

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
December 23, 2007**

"All this took place to fulfill what the Lord  
had said through the prophet:  
*Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel,  
which means "God is with us."*  
-- Matthew 1: 23 --

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

On this fourth and final Sunday of Advent, we are reminded of the coming of Emmanuel, a name which means "God is with us." This is Jesus whose birth we celebrate on Christmas and all through the Christmas Season. In Jesus God is with us not only on Christmas but on every day of every year. Jesus comes into our lives in countless ways. Our keeping of Advent and our celebration of Christmas makes us more aware of the presence of Jesus in our lives every day. May we be awake and watchful so that we notice Jesus and pay attention to him.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

We wish all members of our parish community and all visitors a very **Merry and Blessed Christmas!** May the blessings of this holy and special season be with you and with all of your loved ones, family members and friends. May the love of God revealed and brought close to us in Jesus fill you with all the blessings and help and strength you need. May your joy be increased as you gather and celebrate with family and friends all through the Christmas season. **Merry Christmas to all!**

**Father McGarry  
Father Hornick  
Father Altavilla**

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

**Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24:**

**4:00 P.M. Mass at Church of Saint Benedict  
4:00 P.M. Mass at Our Lady of the Snows Church  
6:00 P.M. Mass at Our Lady of the Snows Church  
8:00 P.M. Mass at Our Lady of the Snows Church  
12 Midnight Mass at Church of Saint Benedict**

**Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25:**

**7:00 A.M. Mass at Our Lady of the Snows Church  
8:00 A.M. Mass at Church of Saint Benedict  
9:30 A.M. Mass at Our Lady of the Snows Church  
11:00 A.M. Mass at Church of Saint Benedict  
11:15 A.M. Mass at Our Lady of the Snows Church  
12:20 P.M. Mass at Church of Saint Benedict**

**NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS SCHEDULE**

Tuesday, January 1, 2008, is the **Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, a holyday of obligation.** Our Mass schedule for the holyday is as follows:

**Monday, December 31:**

**4:00 P.M. Mass at the Church of Saint Benedict  
5:00 P.M. Mass at Our Lady of the Snows Church**

**Tuesday, January 1:**

**7:00 A.M. Mass at Our Lady of the Snows Church  
8:00 A.M. Mass at the Church of Saint Benedict  
11:00 A.M. Mass at the church of Saint Benedict  
11:15 A.M. Mass at Our Lady of the Snows Church**

**HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Our religious education program for high school students involves a **released time program** in which students are released from high school for religion classes. We encourage all high school students in our parish who attend public high school to consider participating in our once-a-month classes. To register for this class, please contact **Steve Wallo, our parish Youth Minister.** Permission forms must be signed by parents; students are transported by bus to the class and back to the school. Please consider participating. Check with **Steve Wallo** for the schedule.

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**ON DAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS**

There will be **no Mass** on **Monday morning, December 24,** at **7:00 A.M.** and there will be **no Mass** on **Monday afternoon, December 24,** at **12:10 P.M.** Please see the Christmas Eve Mass schedule elsewhere in this bulletin.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

Your Sacrificial Offering for last weekend amounted to **\$10,902.79.** **Thank you** for your generous sharing of your treasure with your church family. Your generosity makes possible the day-to-day life of our parish community with its many ministries. **Thank You!** (We need to average **\$15,900.00** weekly in order to make ends meet and take care of our beautiful buildings and properties and maintain our many ministries.)

**WINTER WEATHER**

Because we have come to depend on your regular generosity in order to make ends meet, please, if at all possible, consider making up your weekly offering the following week whenever the bad winter weather prevents you from getting to Mass on a weekend. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

**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 CLASS FOR PARENTS**

The next **Baptism Class for parents** will be on **Sunday evening, January 27, 2008,** at **6:30 P.M.** A Baptism class is required for all parents of children being baptized. If parents have already attended one of these classes, they are not required to attend one before the Baptism of another baby. Parents may attend these classes at any time before the Baptism. Parents may choose to attend the class before the birth of their baby

if this is more convenient. Godparents are more than welcome to attend. Please call the parish office (586-1741) to register.

### BAPTISM

KEIRA STARR DANIELS, daughter of Gerard and Catherine Riggi Daniels will be born into Jesus' life and welcomed into the family of the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend, We congratulate her and her parents.

### MUSIC MINISTRY

#### Christmas Eve

4:00 P.M. Children's Choir OLS Preludes 3:30 P.M.

4:00 P.M. Youth Choir CSB Preludes 3:30 P.M.

6:00 P.M. Adult Choir OLS Preludes 5:30 P.M.

8:00 P.M. Strings & Cantor OLS Preludes 5:30 P.M.

