

*The Parish Community of
Our Lady of the Snows
– Church of St. Benedict*



SATURDAY VIGIL MASSES

4:00 PM - CHURCH OF ST BENEDICT
5:00 PM - CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS
6:30 PM - CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS

SUNDAY MASSES

7:00 AM - CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS
8:00 AM - CHURCH OF ST BENEDICT
9:30 AM - CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS
11:00 AM - CHURCH OF ST BENEDICT
11:15 AM - CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS
12:20 PM - CHURCH OF ST BENEDICT

DAILY MASSES

7:00 AM - CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS
12:10 PM - CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE/ RECONCILIATION

3:00 PM - CHURCH OF ST BENEDICT
6:00 PM - CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS



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A welcoming community

OUR PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor	Rev. James J. McGarry
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Dir. Of Youth & Young Adult Min.	Stephen Wallo
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Pastoral Associate.....	A. Carol Salva
Parish Secretary	Debbie Waters
Maintenance.....	Peter Serine
Sacristan OLS	Aaron Fleming
.....	Connor Fleming
Sacristan CSB	Andy Medina
Cub Master.....	John D'Elia

OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday: 8:30 AM - 12 Noon
 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
 Evenings and weekends by appointment

WELCOME

A warm welcome is extended to all who have come to Our Lady of the Snows and to the Church of Saint Benedict this weekend to join together in this community of worship and praise to Almighty God. We are grateful to our faithful parishioners who come here every weekend. Also, we welcome our neighbors and guests who visit us occasionally and want them to know they are always welcome.



A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

As a Stewardship Parish, our life together is based on the need to share our time and talent and treasure as an expression of gratitude for all of God's gifts to us.

PARISH DEVOTION

THE ROSARY – will be prayed after the 12:10 PM Mass every day.

PRAYER PETITION – anyone who wishes to place a petition in the Prayer Petition Book is asked to write it in the book that is located on a stand in the back of each Church

**CATHOLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION
 HOLY CROSS SCHOOL SYSTEM**

Holy Cross High School, Dunmore, PA

Principal- Mr. Benjamin Talerico Phone 346-7541

OUR LADY OF PEACE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, CLARKS GREEN
 Principal – Mrs. Jane Quinn Phone 587-4152

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) is the official five-stage process the Catholic Church uses to bring adult members into the faith. Anyone interested in becoming a part of this process or in obtaining more information can call the Parish Center.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: In order to understand and better appreciate the special sacrament, parents are required to attend the Pre-Baptismal Program. Our Parish offers this instruction once every two months, so please watch the bulletin for information, or call the Parish Center.



SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Congratulations! You are asked to contact one of the parish priests at least six months before the date of your marriage so that the appropriate preparations can be made for this special celebration.

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Urgent call will be attended to at any time of the day or night.

VISITATION OF THE SICK: Please call the Parish Center for visitation of the sick at home, in the hospital, or health care facility.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE:
Grades Pre-K and Kindergarten
Parish Center Basement Sunday, 9:30-10:30 AM

All other classes have Clusters or Classes on Sundays at Our Lady of Peace School; Clusters are encouraged.

High School – Released Time Program Monthly
 Call parish office for dates and times

**THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
September 4, 2011**

*"For where two or three
are gathered together in my name,
there I am in the midst of them."*
-- Matthew 18: 20 --

LABOR DAY

Monday of this week, **September 5**, is **Labor Day**, a national holiday. Our Mass schedule for Labor Day is as follows: **Mass** will be celebrated at **9:00 A.M.** that day in **Our Lady of the Snows Church**. Please begin this holiday by gathering with us for the celebration of the Eucharist at 9:00 A.M. Mass will **not** be celebrated that day at 7:00 A.M. or 12:10 P.M.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Your **Sacrificial Offering** for last weekend* amounted to **\$10,491.63**. **Thank you** once again for your generosity. In order to make ends meet, we need at least **\$16,400.00 each weekend**. **Thank you** for whatever you can do.

Members of our parish may want to consider donating **appreciated assets, stock, bonds and mutual funds, etc.** You can take the full amount as tax credit and our parish gets the full amount donated – a sure win-win situation. **Thank you** for considering this.

