

**THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
November 18, 2007**

*"You will be hated by all because of my name,  
but not a hair on your head will be destroyed.  
By your perseverance you will secure your lives."*  
-- Luke 21: 18-19 --

**THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE**

The annual **Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical Service** sponsored by the Abington Ecumenical Ministerium and the Rotary Club of the Abingtons will be held on **Wednesday, November 21, 2007, at 7:30 P.M.**, in the **Church of Saint Gregory**, North Abington Road, Clarks Green. Please join with our brothers and sisters from many of the churches in our community for this special Service of Thanksgiving to God for all we have received from God. All are invited to bring **non-perishable food items** for the offering. These food items will be contributed to the **Dalton Food Pantry** sponsored by the Abington Ecumenical Ministerium.

**THANSKIVING DAY MASS**

On Thursday, November 22, **Thanksgiving Day, Mass** will be celebrated at **9:00 A.M.**, in **Our Lady of the Snows Church**. (There will be no mass at 7:00 A.M. or 12:10 P.M. that day.) The Celebration of the Eucharist, our special prayer of Thanksgiving, is a very appropriate way to begin Thanksgiving Day. Please join with us for Mass that day. Please start a family tradition of beginning this special holiday with participation in Mass. **Happy Thanksgiving Day to all!**

**2007 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL**

Today is "Commitment Weekend" at our parish for the 2007 Diocesan Annual Appeal. If you have not yet made a gift or a pledge, please pray about your decision and make a pledge or one-time gift. Please be as generous as possible. Thank you in advance for your support.

**Thank you** to the **267 parish families** who have made a gift or a pledge to the **2007 Annual Appeal**. The total amount of gifts and pledges according to our latest report is **\$35,455.00**.

If you have not yet made a gift or a pledge, please prayerfully consider doing so. Every gift makes a difference – every single gift.

Your participation in the Annual Appeal is appreciated very much. It will help to accomplish much good. (Our **parish goal** is **\$103,300.00**.)

**BIRTHRIGHT OF SCRANTON**

We have received a letter of gratitude from **Birtright of Scranton** for your generosity to their volunteers last weekend as they observed their annual **Tag Day**, asking for your prayers and your financial support. Total donations received in our parish last weekend

amounted to **\$1,367.06**. This wonderful generosity will be a great help as Birtright continues its very special work with those facing an unexpected pregnancy at a difficult time in their lives. Thank you for your care and your help!

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

Your **Sacrificial Offering** last weekend amounted to **\$14,554.20**. **Thank you** for your generous spirit of sharing that makes possible the day to day life of our parish community with its many financial responsibilities for the maintenance of our buildings and properties and the support of the many ministries of our parish community. Please remember that we need to average more than **\$15,900.00** a weekend during the current fiscal year if we are to meet our obligations. Thank you for all you do!

**A REMEMBRANCE IN YOUR WILL**

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

**STEWARDSHIP/SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

**Thank you** for your attention to the request made at all Masses on the weekend of October 20 and 21 for your consideration of an **increase in your weekly offering**. **Even a slight increase is a big help**. With the generous help of all members of our parish, we will be able to maintain our many ministries and our parish properties. **Thank you for all that you do!**

**BAPTISM CLASS FOR PARENTS**

The next **Baptism Class for parents** will be on **Sunday evening, November 18, 2007, at 6:30 P.M.** A Baptism class is required for all parents of children being baptized. If parents have already attended one of these classes, they are not required to attend one before the Baptism of another baby. Parents may attend these classes at any time before the Baptism. Parents may choose to attend the class before the birth of their baby if this is more convenient. Godparents are more than welcome to attend. Please call the parish office (586-1741) to register.

**CELL PHONES**

Please remember to turn off your cell phones before entering church for Mass. This will help to prevent worshippers from being distracted during Mass. Thank you for your understanding.

## ENROLLMENT OF CANDIDATES FOR CONFIRMATION

During the 11:00 A.M. Mass today at the Church of Saint Benedict, The members of our parish who are preparing for Confirmation will be officially enrolled as Candidates for Confirmation. We congratulate them and their parents and families and we thank all who are serving as Cluster Leaders/Catechists. As these young people in our parish prepare to complete their initiation into the Catholic Church by the Sacrament of Confirmation, we invite all members of the parish to support them by regular prayer for them.