12:00 Midnight Cantor Carol Service 11:30

Our Lady of the Snows Choir will sing at Church of St. Benedict on Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup>. Preludes will begin at 3:30 p.m.

Christmas Concert will be held on Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. Violins, organ, piano, vocals.

#### 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.

### 2007 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

**Thank you** to all who have made a pledge or gift to this year's Diocesan Annual Appeal. Your Generosity will help the Church at the diocesan level to accomplish much good in the name of all of us. To date, members of our parish have pledged **\$71,873.00** to this year's Diocesan Annual Appeal. This represents **70%** of our parish goal of **\$103,300.00** and the participation of **628** families or individuals in our parish. **If you have not already made a pledge or a gift, it is not too late.** You can make a pledge and pay it in five monthly payments beginning in January 2008. Thank you for whatever you are able to do. **Thank you** again for all that you do for the Church in our parish and our diocese.

### MENDED HEARTS

"Anyone with heart related ailments and their families are cordially invited to attend a meeting of MENDED HEARTS, in the large conference room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Mercy Hospital, Scranton, PA. Tom Walsh, Mercy Hospital Chef, will be the guest speaker. He will be demonstrating how to prepare a heart healthy dessert. Applications for membership will be available, at the meeting, for those wishing to become members of this organization. The public is welcome. For additional information please contact Jack Walsh at 340-4842

### 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.**

### TICKETS FOR MASS WITH POPE BENEDICT

Some tickets will be made available by the Archdiocese of New York for the Mass to be celebrated by Pope Benedict XVI on Sunday, April 20, 2008, at Yankee Stadium. The number of tickets to be made available is not known. If you are interested in a ticket, please call the parish office no later than Wednesday, December 26, 2007. Your name will be placed on a list. If enough tickets are available, you will receive one. More details a soon as they become available. It is urgent that you call by Wednesday if you would like to be considered for a ticket.

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

#### Monday, Christmas Eve

4:00 P.M. OLS James Quinn Family

4:00 P.M. CSB Kraynak/Burns

Dolan/Savo M/M Frank Savo

6:00 P.M. OLS Mary Otley Family

8:00 P.M. OLS Virginia Lee Armbruster Family

12 Midnight CSB O'Hara Family Family

#### Tuesday, Christmas Day

7:00 A.M. All members of the parish

8:00 A.M. Special Intention Mona Durso

9:30 A.M. James Biondi Wife

11:00 A.M. Krushinski Family Sophie/Johnny Krushinski

11:15 A.M. Robert/Patricia Kretschmer Family

12:20 P.M. Horgan Families Horgan Family

#### Wednesday

7:00 A.M. Nicholas Torin Zaums Family

12:10 P.M. Valerie Plauskas Bill/Barbara Roehl

#### Thursday

7:00 A.M. Harold Lee M/M Jack Lee

12:10 P.M. John P. Rosseau Darlene Acosta

#### Friday

7:00 A.M. Elaine Wilk John Wilk/Family

12:10 P.M. Frank Kehoe Kay

#### Saturday

4:00 P.M. Tony Kelly Pivovarnick Family

5:00 P.M. John Delonti Jim/Jean

6:30 P.M. Margaret McGurk Thomas McGurk

#### Sunday

7:00 A.M. For all members of the parish

8:00 A.M. Bruney Nowakowski Jim/Denise Battle

9:30 A.M. Louis Sfarra Betty

11:00 A.M. Henry Sacchetti, Jr. Hawk Family

11:15 A.M. Dolores Lee M/M Jack Lee

12:20 P.M. Eugene Gavin John/Kathy Walsh

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

\*\*\*\*\* **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 (ols2@epix.net) 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.

**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](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org) then click on Departments and Resources, then click on *Virtus: Protecting God's Children*.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

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

**2008 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS MUST** be returned on January 1, 2008. This book is an excellent Christmas gift. Cost is \$25. Call 586-1741 or stop by parish center to pick up the book. This year the profits will benefit the Youth Group's new Van.

**THE PRISM** ...Parish Newsletter Fall/Winter issue was mailed to some 2700 families prior to Thanksgiving. Editors Susan Chuff and Kay Gallagher give Thanks to all who contributed articles, photos, art work, etc., They are: Guest columnist Sr. Anne Paye, RSM, Sr. Alene Perry, C.P., Jane O'Hara Krupa, Rita Fenton, Mark Taffera, Brian Porter, Joseph Grieboski, Kathryn Brokus, Steve Wallo, Corrine Wolff, Katie Fricchione, Alyssa Buckbee, Judy Kennedy, Nettie Goldate, Anetta DeAngelo and Tiny Tim. Please keep sending in your suggestions and interests, etc. Next issue will be before Easter (early this year) and deadline will be March 1. Thanks in advance.

