

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

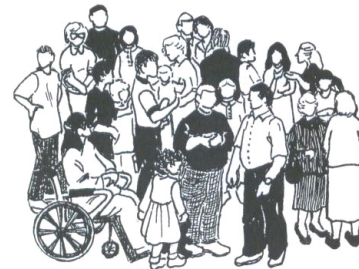
A warm welcome is extended to all who have come to Our Lady of the Snows or the Church of Saint Benedict this weekend to join together in this community of worship and praise to Almighty God. We are grateful to our faithful parishioners who come here every weekend. Also, we welcome our neighbors and 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-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 13, 2009

*"Demonstrate your faith to me
without works,
and I will demonstrate my faith to you
from my works."*
-- James 2: 18 --

BAZAAR NEWS

Thank you once again for the wonderful support and participation in our seventeenth annual Country Bazaar. 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.

**"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 **\$**. **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.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday
7:00 A.M. Harold Meinzer Bob/Jean Simoncelli
12:10 P.M. Leo Lynott Jean/Jim Carroll

Tuesday
7:00 A.M. Edward Gallagher Jim/Denise Battle
12:10 P.M. Claude Welcome M/M Martin Pentasuglio

Wednesday
7:00 A.M. Susan Christian Amy/Frank Stabinski
12:10 P.M. Jennings Calvey Chris/Sharon Calvey

Thursday
7:00 P.M. Kay McHale Lee Electric
12:10 P.M. Joseph O'Hearn Debbie Waters/Family

Friday
7:00 A.M. Joseph J. O'Brien, Jr Rosiecki Family
12:10 P.M. Connor Family Family
Deceased Members

Saturday
4:00 P.M. Joseph Houlihan M/M Carl Porter/Family
5:00 P.M. M/M William Lydon Family
6:30 P.M. Joan Cummings Kathy Jordan Judge
Family

Sunday
7:00 A.M. For all members of the parish
8:00 A.M. Bruney Nowakowski Wife Carolyn/Family
9:30 A.M. Debbie Donath Hughes Andrew Anthony
11:00 A.M. Edward Link Jim/Denise Battle
11:15 A.M. Mark Murray Dorothy Deegan
12:20 P.M. Edward Kaminski Fantaglione Family

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

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

Monday, September 14, 2009

7:00 P.M. Knights of Columbus *

7:00 P.M. Core Team Meeting *****

Tuesday, September 15, 2009

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

5:30 P.M. Parish Nurse ***

7:00 P.M. Bible Study *

Wednesday, September 16, 2009

1:00 P.M. Bible Study *

Thursday, September 17, 2009

6:00 P.M. VIRTUS *

7:00 P.M. OLS Choir **

Friday, September 18, 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: Kevin Dobrinski – Our Lady of the Snows
Jill Shepulski – Our Lady of the Snows

Second Time: Ryan Callen – Our Lady of the Snows
Courtney Graham – Our Lady of the Snows

Third Time: Robert Getz
Michele Henry – Our Lady of the Snows

BAPTISM

SARKIS RYAN HAZZOURI, son of Gregg and Megan Briskar Hazzouri, 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 STOLE?

The stole is a narrow strip of fabric worn by ordained ministers – around the neck and hanging down in front by priests and bishops, over the left shoulder and across the chest by deacons – as they officiate and preach. Researchers are not sure whether the stole derives from the Jewish prayer shawl or from the scarves worn to denote certain civic officials during the historic period in which the church was getting started. Stoles and chasubles usually come as matched sets, and for Mass, the stole is worn under the chasuble and over the alb. Sometimes, though, a presider will wear a perfectly plain chasuble with a decorative stole over it. At celebrations other than Mass, the ordained presider will simply wear an appropriate stole over an alb.

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

Weekly Inspiration: 9/13/09 **24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.”