## CALENDAR

### Sunday, November 18, 2007

11:00 A.M. Rite of Enrollment Mass for Confirmation \*\*\*\*

11:15 A.M. OLS Choir \*\*

### Wednesday, November 21, 2007

7:30 P.M. Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical Service @ St. Gregory's Church.

### Thursday, November 22, 2007

9:00 A.M. Thanksgiving Day Mass \*\*

Parish Center\* Church \*\* Large Conference Room\*\*\* Church of Saint Benedict \*\*\*\* Small Conference Room \*\*\*\*\* Gathering Room \*\*\*\*\*

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph F. Martino, D.D., Hist. E.D., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life/Family Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in 2008 to a **Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, May 4, 2008.** The event includes a 2:30 P.M. Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. Request for an invitation, with a mailing address that will be accurate in February, should be made through your pastor before January 10, 2008.

## SOUTH ABINGTON TOWNSHIP ADDRESSES

In response to our inquiries, the company that supplies our church envelopes advised us that a Postal Service update on their equipment automatically changed the addresses of our parishioners who live in South Abington Township from Clarks Summit, PA, to South Abington Township, PA. If you would like your address to remain Clarks Summit, PA, please call the parish office or mark that on the next Church Offering envelope that you use. We will make the change and the company will insure that the change is made by the time the next set of envelopes is mailed to you. **We apologize for the inconvenience.** If you want the address to remain as South Abington Township, just leave your envelope as it is when you use it.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

## The Resurrection Choir

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

## Cantors

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

## Choir

Please call Jennie at 586-1741.

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Monday

7:00 A.M. Anthony Durso Family  
12:10 P.M. Thomas F. Bellucci Thomas P. Bellucci

### Tuesday

7:00 A.M. Katherine O'Dea Van Deusen Bruce Van Deusen

12:10 P.M. Louise Sensi M/M Ralph Brunori

### Wednesday

7:00 A.M. Joseph Kreder Family  
12:10 P.M. All Souls' Day Intentions

### Thursday

9:00 A.M. John Macheska M/M Caryl Kapp

### Friday

7:00 A.M. All Souls' Day Intentions  
12:10 P.M. Joseph C. Pritchyk Family

### Saturday

4:00 P.M. Edward Matylewicz Wife/Family  
5:00 P.M. Robert Gallagher Angela Columbo  
6:30 P.M. John Leo Walsh Family

### Sunday

7:00 A.M. For all the members of the parish  
8:00 A.M. Harriet Carroll John/Joan Carroll  
9:30 A.M. Marijo White Les/Kathleen White  
11:00 A.M. Donald Chase Lori/Scott Conniff Family  
11:15 A.M. Katie Pfister Family  
12:20 P.M. All Souls' Day Intentions

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

## ALL SOULS' DAY INTENTIONS

In our Mass schedule, the Masses listed as "All Souls' Day Intentions" are Masses being celebrated for all the intentions recommended on the All Souls' Day envelopes. These envelopes remain on the altar during all of the Masses celebrated in the month of November. Those recommended on these envelopes are remembered in every Mass celebrated during November in addition to the fifteen Masses during November being offered especially for the All Souls' Day Intentions.

## OUR LADY OF PEACE SCHOOL

### Wednesday, November 21, 2007

9:00 A.M. Mass at St. Gregory's

11:45 A.M. Early Dismissal

Thanksgiving Vacation

November 22nd thru 26<sup>th</sup>

## COMMUNITY NEWS

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

### 2008 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS HAVE ARRIVED!!!!

This book contains hundreds of 50% off and two-for-one discounts on fine and family dining, fast food and dry cleaning, hotels and more. \$5.00 supermarket coupons as well as discounted movie tickets are also included. The book is an excellent birthday, anniversary or Christmas gift. Cost is \$25.00. Call 586-1741 or stop by the parish center to pick up the book. This year the profits will benefit the Youth for a new Van.

