

**THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
September 23, 2007**

*"No servant can serve two masters.
He will either hate one and love the other,
or be devoted to one and despise the other."
-- Luke 16: 11-12 --*

**ATTENTION: ALL LECTORS
AND POTENTIAL LECTORS**

The Lector Enrichment Program will be repeated on **Thursday, September 27, 2007, at 7:00 P.M.**, in the **Gathering Room**. If you are a lector or would like to be one and did not attend this enrichment program on Saturday, September 22, 2008, please join us on Thursday evening in the Gathering Room.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Your Sacrificial Offering last weekend amounted to **\$14,495.00**. Thank you for your generous spirit of sharing that makes possible the day to day life of our parish community with its many financial responsibilities for the maintenance of our buildings and properties and the support of the many ministries of our parish community. Please remember that we need to average more than **\$15,900.00** a weekend during the current fiscal year if we are to meet our obligations. Thank you for all you do!

A REMEMBRANCE IN YOUR WILL

If you are able, a remembrance for your parish in your will is a wonderful way to provide for the future well-being of your parish community. Thank you for considering this very special way of sharing with your parish family.

BAPTISM

ZACHARY MICHAEL MAGNOTTA, daughter of Kenneth and Helene Straka Magnotta, CHRISTIAN GEORGE MAMERA, son of James and Kristen Barrett Mamera, and LUKAS MICHAEL RUANE, son of Michael and Kathi Melvin Ruane, will be born into Jesus' life and welcomed into the family of the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend. We congratulate them and their parents.

CALENDAR

Sunday, September 23, 2007

11:15 A.M. OLS Choir **
12:15 P.M. Reception for NPR *****

Monday, September 24, 2007

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

Tuesday, September 25, 2007

9:00 A.M. Bible Study ***
7:00 P.M. Bible Study *****

Wednesday, September 26, 2007

10:00 A.M. MOMS & TOTS *
1:00 P.M. Bible Study *
7:00 P.M. Parish Nursing Program *****

Thursday, September 27, 2007

7:00 P.M. Lector Enrichment *****

Friday, September 28, 2007

10:00 A.M. Friday Morning Company *

Parish Center* Church ** Large Conference Room* Church of Saint Benedict **** Small Conference Room ***** Gathering Room *******

******* YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS *******

We are asking your help with your email address if you have one. If you have not yet done so, please consider sending it to the parish office or writing it on the front of one of your church envelopes. Certain mailings and financial reports and letters can be sent by e-mail. This can result in a substantial savings in terms of labor and postage (especially with the increase this year of the postage rates) if we can send a large portion of these by e-mail. Thank you for considering this request.

CORN SALE

The sale of Fresh Sweet Corn after Mass several weeks ago was very successful. Over \$400 was raised for Mission Projects. Thanks for the very generous support!

**ENROLLMENT OF CANDIDATES
FOR CONFIRMATION**

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

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

If you know someone who has expressed an interest in learning more about the Catholic Faith and possibly becoming Catholic or if you know someone who may attend Mass often and may be interested in looking into becoming Catholic, please remind them that the Formal part of the **R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)** process will be starting very soon (**October 7th** with the **Inquiry** process). If they are interested, have them call the parish office and speak with one of the priests or with Carol Salva. You might even offer to come with them for the first meeting.

CONFIRMATION 2008

Bishop James C. Timlin, retired Bishop of Scranton, will be with us for the **Celebration of Confirmation** on **Tuesday, April 29, 2008, at 5:00 P.M.**, at the **Church of Saint Benedict**. Please mark your calendars and, if you are in eighth grade or older and not confirmed, please make sure you are registered for Confirmation.

WEEKLY BULLETIN ON PARISH WEB PAGE

See our parish web page at www.OLSSB.com for our weekly parish bulletin. You can locate the bulletin by pressing Bulletin on the main page. The bulletin of the weekend of August 25-26 was the first bulletin placed on the web page. The bulletin will be placed there each week a few days before the weekend. The bulletins of previous weeks will remain on the website for several months or longer.

CELL PHONES

Please remember to turn off your cell phones before entering church for Mass. This will help to prevent worshippers from being distracted during Mass. Thank you for your understanding.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our parish religious education program will begin classes for this year on **Sunday, September 30, and during that week**. As the year begins, we want to **thank** the very large number of **cluster leaders/teachers** who make this special program possible. Through their generous commitment, it becomes possible to offer classes on many, many different days and times and places. It also enables us to have small classes with much more personal attention than would be possible in larger classes. The location of the many of the cluster meetings in homes adds another rich dimension to the program. Discipline problems are reduced drastically and faith and religion become understood as a part of everyday life. As we thank the cluster leaders/teachers, we ask you to remember them in your prayers all during the year but especially at the beginning of the program year. **God bless you, cluster leaders/teachers!**

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph F. Martino, D.D., Hist. E.D., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life/Family Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2008 to a Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, May 4, 2008. The event includes a 2:30 P.M. Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. Request for an invitation, with a mailing address that will be accurate in February, should be made through your pastor before January 10, 2008.

