

*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  
5:00 PM - 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**

3:00 PM - CHURCH OF ST BENEDICT  
6:00 PM - CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS



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## *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 Zakaruskas
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.



## 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

### 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 F 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

**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**The Eighth Day of Easter**  
**April 11, 2010**

*"Now Jesus did many other signs  
in the presence of his disciples  
that are not written in this book.  
But these are written  
that you may come to believe  
that Jesus is the Christ,  
the Son of God,  
and that through this belief  
you may have life in his name."  
-- John 20: 30-31 --*

**THE OCTAVE OF EASTER**

**Today** marks the **eighth day**, the **Octave of Easter**. Easter is so great a feast, celebrating so great a belief, the belief that Jesus has been raised from the dead and lives, that we do not celebrate it in one day. Instead we extend the celebration for a much longer period, for fifty days. The first eight days, the Octave of Easter, are considered as one day in the liturgy. After that the Easter Season continues until **Pentecost**, the **fiftieth day of Easter**. This year, **Pentecost will be celebrated on Sunday, May 23, 2010**. This continuing celebration is intended to help us to appreciate more this great Mystery of our Faith and to allow it to have an ever greater impact on the way we live our lives.

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

In observance of our **One Hundredth Year** of **parish life**, we are sponsoring a **Centennial Celebration Breakfast Buffet** next **Sunday, April 18, 2010**, at the **Ramada Plaza Hotel** in **Clarks Summit** with breakfast being served **from 9:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M.** Please make plans to attend and share breakfast with other members of our parish community. The cost is **\$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children under 12** and there is **no charge for children under 5**. Tickets are purchased at the door, but you are asked to call the parish office during the week, to make a reservation. **Please join us next Sunday some time between 9:00 A.M. and 1:00 P.M.** for the **Centennial Celebration Breakfast Buffet!**

We have begun a **Memory Wall** in the Gathering Room. Please bring in any photos you may have of events occurring at Our Lady of the Snows and place it on our Memory Wall (please print your name and address and phone number on it so that we can return it to you next year).

**THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

On **Monday, April 12**, and on **Wednesday, April 14**, we will welcome **Bishop John Dougherty**, the former Auxiliary Bishop of Scranton, for the celebration of the **Sacrament of Confirmation** in our parish. The celebrations will take place on each of those dates at **5:00 P.M.** at the **Church of Saint Benedict**. We thank Bishop Dougherty for being with us on both of these occasions for the Celebration of Confirmation.

**Rehearsal** for those receiving **Confirmation** on **Monday, April 12**, will be held this **Sunday, April 11**, (with **sponsors** or family members representing sponsors) from **7:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M.**

**Rehearsal** for those receiving **Confirmation** on **Wednesday, April 14**, will be held on **Tuesday, April 13**, (with **sponsors** or family members representing sponsors) from **7:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M.**

**Please pray each day for our young people who are completing their preparation for Confirmation.**

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

Your **Sacrificial Offering** for the weekend of **March 27-28** amounted to **\$16,121.85**. Thank you for your generosity.

To date, your **Sacrificial Offering** for **Easter** amounts to **\$35,551.57**. Thank you for your generosity. We will continue to report on the Easter Collection as long as we receive offerings. Thank you again!

Thank you for your ongoing and very generous **Sacrificial Giving**. Thank you for your generosity to your parish!

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

Monday

7:00 A.M. Marian Naso Joanne Catalano  
12:10 P.M. Angeline Calomino M/M Thomas Parfrey

Tuesday

7:00 A.M. Kate Frye Jack/Noreen Blewitt  
12:10 P.M. Robert Nole Wife

Wednesday

12:10 P.M. John Morano Dan/Karen Brier/Family  
7:00 A.M. Anne Culklin Brown Gretchen Eagen

Thursday

7:00 A.M. Lance Corby Ann/Tom/ Kenny  
Tommy Rought  
12:10 P.M. Dolores Picca Bob/Nettie Goldate/  
Family

Friday

7:00 A.M. Chester Batrone John Wilk/Family  
12:10 P.M. Angela Verbickas Friday Morning Company

Saturday

4:00 P.M. Margaret Roche Pivovarnick Family  
5:00 P.M. Mary Markowski Rita/Arlene  
6:30 P.M. Elsie Parlanti Frank DeRiggi

Sunday

7:00 A.M. For all members of the parish  
8:00 A.M. Gaetano Toraldo Lukasiwicz Family  
9:30 A.M. Catherine Devine Leonard/Ellen Burke/  
Family  
11:00 A.M. Frances Kenia Carolyn Nowakowski/  
Family  
11:15 A.M. Bill McDonald June/Brian Burns  
12:20 P.M. Gerard Walsh Jack/Bill/Dolores  
Floyd

**A PRAYER PLEASE-** Your prayers are requested for all the sick and deceased members of our parish, especially Helen Brown, Christina Trento, Mark Jenkins and Frank Sylvester.

