

**THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**October 28, 2007**

*"...for whoever exalts himself  
will be humbled,  
and the one who humbles himself  
will be exalted."  
-- Luke 18: 14 --*

**WELCOME, LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR!**

We are happy to welcome the Little Sisters of the Poor from Holy Family Residence in Scranton to our parish this weekend. This is their annual visit during which they ask for our prayers for their very special work and also for any financial support we can give. They and their helpers will be at the entrances of the church at the conclusion of each Mass. Please assure them of your prayers and make an offering if you are able. They will be grateful for your prayers and any financial support you can give.

**2007 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL**

The *Diocesan Annual Appeal* supports the Deacons and Retired Clergy of the diocese!

Your gift to the *2007 Annual Appeal* will help support those whose dedication and service to our Diocese have enriched us all.

As of the last report we received from the Appeal Office, **124 pledges or gifts** have received. These pledges and gifts amount to **\$19,105.00**. **Thank you** to those who have already pledged. If you have not yet pledged, please consider doing so. Your help will be appreciated very much and will help to accomplish much good. (Our parish **goal** is **\$103,300.00**.)

**ALL SAINTS' DAY: A HOLYDAY**

**Thursday** of this week, **November 1**, is **All Saints' Day**, a **holyday of obligation**. Our **Mass schedule** for the holyday is as follows:

**Wednesday, October 31:**

**5:00 P.M. Mass at the Church of Saint Benedict**

**Thursday, November 1:**

**7:00 A.M. Mass at Our Lady of the Snows Church**

**12:10 P.M. Mass at Our Lady of the Snows Church**

**7:00 P.M. Mass at Our Lady of the Snows Church**

**ALL SOULS' DAY**

**Friday** of this week, **November 2**, is **All Souls' Day**, the special day each year on which Catholics throughout the world pause to remember all who have died, especially their deceased loved ones. Mass will be celebrated on Friday in Our Lady of the Snows **Church at 7:00 A.M., 12:10 P.M. and 7:00 P.M.** The Mass at 7:00 P.M. will be celebrated for all the members of the parish who have died during the past twelve months. All family members and friends of

parishioners who have died during the past year are encouraged to attend and participate in this special Mass. All parishioners and friends are also invited. There will be a Reception in the Gathering Room immediately following the Mass for all who participate in the Mass. Please join us!

**ALL SOULS' DAY ENVELOPES**

The **All Souls' Day** envelopes in your church envelopes are intended to provide an opportunity for you to list the names of your deceased loved ones and friends to be remembered in all of the Masses celebrated in our parish during the month of November **and** in fifteen Masses celebrated during November especially for those recommended on the All Souls' Day envelopes. If you do not have enough room on the envelope, please include additional names on a separate sheet of paper and place it in the envelope. These envelopes will be placed on the altar during the month of November.

**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.** begins this month 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.

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

If you know someone who might be interested in becoming a priest or someone whom you think would make a great priest, please pray for them and please consider making a suggestion that they consider the priesthood and perhaps talk to a priest about it. You might even offer to go with them, if that would be helpful, when they talk to a priest. Most importantly, continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

Your **Sacrificial Offering** last weekend amounted to **\$13,018.03**. **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.

### STEWARDSHIP/SACRIFICIAL GIVING

**Thank you** for your attention to the request made at all Masses last weekend for your consideration of an increase in your weekly offering. Please remember that all that anyone asks is that we do the best we can. If it is not possible for you to make an increase, please do what you can and that will be very good. If you can see your way clear to make a slight increase (we need four to five cents on the dollar in the weekly offering), please do so. The increase is necessary to make ends meet in the current fiscal year while doing the same things that we have been doing as a parish community. **Thank you for your continuing generosity.** During the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2007, our total collections for the year showed an increase over the previous year. This and some increases in donations and income from fund-raising helped us very much. However, the increases in the total collections were found (and appreciated very much) in Christmas, Easter and the Improvement Fund. The average weekly offerings actually decreased slightly from the previous fiscal year. Hopefully, the Christmas Offering, Easter Offering, and Improvement Fund will continue to increase and our weekly offering will improve at the same time. Between four and five percent would be a tremendous help. **Thank you for whatever you can do!**

### DIOCESE OF SCRANTON PORNOGRAPHY AWARENESS WEEK

"Pornography Awareness Week (PAW) is observed the last week of October each year. PAW was started in the early 1980's by the American Family Association to raise the awareness of the prevalence of pornography throughout our nation and to work toward eliminating its devastating effects on our communities. The silence and apathy of the Christian community must end. Our society has suffered from pornography too much already because of our silence and our unwillingness to get involved in this issue.