MUSIC MINISTRY

The Resurrection Choir

This Choir sings at funerals. For further information, please call Jennie at the parish office.

Cantors

If you would like more information about our cantor Program, please call Jennie at the Parish Office.

Choir

Please call Jennie at 586-1741.

Our Lady of the Snows Choir begins rehearsals on Thursday, September 6th. Call Jennie for information

Church of St. Benedict Contemporary Group begins Sunday, September 30th at 10:00 a.m. – rehearsal. Call Jennie for information.

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

YOUTH CHOIR

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

NEW IN THE PARISH?

If you are new in the parish and have not yet registered, you are invited to become a registered member of our parish community. You can stop at the parish office or you can call the office (586-1741) and ask to have a census form sent to you. When the census form is completed, you can drop it in the collection basket any weekend or send it or bring it to the parish office. **We are happy to have you as a member of our parish community.**

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday

7:00 A.M. Mary Chandler Kate/Bill Frye
12:10 P.M. Robert Morgan Family

Tuesday

7:00 A.M. Mary Quinn Family
12:10 P.M. C. Lee Harvey, Jr. Becky/Brian Bell

Wednesday

7:00 A.M. Harriet Carroll John/Joan Carroll
12:10 P.M. Gloria Gallagher Carl/Barbara Sampson

Thursday

7:00 A.M. Fred Bistocchi II M/M Chris Calvey
12:10 P.M. Donald Eline Family

Friday

7:00 A.M. George Tinsley Family
12:10 P.M. Mary Meyer Kathy Reed

Saturday

4:00 P.M. Catherine Haberstroh Family
5:00 P.M. Margaret Winowich Lindsey/Bob/
Tami/Courtney

Graham

6:30 P.M. Joseph Ruddy Robert Ruddy

Sunday

7:00 A.M. For all the members of the parish
8:00 A.M. Harriet Carroll John/Joan Carroll
9:30 A.M. Annette O'Donnell Maryann Kaminski
/Family

11:00 A.M. Charlie Hammond Mary
11:15 A.M. William Loftus Tom/Jane Quinn
12:20 P.M. Cyril Filarsky M/M Robert Bieszazad
A PRAYER PLEASE- Your prayers are requested for all the sick and deceased members of our parish and community, especially Stanley Pascoe.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

THE DIOCESE OF SCRANTON is seeking qualified candidates for the position of Accounts Payable Clerk. This position is responsible for processing all vendor bills using an AS400 computer system and to ensure that the appropriate coding is accurate. The successful candidate will also be expected to establish a system of filing/tracking for all invoices and prepare reports accordingly. This is a full-time position which includes the benefits outlined in the Diocesan Personnel Handbook. Anyone interested in applying for this position is asked to submit a letter of interest with salary requirement and a complete resume to: James Burke Diocesan Director of Human Resources, 300 Wyoming Ave., Scranton, PA.

THE PASSIONIST NUNS in Clarks Summit are looking for a part-time worker to bake Communion Hosts. Will train. Hours are 10-2 or 11-3 Monday thru Friday. Please call Barb at 586-2791.

LITURGY COMMITTEE NOTES

Did you know?

On Saturday of this week, the Church will honor the archangels: Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael. These are the great messengers of God to humanity – those heavenly beings who, at moments when God's word was vital, acted as mouthpieces for the Almighty, delivering messages of grave importance. Gabriel was the great messenger to Mary, who announced to her the plan of God, to bring about the salvation of all people through the fruit of her womb. Raphael was the great companion of Tobias, son of Tobit, a wealthy and devout Israelite living in Ninevah. As Tobias labored to recover his father's fortune, it was Raphael who offered protection, guidance, and ultimately the healing of Tobit. It is Michael who battles against the beast in the Book of Revelation and who, tradition tells us, led God's army in the uprising against Lucifer.

Initially, we may be somewhat confused by today's Gospel. Those who study the customs of the times have suggested that what the steward cut from the promissory note was his own commission. Thus, without shorting his master even more, he takes a loss that he might gain favor in the eyes of the debtor. This was a most prudent move, indeed. It is the cleverness of the steward that God praises, not the dishonesty. The purpose of the parable was to show God's care and concern for those who have less, for the poor.

(Written by Steve LaRue; Sourcebook, 2007)

Weekly Inspiration: 9/23/07 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Use your gifts wisely to serve Jesus. No one can serve two masters.

VIRTUS PROGRAM

To remain in compliance with the *Charter for the Protection of God's Children and Young People* set by the U.S.

