

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

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 6, 2009

*"Thus says the Lord:
Say to those whose hearts are frightened:
Be strong, fear not!"
-- Isaiah 35: 4 --*

LABOR DAY

Monday of this week, **September 7**, is **Labor Day**, a national holiday. **Mass** will be celebrated on Monday at **9:00 A.M.**, in **Our Lady of the Snows Church**. Please make the day special by gathering with us for the celebration of the Eucharist. There will be no Mass at 7:00 A.M. or 12:10 P.M. that day.

BAZAAR NEWS

Our **Bazaar** committee is working very hard to gather the remaining bills and to get all bills paid. As soon as that is finished, we will have a final report and will publish that right away in this bulletin. **Thank you** again to all who helped in any way to make the Bazaar such a great success.

"LIVING CHRIST" RETREATS
UNIVERSAL CALL TO HOLINESS

The **first** of the "**Living Christ**" **Retreats** was held on **August 27, 28, and 29**. We **thank** all who participated and all who worked on the Retreat Team. We also **thank** all who prayed for God's blessing on the Retreat. The response of the participants was overwhelmingly positive. We look forward to inviting all members of the parish to participate in one of these retreats. More details and schedules will be published in this bulletin very shortly. Please continue to pray for God's blessing on our parish retreats. Prayer is the key to success because this is God's work. Please use any form of prayer you are comfortable with.

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.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Your **Sacrificial Offering** for last weekend amounted to **\$15,008.73**. In these **challenging economic times**, we **thank you for sacrificial offering**. The faith that leads you to make this offering is recognized and

acknowledged and appreciated very much. 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.

OUR LADY OF PEACE SCHOOL

Our Lady of Peace School, a Catholic Elementary School, Grade K through 8, located at **410 N. Abington Road in Clarks Green**, next to the Church of Saint Gregory, is a **part of the Holy Cross School System** of the Diocese of Scranton. The school has enjoyed an excellent reputation from its founding as the parish school of Our Lady of the Snows Parish in 1954. **Openings for the 2009-2010 School Year are available in most of the grades**. For information or to register, please call the school office at 587-4152.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday
9:00 A.M. Peter Farrell Anthony Storc

Tuesday
7:00 A.M. Maurice P. Longo Marie DePue
12:10 P.M. Ryan/Fasano Family Family

Wednesday
7:00 A.M. Russell Collins Bob/Jean Simoncelli
12:10 P.M. Mary/Michael
Michael/Brian Family

Thursday
7:00 P.M. Frances Brown M/M Ed Manley
12:10 P.M. Bud Brennan Wife/Children

Friday
7:00 A.M. Ann Musewicz Kathy Jordan Judge
Family

12:10 P.M. Ernest Columbo Family

Saturday
4:00 P.M. Florence/Patrick Ann Roslund
Prendergast
5:00 P.M. Edward Gowarty Family
6:30 P.M. Special Intention Evans Family

Sunday
7:00 A.M. For all members of the parish
8:00 A.M. Stephen Stempfoski Family
9:30 A.M. Mary Ahearn Shaute Susan Shaute
11:00 A.M. George Schumacher Joe/Molly Middleton
11:15 A.M. Marijo White Les White
12:20 P.M. Connie Lacey JoAnn Carr

A PRAYER PLEASE- Your prayers are requested for all the sick and deceased members of our parish and community and especially for Lucille O'Malley Cheney.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Choir: Our Lady of the Snows Choir will begin rehearsals on Thursday, September 3rd in preparation for our fall concert on October 18th. If you are interested in joining the choir, which sings in four-part harmony, please call Jennie at the church

Church of St. Benedict Musicians: 10:00 a.m. rehearsals for the 11:00 A.M. Mass will begin on September 20th. Additional dates are October 4th, 18th, November 1st, 15th and 29th. Singers and Instrumentalists are welcome.

