

**THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
October 21, 2007**

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Today is **World Mission Sunday**, the one Sunday each year when Catholic Christians throughout the world pause to reflect on the fact that by faith and Baptism we are all missionaries. All of us have the responsibility of sharing our faith and spreading the Good News of God's love and God's call. On this day, we **pray** for all of the baptized. We **pray** that the Holy Spirit will guide each one of us as we live out our Baptism and do our best to share our faith and spread the Good News by the way we live our lives. We **pray** for missionaries who take the Good News of Jesus to all parts of the worlds. We pray for strength for them and for God's blessing on their work. We **make financial offerings** in the Mission Collection to help support this essential work of bringing Jesus to those who do not already know him. **Thank you** for your prayers. **Thank you** for whatever financial offering you can make.

2007 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Your gift to the **Diocesan Annual Appeal** helps to support the "Good Works" of the Church!

In 2006, more than \$500,000 was used in the formation and education of our seminarians.

Your gift to the **2007 Annual Appeal** will help continue the vital ministries, services and programs that help so many people.

**DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO MIGHT BE
INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?**

If you know someone who has expressed an interest in learning more about the Catholic Faith and possibly becoming Catholic or if you know someone who may attend Mass often and may be interested in looking into becoming Catholic, please remind them that the Formal part of the **R.C.I.A.** begins this month with the Inquiry Process. If they are interested, have them call the parish office and speak with one of the priests or with Carol Salva. You might even offer to come with them for the first meeting.

**DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO MIGHT BE
INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PRIEST?**

If you know someone who might be interested in becoming a priest or someone whom you think would make a great priest, please pray for them and please consider making a suggestion that they consider the priesthood and perhaps talk to a priest about it. You might even offer to go with them, if that would be helpful, when they talk to a priest. Most importantly, continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood.

THE EUCHARIST

"Celebrating the Eucharist over and over forms the **Body of Christ**, a unity into which everyone on earth is welcomed, a unity in Christ, who is the Light of the World."

-- from **The Constitution on the Church** of the **Second Vatican Council**

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

Next weekend, members of the **Little Sisters of the Poor** from Holy Family Residence in Scranton will be with us at all of the Masses. This will be their annual visit during which they ask for our prayers for their very special work and also for any financial support we can give. They and their helpers will be at the entrances of the church at the conclusion of each Mass. Please assure them of your prayers and make an offering if you are able. They will be grateful for your prayers and any financial support you can give.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Your **Sacrificial Offering** last weekend amounted to **\$14,780.19**. **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.

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.

BAPTISM

MICHAEL ANDRE KLAMP, son of Douglas and Cristen Bachman Klamp and ROCCO ANDREW ORTANLANO, son of Micahel and Gina Zubert Ortalano will be born into Jesus' life and welcomed into the family of the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend. We congratulate them and their parents.

JESUS' CALL

"Jesus' call is **urgent**. He does not tell people to follow him at some time in the future but here and now --- at

this moment, in *these* circumstances. There can be no delay.”

-- from *Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*

CALENDAR

Sunday, October 21, 2007

11:15 A.M. OLS Choir **

6:00 P.M. First Penance Meeting *****

Monday, October 22, 2007

7:00 P.M. Cub Scouts *

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

Tuesday, October 23, 2007

9:00 A.M. Bible Study *****

7:00 P.M. Bible Study *****

Wednesday, October 24, 2007

10:00A.M. MOMS & TOTS *

1:00 P.M. Bible Study *

4:00 P.M. Wednesday Afternoon Choir **

7:00 P.M. Confirmation Parents Meeting *****

Thursday, October 25, 2007

10:30 A.M. Fall Day of Reflection *****

7:00 P.M. Parish Nurse Program*****

Friday, October 26, 2007

10:00 A.M. Friday Morning Company *

Parish Center* Church ** Large Conference

Room* Church of Saint Benedict **** Small**

Conference Room *** Gathering Room *******

STEWARDSHIP

By faith, we know that **God** has made us **stewards of creation**. All that we have and all that we are comes from God as **GIFT**. We express our gratitude to God by sharing our gifts of time and talent and treasure with our church and our world. Because we believe that all comes from God as **GIFT**, we endeavor to live always with a **grateful spirit** and a **grateful heart**.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Sacrificial Giving is the practice of good stewardship in regard to our treasure: the money we have and the material possessions we have been blessed with. In the Hebrew Scriptures, the Old Testament, Tithing is taught. Tithing is the practice of giving the first one-tenth of all one receives back to God in thanksgiving for all that we receive. Today, those Catholic Christians who strive to practice good stewardship of treasure are asked to consider giving ten percent of what they receive in thanksgiving for all of god's gifts of treasure. This usually is broken down into five percent to their parish for God's work in the parish and five percent to other charities.