- **(Hurricane Irene)**
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BAZAAR 2011 NEWS

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with the **2011 Annual Country Bazaar**. A venture as large as the Annual Country Bazaar requires the help and support of a large number of people. **Thank you** to the many people who help in so many ways and work so very hard to make the Bazaar possible and also a great success. The weather was fantastic on Thursday and Friday evenings, but, for the first time in 19 years, the weather on Saturday was not helpful and was not fit for a Bazaar. Hopefully, it will be another nineteen years before we have rain again. The Bazaar was a great success as far as bringing people together and building community. We will let you know the financial picture as soon as possible. It usually takes a while to get all of the bills together.

STUDENTS

We wish all of God's many blessings to all teachers and students returning to the classroom at this time of the year, especially to those who are beginning a new phase of their education: kindergarten or first grade, grade 9 and the start of high school, or the first year of college or graduate school. May this school year be a time of great growth and development for all.

CALENDAR

Sunday, September 4, 2011
10:00 A.M. CSB Choir ****
Monday, September 5, 2011
Office Closed

9:00 A.M. Mass at OLS
Wednesday, September 7, 2011
10:00 A.M. Bereavement Support Group ***
7:00 P.M. Just A Social *
Thursday, September 8, 2011
7:00 P.M. Youth Ministry *
7:00 P.M. Pastoral Council ***
7:00 P.M. OLS Choir Practice **
Friday, September 9, 2011
10:00 A.M. Friday Morning Company *
6:00 P.M. 7th & 8th Grade Movie Night *****
Parish Center * Church ** Large Conference Room
***** Church of Saint Benedict **** Small Conference**
Room *** Gathering Room *******

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Second Time: Sean Jeffrey – Our Lady of the Snows
Laura Marino – Our Lady of the Snows
Third Time: Bill Terrinoni – Our Lady of the Snows
Carolyn Chilewski – Our Lady of the Snows
Third Time: Tim Bryan – Our Lady of the Snows
Leanne Jensen – Our Lady of the Snows

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday
9:00 A.M. Robert Gallagher Family
Tuesday
7:00 A.M. Grace Scoblick Family
12:10 P.M. Ursula Wyliga Judy/Jim Clark
Wednesday
7:00 A.M. Chester/Lillian Batroney John Wilk/
Family
12:10 P.M. Thomas Holmes Quinlan Family
Thursday
7:00 A.M. Nellie Dawgert Nancy/John Menapace
12:10 P.M. Rebecca Gryczko Dennis/Estelle Kelly
Friday
7:00 A.M. Julie Taffera Rose Ann Aveline
12:10 P.M. Anna Jones Friday Morning Co.
Saturday
4:00 P.M. Florence/Patrick Pendergast Ann Roslund
5:00 P.M. Bud Brennan Wife/Children
6:30 P.M. Frances Brown M/M Ed Manley
Sunday
7:00 A.M. For all members of the parish
8:00 A.M. Stephen Stemphoski Family
9:30 A.M. Christopher Clark Mary Ann/Tony Antinnes
11:00 A.M. Ernest Columbo Family
11:15 A.M. Russell Collins Family
12:20 P.M. Martha Sparks Margaret Waskiewicz
A PRAYER PLEASE- Your prayers are requested for all the sick and deceased members of our parish, especially Christine Bills.

**LIVING CHRIST RETREAT
COMING IN OCTOBER**

NEW TRANSLATION

THE THIRD EDITION OF THE ROMAN MISSAL

The first significant series of changes in words prayed during Mass since the **Second Vatican Council** will be implemented in the English-speaking countries of the world the **First Sunday of Advent, November 27, 2011**. This new translation has been accomplished using different rules for translation than those in place when the original translation into English was done and approved by the Pope and introduced in 1970. This new translation is more literally faithful to the original Latin texts and will include some changes from the English translation we have been using since 1970. An example follows. At present, when the priest greets us by saying "**The Lord be with you,**" we respond by saying "And also with you." Using the new translation, we will respond "**And with your spirit.**" This is a more literal translation of the Latin, "*Et cum spiritu tuo*" than the present translation which was arrived at by the bishops of the English speaking countries of the world and approved by the Pope in the years immediately following the Second Vatican Council. There are also some significant changes in the translation of the Gloria and the Nicene Creed which we use for the Profession of Faith. Participation aids will be available for everyone when the time arrives. The new translations will also be available in the missalettes/hymnals available in each church.