Wednesday Afternoon Choir: Choir for elementary school children will begin on October 14th from 4:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. in the loft of Our Lady of the Snows. Rehearsals continue October 21st, 28th, November 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th, and we sing at the Thanksgiving Day Mass on November 26th at 9:00 A.M. For further information, call Jennie at the church.

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 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

OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS 100TH YEAR

Our Lady of the Snows 100th 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 or Bonnie Sherman at bonniesherman@comcast.net.

CALENDAR

Tuesday, September 8, 2009

7:00 P.M. Jamaica Mission ***

Wednesday, September 9, 2009

7:00 P.M. Liturgy Committee ***

Thursday, September 10, 2009

7:00 P.M. OLS Choir **

Friday, September 11, 2009

10:00 A.M. Friday Morning Company *

Parish Center * Church ** Large Conference Room

***** Church of Saint Benedict **** Small Conference Room ***** Gathering Room *******

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

First Time: Ryan Callen – Our Lady of the Snows

Courtney Graham – Our Lady of the Snows

Second Time: Robert Getz

Michele Henry – Our Lady of the Snows

BAPTISM

CHASE ALBERT BERRY, son of Jason and Mary Ellen Carey Berry will be born into Jesus' life and welcomed into the family of the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend. We congratulate him and his parents.

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, please call Carol at the parish center @ 586-1741.

LITURGY COMMITTEE NOTES

The Sacred Space, Furnishings, Vesture, Books

Do you know about the ALB?

The full length white garment worn by ministers at liturgy is the alb. Its name comes from *alba*, the Latin word for "white", and its significance glows from the white baptismal garment we all wore as we were initiated into the Christian community. Similar reflections of the white baptismal garment are seen in the white dress of first communicants and the white pall placed on the casket at funerals. The alb and other symbolic forms of white dress among Christians point to our destiny as baptized persons as envisioned in the book of Revelation wherein white-robed multitudes stand in the new Jerusalem praising the Lord.

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

Weekly Inspiration: 9/06/09 **23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jesus can open our ears and set our mouths free to hear and witness to the kingdom.

Readings for Next Week: 9/13/09 Isaiah 50:4c-9a; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35

Music for Next Week: 9/13/09 Opening Song: "Gather Your People" #470; Communion Song: "One Bread, One Body" #472; Closing Song: "Lift High the Cross" #293

NEIGHBORHOOD PARISH (NP) PROGRAM

Gatherings

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.

If you were unable to ask your members to the Parish Bazaar, the Jamaican Ministry is going to have their first annual **Share-Jamaica Collection on Saturday, September 12 and 19, 2009**. You may contact your neighbors to see if they wish to give to the collections. Then leave a large container on your porch and bring the contents over that day. Or ask your members if they want to be a part of the volunteers for that day or be a part of the **packing on Sunday, September 20, 2009**. There will be much laughter and fun together. This would also be considered an

invitation to a social activity. Remember it is enough to INVITE. This allows the Holy Spirit to work in the lives of others. You may take a list of items needed from the bulletin boards in either church or go to our website @www.olssb.com, click on Home and scroll down. For further information please call Carol at the Parish Center or Grace Dawgert at 587-5437.

First Annual SHARE – JAMAICA Collection

**Our Lady of the Snows
Parking lot
2 Saturday Mornings
September 12 & 19, 2009
9 AM to 11 AM**

Please bring NEW items on these days for our twinning project with the Passionist Mission in Jamaica. Medical rehab items such as wheel chairs, walkers, crutches, etc. can be gently used and cleaned. For a complete list of items, please visit our website @ www.olssb.com, click on Home and scroll down, or take a Wish list from the bulletin boards in either church. For further information please call Grace Dawgert at 587-5437 or Carol at OLS at 586-1471.

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.