Most people, however, do not start with five percent to their parish and five percent to other charities. The important thing is to give definite percentage. What people often do is determine what percentage they are giving at present and then increasing it by a half percent. They, then, over time, increase the percentage. The regular and definite giving is the important reality. Please prayerfully consider where you are at now in terms of sacrificial giving and whether an increase might be possible.

Good Stewardship and **Sacrificial Giving** should involve a **grateful gift**, given regularly and involving a **definite percentage** of what we receive which means that our gift will always be in **proportion** to what we receive, and should be the **first gift**, off the top, the first priority in our lives.

OCTOBER: RESPECT LIFE MONTH

October, as Respect Life Month, is dedicated to focusing our attention the value and dignity of all human life: from the moment of conception until natural death. Every human life is valuable and important and special in God's eyes. As God's ambassadors, through Faith and Baptism, our attitude toward the life of every human being should match God's attitude toward the life of every human being. Let us prayerfully consider our attitudes and our words and actions in regard to human life to see if growth is needed on our part. Let us pray that our attitude of respect will be a clear witness that will spread respect to all we meet.

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.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday	7:00 A.M. Suzanne Matri	Mae Gelb
	12:10 P.M. Mary/John/Brian McGuinness	Family
Tuesday	7:00 A.M. Lawrence Kameen	Linda/Mary Chaplains @
C.M.C.	12:10 P.M. Robert Gallagher	M/M Roy Bayless
Wednesday	7:00 A.M. Dr. James Mackrell	Mary/Sal Scialla
	12:10 P.M. Angela Giorgio	Mary/Russell Collins
Thursday	7:00 A.M. Peter Shepherd	Dan/Karen Brier
	12:10 P.M. Angela Grassi	Estelle/Dennis Kelly
Friday	7:00 A.M. Bob Robbins	Jim Priscaro
	12:10 P.M. Mary Flynn	Bob/Joan Kranick
Saturday	4:00 P.M. Michael Pivovarnick	Pivovarnick Family
	5:00 P.M. Terry McNulty	Andrew Anthony
	6:30 P.M. Mary Meyer	Betty Conway
Sunday	7:00 A.M. For all the members of the parish	
	8:00 A.M. JoAnn Sibio Brown	M/M Anthony Muro/ Family
	9:30 A.M. Sebastian Noto	Tom/Mary DiMatteo
	11:00 A.M. Cyril K. Franko	M/M Cyril Franko
	11:15 A.M. Katie Pfister	Family
	12:20 P.M. Catherine Roditski	Maureen Kearney

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

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 25th or 50th 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.

ENROLLMENT OF CANDIDATES FOR CONFIRMATION

On **Sunday, November 18, 2007**, during the **11:00 A.M. Mass** at the **Church of Saint Benedict**, we will have the formal **Rite of Enrollment of Candidates for Confirmation**. All Confirmation Candidates and their parents are asked to be present. Sponsors for Confirmation are also encouraged to attend if they live close enough to make it convenient. Please mark your calendars and make plans to be with us.

WEEKLY BULLETIN ON PARISH WEB PAGE

See our parish web page at 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.

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.

Our Lady of the Snows Choir begins rehearsals on Thursday, October 4th and 18th at 7:00 P.M. We are working on Christmas Music for the 6:00 P.M. Mass on Christmas Eve. Call Jennie for information

Church of St. Benedict Contemporary Group rehearsals begins Sunday, October 14th and 28th at 10:00 a.m. before the 11:00 A.M. Mass. Call Jennie for information.

Wednesday Afternoon Choir begins October 10th at 4:00 p.m. in the loft at Our Lady of the Snows. Call Jennie for information.