**PARISH FAMILY** is looking for a babysitter to watch their 10 month old daughter in their home on Mondays and Tuesdays from 3:00 – 5:30. Own transportation is required. Please contact Holly @ 587-1660.

**BASKET BINGO...** Join us for a Basket Bingo Benefit on behalf of Sarah Jean Miller a two-year-old battling Leukemia. The benefit will be held Saturday, November 24, 2007 from 1-5p.m. (doors open at 12:30p.m.) at St. Mary's Center 329 Mifflin Ave., Scranton, PA. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door. For ticket information call 586-6504.

### MENED HEARTS

"Anyone with heart related ailments and their families are cordially invited to attend a meeting of MENED HEARTS, on Thursday, November 15, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. in the large conference room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Mercy Hospital, Scranton, PA. Tom Walsh, Mercy Hospital Chef, will be the guest speaker. He will be demonstrating how to prepare a heart healthy dessert. Applications for membership will be available, at the meeting, for those wishing to become members of this organization. The public is welcome. For additional information please contact Jack Walsh at 340-4842

### WEEKLY BULLETIN ON PARISH WEB PAGE

See our parish web page at [www.OLSSB.com](http://www.OLSSB.com) for our weekly parish bulletin. You can locate the bulletin by pressing Bulletin on the main page. The bulletin of the weekend of August 25-26 was the first bulletin placed on the web page. The bulletin will be placed there each week a few days before the weekend. The bulletins of previous weeks will remain on the website for several months or longer.

### NEW IN THE PARISH?

If you are new in the parish and have not yet registered, you are invited to become a registered member of our parish community. You can stop at the parish office or you can call the office (586-1741) and

ask to have a census form sent to you. When the census form is completed, you can drop it in the collection basket any weekend or send it or bring it to the parish office. **We are happy to have you as a member of our parish community.**

### \*\*\*\* YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS \*\*\*\*

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

### BULLETIN BRIEFS

The fundamental human right, the presupposition of every other right, is the right to life itself. This is true life from the moment of conception until its natural end. Abortion, consequently, cannot be a human right – it is the very opposite. It is "a deep wound in society," as the late Cardinal Franz Koenig never tired of repeating.

Pope Benedict XVI, Address to Authorities and Diplomatic Corps, Vienna, Sept. 7, 2007

### LITURGY COMMITTEE NOTES

#### Did you know?

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks to day of the end times; "There will be powerful earthquakes, famines, and plagues from place to place." (Luke 21:11) Jesus is describing to his listeners the end of the world – the end times.

Rather than seeing a frightening picture of dire predictions in today's Gospel, we who have faith realize that we have been baptized into Christ's promised return in glory. In this we see the culmination of all the ancient promises of God: that one day Christ will return to establish his great Kingdom of peace and justice. The descriptions we hear in today's Gospel are not of some terrible end to the world as we know it. Rather, they are the descriptions of the dawn of a brand new world, a brand new way of living, a brand new way of being alive – alive forever in Christ Jesus. (Written by Steve LaRue; Sourcebook, 2007)

Weekly Inspiration: 11/18/07 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
The sun of Justice will shine on those who persevere in the ways of Jesus.

Readings for Next Week – 11/25/07: 2 Samuel 5:1-3; Colossians 1:12-20; Luke 23:35-43

Songs for Next Week – Gathering Hymn: "To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King" #305 Communion Song: "Now we Remain" #402 Closing Song: "Lift High the Cross" #293

### VIRTUS PROGRAM

To remain in compliance with the *Charter for the Protection of God's Children and Young People* set by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, all volunteers who work 20 hours or more with children **MUST** have the one time Virtus Training. If you have not attended training please check the diocesan websites for future training sessions at

[www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org) then click on Departments and Resources, then click on *Virtus: Protecting God's Children*.

**NEIGHBORHOOD PARISHES  
VOLUNTEER POSITION**

Please accept the call to help with our Neighborhood Parish (NP) program. We are constantly increasing the number of neighborhoods as we move toward the goal of placing all parishioners in a small group with 10-15 other families who live in the same natural, geographic area.

The NP program cannot function without NP representatives, couples or individuals who fulfill the program goals of welcoming, contacting, and inviting every member of our very large parish to a parish social function each year. This is a very important position, and our staff is ready to make it easy and enjoyable. With four years of experience, we share ideas; we provide networking; and we offer social events for members of NPs.