Readings for Next Week: 9/20/09 Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16-4:3; Mark 9:30-37

Music for Next Week: 9/20/09 Opening Song: “All Are Welcome” #514; Communion Song: “Bread That Was Sown” #486; Closing Song: “City of God” #500

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 Jones, Allen
C Company Unit 931003 TFTS
3-19 Med Evac APO AE 09391
FOB Sykes
APO, AE 09351

P.F.C. Jenkins Kieth Kempinski ASGA
F.O.B. WARRIOR ACO 1/111th 56 SBCT
C.C.O. 15TH BSB 2BCT ICD Unit #6260
A.P.O. AE 09338 APO/AE 09378

VIRTUS PROGRAM

All volunteers who work 20 hours or more with children **MUST** have the one time Virtus Training. 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.**

An RCIA Inquiry Session will be held on WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 30, 2009, in the Large Conference Room of the Parish Center. If you feel this invitation is for you or need further information please contact either of the priests or Carol at 586-1741. Anyone is welcome to attend.

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.

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

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

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.

AARP TAKE THE 8 HOUR CLASSROOM REFRESHER COURSE especially designed for drivers age 50 and over. It will take place on September 19th & 26th (2) Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 205 West Grove St., Clarks Summit, PA 18411. Cost is AARP Members \$12.00 and Non Members \$14.00. For more information please call Carole or Janice at 587-1088.

THE CATHOLIC CHORAL SOCIETY invites you to join with our singers as we begin our 61st season this autumn, 2009. Practices are held on Tuesdays at 7PM at the IHM Center at Marywood University. All are welcome; no auditions are necessary. Ann Manganiello is the director of the group. Dr. Thomas Rittenhouse and Brenda Grunza are co-presidents. For further information about concerts and membership, please call 570-575-1040.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ROSE CENTER, a non-profit program for Mediation and Conflict Resolution, sponsored by the Sisters of the Good Shepherd will be selling chances after all the Masses at Our Lady of the Snows and Church of St. Benedict on the weekend of September 26-27. The grand prize is an original water coloring by Albert Ondush valued at \$1,200.00. The chances are \$5.00 each and three (3) for \$10.00. We thank you in advance for your generosity in helping this program serve our community.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR HOLY FAMILY RESIDENCE ---Please join the Little Sisters of the Poor at Holy Family Residence, 2500 Adams Ave., Scranton, for "The Little Saint of the Poor." This production by Theater of the Word, Inc. depicts the life of Jeanne Jugan, their foundress who will be canonized by Pope Benedict XVI in October. The performance will be Saturday, September 19, at 3:30 p.m. and admission is free. For more information about Jeanne Jugan and the canonization please visit the Little Sisters of the Poor website: www.littlesistersofthepoor.org Please call 570-343-4065 for more information about the production.

FAMILY MINISTRY

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The next bereavement session will be on **Wednesday Sept. 2nd at 10:00 am** and 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

Our faith must be expressed in our actions. It is not enough to pray for the poor asking God to "take care" of them. We are God's hands and if the poor are not helped, it is our failure, not God's.

Faith that does impel us to action is not really faith we are just using it as a way to avoid our own responsibility for the troubles of the world. We cannot right every wrong nor eliminate poverty; but, each of us can do something to make the world better. What action has your faith called you to do?

FOR BETTER FOR WORSE

Your marriage deserves your attention, just like your health, home, car, job. Attention to keep it healthy and strong. Are you giving your marriage the attention it needs?

Care-Giver Support

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

LAZARUS MINISTRY

The Lazarus Ministry is a group of volunteers to prepare a meal for the bereaved family in The Gathering Room (lower level of the Church) after the funeral of their loved one. We can always use volunteers to help with the cooking, setting up of the tables, serving the meal, and cleaning up afterwards. All ages welcome. Please consider helping out in any way possible. For more information or to sign up call Nettie at 586-1741 or June Burns at 586-2048.

Only you can help...please read on.

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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-8th., 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.**

VIRTUS TRAINING

There will be a VIRTUS training on Thursday Sept 17th at 6:00pm and on Saturday Sept. 26th at 9:00 am in the parish center. Please call Nettie at the parish center to register.

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.