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

**Divine Mercy Sunday** will be observed today, **April 11**, in **Our Lady of the Snows Church** from **3:00 to 4:00 P.M.** There will be the **Sacrament of Reconciliation, Adoration** and the **Chaplet of Divine Mercy** followed by **Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.** Come and avail yourselves of Jesus' infinite Mercy.

### \$10,000 D.E.B.T. REDUCTION RAFFLE YOUR HELP IS NEEDED VERY MUCH!!

If you have not yet purchased a **Raffle Ticket** in our **D.E.B.T. Reduction Raffle**, please consider purchasing one. **There is not much time remaining.** The **Drawing** will take place on **Tuesday** of this week, **April 13**, at **3:00 P.M.** A maximum of **500 tickets** will be sold. There will be **four prizes: \$5,000, \$3,000, and two (2) \$1,000 prizes.** To date, **308 Raffle Tickets** have been sold. **Thank you** to those who have already purchased a ticket. The proceeds of this Raffle are used to reduce the parish debt incurred by **the renovations** to Our Lady of the Snows Church in 2001 and 2002. The more tickets we sell, the greater the amount we will be able to pay on the debt. The remaining debt amounts to **\$66,700.00** on a project that cost **\$770,000.00.** **Please** consider purchasing a Raffle Ticket. If you cannot afford a ticket by yourself, please consider **joining with one or two or more other people** to share the cost of the Ticket and then dividing the prize among all who purchased the ticket. Remember that the cause is good – reduction parish debt; the prizes are good - **\$5,000; \$3,000 and two \$1,000 prizes;** and the odds are good – no more than **500 tickets** will be sold.

**Thank you for whatever you can do!**

### K of C BINGO

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** (K of C) will be sponsoring a **BINGO night** on **Friday, April 16, 2010** at **7:00 P.M.** at the **Our Lady of the Snows Parish Gathering Room.** For more information, please call Christopher Kane at 587-1390. Please make plans to attend.

### FATIMA VOCATIONS RETREAT FOR MEN CONSIDERING THE PRIESTHOOD

**FRIDAY, APRIL 30, TO SUNDAY, MAY 2, AT FATIMA RENEWAL CENTER IN DALTON, PA.**

The Retreat will offer men of all ages an informal weekend of prayer, reflection and conversation to help participants discern whether God is calling them to His priesthood.

The Retreat begins at **6:00 P.M. Friday evening** and will conclude on **Sunday** with a **Pontifical Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral** with the newly installed **Bishop Joseph C. Bambera** as principal celebrant. He will host a luncheon for the participants following the Mass.

**Father Paul Fontanella**, Pastor of Saint Ann's Church, Williamsport, will lead the retreat. There is no cost.

Those interested in attending should contact the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Scranton at 570-207-2216x1013 or email [vocations@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:vocations@dioceseofscranton.org).

### CALENDAR

#### Sunday, April 11, 2010

11:15 A.M. OLS Choir \*\*

**3:00 P.M. Divine Mercy Observance**

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

7:00 P.M. Confirmation Rehearsal with Sponsors \*\*\*\*

#### Monday, April 12, 2010

**5:00 P.M. Confirmation \*\*\*\***

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

#### Tuesday, April 13, 2010

9:00 A.M. Bible Class \*

**3:00 P.M. D.E.B.T. Reduction Drawing**

7:00 P.M. Bible Class \*

7:00 P.M. Confirmation Rehearsal with Sponsors \*\*\*\*

#### Wednesday, April 14, 2010

1:00 P.M. Bible Class \*

**5:00 P.M. Confirmation \*\*\*\***

#### Thursday, April 15, 2010

7:00 P.M. Youth Group Meeting \*

#### Friday, April 16, 2010

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

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

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

### THE MANHATTAN DECLARATION

On November 20, 2009, a group of prominent Christian clergy, ministry leaders and scholars released the **Manhattan Declaration** at a press conference in Washington, D.C. These religious leaders were **Catholics, Evangelical Protestants and Eastern Orthodox Christians.** The 4,700 word declaration speaks in defense of the sanctity of life, traditional marriage and religious liberty. At the suggestion of members of our parish, we are listing an **email address** which will allow you to read this **Manhattan Declaration** and have an opportunity to sign it if you should desire to do so. The email address is [www.manhattandeclaration.com](http://www.manhattandeclaration.com).