Conference of Catholic Bishops, all volunteers who work 20 hours or more with children **MUST** have the one time Virtus Training. If you have not attended training please check the diocesan websites for future training sessions at www.dioceseofscranton.org then click on Departments and Resources, then click on *Virtus: Protecting God's Children*.

The following training sessions are available:

Sun. Sept. 23 – 1P.M. @ St. Thomas More/Lake Ariel

NEIGHBORHOOD PARISHES VOLUNTEER POSITION

Please accept the call to help with our Neighborhood Parish (NP) program. We are constantly increasing the number of neighborhoods as we move toward the goal of placing all parishioners in a small group with 10-15 other families who live in the same natural, geographic area.

The NP program cannot function without NP representatives, couples or individuals who fulfill the program goals of welcoming, contacting, and inviting every member of our very large parish to a parish social function each year. This is a very important position, and our staff is ready to make it easy and enjoyable. With four years of experience, we share ideas; we provide networking; and we offer social events for members of NPs.

If you are not currently in a NP, please consider calling Kate or Carol at the Parish Center to find out more about the satisfying role of Neighborhood Parish Representative (NPR). If you are new to the parish and are looking for ways to become involved, this would be a perfect way to get to know your neighbors and provide a valuable service to Our Lady of the Snows. We are commissioning a group of new representatives in September. It is not too late to become a part of that group.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS

The Wednesday Bible class will begin meeting in **September at 1:00 P.M. in the Parish Center**. They are starting to study The Letter of James. Anyone is welcome to join. For further information please call the Parish Office or Nancy Lynn at 586-5876.

CHURCH CLEANERS

We are in need of some additional people to help clean Our Lady of the Snows or St. Benedict's Church. This involves approximately two hours, once a month. If you are interested or need more information, please call Carol at the Parish Office.

FRIDAY MORNING COMPANY

Friday Morning Company will meet every Friday **in the Parish Center from 10:00 A.M. until 11:45A.M.** We will be praying Morning Prayer, doing intercessory prayer, and breaking open the Sunday Scriptures. Anyone is welcome to join us. For further information, please call Carol at the Parish Center.

SECRETARY FOR LITURGY COMMITTEE

The Liturgy Committee meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00P.M. during the months of September, October, November, February, March, April, and May. We need someone to come to the meetings, take the minutes and type them. For further information or if you are interested, please call Carol at the Parish Center.

COMMUNION MINISTERS

We are in need of some additional Communion Ministers at all Masses. We will be having a two-session training on **Monday, October 29, 2007**, and **Monday, November 5, 2007**, at **7:00 P.M.** in **Our Lady of the Snows Church**. Please consider the call to this very important and valuable ministry to our parish. For further information please call Carol at the Parish Center or see one of our priests.

If you know a parishioner who is ill or homebound and needs a visit, communion, or help, please fill out the card below and drop at the parish center or in the basket.

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____ PHONE NUMBER _____ <input type="checkbox"/> sick <input type="checkbox"/> homebound <input type="checkbox"/> in hospital <input type="checkbox"/> nursing home <input type="checkbox"/> would like communion <input type="checkbox"/> would like a visit <input type="checkbox"/> needs Sacrament of the sick <input type="checkbox"/> needs other assistance
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FAMILY MINISTRY

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The next bereavement session will be **on Wednesday October 3rd at 10:00am and on Sunday Oct. 21st at 2:00pm** in the large conference room of the parish center. For more information call Nettie at 586-1741
Bereavement Support for Parents: Please call Sue Brier at 586-2162.

Conversation Corner

The prophets constantly called the leaders and the people to be mindful of the poor and needy in their community. It can be easy to blame the poor for their own misfortune. We can see government programs as "giveaways" to those who don't deserve help. But are we looking with Christ's eyes? Are we more concerned that a few may abuse the help offered than the many who really need the help? How do you see your responsibility to help the poor?

FOR BETTER FOR WORSE

There are many important things to a successful marriage like honesty, commitment and communication. One thing that couples should really strive to do is that they **don't compete with each other, but compete for each other.** They should try hard to find things to work on together and have mutual respect that helps them build a strong partnership.

**HELPING MARRIAGE STAY STRONG AND HEALTHY!
PASS THIS ON...**

MARRIAGE NEED A TUNE-UP?

The Retrouvaille (ret-tro-vi) Program can help. Rediscover love, trust, intimacy and forgiveness in your relationship. The next weekend offered in the area will be **October 12-14th at the Fatima Renewal Center** in Dalton. For more information or to inquire about registering please **call 1-800-470-2230**. All calls are confidential.

MOTHERS AND TODDLERS GROUP

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

We will continue meeting on the 2nd and the 4th Wednesday of each month. All mothers are welcome to join us for a morning of socializing, faith sharing, and fun. for more information call Annie James at 586-6199.

Can You Help Us? Can We Help You?

