

# *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 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 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 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

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT November 29, 2009

*"Beware that your hearts  
do not become drowsy  
from carousing and drunkenness  
and the anxieties of daily life,  
and that day catch you  
by surprise like a trap."*

-- Luke 21: 34 --

### NOVEMBER: MONTH OF ALL SOULS

Please continue your daily prayer for all deceased relatives and friends during the month. In every Mass celebrated in our parish this month, those recommended to our prayers during this month are remembered. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.**

### ADVENT: NEW LITURGICAL YEAR

Today we begin a new liturgical year with the observance of the **First Sunday of Advent**. The season of Advent focuses our attention on the coming of the Lord Jesus. The first part of this season pays special attention to the second coming of Jesus in glory at the end of time to bring everything to fulfillment. The second part of Advent invites us to consider the first coming of Jesus when he was born in a stable in Bethlehem. This entire season prepares us for the celebration of the Birth of Jesus at Christmas and for the entire liturgical year.

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Due to the holiday this past week, this bulletin had to be prepared a week early. The Sacrificial Offering amount for last weekend was not yet available. We will list that amount in next weekend's bulletin. Thank you for your continuing generosity. **Thank you for all that you do for our 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

Because of some difficulties with data entry using new software in the Diocesan Annual Appeal Office, we have not yet received any report from the Diocesan Annual Appeal Office regarding the amount of pledges and donations received from our parish for the **2009 Diocesan Annual Appeal**. We thank those who have already pledged or donated to this year's Appeal. If you have not yet done so, please consider doing so. You may use the envelope you received in the mail from Cardinal Rigali and send your donation or pledge directly to the Appeal Office. Or you can use a regular envelope and drop it in the collection basket any weekend or bring or send it to the parish

office. Please mark Diocesan Appeal on the outside of the envelope and include your name and address and our parish name inside the envelope. Much good is waiting to be done throughout the diocese and all of this is good that can be done most efficiently and effectively at the diocesan level. **"Let us do great things together."** The important thing is that we do the best we can. Please consider whether you can help. Thanks for all that you do for our parish and our diocese.

### BULLETIN BRIEFS

Between 4 and 5 weeks after conception, the child's brain develops at an incredible rate, and the stomach, esophagus, pancreas, intestines, kidneys, and even reproductive organs are all developing. Between 5 and 6 weeks the embryo begins to move spontaneously and reflexively – e.g., in response to touch the embryo will withdraw. By 6 weeks plus 2 days an embryo's brain waves have been recorded by EEG.

Respect Life Program Flyer (2009-2010)

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

The **Office for Parish Life/Family Life** wishes to invite couples celebrating their **25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary** in **2010** to a diocesan **Wedding Anniversary Celebration** on **Sunday, April 25**. The event includes a **2:30 P.M. Mass** at **St. Peter's Cathedral** followed by a reception. Requests for an invitation, with a mailing address that will be accurate in February, should be made through your pastor **before January 10, 2010**.

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

#### Monday

7:00 A.M. John Bross M/M Carl Urban  
12:10 P.M. Lillian Schmidt Mary Lapi

#### Tuesday

7:00 A.M. Lanie Antenori Carole Orr  
12:10 P.M. Orienta Calise M/M Chris Calvey

#### Wednesday

7:00 A.M. John Kundmueller Betty Kreder  
12:10 P.M. Louis Milo Nettie/Bob Goldate

#### Thursday

7:00 A.M. Joseph Poplowski Parish Nurse Program  
12:10 P.M. James Lewis John/Joan Ardizoni

#### Friday

7:00 A.M. Michael Burns Patricia Drake  
12:10 P.M. Catherine Devine Friday Morning Co.

#### Saturday

4:00 P.M. Florence/Patrick Ann Roslund  
Prendergast  
5:00 P.M. Robert Flanagan Jim/Denise Battle  
6:30 P.M. Adele Alexandrian Kathy Senofonte

#### Sunday

7:00 A.M. For all members of the parish  
8:00 A.M. Stephen Stempfoski Family  
9:30 A.M. Marilyn Morgan Theresa Antoine  
11:00 A.M. Frank Lehnert Wife/Children  
11:15 A.M. Georgine Habeeb Family  
12:20 P.M. Vincent Lapi Wife/Children

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

## CELEBRATION OF FIRST RECONCILIATION

We congratulate the young members of our parish who will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time in December. There are four different times for these celebrations: **on Saturday, December 5, 2009, at 9:30 A.M. and at 11:00 A.M.; on Saturday, December 12, 2009, at 9:30 A.M. and at 11:00 A.M.** Please remember them and their families in your prayers as they complete their preparation and celebrate this special sacrament.

