

# *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

## NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME August 9, 2009

*"I am the living bread that came down from heaven;  
whoever eats this bread will live forever;  
and the bread that I will give is  
my flesh for the life of the world."  
-- John 6: 51 --*

### "LIVING CHRIST" RETREATS UNIVERSAL CALL TO HOLINESS

The **Second Vatican Council** in its document, *Lumen Gentium*, the **Dogmatic Constitution on the Church**, issued during the **third session of the Council** on the **November 21, 1964**, taught that all of the baptized, by virtue of their Baptism, are called to holiness. Holiness, we are told, is not for a few elite in the Church, but essential for everyone. The **"Living Christ" Retreats** will help us to grow in holiness and, in that way, will deepen and increase the holiness of the Church as a whole.

The usual difficulty for most people in making a retreat is the time away from home. The "Living Christ" Retreat was designed to be parish-based. Everyone stays at home and the usual workday times are not involved with the retreat. **Three four-hour sessions** at the parish are what is involved: **6:00 P.M. until 10:00 P.M., with supper, on a Thursday evening; 6:00 P.M. until 10:00 P.M., with supper, on Friday evening, and 8:00 A.M. until about 12 Noon on Saturday.** Please **pray for God's blessing** on this Retreat Program in our parish. It has the potential to enrich and deepen our faith and our parish life. **Prayer is absolutely essential** for a successful retreat program.

The **first** of our parish **Retreats** is scheduled for **Thursday, Friday and Saturday, August 27, 28 and 29.** Please **pray** for God's blessing on our parish and especially on this first of our Retreats. Eventually, every member of our parish will be invited to participate in one of these retreats. **Please do not forget the prayers.** The **success** of the **Retreat** depends on **prayer.**

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Your **Sacrificial Offering** for last weekend amounted to **\$15,524.07.** Thank you for your **Sacrificial Offering** which makes possible the day-to-day life of our parish with its many ministries and the requirements of maintenance of our beautiful properties. **Thank you for all that you do!**

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.

### PARISH FINANCES: A DEFICIT

For a variety of reasons including the difficult economy, our envelope income for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, was down about 3.4 % (\$32,183) from the previous years. We had projected a 4% increase. This left us with unpaid bills at a time when bills were increasing with increased subsidies and bills for the new fiscal year – increases based on our increased income in the 2007-2008 fiscal year. With a very difficult July, the unpaid bills have increased to about **\$82,000.** We are

very grateful for the continuing generosity of so many people. We need the help of everyone as we work at surviving this crisis in the economy. **Please consider an increase if you are able.** All we ask is whatever you are able to do and we know that these are difficult times. **Any increase or additional gifts will be appreciated very much.** We thank those who have already given some additional gifts in response to our great need.

### THE ASSUMPTION: AUGUST 15

**Saturday, August 15,** is the **Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary** into heaven. Because it falls on a Saturday this year, it is **not** a holyday of obligation. In honor of this special feast, **Mass** will be celebrated at **9:00 A.M. on Saturday, August 15,** in **Our Lady of the Snows Church.** Please join us for Mass on this special day.

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday  
7:00 A.M. Edward McGovern, Jr. Ann Sucheski  
12:10 P.M. Noelle McGuirk Sarah Gomez

Tuesday  
7:00 A.M. Timothy Deery Mrs. Frances/Roger Bast  
12:10 P.M. Russell Collins Tom/Maxine Gilligan

Wednesday  
7:00 A.M. Mary Ennis M/M John Menapace  
12:10 P.M. Bernardine Bidigare David McQueen

Thursday  
7:00 P.M. Elsie Parlanti Family  
12:10 P.M. Mr. Chester Allen Family

Friday  
7:00 A.M. M/M William Lydon Family  
12:10 P.M. Mary/Michael/Brian Family  
McGuinness

Saturday  
9:00 A.M. John Gurnari Kathy/Family  
4:00 P.M. George Schumacher Joe/Molly  
Middleton  
5:00 P.M. Joseph Bucciarelli Bucciarelli Family  
6:30 P.M. Margaret Rink Roger Family

Sunday  
7:00 A.M. For all members of the parish  
8:00 A.M. Mary Beth Adams Jim/Denise Battle/  
Family  
9:30 A.M. Rudy Petrina Hambrose Family  
11:00 A.M. Rocco J. Tomaselli Family  
11:15 A.M. Leo Kafchinski Family  
12:20 P.M. Connie Lacey M/M Mark Deibert

**A PRAYER PLEASE-** Your prayers are requested for all the sick and deceased members of our parish and community, especially Violet Oravec, Beatrice Homnick and James Glynn.