THANK YOU FROM BROTHER MICHAEL, C.P.: I have just received the \$200 from the Penny Power at your parish. Many Thanks! The 100 plus people at the Manchester Infirmary are always assuring me of their prayers. Their patient suffering, deep humility, and amazing faith make for a power house of prayer which we can all benefit from. I will ask them for special prayer for all there. With my own prayers and thanks, Br. Michael, C.P.

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.

Mr. Terry O'Brien
C Company
3-19 Med Evac
FOB Sykes
APO, AE 09351

Jones, Allen
Unit 931003 TFTS
APO AE 09391

P.F.C. Jenkins
F.O.B. WARRIOR
C.C.O. 15TH BSB 2BCT ICD
A.P.O. AE 09338

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

VIRTUS PROGRAM

All volunteers who work 20 hours or more with children **MUST** have the one time Virtus Training. Virtus Training Sessions are scheduled at the **Parish Center of Our Lady of the Snows on Thursday evening, September 17, 2009, at 6:00P.M. or Saturday morning, September 26, 2009 at 9:00A.M.** Please call Carol at the Parish Center to register or please check the Diocesan website for future training sessions at www.dioceseofscranton.org, then click on Departments and Resources, then click on Virtus: Protecting God's Children.

CLUSTER #4 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

The Diocesan's Implementation Team for Cluster #4 (Our Lady of the Snows/Church of St. Benedict, Church of St. Gregory, Our Lady of the Abingtons, and St. Patrick) will be meeting on Monday, September 14, 2009 in the Gathering Room of Our Lady of the Snows Church. We will be discussing the Implementation Plan and finalizing some of our plans. If anyone is interested in being on one of the subcommittees or needs further information, please call Carol at the Parish Center or ask one of the priests.

PARISH NURSE PROGRAM

Parish Nurse Grant from Scranton Area Foundation For Drug and Alcohol Awareness Support Group

Within the past year, our parish and surrounding communities have experienced several serious health issues and deaths among our teens and young adults from substance abuse. The Parish Nurse Ministry recognized the need for ongoing education and awareness groups and forums to be available for parents, teens and young adults. We hope to make the parish community and surrounding communities aware that early use of drugs and alcohol increases a person's chance of a more serious drug and alcohol abuse leading to addiction and serious health problems.

We applied for and received a Drug and Alcohol Awareness Support Group – Contingent Grant. We received part of the money (\$2,000) for the costs of a psychologist and general assistance to set up the program and to train and educate the nurses, for outside speakers, resource materials, supplies, and emergency funds. This is contingent that we raise the rest of the money (\$1,000) for expenses. We would like to ask for your help in raising the remainder of the money so we can start the training in the fall. If anyone is interested in donating to this project or would like to be involved please call Carol at 586-1741 or Beth McGuigan at 587-7641.

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.** IF you feel this invitation is for you or need further

information please contact either of the priests or Carol at 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 starting September 4, 2009.** We begin with Morning Prayer, and then pray for individual and global intention. We have a 15 minute social, followed by prayer and discussion of the Sunday Scriptures. We welcome all our parishioners and friends from neighboring Churches, whether young, young at heart, or somewhere in-between. For further information, please call Carol at the Parish Center at 586-1741.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY **Acts of the Apostles**

Newcomers are welcome to an in depth Bible Study of The Acts of the Apostles which will begin on **Wednesday, September 16, 2009, from at 1:00 PM until 3:00 PM in the Parish Center.** For further information, please call Carol at 586-1741.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY **The Book of Exodus**

All are welcome to a ten week guided study complete with lecture, group discussion and individual lesson assignments which will begin on **Tuesday, September 15, 2009 at Our Lady of the Snows Church.** There is a morning class from 9:00 to 11:00AM with babysitting or an evening class from 7:00 to 9:00Pm. The cost is \$20 per person (\$25 per person for late registration after September 2, 2009), and an optional \$5 to cover babysitting for parents. The cost includes all materials for class: study book, questions, and lecture. Registration forms are in the back of the churches or on our website at www.OLSSB.com, click on home, go to education and then Bible Studies. For further information call Carol at 586-1741.