## "LIVING CHRIST" RETREATS

We hope that you will not be the last person in the parish to make one of the "Living Christ" Retreats. Please consider making the next Retreat which is scheduled for **Thursday, Friday and Saturday, January 21, 22 and 23, 2010**, in the **Gathering Room** on the lower level of Our Lady of the Snows Church. On **Thursday and Friday** evenings, the **Retreat** will run from **6:00 P.M. until about 10:00 P.M.** On **Saturday**, it will run from **8:00 A.M. until about 12 Noon.** We hope that the time of the last person in our parish making one of these retreats is a long way off. Please consider participating in the next retreat Retreat. **Please call the parish office as soon as possible to register.** It is our hope that eventually all members of our parish will participate in one of the special retreats. Please consider the invitation to participate this coming January. Please call the parish office.

**We ask all members of the parish to continue to pray regularly for God's blessing on the "Living Christ" Retreats in our parish.**

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.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

**Church of St. Benedict Musicians:** 10:00 A.M. rehearsals for the 11:00 A.M. Additional dates are November 29<sup>th</sup>. Singers and Instrumentalists are welcome.

**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 Christmas Eve (at the Church of St. Benedict), 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](mailto: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 100<sup>TH</sup> YEAR

Our Lady of the Snows 100<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:ascahill@epix.net) or Bonnie Sherman at 587-2235.

## CALENDAR

### Sunday, November 2, 2009

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

### Tuesday, December 1, 2009

9:00 A.M. Bible Class \*\*\*

7:00 P.M. Women's Guild \*\*\*

7:00 P.M. Parents/Teen Forum Meeting \*\*\*\*\*

### Wednesday, December 2, 2009

10:00 A.M. Bereavement Support Group \*\*\*

1:00 P.M. Bible Study \*

7:00 P.M. Just a Social \*

### Thursday, December 3, 2009

6:00 P.M. First Penance Practice \*\*

7:00 P.M. Pastoral Council Meeting \*\*\*

7:30 P.M. OLS Choir Rehearsal \*\*

### Friday, December 4, 2009

10:00 A.M. Friday Morning Company \*

6:00 P.M. First Penance Practice \*\*

### Saturday, December 5, 2009

9:30 A.M. First Penance \*\*

11:00 A.M. First Penance \*\*

**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 GESTURES? (Part 4 of 4)

The gestures and posture of the priest, the deacon, and the ministers, as well as those of the people, ought to contribute to making the entire celebration resplendent with beauty and noble simplicity, so that the true and full meaning of the different parts of the celebration is evident and that the participation of all is fostered.

With a view to uniformity in gestures and postures during one and the same celebration, the faithful should follow the directions which the deacon, lay minister, or priest gives according to whatever is indicated in the Missal.

(Steve LaRue; *Marion Eagen 2002 Resource Publications, Inc., General Instruction of the Roman Missal/USCCB Publishing*)

Weekly Inspiration: 11/29/09 **First Sunday in Advent**

Our Lord comes with a glory that fills us with awe.

Readings for Next Week: 12/06/09 Baruch 5:1-9; Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11; Luke 3:1-6.

Music for Next Week: 12/06/09 Opening Song: "A Voice Cries Out" #187; Communion Song: "When We Eat This Bread"; Closing Song: "In the Day of the Lord" #549.

#### **NEIGHBORHOOD PARISH (NP) PROGRAM**

The most important element of the Neighborhood Parish Program is invitation. We cannot be sure of our response to our invitations for we only plant the seeds. It is enough to INVITE because the recipient at least knows that he/she is important to our parish and is welcome. Neighborhood Parish Representatives can only be consistent, faithful, and available to the members of our groups. The contact, itself, allows the Holy Spirit to work in people's lives

**Attention Neighborhood Parish Representatives:** If you were unable to be there at the Advent Reflection, please pick up your Neighborhood Parish Christmas Prayer Card at the rectory. Sending them to your members at Christmas is considered a contact. If you need anything else, please feel free to call Carol at the Parish Center at 586-1741.