CURRENT TRANSLATION: PROFESSION OF FAITH

We believe in one God,
the Father, **the** Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
**eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, one in Being with
the Father.**

Through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;

**By the power of the Holy Spirit
He was born of the Virgin Mary and
became man.**

For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate;

He suffered, **died and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
In fulfillment of the Scriptures;**

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the
Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the
living and the dead, and his kingdom
will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life, who proceeds from
the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is

worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and
apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the
dead, and the life of the world to
come. Amen

NEW TRANSLATION: PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God,
The father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
Of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
The Only Begotten Son of God,
Born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
True God from true God,
Begotten, not made, consubstantial
With the Father;

Through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation

He came down from heaven,

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of

The Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake, he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate,

he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day in
accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the
Father.

He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the
giver of life,

Who proceeds from the Father and the
Son,

Who with the Father and the Son is
adored and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic
Church,

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen

LIVING CHRIST RETREAT COMING IN OCTOBER

LITURGY COMMITTEE NOTES

"This is the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. "Love is the fulfillment of the law," but love isn't easy. In fact, the words of Jesus we hear today might be described as his "tough love" homily. He gives his disciples a pattern for handling difficult situations when a brother has done wrong. This pattern shows great respect for the brother, who is to be spoken to privately first, then in a small group, and then brought before the whole community. Jesus gives the authority to bind and to loosen – the authority to forgive sins – to the whole Church, and he promises to be with them whenever they gather in community." (2011 *Sourcebook*) (Steve LaRue, *Sourcebook*, Marion Eagen, *Resource Publications, Inc.*)

Weekly Inspiration: 9/04/11 23rd Sunday in Ord. Time

The root of all the commandments is to love God.

Readings for Next Week: 9/11/11 Sirach 27:30 – 28:7; Romans 14: 7-9; Matthew 18:21-35

Music for next Week: 9/11/11 Opening Hymn: "Gather Us In" #486 Responsorial Psalm: "Psalm 103: "The Lord is Kind and Merciful"; Communion Song: "Be Not Afraid" #428 Closing Song: "Let There Be Peace on Earth" #463

THE NEIGHBORHOOD PARISH PROGRAM

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD PARISH REPRESENTATIVE?

The role of the Neighborhood Parish Representative (NPR) is a very important one, but one that is EASY to carry out with a minimal amount of time and effort. Busy single or married people can easily accomplish this task. The NPR is a member of the parish who is willing to contact their members twice a year and invite them to one social gathering. The contact can be by phone, letter, card, email, visit, etc. The social gathering can be an invitation to one of the many programs that are presented at the Parish which are outlined below or in the bulletin. This fulfills the three needs of the parish that have emerged in the last twenty years: **1) an ongoing need for providing an experience of community to all members of the parish; 2) a need to welcome all the new members of the parish (We have about 100 families that move into the parish each year.); and 3) a need to reach out to all members and invite them into the life of the parish community.**

We are in the process of placing the entire parish in a Neighborhood, and we continue to need Neighborhood Parish Representatives. They are a "Ministry of Presence" to their members, and a liaison for them to the parish staff. It is impossible for two parish priests and pastoral staff to **reach out**, contact, **welcome** and invite 2650 families and approximately 6800 members into the life of the parish **community** on a yearly basis.

This "Ministry of Presence" is more of a "being" than "doing." The "doing" is **minimal and easy** and includes reaching out and making two contacts a year and an invitation to one social gathering in the life of the parish **community**. This simple, easy task of tilling the soil and planting seeds in your own Neighborhood creates an environment where the Holy Spirit can work. The "being" is accepting and meeting your Neighborhood where they are at, and being there and referring someone to the parish staff if they should need our assistance. Whenever the Neighborhood Parish Representatives need help, please feel free to call Carol at the Parish Office.

Below is a list of ideas for Neighborhood Parish Reps:
NEW!! Neighborhood Parish Masses: Fr. Leonard and Msgr. have graciously agreed to do Neighborhood Parish Masses this summer and fall. (This is a great way to meet Fr. Leonard.) Neighborhood Parish Reps are invited to host a Mass in your home or at a convenient location. (If you wish to have in church with the Gathering Room you need to schedule before hand.) Several Neighborhood Parish Reps may go together for a joint celebration. You may have a simple social gathering afterwards with coffee and some cookies. Most often, people volunteer to bring something. Please contact Fr. Leonard or Carol at 586-1741 to schedule.