Sadly, America has not yet realized how far-reaching the devastation of pornography actually is in our nation and to what extent our sense of right and wrong has been drastically altered. When will we wake up? God only knows. But one thing is known: God has called us to proclaim the truth and raise up a standard of righteousness." For more information call Diocesan Council of Catholic Men, 300 Wyoming Ave., Scranton, PA 18503 at (570) 207-2213.

### WHITE RIBBON CAMPAIGN IN OUR PARISH

The **White Ribbon Campaign** will be conducted during the week of October 28 thru November 4. The White Ribbon is a symbol of our aversion to pornography. The sponsors are The Diocesan Council

of Catholic Men, the Knights of Columbus and our parish Men's Club. **White ribbons** will be passed out by volunteers after all parish Masses on the **weekend of October 27 and October 28**. Please tie the ribbon to the antenna of your car or some other place for the following week. **DON'T BE SILENT – PARTICIPATE.**

### BAPTISM CLASS FOR PARENTS

The next **Baptism Class for parents** will be on **Sunday evening, November 18, 2007, 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

ETHAN STEVEN FLIEGER, son of Joshua and Heather Olechna Flieger and GRAYCIE LOREN LEE, daughter of Timothy and Danielle Ascani Lee 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.

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday		
7:00 A.M.	Alice/John Palickar	Daughter
12:10 P.M.	James Quinn	Family
Tuesday		
7:00 A.M.	Special Intention	Peter Esagro/Family
12:10 P.M.	Michael Sennfelder	Kelly Moran
Wednesday		
7:00 A.M.	Pete Adams	Ann Rought/Michael Riecke
		Tommy/Kenny/Jeanette
12:10 P.M.	Faye Ferro	Bill/Barbara Roehl
5:00 P.M.	For all the members of the parish	
Thursday		
7:00 A.M.	Ann Marie Tomczyk	M/M Michael O'Neill
12:10 P.M.	M/M William Lydon	Family
7:00 P.M.	Robert Preate	Family
Friday		
7:00 A.M.	Harriet Carroll	Becky/Jerry Swift
12:10 P.M.	Robert Gallagher	Friday Morning Co.
7:00 P.M.	All Souls' Day Mass (for all members of the parish who died during past twelve months)	
Saturday		
4:00 P.M.	Layton Rosencrance/Theresa Rosencrance	Family Wangrycht
5:00 P.M.	All Souls' Day Intentions	
6:30 P.M.	Katie Wade-Toote	Glidewell Family
Sunday		
7:00 A.M.	For all the members of the parish	
8:00 A.M.	All Souls' Day Intentions	

9:30 A.M. Catherine Roditski Kreulen Family  
11:00 A.M. James McDonnell Margaret Rubino  
11:15 A.M. Millard Yankosky Family  
12:20 P.M. Patricia Rocktashel M/M Jack Blewitt

**A PRAYER PLEASE-** Your prayers are requested for all the sick and deceased members of our parish and community, especially Elizabeth Jennings, Milton Ackerman, Leonard Rosipko and Nancy Saxton.