#### **JAMAICA MINISTRY**

**PLEASE SEE THE FIRST JAMAICA MINISTRY COMBINED NEWSLETTER IN THE BULLETIN TODAY.**

Also note the bulletin boards in each church which have pictures of our First Annual Share Collection. Thank you to everyone who worked on this project and to those who donated. Most of all thanks to Grace and Denny Dawgert who did the bulk of the work.

**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<sup>th</sup> 56 SBCT  
C.C.O. 15<sup>TH</sup> 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](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org), then click on Departments and Resources, and then click on Virtus: Protecting God's Children.

#### **OPEN FORUM ON DRUGS FOR PARENTS AND TEENS**

Come and hear Gregg Betti and Jude Villano, Certified Prevention Specialists, give an explanation on drug abuse and addiction. Then hear and ask questions of a **PANEL OF TEENS** who are recovering from various addictions.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2009  
7:00P.M.**

**OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS GATHERING RM.**

Protect your family by getting the facts.  
Knowledge is Power! Please attend!

Sponsored by: Parish Nurse Program of Our Lady of the Snows/Church of St. Benedict in conjunction with the Lackawanna County Commission on Drug and Alcohol Abuse. Call Carol at 586-1741 for further information.

#### **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 begins on Sunday, October 18, 2009 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.

#### **ANGEL NEEDED**

We are looking for an anonymous donor(s) to help fund a parish program for the Benefit of children whose parents are suffering through a divorce. If Interested call Carol at the parish center @ 586-1741.

#### **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**. 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

#### **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. The next Living Christ Retreat is on January 21, 22, and 23, 2010. For further information, please call Carol at 586-1741.

#### **DONORS FOR**

#### **DEFIBRILLATOR ACCESSARY REPLACEMENTS**

In case of any emergency, we have a defibrillator in each church. We are looking for donors who might consider donating the cost of adult pads, pediatric pads, or batteries. These items expire every 5 years and need replacements. The adult pads cost \$169.00, the pediatric pads are \$95.00, and the batteries are \$36.00 for a total of \$270.00 for each church. If anyone is interested in donating money towards these items or would like further information, please call Carol at 586-1741.

**WE THANK** those who brought Non-Perishable Food this weekend. If you can, please bring Non-Perishable Food for the Holidays next weekend. Your generosity will not go unnoticed by a grateful Lord.

#### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

#### **SUPPORT OUR LADY OF PEACE SCHOOL/HOLY CROSS SYSTEM**

and celebrate the holidays early! Merry Money Raffle: 1<sup>st</sup> prize: \$20,000.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize: \$7,500.00, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize: \$5,000.00, 4<sup>th</sup> prize: (two) \$1,200.00, 5<sup>th</sup> prize: (four) \$500.00. Donation is \$20.00 per ticket. Drawing will be on Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Tickets can be purchased by calling Katie Sunday at 586-3247. Thank you for your support of OLP!!! They will be selling tickets after Masses on the weekend of November 14-15.

**THE LITURGICAL MUSIC MINISTRY** of St. Paul of the Cross Parish cordially invites you to attend: "Journey to the Light: A Celebration of Advent in word and Song" on Sunday, December 13, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Church building 1217 Prospect Ave., Scranton, PA 18505. All are welcome! For more information, call 570-343-6420.

**YOUR CONGREGATION IS INVITED** to participate in the Keystone College Exam Week Cookie Break which is scheduled for Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Students are always grateful for this stress-relieving event. Please encourage your church to reach out to the students at Keystone College this year. Nancy McGuire is the Cookie Chair. Her phone number is 945-5399. You may contact either Nancy or Cheryl at 696-2582 if you will be able to join us in this ministry.

#### **THE ROSE CENTER FOR MEDIATION AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION**

is having a fundraiser. Please come, you can help us continue to "turn conflict into conversation". Have dinner or get food to go at Friendly's Restaurant in Clarks Summit on Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5:00 P.M to 8:00 P.M. You have dinner with your family and friends and The Rose Center gets a percentage! Simply as that! We hope to see you there. Thank you!