**WEEKLY BULLETIN ON PARISH WEB PAGE**

See our parish web page at [www.OLSSB.com](http://www.OLSSB.com) for our weekly parish bulletin. You can locate the bulletin by pressing Bulletin on the main 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.

**BULLETIN BRIEFS**

He became a child, so that the Word could be grasped by us. In this way God teaches us respect for children. The child of Bethlehem directs our gaze towards all children who suffer and are abused in the world, the born and the unborn. Towards children who are placed as soldiers in a violent world, towards children who have to beg; towards children who suffer deprivation and hunger; towards children who are unloved. In all of these it is the Child of Bethlehem who is crying out to us; it is the God who has become small who appeals to us. Let us pray this night that the brightness of God's love may enfold all these children. Let us ask God to help us do our part so that the dignity of children may be respected.

Pope Benedict XVI, Homily, Midnight Mass, Christmas 2006

**LITURGY COMMITTEE NOTES**

**Did you know?**

Today we light the fourth candle (violet) on the Advent wreath. The fullness of the lit wreath reminds us of the coming celebration of Christmas and our commemoration of the Incarnation. God's ancient promises have been fulfilled in the coming of Christ, the very Word of God made flesh. The next few days will be rather hectic. Tomorrow is the vigil for the solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Eve), which is obviously followed by Christmas Day. There are many, many masses, visitors and last minute details. Be attentive to details so that the next three days will go smoothly, and we can keep our hearts and minds centered on "the Savior who is born to the world." He is a reflection of the Father's glory, and He is the true peace descended from heaven. (Written by Steve LaRue; Sourcebook 2008)

The Liturgy Committee would like to wish everyone a very Blessed Christmas and a Holy and Happy New Year.

Weekly Inspiration: 12/23/07 Fourth Sunday in Advent  
Do not be afraid. God's power is great! He sent his own Son.

Weekly Inspiration: 12/25/07 Christmas Day  
The true light which darkness cannot overcome has come into the world.

Readings for Christmas Day – 12/25/07 – Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18

Songs for Christmas - 12/25/07 – Gathering Hymn: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" #207; Communion Song: "The First Noel" #228; "What Child is This?" #231; Closing Song: "Joy to the World" #208

Readings for Next Week – 12/30/07 – Search 3:2-6, 12-14; Colossians 3:12-21; Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

Songs for Next Week – Gathering Hymn: "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" #211; Communion Song: "Away in a Manger" #212 "What Child is This?" #231; Closing Song: "Angels, We have Heard on High" #210

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**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.

**CHURCH CLEANERS FOR ST. BENEDICT'S**

We are in need of some additional people to help clean 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.

**USHERS**

We are looking for men or women who attend the 11:15A.M. Mass at Our Lady of the Snows Church to become ushers. If you are interested or need further information, please speak to one of the priests or call Carol at the Parish Center.

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
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<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 Sunday January 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm** in The Gathering Room. For more information call Nettie at 586-1741. .  
**Bereavement Support for Parents: Please call Sue Brier at 586-2162.**

**CONVERSATION CORNER**

The Scriptures often speak of signs from God and it is easy to think such things are just tales from a bygone era. But God continues to send us signs everyday. The problem is that we have forgotten how to spot them. We are so busy with our own thoughts and plans we don't even think about God's plans. From the golden rays of the morning sun promising in a new day to the gentle colors of the sunset blessing the day and calling us to rest, there are signs for those who see. Look for the signs and pray for the grace to see and understand.

**FOR BETTER FOR WORSE**

Greet each other with a smile at the day's beginning, and end the day with a kiss. These little gestures will add intimacy to your relationship.

**MOTHERS GROUP**

The Mother's group will meet on the **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday 10:00-11:30am beginning in January at the home of Annie James.** . All mothers are welcome to join us for a morning of socializing, faith sharing, For more information or for directions 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.**

**LAZARUS MINISTRY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!**

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 use volunteers to help with the cooking, setting up of the tables, serving the meal, and cleaning up afterwards. 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

**CLUSTER LEADERS AND PARENTS: PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENT IS THIRTY (30) HOURS OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PER YEAR.**

Cluster Leaders please make sure you make up cancelled sessions, and parents please take your child's attendance seriously in our religious education program.

### WINTER WEATHER CANCELLATION PROCEDURE FOR SUNDAY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

During inclement weather on Sunday mornings, please check our website at [www.OLSSB.com](http://www.OLSSB.com) or call the rectory at 586-1741 and press #5 on the menu for the holiday schedule.

Announcements will be made by 8:30am in case of class cancellation.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

No class the week of Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>-January 6<sup>th</sup>.  
Classes resumes the week of January 13, 2008.

### CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Please submit your confirmation name and sponsor's name if you have not already done so. Also sponsors need a sponsor card from their parish (not if they are a member of Our Lady of the Snows/Church of St. Benedict). This information is due to later than January 31<sup>st</sup>.

### CONFIRMATION RETREATS:

Confirmation candidates **MUST** attend **one** of the following retreats.

**February 2<sup>nd</sup> (For students last names beginning A-K)**

**or February 23<sup>rd</sup> (students last names beginning L-Z)**

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR. MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW.

### CONFIRMATION SERVICE HOURS

**30 HOURS TOTAL (15 Parish-15 community)**  
**All service projects and hours must be submitted by March 27, 2008.**

Please call Nettie at the the parish office and submit your name to be called for upcoming parish projects. If you are in need of hours.

1. Call Steve Wallo for future parish and community service projects at 586-1741 or check a Youth Ministry Corner in Bulletin
  2. Waverly Elementary PTA can use help 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm at the school. Call Mary at 575-1691 for more information.
  3. Call Patty Rowland @ 587-5572 or Mary Jo Loboda @ 563-0912 for collection of items needed for Haiti Project.
  4. Rake leaves for your neighbors.
  5. St. Francis Soup Kitchen call 342-5556
  6. Cleaning of the Church call Carol at 586-1741
  7. Do light housekeeping for an elderly relative or friend.
  8. Volunteer to walk a neighbor's dog after school or on weekends.
  9. Volunteer your time babysitting so a parent can Christmas shop, or do other Christmas preparations, baking, wrapping etc.
  10. Tutor a younger student or peer in an subject/area in which you excel. (DO NOT DO THEIR HOMEWORK-HELP THEM UNDERSTAND HOW TO DO THEIR HOMEWORK)
- Give some basketball lessons, help a friend in your dance class with their routine, help a friend practice piano, violin, etc.

### YOUTH MINISTRY CORNER

#### Youth Ministry Corner

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. **Team meetings are Sunday from 1:00PM until 2:00PM.** Please call ahead if you're a new student who wishes to join.

**Scheduled Events for 2007-2008**

January TBA ..... Bus to Nowhere  
 February 2<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> ..... 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Retreats  
 February 28<sup>th</sup> – March 2<sup>nd</sup> ... Vermont Ski Weekend  
 March 14<sup>th</sup> ..... Living Way of the Cross  
 June 14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> ..... Relay for Life  
 June 18<sup>th</sup> ..... Light the Fire Youth Rally  
 June 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> ..... Vacation Bible School  
 June 29<sup>th</sup> – July 5<sup>th</sup> ..... West Virginia Mission Trip  
 July 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> ..... Franciscan Youth Conference

**OLS Luminary Sale**

The Our Lady of the Snows Youth Ministry will be selling Luminary Kits for this Christmas. They will be available for purchase after all masses on December 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Kits can also be purchased at any time through the Church office at 586-1741. We have limited quantities available and this sale is being advertised to the entire Abington Community. Get yours now! **Each Kit contains 12 white bags, 12 TEN hour votive candles, and 5 lbs of sand. The cost for one Kit is \$7.00 or two Kits for \$12.00.**



All money goes toward supporting the Youth Ministry Summer Mission Trip to West Virginia and also towards the Franciscan University Summer Youth Conference. Thank you for your support!

**ShoeBox Project**

A special thanks to one of our 8<sup>th</sup> grade cluster groups for taking on an important project for the area. Each year St. Francis Soup Kitchen assembles care packages for the local needy that come through in the Christmas Season. They held a drive at Abington Middle School in order to collect deodorant. Thanks again!



Order of photo: Casey Tarabek, Karen Kreulen, Morgan McKeon, Jenn Kreulen, Liz Archibald, Donna Archibald

**2008 Vermont Ski Weekend Trip**

February 28<sup>th</sup> through March 4<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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. **Forms are available for download under the Youth section of OLSSB.com**

**High School Religious Ed Program**

This program is open to all High School students in the Abington Heights School District. PA's Time Release Law allows students to be released from school for up to 33 hours a year for Religious Education experiences.

Students who sign up for the program have the choice of leaving school for 3 hours on a scheduled date once a month and are bused to Fatima Center for the program. Lunch is provided. **If you did not get one and would like to sign up for this program, forms are available online at OLSSB.com under the Youth section. If you'd like a paper copy, you can call the Parish Office.**

**N'ap Danse Ansanm**

Thanks to everyone who, donated, participated, and helped out in any way with our annual Haiti Dance a Thon. This year we had 65 participants and raised **\$3,100** for the Hands Together Charity. This money goes right to the children who need it in the form of hospitals, schools, and meals. Thanks again.

### Odds and Ends

- **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 [WalloInc@aol.com](mailto:WalloInc@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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