## CALENDAR

### Sunday, October 21, 2007

10:00 A.M. OLS Choir \*\*\*\*

6:00 P.M. Confirmation Parent Meeting \*\*\*\*\*

### Monday, October 29, 2007

7:00 P.M. Parish Pastoral Council at Peckville

### Tuesday, October 30, 2007

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

7:00 P.M. Bible Study \*\*\*\*\*

### Wednesday, October 31, 2007

1:00 P.M. Bible Study \*

4:00 P.M. Wednesday Afternoon Choir \*\*

### Thursday, November 1, 2007

7:00 P.M. OLS Choir

### Friday, November 2, 2007

10:00 A.M. Friday Morning Company \*

7:00 P.M. All Souls' Day Mass & Reception \*\*

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

## OCTOBER: RESPECT LIFE MONTH

October, as Respect Life Month, is dedicated to focusing our attention the value and dignity of all human life: from the moment of conception until natural death. Every human life is valuable and important and special in God's eyes. As God's ambassadors, through Faith and Baptism, our attitude toward the life of every human being should match God's attitude toward the life of every human being. Let us prayerfully consider our attitudes and our words and actions in regard to human life to see if growth is needed on our part. Let us pray that our attitude of respect will be a clear witness that will spread respect to all we meet.

## 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.

## 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 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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.

## 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 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.

## 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, October 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. We are working on Christmas Music for the 6:00 P.M. Mass on Christmas Eve. Call Jennie for information

Church of St. Benedict Contemporary Group rehearsals begins Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. before the 11:00 A.M. Mass. Call Jennie for information.

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

## OUR LADY OF PEACE SCHOOL

### Wednesday October 31, 2007

Race for Education

Halloween Parade K-3

11:45 A.M. Act 80 Day Student Dismissal

## COMMUNITY NEWS

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

## 2008 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS HAVE ARRIVED!!!

This book contains hundreds of 50% off and two-for-one discounts on fine and family dining, fast food and dry

cleaning, hotels and more. \$5.00 supermarket coupons as well as discounted movie tickets are also included. The book is an excellent birthday, anniversary or Christmas gift. Cost is \$25.00. Call 586-1741 or stop by the parish center to pick up the book. This year the profits will benefit the Youth for a new Van.

**ATTENTION POPCORN LOVERS!** Our Lady of the Snows Cub Scout Pack 201 will be selling popcorn after all masses during the month of October. Please stop by the table and see the delicious treats for sale.

**THE ABINGTON HEIGHTS MARCHING BAND** will conduct their annual citrus Sale from now until Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>. Florida fresh oranges and grapefruits will be delivered to your door on the first Saturday in December. Members of the marching band will be available to take orders at all Masses on October 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>. To order call Pam Swift at 587-1717 or contact any band member.

**PLEASE HELP JUNIOR GIRL SCOUT TROOP 434** to collect blankets and winter coats for area charities. Please bring your donations to Eagle Cleaners (behind Manning's on State St.) or call Amy McKeon at 586-8436 for pick-up.

**HELLO!** The Confraternity of Christian Mothers at St. Joseph's Church, Wyoming is holding a Craft and Vendor Fair on Saturday, November 3, from 11:00 - 4:00 in the Church Hall. There will be a Chinese Auction and bake sale as well. Admission is free. If you have any questions please contact Melissa Yarmey @ 885-0160 or Norene Kubasko, church secretary @ 693-0510.

**LASALLE ACADEMY PASTA DINNER** will be held Saturday, November 3, 2007 from 4:00 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Madonna Hall 9basement of St. James's Church) (Church St., Jessup). Dine In or Take out. Tickets are \$8.00. Tickets are available through students or at the Main Campus 489-2010 and Primary Campus 489-0061. All tickets should be purchased in advance.

### 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.**

### \*\*\*\*\* 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.

### BULLETIN BRIEFS

The volume of abortions underscores the social nature of the problem, and makes abortion one of the most serious social justice issues of all time.

Thomas D. Williams, L.C., "Abortion and Catholic Social Teaching," Respect Life Program (2007)

### LITURGY COMMITTEE NOTES

#### Did you know?

This week the Church celebrates two of the most profound liturgical celebrations in our liturgical year: the Solemnity of All Saints and the Commemoration of all the faithful departed (All Souls) which we spoke of last week. In these two days we proclaim the great mystery of our faith that points us to the heavenly banquet of the Lamb. Over the course of these days, we look to the end of time when all who have been marked with the sign of faith will, we pray, one day join the great host of saints in heaven, eternally gathered around the slain and risen Lamb, singing our hymn of praise and thanks forever.