YOUTH CHOIR

Starting in September, young people ages 11-18 will rehearse on Wednesday evening and sing every other week at the 9:30 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of the Snows. We also sing Christmas Eve and Easter Sunday at the Church of St. Benedict. Young people are invited to join at any time. Please contact Youth Choir Director Ann Marie Zakarauskas at 586-4112 or send e-mail to PianogirlZ@comcast.net.

OUR LADY OF PEACE SCHOOL

Sunday, October 21, 2007

12:15 Mission Mass @ St. Peter's Cathedral

Monday, October 22, 2007

"National" Character Counts Week

COMMUNITY NEWS

WE THANK those who brought Canned Meat 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.

ATTENTION POPCORN LOVERS! Our Lady of the Snows Cub Scout Pack 201 will be selling popcorn after all masses during the month of October. Please stop by the table and see the delicious treats for sale.

KIDZ KLOZET .. we are interested in donations of gently worn fall/winter children's clothes and coats. Sizes can range from infant to teen. Clothes should be in very good condition only (no stains, piles, tears, musty, basement odors or cigarette smoke.) Clothes may be dropped at Our Lady of the Abingtons parish hall from October 20-27, 2007 from 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. The clothes will be given out at the parish hall on Friday, November 2, 2007 (12 noon – 5 p.m. and Saturday, November 3, 2007 (9 a.m. – 3 p.m.) All families are welcome. If you know of a family who would benefit from Kidz Klozet, please share the information. Should you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the rectory (570) 563-1622. Your clothing contribution will be greatly appreciated by families of our community.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB will meet on Wednesday, October 24, the Catholic Women's Club will be holding a reception for new members at Arcaro and Genell's restaurant located on Main Street in Old Forge. You are invited to attend and become a member of an organization that provides an opportunity to help others as well as share in many social events. For information and reservation call Mary Jo Enkulenko at 842-6057 or Ann Marie Batyko at 347-0061.

CHRISTMAS BUS TRIP – There will be a Christmas Bus Trip on Wednesday, November 14, 2007, to Living Waters Theater, Lancaster, to see the “Songs of Christmas”. The bus will leave St. Patrick’s Church, Olyphant, parking lot at 8:00 A.M. Stop at Rockvlæe Square Mall, lunch at 2 p.m. in the Bird in Hand Restaurant. Show at 4:30. Leave Lancaster following show with a rest stop en route. Arrive in Olyphant approximately 9:30. Cost \$80.00 includes bus, lunch, tips and show. A \$25 deposit is due with reservation balance due on October 25. For additional information/reservations call Anne 489-9405.

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON PORNOGRAPHY AWARENESS WEEK

“Pornography Awareness Week (PAW) is observed the last week of October each year. PAW was started in the early 1980’s by the American Family Association to raise the awareness of the prevalence of pornography throughout our nation and to work toward eliminating its devastating effects on our communities. The silence and apathy of the Christian community must end. Our society has suffered from pornography too much already because of our silence and our unwillingness to get involved in this issue.

Sadly, America has not yet realized how far-reaching the devastation of pornography actually is in our nation and to what extent our sense of right and wrong has been drastically altered. When will we wake up? God only knows. But one thing is known: God has called us to proclaim the truth and raise up a standard of righteousness.” For more information call Diocesan Council of Catholic Men, 300 Wyoming Ave., Scranton, PA 18503 at (570) 207-2213.

WHITE RIBBON CAMPAIGN IN OUR PARISH

The White Ribbon Campaign will be conducted during the week of October 28 thru November 4, The White Ribbon is a symbol of our aversion to pornography. The sponsors are The Diocesan Council of Catholic Men, the Knights of Columbus and our parish Men’s Club. White ribbons will be passed out by volunteers after all parish Masses on the weekend of October 27 and October 28. Please tie the ribbon to the antenna of your car or some other place for the following week. **DON’T BE SILENT – PARTICIPATE.**

THE ROSE CENTER

The Sisters of the Good Shepherd, Mark Taffera, Director, and Staff of The Rose Center wish to thank everyone for their kindness and warm welcome on the weekend of October 6-7. Your generosity helps us continue providing the needed service of Mediation and Conflict Resolution. For everyone who purchased tickets or gave donations we are most grateful.