Food Drive for our Emergency Food and for the Dalton Food Pantry: Put a large container on your porch. Contact your members to drop non-perishable food at any time. We are always in need of peanut butter, crackers, jam, noodles, spaghetti sauce, canned vegetables, cereals, etc. Bring them to the churches and we will distribute to the food bank. The donations are usually anonymous and plentiful, and this simple contact goes a long way in helping many people.

JAMAICA MINISTRY

TRUCKER NEEDED FOR THE COLLECTION: The Jamaica Ministry is in **desperate need of a trucking company** to take our collected items for our Jamaica Mission to Food for the Poor in Coconut Creek, Florida. Food for the Poor will take the items to Jamaica at no cost to us, but we have to get the things to the Florida Food for the Poor. The person who used to arrange for free shipment no longer works at the trucking company we used for two years, so we need another contact and shipper. If you are aware of any trucking company that may be able to assist, please contact them yourself &/or call Anna Scahill (Jamaica Ministry chairperson) 587-5708 with the information.

JAMAICA MISSION TRIP: Our trip to Jamaica was cancelled due to Hurricane Irene. We will be rescheduling this trip soon and ask for your prayers to help us coordinate it as soon as possible. **We would like to thank all the people who donated to the trip. This will help to offset all plane fares and our extra expenses.**

THIRD ANNUAL SHARE JAMAICA COLLECTION

2 Saturdays September 17 & 24

9:30 AM to 11:30 AM in the OLS parking lot

Please bring **NEW** items for our twinning project with the Passionist Mission in Jamaica. We need empty copy paper boxes to ship items, people to accept items on the collection dates and people to pack items and catalog.

The following items are needed:

computers and printers for offices, school and staff, comforters, sheets, Microwave, reading books for all ages, big story books, exercise books, coloring books, folding mats, fun rugs, balls(various sports and sizes such as football, soccer, basketball), announcement boards, white boards, markers and erasers, globe, stuffed toys, play dough, puzzles, small plastic buckets, Hoopla hoops, bean bags, skipping ropes, reward stickers, reading charts for teachers, educational toys, markers, poster paint, art smock, tapes- masking, etc., pens, pencils, crayons, paint brushes, paper-letter size, legal, construction, and computer, building blocks, wall clocks for the classroom, fans, school bell (Hand held), tambourines, keyboard, CD player and radio, DVD

player, teaching aids, cooking pots and pans, adult diapers, men's and women's adult T shirts, socks, adult flip/flops, children's light blue T shirts size 3 to 8, navy blue shorts size 3 to 8. **Complete lists for you to take home are available in the back of the churches, at the rectory, and on the bulletin board.**

HELP NEEDED TO PACK FOR SHIPPING: On **Sunday September 25, 2011, from 9 AM** all items are packed at Grace Dawgert's house. Please call Grace Dawgert 587-5437 or Carol Salva 586-1741 to volunteer and arrange drop off.

LETTERS AND CARDS TO OUR SERVICEMEN

Our servicemen are in need of prayers, cards and letters. Please pray for them and drop them a card to let them know you are thinking about and praying for them. Please send in or call the parish office with the names of servicemen who could use cards.

Jeremy LaCoe
B CO 277th ASB
TF MTN EAGLE
APO AE 09354-9998

PARISH NURSE PROGRAM

For the beginning of school:

Getting the sleep you and your family needs are very important. Here are some sleep strategies:

- Have a routine. Not only do kids like knowing what to expect, their bodies want routines too. By doing the same soothing activities every night, your child's body will start to relax in preparation for bed time.
- Turn off distractions and electronics. When bedtime routine starts, turn off the computer, the TV, and the Smartphone and let everyone's brain take a break.
- Ease into change. After putting your child to bed, promise that you'll check on him or her in a few minutes and then keep that promise.
- Affirm good sleeping behavior. Create a family sleep chart and give stickers or other rewards.
- Bedtime routines aren't just for kids. Your teens need them and so do you. Make sure you and your children start to wind down an hour before bedtime.
- Please take your kids on bathroom breaks or check diapers often. Waiting to hear "I have to go" may mean that it's too late.
- Please change diapers in a bathroom and not at poolside. Germs can spread to surfaces and objects in and around the pool and spread illness.
- Please wash your child thoroughly with water and soap before swimming again.