Prayers. If you or someone you know is in need of prayers, or if you wish to become a prayer partner in our prayer chain. **Transportation** to mass, grocery store, doctor's appt. **Home visit Communion visit/ Respite care. Temporary help providing meals** during recovery from surgery, family member being hospitalized, new baby, etc. **If you are in need of any of these services, or if you can help out please call Nettie @ 586-1741.**

Only you can help...please read on.

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This year's religious education classes begin the week of September 30th. Cluster leader lists have been mailed. Please call the cluster leader directly and register your child for their class. If you cannot find a class for your child please call Nettie at the parish office.

PLEASE HELP!!!!

Our religious education program is in need of teachers for the following grades: 1st, 6th and 7th for our Sunday

Sessions. Anyone able to help out would be greatly appreciated.

Religious Education Program is in need of teachers for the upcoming year, especially our Sunday Program which is held at Our Lady of Peace School Sunday mornings 9:00-10:30 am. Please contact Nettie Goldate at 586-1741 if you are interested in teaching a class.

CLUSTER LEADERS

****If you have a manual from last year please bring it with you when you pick up your textbooks.**

- **CHILD ABUSE CLEARANCE FORMS WILL ALSO BE SENT TO THOSE NEEDING UPDATING. WHEN YOU RECEIVE THESE FORMS PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO THE PARISH OFFICE—SO THAT CLEARANCES WILL BE ON FILE BY SEPTEMBER. When you receive your clearances at your home please send in a copy to the parish office.**

YOUTH MINISTRY CORNER

If you are curious about the OLS Youth Ministry and would like to know more, please contact Steve Wallo at Our Lady of the Snows.

Youth Ministry Meetings:

The youth ministry at Our Lady of the Snows is all encompassing. We have several different Teams based on different youth interests. Any high school youth can join any of these teams at any time. We hold a general planning meeting on every **Wednesday night from 7:00PM until 8:00PM.**

A Jr. High Youth program the meets weekly is available for any youth in grades 7 and 8.

The Our Lady of the Snows Youth Ministry and the Music Ministry are working together to bring forth a Contemporary Christian Music Band. This band will lead the music at the 11:00 A.M. Mass at the Church of Saint Benedict. As of now, we have members who play guitar, bass, saxophone, and violin. *We are looking for a drummer.* Also, if you care to join and play any instrument, let us know. We can always use more of any of the above plus others that might not have been mentioned. Thanks!

A Night Out at ShadowBrook

To kick off our new school year, we'll be heading down the road to Shadowbrook Inn and Resort for a night of fun. The Wally Ball Courts, mini golf, and bowling are some of the choices open to everyone.

During the night, we'll be able to dine out at Perkins.

Friday, September 28, 2007

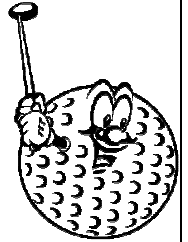
5 PM meet at OLS church

Open to 7th-8th graders

\$10 per person

(covers wally ball, miniature golf, and bowling. Food not included in the price)

Some parents are needed to help chaperone. Please let us know if you are available.



Call Steve at 586-1741 for more information

2008 Vermont Ski Weekend Trip

February 28th through March 4th is skiing time and it's time to book your spot! Flyers, reservation forms, and brochures will be available soon in the Youth Office. This trip is open to all high school students and those in 7th and 8th grade if an older sibling or parent is going.

-3 day ski pass

-5 meals

-3 nights at the Round Hearth at Stowe Mt.

-Round Trip Transportation

-Loads of Fun

Approximate Price: \$330.00

\$100 reserves your spot. Get your deposit in as soon as possible for this awesome trip!

If you are interested in more information, call Steve at the Church: 586-1741

Things to look forward to:

- **NCYC in Columbus OH – November 7th – 11th**
Every 2 years students from OLS are chosen to represent our Church at the National Catholic Youth Conference. There are many who wish to go but because of the cost of this pilgrimage few are able to go. The cost for this trip is **\$650.00. Attending this year are:**

A.J. Fischbach

Adam Dec

Patrick Fricchione

Williamson

Jack Hambrose

Nina Travato

Casey Phillips

Megan

Colleen Kuzma



- **Young Adult Ministry** – new ministry for college age and those just starting out in their careers. Open to married and single, college years until 30's. A planning team for this ministry is in the formation stages: We have several on the team already. If you'd like to be a part of it, contact Steve.
- For all the latest information, call Steve at the Youth Office: 586-1741 or join our weekly e-mail list by sending an e-mail to Wallolnc@aol.com

Anyone who has a family member or friend that is active military, please call the Parish Office and give us his/her name, rank and complete mailing address and if possible, when his/her tour will end. This information will be periodically published in your Parish Bulletin so parishioners can send them care packages (including food, letters, books, etc.) Thank you.

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