## BAZAAR NEWS

If you are reading this bulletin on Saturday, August 8, there is still time for you to come to the Bazaar which will be open until 11:00 P.M. on Saturday evening, August 8. Please join us for an enjoyable evening.

If you are reading this on Sunday, the Bazaar is already history but no report is available. A very special **Thank You** to all who helped in any way with the 2009 Country Bazaar. (Special thanks to our chairpersons, **Pat Pasqualichio and Sue Burke.**) Your generous help and participation is appreciated very much. The help of so many is what makes the Country Bazaar a success year after year. May God bless all of you! More specific thanks and details will be available in next week's bulletin.

Volunteers to assist with Clean-up are needed on Sunday morning and early Sunday afternoon. Many hands make for light work. Please join us. Thanks for considering this invitation.

## RAFFLE TICKETS

The fourth **EARLY BIRD Special Winner** was **Nancy Novack.**

## BAZAAR CHAIRPERSONS

Thank you to **Kathy Judge** and **Peter Brokus** for accepting the responsibility of **Co-Chairpersons** for the **2010** and **2011 Country Bazaars.** We wish them the best as they begin planning as soon as this year's Bazaar is over. Please be as cooperative and as helpful with the new chairpersons as you have always been. **Thanks for all you do!**

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## 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.

## OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS 100<sup>TH</sup> YEAR

Our Lady of the Snows 100<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:ascahill@epix.net) or Bonnie Sherman at [bonniesherman@comcast.net](mailto:bonniesherman@comcast.net).

## CALENDAR

**Sunday, August 9, 2009**

**9:00 A.M. Bazaar Clean-up \*\*\*\***

**6:00 P.M. Eucharist Adoration \*\***

**Monday, August 10, 2009**

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

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

## BAPTISM

CAITLYN NICOLE AGLER, daughter of Andrew and Christine Roche Agler, and KASEY RYAN LITTS, son of Brian and Jaime Hospodar Litts 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.

## BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Third Time: Vincent E. Pricci – Our Lady of the Snows  
Erica Barone – St. Mary's, Dunmore

## VIRTUS PROGRAM

All volunteers who work 20 hours or more with children **MUST** have the one time **Virtus** Training. If you have not attended training please call Carol at the Parish Center or please check the Diocesan website for future training sessions at [www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org), then click on Departments and Resources, then click on Virtus: Protecting God's Children.

## LITURGY COMMITTEE NOTES

### The Sacred Space, Furnishings, Vesture, Books Do you know about the WATER?

Water is a powerful liturgical symbol. As a source of life and cleansing agent, it gives us new birth in Christ and washes us free from sin in baptism. Blessing ourselves with holy water from fonts at the doors of our churches and the use of the rite of sprinkling in our liturgies invites us to remember our own baptisms and resolve again to live as true Christians. Water is sprinkled on the caskets of deceased at funerals to remind us of that person's baptism – his or her participation in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. In addition to these baptismal uses, water is used in other ways at liturgical celebration: 1) It is mixed with the wine for consecration as this is the way wine was drunk in Jesus' time; 2) It is poured over the hands of the presiding priest at Mass that he might be ritually clean as he offers the Eucharistic prayer in our name; 3) It is used to ritually cleanse the vessels after communion; 4) It is used in the *mandatum* or the washing of feet on Holy Thursday to remind us that as Christians we are called upon to render with love the most humble of service to our brothers and sisters.

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

### Weekly Inspiration: 8/09/09 **19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jesus provides the life giving bread that sustains both physically and spiritually.

Readings for Next Week: 8/16/09 Proverbs 9:1-6; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

Music for Next Week: 8/16/09 Opening Song: "Come Now, Almighty God" #285; Communion Song: "Gift of Finest Wheat" #477; 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. Neighborhood Parish Representatives can only be consistent, faithful, and available to the members of our groups. It is enough to INVITE because the recipient at least knows that he/she is important to our parish and is welcome.

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. 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. For further information please call Carol at the Parish Center.

#### **THE JAMAICAN MINISTRY: A Twinning Project**

**PENNY POWER:** Beginning in June we will be collecting Penny Power for Brother Mike of the Passionists who goes to the Manchester Infirmary. The people of the infirmary are considered the lowest of the low. They are the one that families could no longer take care of and were given to the state. There are about 50 men and 50 women there.

#### **First Annual**

#### **SHARE – JAMAICA**

#### **Collection**

#### **OLS parking lot 2 Saturdays**

**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. On the days of the collection, we will need:

**TRUCKS or VANS** on the dates above to transport items to the storage site.

**PEOPLE** to accept items on the collection dates

**PEOPLE** to pack items for shipping on Sunday, September 19 from 9 AM until all items are packed.

Please call Grace Dawgert 587-5437 or Carol Salva 586-1741 to volunteer.