The solemnity of All Saints (a holy day of obligation) honors all those who, we believe, are in the eternal presence of God. It commemorates all those who, in some way, mirrored the Paschal Mystery of Christ in their lives of faith. These are God's holy and faithful ones who lived their faith in profound ways. Some were great leaders, holy ministers of the Lord, married men and women, and still others were single who lived Christ's Gospel in an exemplary way. All of them were examples to us of how we should live our faith.

(Written by Steve LaRue; Sourcebook, 2007)

Weekly Inspiration: 10/28/07 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Pray with a humble and contrite heart.

Readings for Next Week – 11/04/07: Wisdom 11:22-12:2,  
2Thessalonians 1:11-2:2, Luke 19:1-10

### 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*. The next Virtus Program in our area is on **Tuesday, October 30, 2007 at 6:30Pm at St. Catherine of Siena, Moscow, PA.** Please call Carol to register.

### 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.

**MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

We are in need of some additional Ministers of Holy Communion for all Masses. We will be having a two-session training on **Monday, November 5, 2007 and Monday, November 12, 2007 at 7:00P.M.** (Please note change of date.) 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.

**PARISH NURSE PROGRAM OF INTEREST**

The Health Ministry Program of Trinity Lutheran will present a program on Death and Dying with Hospice on Tuesday, November 13, 2007 @ Trinity Lutheran Church, 205 W. Grove Street, Clarks Summit. The speaker is the Rev. Art Harshman. For further information please call 587-1088.

**ALL SOULS’ DAY**

On November 2, 2007 we will be celebrating All Souls’ Day with a special Mass at 7:00 P.M. for the families and friends of all those who have passed away this year. Please join us at Our Lady of the Snows Church for Mass and light refreshments afterwards in the Gathering Room.

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
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<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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**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

The next bereavement session will be on **Wednesday Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am** in the large conference room of the parish center. For more information call Nettie at 586-1741. Also on **Sunday Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm** in The Gathering Room.

**Bereavement Support for Parents: Please call Sue Brier at 586-2162.**

**UPCOMING BEREAVEMENT SESSIONS IN OUR LOCAL AREA:**

**WE ARE NOT ALONE**

**October 26-28, 2007** Presented by Br. Andre Mathieu, C.P. at **St. Gabriel’s Retreat Center**, 631 Griffin Pond Road, Clarks Summit to register please call 586-4957 Suggested fee for the weekend is \$90.00 per person. Retreat beings Friday Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm.

**SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS**

**Surviving the Holidays** sponsored by VNA Hospice **Thursday Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm First Presbyterian Church**, 300 School Street, Clarks Summit. The program is free and open to anyone dealing with the loss of a loved one. Please call 586-6306 for more information.

**Sunday December 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm in The Gathering Room** there will also be a presentation on Surviving The Holidays After Loss. Please call Nettie at 586-1741 to make a reservation.

**MENDING A BROKEN HEART**

Workshop given by Dr. Don Strasburger, D.O. Helping those who grieve loss regain inner harmony by NET (NeuroEmotional Technique, an amazingly efficient physical process to help release stuck emotions, harmonizing our thoughts and beliefs. The workshop will be given on **Sunday November 4, 2007** at 2:00pm in The Gathering Room of **Our Lady of the Snows Church**. Please call to reserve your seat 586-1741. This workshop is free of charge.

**Conversation Corner**

We like to think of ourselves as good people. We go to Church, keep the Ten Commandments, pay our bills and try to avoid temptations—unlike “some” people we know. There is the trap! Try as we might, there is always room for improvement and most of us, if we are honest, have some pretty serious faults that need work. Being a Christian is not a contest. We cannot earn nor win a heavenly reward—Christ has already taken care of that for us. Comparing ourselves to others is not just a useless exercise, it puts us in danger of the sin of

pride. God loves each one of us as we are right now with all our virtues and with all our faults. The only measure we should use to gage our progress is the Gospel and the example of Jesus. How are you "measuring up"?

**FOR BETTER FOR WORSE**

How to Create Intimacy

ultimately, a man and woman can't analyze, argue or arrange their way to intimacy. However, if two people learn to understand each other's feelings; if each partner reaches out and embraces the other partner's emotions and concerns; if each genuinely tries to learn the other's language, both verbal and nonverbal; they will have come a long way toward achieving the kind of closeness they both yearn for.