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS **Labor Day Weekend at all Masses**

All children are invited to bring their backpacks with them to any of the masses at Our Lady of the Snows or Church of St. Benedict on Labor Day weekend, **September 5 and 6, 2009.** Backpacks will be blessed during the Mass.

TRAINING FOR MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

A two part training session for ministers of communion will be given on **Monday, September 21, 2009 in the Gathering Room and Monday, September 28, 2009 in our Lady of the Snows Church.** Both sessions are scheduled for 7:00 P.M. Please call Carol at the Parish Center or see one of the priests for further information.

COMMUNITY NEWS

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN A series of weekly presentations on Saint John's Gospel will begin on Saturday, Sept. 12 at 10 a.m. at Saint Gabriel's Retreat House, Clarks Summit. For details and to register call 586-2791.

OUR LADY OF THE ABINGTON CHURCH FALL FESTIVAL 2009 will take place on Saturday, September 12th from 5:30p.m. to midnight. Tom Slick and the Converted, Thunderbolt Greaseslappers, 50s Rock and

Roll Band, Pig roast and clams. On Sunday, September 13th from 11:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Chicken BBQ and Car Cruisers and Children's games. Available both days: Clam Chowder, sausage & peppers, hamburgers, hot dogs, pierogies, bake sale, beer, Bountiful Baskets, silent auction, white elephant, grand prize tickets, big 6, instant bingo, wheel barrow of cheer and mum stand. Free parking and Free Admission

THE ABINGTON SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER will be offering evening Yoga and Tai Chi classes instructed by Rick Schmoyer and Ted Michalowski on Tuesdays for ten weeks, starting September 15,2009. Yoga will be offered from 4:15 to 5:10 p.m. and Tai Chi from 5:15 to 6:10 p.m. The cost will be \$5.00 each class and a payment of \$50.00 will be due in advance. These classes are available to community members age 55 and over. Please contact the center at (570) 586-8996 for more information.

HOLY CROSS SYSTEM CHILDREN'S CHOIR- Come join us! Directed by Colleen Reynolds and Jillian Rojek, Holy Cross Alumni and Music Education majors at Marywood University, Holy Cross System Children's Choir combines learning, fun, and music. All students in the 4th grade and older are welcome. Rehearsals will be held Fridays from 4:15 – 5:30 p.m. at Holy Cross High School, beginning Friday, October 9th. No auditions are necessary, but informal voice placement sessions will occur on Friday, October 2nd so we can get to know you and your child. Times for this session will be scheduled upon registration. For more information and to register, please call Holy Cross High School at 346-7541 by September 18th.

SAINT ANN MORONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH will hold its annual Lebanese Heritage Day Festival on Sunday September 20th, 2009, at the church grounds, corner of Price St. and Sumner Ave. in West Scranton. The Festival will be held from Noon to 7:00 P.M. and will feature home-made Lebanese foods and music, an authentic Middle Eastern Coffee House and Bazaar, Basket Drawing and Raffle, performances by the parish Lebanese Dance Troupe, children's games and a fun house and much, much more. Beverages for all tastes will also be available.

FAMILY MINISTRY

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The next bereavement session will be on **Sunday Sept. 13th 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.**

HELP NEEDED: We are looking for people who will be interested in helping with our monthly Bereavement Support Group. Training available. Anyone interested in serving in this very important parish ministry please call Nettie at 586-1741.

Conversation corner

Young people tend to feel that they should not be judged by their appearance. If they choose to have body piercing and tattoos, it should not be held against them. Their elders keep trying to get them to understand that appearance is important and that if they want to get ahead in the world they need to look "respectable." There is truth to both points of view. We should not judge

others based on their appearance and yet we all tend to do that. As Christians, we should treat everyone with dignity and respect no matter how they appear. We should also do our best to not be a source of scandal to others which means we need to be mindful of both our actions and appearance.