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

**CHURCH CLEANERS FOR ST. BENEDICT'S**

We are in need of some additional people to help clean St. Benedict's Church. This involves approximately two hours, once a month. If you are interested or need more information, please call Carol at the Parish Office.

**USHERS**

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

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

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____  PHONE NUMBER _____ ( ) sick ( ) homebound ( ) in hospital ( ) nursing home ( ) would like communion ( ) would like a visit ( ) needs Sacrament of the sick ( ) needs other assistance
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**FAMILY MINISTRY  
BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

The next bereavement session will be on **Sunday December 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm** in The Gathering Room.

**Focus of this group will be Surviving the Holidays After The Loss of a Loved One.** For more information call Nettie at 586-1741. .  
**Bereavement Support for Parents: Please call Sue Brier at 586-2162.**

**CONVERSATION CORNER**

Throughout human history there have been speculations about the "end times." People look to world events and see prophesies fulfilled that signal the "end" is near. Such speculations have caused some to ignore the obligations of daily life. Even Paul, who believed the "end" was coming soon, insisted that people tend to their daily obligations—working and caring for their families and communities. If history teaches anything, it is that these speculations are consistently incorrect. Our focus needs to be on how we are living our life today—doing what we can to care for one another and to build up our community.

**FOR BETTER FOR WORSE**

most marriage experts agree that there are five basic needs of men and women—five different needs. Man's Five basic Needs are: 1. Sexual Fulfillment. 2. Recreational Companionship. 3. An Attractive Spouse. 4. Domestic Support. 5. Admiration. Woman's Five Basic Needs are: 1. Affection. 2. Conversation. 3. Honesty and Openness. 4. Financial Support. 5. Family Commitment.

**MOTHERS AND TODDLERS GROUP**

Our parish MOTHERS AND TODDLERS GROUP will resume sessions on **Wednesday November 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am** in the parish center.

We will continue meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month. All mothers are welcome to join us for a morning of socializing, faith sharing, and fun. for more information call Annie James at 586-6199.

**Can You Help Us? Can We Help You?**

**Prayers.** If you or someone you know is in need of prayers, or if you wish to become a prayer partner in our prayer chain.

**Transportation** to mass, grocery store, doctor's appt.

**Home visit Communion visit/ Respite care.**

**Temporary help providing meals** during recovery from surgery, family member being hospitalized, new baby, etc. **If you are in need of any of these services, or if you can help out please call Nettie @ 586-1741.**

**LAZARUS MINISTRY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!**

The Lazarus Ministry is a group of volunteers to prepare a meal for the bereaved family in The Gathering Room

(lower level of the Church) after the funeral of their loved one.

We can use volunteers to help with the cooking, setting up of the tables, serving the meal, and cleaning up afterwards. Please consider helping out in any way possible. For more information or to sign up call Nettie at 586-1741 or June Burns at 586-2048.

**Only you can help...please read on.**

**Side By Side** is a network of people in our parish who have experienced a difficult situation or "cross" in their life, (cancer, amputation, mastectomy, miscarriage, SIDS, Multiple Sclerosis, Alzheimer's Disease, death of a child, caring for an elderly parent, unwed pregnancy, child on drugs, etc.) Are you willing to simply talk to someone who is going through a similar situation? Are you willing to help another by sending a card, or making a phone call telling someone you understand? Then your help is needed in the **Side By Side Ministry**. The Apostle Paul implores us to "Bear one another's burdens", and there is no one who can bear another's burden as well as someone who has been there himself/herself. All information is held in confidence. For more information about this ministry or to help out please call Nettie Goldate, Director of Family Ministry @ 586-1741.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**CLUSTER LEADERS AND PARENTS: PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENT IS THIRTY (30) HOURS OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PER YEAR.**

**Cluster Leaders please make sure you make up cancelled sessions, and parents please take your child's attendance seriously in our religious education program.**