Source: www.fatherhood.org

SICK AND HOMEBOUND

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

VIRTUS

Learn an Awareness of How to Protect our Children

The United States Catholic College of Bishops has mandated that all volunteers who work 20 hours or more with children **MUST** have the one time Virtus Training. This training provides an awareness of how to protect our children from abuse. All parents are also encouraged to

attend these sessions. A Virtus Training session is scheduled in our community on:

Sunday, September 25, 2011

**Saint Patrick Parish, Scranton (in All Saints Academy)
12 Noon to 3:00 P.M.**

Please call Robin Lipik, 344-2679 to register

Please check the Diocesan website for future training sessions at www.dioceseofscranton.org and click on *Virtus*.

HOSPITAL VISITORS

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

CHURCH ENVELOPES

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

MIDDLE SCHOOL MOVIE MADNESS COMING IN SEPTEMBER

Every second Friday of the month from **6pm-9pm**, come join other middle school-ers (grades 6-8) for food, fun, faith, and films! Please mark your calendars for **September 9, 2011**, in Our Lady of the Snows Gathering Room. Bring a pillow to prop on and a snack or soda to share. Come and make new friends, watch a movie, and learn about our Catholic faith. For further information contact Mrs. Tracy Tully ttully@epix.net or 945-7516.

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 held on September 11, 2011, from 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M.**

FRIDAY MORNING COMPANY

Come join us on Friday mornings to prepare yourself for the reading of the Sunday scriptures during Mass. We have found that this preparation helps us to understand and live the Sunday Gospel more fully in our lives. We meet **every Friday morning, beginning on September 9, 2011, from 10:00 A.M. until 11:45 A.M. in the basement of the Parish Center.** We read and break open the Sunday Scriptures using "At Home with the Word," have a short social and snack, and say Morning Prayer along with intercessory prayer. Everyone is welcome to come.

BLESSING OF CHILDREN AND BACKPACKS

There will be a **blessing of all children and backpacks during all Masses on September 3 and 4, 2011.** Please encourage your children to bring their backpacks to church. All children are welcome to the blessing.

YOUTH CHOIR

Starting in September, young people ages 11-18 rehearse bi-weekly on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. and sing at the 9:30 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of the Snows during that same week. We also sing for Christmas eve and Easter Sunday at the Church of St.

Benedict. Young people are invited to join at any time. Please call Youth Choir Director Ann Marie Zakarauskas at 586-4112 or e-mail PianogirlZ@comast.net for more information.

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

WAVERLY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 42nd annual Labor Day Bullroast will be held at Church St., Waverly, Pa on Monday, September 5, 2011 from 1-5pm. Adults \$12.50 and children under 10 \$6.00. Open pit roasted beef, parsley potatoes, corn on the cob, baked beans, tomatoes, applesauce, rolls, homemade dessert and beverage. **100% of proceeds to benefit missions.** Tickets available at the door or contact Holly Gilpin at 586-6470.

www.catholicchoralsociety.org and call 570-587-2753.

TOUR DE SHUNK Father Joe and others are training and assembling a team to ride in the Tour de Shunk on September 18th. We are looking for riders who want to join forces with Team IHM. All entrance fees (\$30.00 per rider) will be donated toward Lance Armstrong Foundation to fight cancer. The money raised by Team IHM will be split in half with one half going to the winner or a drawing of all people who sponsored the ride and the other half of the money will go to the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Youth Group. You can get in on the fun and support them by donating a minimum of 10 cents or more for each mile they will complete (100-105 miles). Contact the rectory to get involved! Please send you donation per mile to the rectory or put it in the collection basket marked "Tour de Shunk". (\$760 has been warged to date.) If you would like to participate as a rider, please contact Jim Lambert (570-220-4610 or mlambert@epix.net) for details. The Tour is a 100 mile race, but has 25 mile and 50 mile options too. The idea would be to have someone riding along with Father as a chaperone during the whole race. If you want to do part of it we could coordinate which part. There will be sponsor information in future bulletins. Thank you for You for your consideration.

"ANYONE WITH HEART RELATED ailments and their families are cordially invited to attend a meeting of Mended Hearts, on Thursday, September 15, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. in the large conference room, 2nd floor Regional Hospital, Scranton, PA. Bill Timlin, Exercise Physiologist will be our guest speaker. His topic will be "Hans & Franz are here to pump you up the importance of Strength Training ". Applications for membership will be available at the meeting for those wishing to become members of this organization. The public is always welcome, parking is always free. For additional information please contact Jack Walsh at 340-4842.

FAMILY MINISTRY

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

There will be a bereavement support session on **Wednesday September 7th at 10:00 am** and on

Sunday September 18th at 2:00pm in the **parish center**. All are invited to attend. For more information call Nettie at 586-1741.