Some of the items needed include: **Supplies for the Catholic College of Mandeville:** Laptop and desktop computers and printers, computer paper, tablets, pens, folders, education journals and text books, sample books for elementary levels, special education and counseling.

**THANK YOU TO THE BIBLE CAMP CHILDREN:** Our children at Bible Camp collected items for the children at the schools in Jamaica. We received and will be shipping to Jamaica after our Share – Jamaica collection many rulers, pencils, coloring books, crayons, books, etc. Many thanks to all the boys and girls who are building relationships with the boys and girls in Jamaica.

**MEDICAL AND DENTAL PROFESSIONALS:** You are needed to assist Dr. Carol Narcevic at her clinics. Please call Dr. Dennis Dawgert at 587-5437 for information about volunteer opportunities.

#### **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. 15<sup>TH</sup> BSB 2BCT ICD

A.P.O. AE 09338

Kieth Kempinski ASGA

ACO 1/111<sup>th</sup> 56 SBCT

Unit #6260

APO/AE 09378

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#### **CLUSTER #4 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

The Diocesan's Implementation Commission's Review of the Annual Cluster Implementation Plan for Cluster #4 (Our Lady of the Snows/Church of St. Benedict, Church of St. Gregory, Our Lady of the Abingtons, and St. Patrick) is as follows:

Appreciation: We wish to thank you for the prayer, reflection, and work which you have put into the *Called to Holiness and Mission* to date. We appreciate the time and effort you have given to designing your Annual Cluster Implementation Plan.

Further Action Steps Needed; 1) Provide a list of the Partnership programs selected by your cluster no later than August 31, 2009 to the Diocesan Implementation Committee. 2) Develop a detailed action plan for how you expect the regional youth apostolate will expand in your cluster. 3) You need to revise your current Mass schedule by Advent 2009 based upon the number of priests currently assigned to the parishes in your cluster, attendance necessary for robust liturgies with at least 60% of Church capacity, and to avoid having Masses at the same time due to the close geographic proximity of the churches in your cluster.

#### **TIPS FROM THE PARISH NURSES**

#### **Preventing the Flu: Good Health Habits Can Help Stop Germs**

**Avoid Close Contact.** Avoid close contact with people who are sick; keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick too. **Stay home when you are sick.** If possible, stay home from work, school, and errands when you are sick. You will help prevent others from catching your illness. **Cover your mouth and nose.** Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. It may prevent those around you from getting sick. **Clean your hands.** Washing your hands often will protect you from germs. **Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.**

Germs are often spread when a person touches his or her eyes, nose, or mouth. **Practice other good health habits.** Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids, and eat nutritious food.

#### **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.

#### **GARDEN FLOWERS ACCEPTED**

If you have an abundance of garden flowers and would like to share them, the Art and Environment Committee can use them for altar flowers for Our Lady of the Snows and Church of Saint Benedict. Long stemmed and appropriately sized flowers work best such as Lupines, Lilies, Foxgloves, and Shasta Daisies.

Please call Mary Ann Cornell at 563-1560 or 945-3669 for details about pick-up and delivery. We will be happy to do the flower arranging.

#### **RCIA INQUIRY SESSION**

RCIA (Rite for Christian Initiation of adults) is a process through which non-baptized men and women enter the Catholic Church. It includes several stages marked by study, prayer, and rites at Mass. Inquiries into RCIA are open at all times, and all are welcome. **An RCIA Inquiry Session will be held on August 26, 2009 in the Large Conference of Our Lady of the Snows Parish Center.** For further information please contact either of the priests or Carol at 586-1741.

#### **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 Sunday, August 9, 2009, from 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M.**

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

#### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

##### **DIOCESE OF SCRANTON ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CLERK**

– The Diocese of Scranton is seeking qualified candidates for the position of Accounts Payable Clerk. This position is responsible for processing all vendor bills 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. Any one interested in applying for this position are 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 18505.

#### **THE CLARKS SUMMIT UNITED METHODIST**

**CHURCH** will hold a blood drive on Friday, August 21 from 1-6p.m.

**MONSIGNOR BENDIK** invites you to the **TENTH ANNUAL PARISH BAZAAR** of the **Parish Community of St. John the Evangelist** in **Pittston**. It will be held under tents on the corner of Broad and Church Streets and in Seton Auditorium from **August 13-15<sup>th</sup>** from 5:00 to 10:15 P.M. Much of what is experienced at the OLS/CSB Bazaar is duplicated in Pittston – lots of food, fun, entertainment, prizes and games – but no tractor rides. Please plan to attend.

