to the parish office no later than June 14th along with registration fee. **Walk in camper registrations will be restricted this year due to pre ordering of materials and supplies. Please register your child no later than June 14th.**

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, AIDS, 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

FIRST COMMUNION ATTIRE

BOYS: DARK SUIT, WHITE DRESS SHIRT, DARK, OR WHITE TIE, DRESS SHOES
GIRLS: WHITE/IVORY DRESS, VEIL OR FLOWER HEADPIECE, DRESS SHOES.

WE HAVE DONATED NEW AND GENTLY WORN DRESSES AND BOYS SUITS IN THE PARISH OFFICE. ANYONE WISHING TO VIEW WHAT IS AVAILABLE PLEASE CALL NETTIE AT THE PARISH CENTER OR STOP BY THE PARISH OFFICE.

PRACTICES FOR FIRST EUCHARIST

May 15, 2010

Donahoe, Horvath/Weiland, LaCoe and Our Lady of Peace School Students

Practice: Wed. May 12th and Thursday May 13th 6:30-7:30 pm Church of St. Benedict

PLEASE BRING BANNER TO FIRST PRACTICE

**FIRST EUCHARIST WILL BE 11:00 AM IN THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT
PLEASE HAVE CHILDREN TO THE CHURCH NO LATER THAN 10:30 AM
VIDEO AND GROUP PHOTO WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.**

CONFIRMATION PHOTOS AND VIDEO:

Order forms for the Confirmation group photo and video are available at the parish office. Anyone wishing to place an order may do so by stopping by the parish office.

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

May 23rdAnnual Pasta Dinner
May 24-29thCollege Mission Trip
June 5-6thRelay for Life
June 13thSteubenville Prep Meeting
June 21-25thVacation Bible School
June 30-July 1stLight the Fire Youth Rally
July 16-18thSteubenville Conference
August 6-8thSummer Bazaar
August 15-21stHigh School Mission Trip

Bishop's Awards

Congratulations to this year's Bishop's Award Recipients:

**Sarah Frantz
Sal Conaboy
Victor Dec
Meghan Phillips
Corrine Wolff
Jackie Krut
Pat Fricchione
Cara Subasic
Kristen Arcangelo
Matt Gurlach**

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: **\$230** 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:

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.



High School 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.

There is a waiting list for the High School trip. You can still put your name on the list and have a good chance of going on this amazing trip!

To register... a \$100 deposit will hold your spot. This is first come, first serve and space is limited.

Annual Pasta Dinner

Sunday May 23rd 2010 in the Our Lady of the Snows Gathering Room from 12:00 Noon—6:00PM

Adults: \$8.00 and Children Under 12: \$4.00
Eat in or Take Out !



Includes:

- Pasta - marinara sauce
- vodka sauce
- broccoli mix
- Meatballs
- Rolls
- Desserts
- Drinks

Proceeds benefit the students and chaperones representing Our Lady of the Snows Mission trip to West Virginia to work with Habitat for Humanity

Relay For Life

This year's Relay for Life will be taking place at Abington Heights High School on June 5th and 6th.

Ways You can help:

Donate: The American Cancer Society is the #1 Cancer Researcher. Money is how they are able to do so. Please donate online at: Relayforlife.org/papabington

Luminaries: These bag candles are a great way to remember someone who has had cancer or passed away of cancer. You can buy one and have the name of the person placed on the bag and read at the event. These are for sale after Masses leading up to June.

Survivor: Are you a cancer Survivor? You're one of the great fighters that we want to honor at the event. Call us and let us know so we can invite you to a catered dinner on June 5th as well as the special Luminaria Ceremony.

Chaperone: We are always looking for volunteers to help out at the 16 hour event. It takes many hands to make this run smoothly.