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 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

Like the suffering servant, the person with mental illness may experience scorn, rejection, loneliness and deprivation, as our Lord did throughout his public life leading him to the cross.

Fr. Richard Gill, L.C. “The Person with Mental Illness,” Respect Life Program (2007)

LITURGY COMMITTEE NOTES

Did you know?

During the month of November, the church prays especially for the souls of those who have gone before us in faith. The month begins with a special Mass for the Dead, on the commemoration of all the faithful departed (All Souls Day on November 2), in which we remember all those in the parish who died in the past year.

Our faith proclaims that death is nothing of which to be afraid. It is nothing of which to be afraid because our Master has gone there before us and, we proclaim, has conquered death. Rather than fearing death, we proclaim that it is our entrance into the great, eternal banquet feast of the Lamb.

(Written by Steve LaRue; Sourcebook, 2007)

Today’s Scriptures link persistence, prayer, and the Word of God in the life of a disciple. By prayerful reading and reflection of the Scriptures insight into the wisdom that leads to salvation can be obtained. By praying constantly we will be heard, for if a dishonest judge pays attention to a widow’s persistent entreaties, how much more will God, who is not dishonest, heed persistence in prayer

Weekly Inspiration: 10/21/07 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Lord, teach us to pray.

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 then click on Departments and Resources, then click on *Virtus: Protecting God’s Children*. VIRTUS Training is considered essential for parish staff members and all volunteers who work with children for

twenty hours or more a year. It is essential because it raises the awareness of all who participate in the program. Participants become more vigilant because they are trained to recognize danger signs long before sexual abuse occurs. With all volunteers and parish staff members trained, the children in a parish community are safer because so many people are watching out for them. Wee congratulate all of our volunteers who have participated in the *VIRTUS* Training. *VIRTUS* Training is also available for any members of the parish, including parents, even if they are not volunteers at this time. For more information or to register for one of the sessions, please contact the website listed above or call the parish office and speak with Carol Salva.

**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.

COMMUNION MINISTERS

We are in need of some additional Communion Ministers at all masses. We will be having a two session training on **Monday, November 5, 2007 and Monday, November 12, 2007 at 7:00P.M.** (Please note change of date.) in Our Lady of the Snows Church. Please consider the call to this very important and valuable ministry to our parish. For further information please call Carol at the Parish Center or see one of our priests.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

The members of the Pastoral Council are: **Mary Ellen Buckbee, John Boyle, Dennis Dawgert, Michael**

Fleming, Kay Gallagher, Kathleen Judge, Daniel Ragland, John Regula, Mary Sweney, Thomas Vanaskie, Msgr, McGarry, Fr. Joe, Deacon Leo, Kate Frye, and A. Carol Salva. Dennis Dawgert is the Chairperson and Mary Sweeney is the Vice-Chairperson. The first meeting was held on September 13, 2007.

Prayer – A reading and sharing from the Gospel of Luke.

Mission Statement – The finalized mission statement will be forwarded to the Bishop.

Retreat for Pastoral Council Members – The members reviewed the material from discussions of the reading of *Maintenance to Mission*, meetings with Glen Pellino, and discussions with several other people. We will now look at information on a program for busy people on Ignation spirituality. We will review the material to see if this is feasible and decide at next month's meeting.

Parish Twinning with the Jamaica Mission– After meeting with Fr. Joe Jones, CP Provincial, Fr. Jack, CP, and Fr. Neil, CP, from the Passionists, we thought the Jamaica Mission seemed like a natural fit. We have a connection with the Passionists and St. Ann's, and we would know exactly where everything is going. Fr. Joe will be notified and we will look to assemble a Coordinating Team to arrange the details.

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

**UPCOMING BEREAVEMENT SESSIONS IN OUR LOCAL AREA:
WE ARE NOT ALONE**

October 26-28, 2007 Presented by Br. Andre Mathieu, O.P. at **St. Gabriel's Retreat Center**, 631 Griffin Pond Road, Clarks Summit to register please call 586-4957 suggested fee for the weekend is \$90.00 per person. Retreat begins Friday Oct. 26th at 7:30pm.

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

Surviving the Holidays sponsored by VNA Hospice **Thursday Nov. 1st at 7:00pm** **First Presbyterian Church**, 300 School Street, Clarks Summit. The program is free and open to anyone dealing with the loss of a loved one. Please call 586-6306 for more information.