### CONFIRMATION SERVICE HOURS

**30 HOURS TOTAL (15 Parish-15 community)**

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

- 1. Call Steve Wallo for future parish and community service projects at 586-1741 or check a Youth Ministry Corner in Bulletin**
- 2. Waverly Elementary PTA can use help 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm at the school. Call Mary at 575-1691 for more information.**
- 3. Call Patty Rowland @ 587-5572 or Mary Jo Loboda @ 563-0912 for collection of items needed for Haiti Project.**
- 4. Rake leaves for your neighbors.**
- 5. St. Francis Soup Kitchen call 342-5556**
- 6. Cleaning of the Church call Carol at 586-1741**
- 7. Do light housekeeping for an elderly relative or friend.**
- 8. Volunteer to walk a neighbor's dog after school or on weekends.**

**9. Volunteer your time babysitting so a parent can Christmas shop, or do other Christmas preparations, baking, wrapping etc.**

**10. Tutor a younger student or peer in an subject/area in which you excel. (NO NOT DO THEIR HOMEWORK-HELP THEM UNDERSTAND HOW TO DO THEIR HOMEWORK**

**Give some basketball lessons, help a friend in your dance class with their routine, help a friend practice piano, violin, etc.**

### YOUTH MINISTRY CORNER

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

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

**No Jr. High meeting on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Steve is in Columbus, OH for NCYC. Next Meeting will be November 18<sup>th</sup>.**

### Scheduled Events for 2007-2008

November TBA ..... Bus to Nowhere  
December 14<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> ..... 7<sup>th</sup> Annual N'ap Danse Ansanm  
December 15<sup>th</sup> ..... 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Shoebox Project  
February 2<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> ..... 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Retreats  
February 28<sup>th</sup> - March 2<sup>nd</sup> ..... Vermont Ski Weekend  
March 14<sup>th</sup> ..... Living Way of the Cross  
June 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> ..... Relay for Life  
June 18<sup>th</sup> ..... Light the Fire Youth Rally  
June 29<sup>th</sup> - July 5<sup>th</sup> ..... West Virginia Mission Trip  
July 11<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> ..... Franciscan Youth Conference

### 2008 Vermont Ski Weekend Trip

February 28th through March 4th is skiing time and it's time to book your spot! Flyers, reservation forms, and brochures will be available soon in the Youth Office. This trip is open to all high school students and those in 7th and 8th grade if an older sibling or parent is going.

*-3 day ski pass*

*-5 meals*

*-3 nights at the Round Hearth at Stowe Mt.*

***-Round Trip Transportation  
-Loads of Fun***

**Approximate Price: \$330.00**

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

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

**High School Religious Ed Program**

**First Date: November 20th**

Ok so you've finally finished all of your Children's Religious Ed programs, you've gone through Confirmation, so why should you sign up voluntarily for any more? All I can tell you is that this is where you can get honest answers about your faith. Each month we discuss a unique topic pertaining to faith, current events, or how we can live our lives to the fullest through God's gifts. Every event features a special guest speaker who will do their best to talk about some aspect of who we are and answer your questions. Please join us for another year of interesting guest speakers and open discussion about our faith.

**This program is open to all High School students in the Abington Heights School District. PA's Time Release Law allows students to be released from school for up to 33 hours a year for Religious Education experiences.**

Students who sign up for the program have the choice of leaving school for 3 hours once a month and bused to Fatima Center for the program. Lunch is provided. Sign up forms went out to all students this week. **If you did not get one and would like to sign up for this program, forms are available online at OLSSB.com under the Youth section. If you'd like a paper copy, you can call the Parish Office.**

**Odds and Ends**

- **Young Adult Ministry** – new ministry for college age and those just starting out in their careers. Open to married and single, college years until 30's. A planning team for this ministry is in the formation stages: We have several on the team already. If you'd like to be a part of it, contact Steve.
- For all the latest information, call Steve at the Youth Office: 586-1741 or join our weekly e-mail list by sending an e-mail to [WalloInc@aol.com](mailto:WalloInc@aol.com)

Bulletin so parishioners can send them care packages (including food, letters, books, etc.) Thank you.

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Anyone who has a family member or friend that is active military, please call the Parish Office and give us his/her name, rank and complete mailing address and if possible, when his/her tour will end. This information will be periodically published in your Parish