**NATIVITY OF OUR LORD CHURCH, 633 Orchard St., Scranton,** invites you to celebrate their **Annual Summer Parish Festival**, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, August 20, 21 and 22. The Festival will feature games for adults and children, various raffles and A White Elephant Sale, Bake Sale, Live Entertainment and Delicious Food!

**ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST BUFFET** will be held at the Clarks Summit Fire Co., 321 Bedford St., Clarks Summit, PA on August 16, 2009 from 8:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. Adult \$7.00 and Child \$4.00.

#### **FAMILY MINISTRY**

##### **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

The next bereavement session will be on **Wednesday August 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am** and on **Sunday August 9<sup>th</sup> 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**

As Christians, we are called to follow the way of love as Jesus taught. It is far from easy to put aside our bitterness over wrongs we have suffered, to resist the anger we feel and to forgive others. We are called to treat everyone no matter who they are or what they have done with kindness, compassion and forgiveness. Consider how well you are following the way of love and resolve each day to do better.

#### **FOR BETTER FOR WORSE**

A marriage license does not give a person the right or the responsibility to change his or her partner. The marriage vows make a statement of acceptance, for better or for worse, warts and all.

Couples have little trouble accepting each other as they are before marriage. Love has a tendency to blind a person to their loved one's faults. Shortly into marriage, however, they begin to see their "perfect partner" turn into a real person with the usual allotment of human faults and frailties. Let's Think: Do we criticize each other's faults in ways that are constructive and loving or degrading and nasty? Do we tend to think that our own faults are less annoying? A prayer to help us accept each other.....: Lord, it is easy to forget that we are not perfect, especially when we're expecting perfection from each other. When we find that our partner's faults are annoying, remind us that we are often annoying, too. Teach us, Lord, to focus on each other's strengths and virtues. Lead us to see beyond each other's faults. Teach us, Lord, how to accept and love each other just as we are. Thank you, almighty Creator, for giving each of us the ability to realize that neither of us is perfect.

*With This Ring A Practical Guide for Newlyweds,  
Renee Bartkowski*

### **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**

**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.**

**Registrations forms have been mailed** for the Religious Education program **grades K-8<sup>th</sup>**.

First Eucharist Registration and Confirmation Registration Forms have also been mailed in the Religious Education Registration Mailing sent out the last week of June. If you have not received a registration packet for your child/children please contact Nettie at the parish office. **All registration forms due in the parish office by August 1<sup>st</sup>.**

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

If the student is older than 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:**

Thank you for helping the children in our parish community grow in their faith. Your time and talent is so greatly appreciated. May God continue to bless you and your family. Have a joyful, restful summer. We hope to see you all back next fall.

Please return teacher manuals, unused textbooks, and attendance records to the parish office as soon as possible.

PLEASE KEEP September 20, 2009, open on your calendar, we will be inviting you to join us for a special dinner in recognition of Catechetical Sunday. We hope that all will be able to attend.

**CLUSTER LEADERS:** PLEASE RETURN YOUR REGISTRATION FORM WITH YOUR CLASS SESSION DAY AND TIME TO NETTIE AT THE PARISH OFFICE IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO. FORMS WERE SENT OUT IN JUNE. YOU MAY ALSO CALL IN YOUR DAY AND TIME OF CLASS SESSION TO NETTIE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO HELP WITH SCHEDULING. Cluster Leader lists will be published in the bulletin at the beginning of September.

### **Cluster Leaders for Religious Ed. Needed:**

**GRADE 1 Teachers needed.** Anyone interested in teaching First Grade Religion please call Nettie at the parish center 586-1741. We are also in need of grade levels 1-2-4-5- for our Sunday Program that meets at Our Lady of Peace School from 9:00-10:30 am.

Volunteers to teach religious education grades K-8<sup>th</sup> are always needed.

If you would like to teach a class or for more information about our religious education program 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**

August 20<sup>th</sup> .....Wildwood beach trip  
November 19-22<sup>nd</sup> .....NCYC 09 Kansas City

**Wildwood Beach Trip**

OLS youth ministry is gearing up for a day trip to Wildwood, NJ! We're looking for High School Students and Families who want to have some fun in the sun one more time before the end of summer. We're looking at renting a Bus to take us to and from Clarks Summit to Wildwood. Wildwood is a great family area that offers free beaches and fantastic entertainment. Details are still being worked out but we'll be leaving at 6:00AM from OLS and leaving Wildwood at about 7:00PM. Call for more information!