**FAMILY MINISTRY  
BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

The next bereavement session will be **on Wednesday Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 am** and on **Sunday Dec. 13<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.**

**There will be a bereavement support group at Trinity Lutheran Church on Tuesday Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm down stairs in the church. All are invited.**

**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](http://www.wvme.org) or a Retrouvaille Weekend [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org)

**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**

**First Penance at Our Lady of the Snows Church  
December 5, 2009**

**9:30 am Session:**

Donahoe Cluster  
La Coe Cluster  
Pusateri Cluster

**11:00 am Session:**

Danoski Cluster  
Reiner Cluster

**Practice for this penance will be on Thursday Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> and Friday Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> 6:00-7:00 pm Our Lady of the Snows Church**

**And on**

**December 12, 2009**

**9:30 am Session:**

Horvath/Weiland Cluster  
Our Lady of Peace Students

**11:00 am Session**

Morgan Cluster-OLP Sunday

Specht/Knoepfel Cluster-OLP Sunday

**Practice for this penance will be on Thurs. Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> and Friday Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:00pm Our Lady of the Snows Church**

**OLDER CHILDREN WHO NEED TO RECEIVE FIRST RECONCILIATION/FIRST EUCHARIST OR CONFIRMATION:**

**If the student is older than 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**NEED Confirmation Hours?** Waverly Elementary has 2 upcoming events that we could use your help for. On December 11 from 6-9 we will be running "Kids Go to the Movies, Mom and Dads Go Shopping" at Clarks Summit Elementary School. On December 5<sup>th</sup> from 10-1 we will be running "Waverly Winter Festival" at Waverly Elementary School. We have many activities at the event including Kids Go Shopping, Rudolph's Raffle, Carnival Games, Holiday Cookie Sale, Pictures with Santa, a Poinsettia Sale & much more. Both events are open to the public, so many volunteers are needed. Please call to sign up for hours. We could use any amount of time you are willing to give. Thank You. Please call Erin Osterhout at 587-2289 or [irishmomto3@yahoo.com](mailto:irishmomto3@yahoo.com).

## 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.**

*We are all meant to shine as children do. It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone. And as we let our own lights shine, we unconsciously give other people to do the same.*

### Scheduled Events for 2009

December 11-12<sup>th</sup> ...Winter Retreat and Service Projects  
December 28<sup>th</sup> .....Christmas Adventure

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: \$400.00**

\$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**



### Deodorant Collection

**Every Christmas season, we ask for a donation of 100 men's deodorants and 50 women's deodorants.** These are donated to the Shoebox Project at the St. Francis Soup Kitchen in Scranton. Along with Other Youth Organizations throughout the area, care packages are assembled for the needy who come through the kitchen during Christmas. Please consider helping out with a simple donation of a deodorant stick. Collection bins will be labeled and placed in the rear of Our Lady of the Snows, Church of St. Benedict, Our Lady of the Abington's, and St' Gregory's Church.

### Fatima Center Winter Retreat

This amazing overnight experience at the Fatima Center in Dalton will be focused on service both locally and internationally! The following day, we will drive to St. Francis of Assisi Soup Kitchen and help with their annual Shoe Box Project. We assemble care packages of soap, toothpaste, deodorant, etc... For those who come through for a meal during Christmas.

- Check in on December 11<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:00PM with Dinner at 7:00PM
- Shoe Box Project is from 1:00PM until 3:00PM on Saturday December 12<sup>th</sup>
- Meeting back at OLS at 3:30PM
- Closes with 5PM Mass at OLS
- \$25.00 Includes Overnight Room, Dinner, Breakfast, and supplies
- Permission Form Required and Due on December 4<sup>th</sup>

### Christmas Adventure

This event is in planning by the High school Outreach team. It's a night starting with dinner at OLS, followed by a Christmas Themed scavenger hunt around Clarks Summit and ending with bowling or skiing. Details are still in the works but the date is **December 28<sup>th</sup> starting around 6:00PM** at Our Lady of the Snows!

### 2010 Vermont Ski Weekend Trip

March 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> is skiing time and it's time to book your spot! Flyers, reservation forms, and brochures are available soon in the Youth Office. This trip is open to all