FOR BETTER FOR WORSE

Teach your children well...

"Life is an opportunity, benefit from it. Life is beauty, admire it. Life is bless, taste it. Life is a dream, realize it. Life is a challenge, meet it. Life is a duty, complete it. Life is a promise, fulfill it. Life is sorrow, overcome. Life is a song, sing it." Mother Teresa

Care-Giver Support

If you are interested in an elder parent care support group please call Mona DelSole at 586-3344.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES WILL BEGIN THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 27TH.

PLEASE SEE THE LIST OF CLUSTER GROUPS IN THIS BULLETIN OR ONLINE AT OUR WEBSITE WWW.OLSSB.COM. PARENTS PLEASE REGISTER YOUR STUDENT IN A CLUSTER GROUP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE DUE TO GROUPS FILLING UP QUICKLY. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO CALL THE LEADER OF THE GROUP YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR CHILD TO ATTEND.

CLUSTER LEADERS:

TEXTBOOK PICK-UP WILL BE MONDAY SEPTEMBER 21ST 9:00-AM-5:00PM AT THE PARISH CENTER OR SUNDAY EVENING AFTER OUR CATECHIST DINNER. SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20TH 6:00PM IN THE GATHERING ROOM THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL DINNER FOR ALL CLUSTER LEADERS OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN RECOGNITION OF CATECHETICAL SUNDAY AND THE BEGINNING OF A NEW SCHOOL YEAR. PLEASE TRY TO ATTEND.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN: Registration for Religious Education/First Eucharist and Confirmation for 2009-2010

ALL REGISTRATIONS FORMS ARE NOW DUE IN THE PARISH OFFICE. Registration forms for grades K-8, as well as First Eucharist and Confirmation registration forms can be obtained from the parish office or online at our website WWW.OLSSB.COM

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

If the student is older than 3rd 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.

Cluster Leaders for Religious Ed. Needed:

GRADE 5 TEACHER NEEDED FOR SUNDAY PROGRAM which meets at Our Lady of Peace School

from 9:00-10:30 am. Anyone interested please call Nettie at the parish center.

Youth Ministry Corner

The youth ministry at Our Lady of the Snows is all encompassing. **Youth Ministry planning meetings are every Thursday night starting at 6:30PM with a general gathering and team meetings starting at 7:00PM. All High school students are welcome to attend anytime.**

Scheduled Events for 2009

November 14th..... Fan the Fire, York PA
November 19-22nd.....NCYC 09 Kansas City

Housing Ministry

As our Housing Ministry continues to develop, we ask that you pray for it. There are many people out there who need assistance and only so much that we can do with the finances that we have. If you are in desperate need of something fixed around your home and can't afford to have it done, please let us know and we will work towards helping you out! Contact Steve Wallo at 586-1741.

Thee Task Force

The following members of Our Lady of the Snows, St. Benedict's, and St. Gregory's Church have been selected to be on the new student leadership task force. 2 to 3 members of each grade level were hand picked to lead. This group of students will be the leadership behind the activities of the Youth Ministry. Wish them luck when you see them!

Seniors:

- Meghan Phillips
- Pat Fricchione
- Kristen Arcangelo
- Jackie Krut

Juniors:

- Chrissy Krut
- Ali Pascale
- Mike Gurganus

Sophmores:

- Jenn Kreulen
- Liz Archibald

Freshmen:

- Andy Medina
- Megan Bershefsky
- Kaitlin Davis

High School Religious Ed

This year, we'll be using a whole new system for HSRE! It will be a once a month Sunday program starting with a Youth Mass, then dinner, and then a Religious Education program. Each month will be different ranging from special guest speakers, to videos, to discussion groups. Join us for this exciting new adventure!

Student Band

We are looking for students who play instruments or sing for a once a month Youth Mass. If you play guitar, bass, drums, etc we're looking for you! This is also a great opportunity for service hours for Confirmation.