CONVERSATION/REFLECTION CORNER:

It is always easier to focus on the rules rather than the meaning and values they were meant to uphold. We can claim to follow the Ten Commandments and still not be a good Christian. While someone who does not even know these rules, can be a far better example of Christian living. Why? Because when we focus on the rules and the letter of the law, we can become judgmental and harsh in our treatment of others as well as making us proud of our "righteousness." When we focus on the meaning, which is to love one another, we are more concerned about others. We become more compassionate because we do not think we are better than others. Where is your focus?

MARRIAGE PROGRAMS:

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

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

RETROUVAILLE PROGRAM (RE DISCOVER THE LOVE)

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue—or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? **Are you considering separation or divorce?** **Retrouvaille** (pronounced retro- vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped 10's of 100's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For information please call **1-800-470-2230** or visit the website www.HelpOurMarriage.com All calls confidential.

Marriage Encounter Weekend (marriage enrichment for couples who want to make a good marriage better) For more information please call Ed & Diane at 876-1610 or **800-787-7679** or visit www.wwme-nepa.org .

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.

PRAYER CHAIN

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

PRAYER CHAIN

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

NAME: _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CLUSTER LEADERS NEEDED

We are in need of **first grade** cluster leaders. Anyone wishing to volunteer to teach a first grade religion class is asked to call Nettie Goldate at the parish center. Also a **third grade** teacher is needed for the **Sunday program** which meets at OLP school from 9-10:30am. Adults and young adults welcome. Training and clearance fees provided.

**REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Parents of School Age Children Grades K-8th :**

Registration forms have been mailed to register your child for the upcoming academic year 2011-12. If you have not received a registration form for you child, please call Nettie Goldate at the parish office or obtain a form online at our website; www.OLSSB.com

Registration deadline is August 1, 2011.

Cluster Groups for grades K-8 will be in the bulletin in September.

Religious Education Classes begin the first week of October.

**FIRST EUCHARIST AND CONFIRMATION
REGISTRATION FORMS;**

Children in grades 2 and 8th will be receiving separate registration forms for First Eucharist and Confirmation. If your child does not receive a registration form, forms can be downloaded on our website www.OLSSB.com or by calling the parish office. Please complete and return the forms with registration fee no later than August 1st. Late fees will apply.

CLUSTER LEADERS:

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Cluster leaders this is the final week to submit your cluster group's grade level, day-time-location and your telephone number to be listed on the cluster group list that will be posted in the bulletin and online the second week of September. PLEASE call Nettie at the parish center with your information if you have not submitted your information.

Cluster Leader Training Sessions:

There will be a training session for all cluster leaders on the dates listed below.

Textbooks, teacher manuals, and class supplies as well as special lessons will be distributed during these sessions. **All training sessions will be held on the lower level of the parish center.**

Monday September 19th : Cluster Leaders for :

Grades: K-4 will meet from: 6:30-7:30 pm

Grades: 5-7 will meet from 7:30-8:30pm

Tuesday September 20

Grade 2 Cluster Leaders Time: 7:00-8:00pm

Wednesday Sept. 21st.

Grade 8 Cluster Leaders

Youth Ministry Corner

Youth Ministry planning meetings are every Thursday night starting at 6:30PM with a general gathering and team meetings starting at 7:00PM. All High school students are welcome to attend anytime.

Upcoming Dates

September 11....."Senior" Prom

September 17.....New Student Welcome

October 7-8.....Guest Speaker

November 16-20.....NCYC

Special Guest Speaker: Jackie Francois

Jackie is a Catholic singer, songwriter, speaker, who has traveled the world and airwaves to share her story of faith. She's traveled 25,000 miles in July alone and has recently appeared on EWTN's Life on the Rock. We will be bringing her in for NEPA to enjoy!



October 7th at 7PM

Concert at St. Benedict

October 8th at 12PM

Young Adult retreat @ Marywood U.

October 8th at 5PM

OLS Student Retreat

Van Fund

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



Habitat For Humanity 2011 Pictures

*Schedule
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August 1st*



NCYC: National Catholic Youth Conference
WHEN: November 16-20, 2011
WHERE: Indianapolis IN
WHAT: This is a 3 day gathering of over 24,000 students where faith and fun is the focus. Students who are now in 9th to 11th grade during this school year are welcome to join us in this journey! Call Steve Wallo for more info.