MENDING A BROKEN HEART

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Conversation Corner

We pray in times of crisis and, hopefully, when we go to Church each week; but what about the other times? What kind of relationship would you have with your spouse or children if you only spoke to them once a week even if it was for a whole hour? We are in a relationship with God. How often do you take time to talk to God? Do you allow time for God to talk to you? How could you make some time even just a few minutes to spend with God each day?

FOR BETTER FOR WORSE

A Prayer for Dealing With Perfection

Lord, we often have an image of just how our children should be—

and when they don't live up to that image we're tempted to be disappointed with them.

Don't let me ever say or do anything that would make any of my children feel that I'm disappointed with who or what they are.

I know that, as a parent, I must try to correct their faults and encourage them to improve themselves—but in doing so, don't let me ever give them the impression that I love them any less because of their faults and failures.

I don't ever want them to think that they have to be perfect to be loved.

Think about the image of love that you portray to your spouse and children? Is there room for improvement?

MOTHERS AND TODDLERS GROUP

Our parish MOTHERS AND TODDLERS GROUP will resume sessions on **Wednesday October 24th at 10:00 am** in the parish center.

We will continue meeting on the 2nd and the 4th 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.**

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

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING UPCOMING EVENTS:

FIRST PENANCE PARENT MEETING

For all parents of children receiving First Eucharist this year. Parents are asked to attend the following meeting **Sunday Oct. 21st** **Please note the date changes from previous schedule.** Sunday meeting will be at 6:00pm and Monday evening will be at 7:00pm in the Gathering Room.

CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING

A meeting for parents of children receiving Confirmation this Spring will be **Wednesday Oct 24th and Sunday Oct. 28th**. Wednesday's meeting will begin at 7:00pm and Sunday's meeting will begin at 6:00 pm in the Gathering Room. Parents and (sponsors (if available) are

asked to attend either Wednesday or Sunday meeting.

CLUSTER LEADERS:

CLASS ROSTERS ARE DUE IN THE PARISH OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IF YOU HAVE ANY TEACHER MANUALS PLEASE RETURN THEM TO THE PARISH CENTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. (That includes older Share the Joy Manuals)

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.

Jr. High Service Project

On October 28th, 2007 the Jr. High Ministry will be having a Rake-A-Thon. We'll meet at 1:00PM at OLS for a Pizza party followed by the service project. If you still need service hours, call Steve to participate. We'll be going to 5 or 6 homes to rake and clean up leaves. **If you or anyone you know is disabled or unable to clean up their yards please call Steve Wallo at the Office.** We're only able to take a few yards for raking.

Scheduled Events for 2007-2008

October 27 th – 28 th	World Youth Day Weekend
November 7 th – 11 th	NCYC in Columbus, OH
November 17 th	Fan the Fire in York, PA
December 14 th – 15 th	7 th Annual N'ap Danse Ansanm
December 15 th	18 th Annual Shoebox Project
February 2 nd & 23 rd	8 th Grade Confirmation Retreats
February 28 th – March 2 nd	Vermont Ski Weekend
March 14 th	Living Way of the Cross
June 7 th – 8 th	Relay for Life
June 18 th	Light the Fire Youth Rally
June 22 nd – 28 th	West Virginia Mission Trip
July 11 th – 13 th	Franciscan Youth Conference

Fan the Fire Youth Rally

Fan the Fire is a one day event designed to reach out to teens and help them to either deepen their relationship with Christ or discover it for the first time. The day consist of a dynamic host, high quality music, talented local, regional and national Catholic youth speakers, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, confessions, contemporary Mass, concert, dinner and more.



Who: 8th -12th grade students
When: Saturday November 17th
Where: St. Joseph's in York, PA
Cost: \$25.00 due by Nov 2nd

www.Fanthefirerally.com

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

High School Religious Ed Program

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 will be taken out of 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

- **NCYC in Columbus OH** – November 7th – 11th
Attending this year are:

A.J. Fischbach	Nina Travato
Adam Dec	Casey Phillips
Patrick Fricchione	Megan Williamson
Jack Hambrose	Colleen Kuzma

- **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

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

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