*Steven Naifeh & Gregory White Smith WHY CAN'T MEN OPEN UP?*

**MOTHERS AND TODDLERS GROUP**

Our parish MOTHERS AND TODDLERS GROUP will resume sessions on **Wednesday October 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am** in the parish center.

We will continue meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and the 4<sup>th</sup> 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**

**PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**FIRST PENANCE PARENT MEETING #2**

For all parents of children receiving First Eucharist this year. Parents are asked to attend one of the following meeting dates Sunday **November 11<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday November 14<sup>th</sup>**. Sunday meeting will be at 6:00pm and Monday evening will be at 7:00pm in the Gathering Room.

**CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING**

A meeting for parents of children receiving Confirmation this Spring will be **Wednesday Oct 24<sup>th</sup> and Sunday Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>**. Wednesday's meeting will begin at 7:00pm and Sunday's meeting will begin at 6:00 pm in the Gathering Room. Parents and (sponsors (if available) are asked to attend either Wednesday or Sunday meeting.

**CONFIRMATION SERVICE HOURS**

**30 HOURS TOTAL (15 Parish-15 community)**

**All service projects and hours must be submitted by March 27, 2008.**

**Please call Steve Wallo for future parish and community service projects at 587-1741 or check a Youth Ministry Corner in Bulletin**

**CLUSTER LEADERS:**

**CLASS ROSTERS ARE DUE IN THE PARISH OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IF YOU HAVE ANY TEACHER MANUALS PLEASE RETURN THEM TO THE PARISH CENTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. (That includes older Share the Joy Manuals)**

**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**

November 7<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> ..... NCYC in Columbus, OH  
November 17<sup>th</sup> .....Fan the Fire in York, PA  
November TBA ..... Bus to Nowhere  
December 14<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> .....7<sup>th</sup> Annual N'ap Danse Ansanm

December 15<sup>th</sup> .....18<sup>th</sup> Annual Shoebox Project  
 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 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> .....Relay for Life  
 June 18<sup>th</sup> .....Light the Fire Youth Rally  
 June 22<sup>nd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> .....West Virginia Mission Trip  
 July 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> .....Franciscan Youth Conference

**Fan the Fire Youth Rally**

Fan the Fire is a one day event designed to reach out to teens and help them to either deepen their relationship with Christ or discover it for the first time. The day consist of a dynamic host, high quality music, talented local, regional and national Catholic youth speakers, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, confessions, contemporary Mass, concert, dinner and more.



**Who:** 8<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade students  
**When:** Saturday November 17<sup>th</sup>  
**Where:** St. Joseph's in York, PA  
**Cost:** \$25.00 due by Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>

[www.FantheFirerally.com](http://www.FantheFirerally.com)

**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

**High School Religious Ed Program**

Ok so you've finally finished all of your Children's Religious Ed programs, you've gone through Confirmation, so why should you sign up voluntarily for

any more? All I can tell you is that this is where you can get honest answers about your faith. Each month we discuss a unique topic pertaining to faith, current events, or how we can live our lives to the fullest through God's gifts. Every event features a special guest speaker who will do their best to talk about some aspect of who we are and answer your questions. Please join us for another year of interesting guest speakers and open discussion about our faith.

**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 will be taken out of school for 3 hours once a month and bused to Fatima Center for the program. Lunch is provided. Sign up forms went out to all students this week. **If you did not get one and would like to sign up for this program, forms are available online at [OLSSB.com](http://OLSSB.com) under the Youth section. If you'd like a paper copy, you can call the Parish Office.**

**Odds and Ends**

- **NCYC in Columbus OH – November 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**Attending this year are:**

<b>A.J. Fischbach</b>	<b>Nina Travato</b>
<b>Adam Dec</b>	<b>Casey Phillips</b>
<b>Patrick Fricchione</b>	<b>Megan</b>
<b>Williamson</b>	
<b>Jack Hambrose</b>	<b>Colleen Kuzma</b>

- **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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