### LITURGY COMMITTEE NOTES

#### Do you know about Divine Mercy Sunday?

In the 1930s, Sister Maria Faustina Kowalska was a young nun in the community of Our Lady of Mercy in Krakow, Poland. She was not educated and had very humble duties, but she received two messages from Christ in which he told her of his Father's immense mercy and love for humanity and urged her to share this message with others. (*At Home with the Word 2010*) The title Divine Mercy was given to this Sunday by Pope John Paul II in 2000 when he canonized Sister Faustina Kowalska. In a homily he had prepared for the Second Sunday of Easter just before his death which was presented posthumously, the Pope said, "To humanity, which at times seems to be lost and dominated by the power of evil, selfishness, and fear, the risen Lord offers the gift of his love that pardons, reconciles and opens the soul to hope. It is love that converts hearts and brings peace . . . . How much the world needs to understand and accept Divine Mercy!" John Paul II understood the Resurrection as a

“miracle of mercy”, which radically changed humanity’s destiny.

Divine Mercy Sunday recognizes the abundant mercy God offered to us through Christ. We are called to act daily with a spirit of mercy toward our neighbors and our enemies, with prayers, words, and deeds.

(Steve LaRue; *The Sourcebook 2010, At Home with the Word 2010*).

Weekly Inspiration: 4/11/10 **2<sup>ND</sup> Easter Sunday / Divine Mercy Sunday:** Open your heart and profess your deep faith in Christ: “My Lord and my God!”

Readings for Next Week: 4/18/10 Acts 5:12-16; Revelation 1:9a, 12-13, 17-19; John 20:19-31

Music for Next Week: 4/18/10 Opening Hymn; “Join in the Dance” #277 Communion Song: “Gift of Finest Wheat” #499 Closing Song: “Alleluia, Sing to Jesus” #30-

## THE NEIGHBORHOOD PARISH PROGRAM

### What is a Neighborhood Parish?

The needs of Our Lady of the Snows/Church of St. Benedict Parish were clearly identified during an Episcopal Visitation in 1993, in a Survey conducted through the Pastoral Council in 1997, and in the survey conducted through the *Called to Holiness and Mission* in 2007. The three main needs are: 1) There is a **need for an experience of community** which is very difficult for many people because of the large size of the parish; 2) There is a **need to welcome new people**; and 3) There is a **need to outreach to all parishioners and invite them into the life of the parish**. Although we have addressed these concerns in various ways over the past 17 years, these needs remain valid and real. For example, we still **average approximately 100 new families a year moving into our parish**. Because these needs are ongoing, the Pastoral Council initiated a project in 2004 called Neighborhood Parishes (NPs).

Neighborhood Parishes are a group of 10-15 families who live in a natural geographic neighborhood. The areas were defined by looking at local maps, by driving through the area and discussing the area with parishioners. We attempt to have the Neighborhood Parishes as closely linked as we possibly can. Each Neighborhood Parish has a couple or two persons who are the Neighborhood Parish Representatives (NPRs). They have an important but very easy position to fulfill. There are now over 70 Neighborhood Parishes, and we continue to identify more. If anyone would like more information or is interested in becoming a Neighborhood Parish Representative, please call Carol at the Parish Office.

### JAMAICA MINISTRY

**The committee is planning on sending interested parishioners to Jamaica from August 9, 2010 to August 13, 2010.** We will be on a fact finding trip to meet with representatives of the parishes, clinics and schools so we can then send more people to build relationships with our Jamaican sisters and brothers. We will also be doing some repair work at the Retreat House where we will be staying. We are in need of adults with carpentry and painting skills to help with the repair work. If you are interested in being a part of this team, please contact Carol Salva at the Parish center at 586-1741.

**MEDICAL AND DENTAL PROFESSIONALS:** You are needed to assist Dr. Carol Narcevic at her clinics. Call Dr.

Dennis Dawgert at 587-5437 for information about volunteer opportunities.

**PENNY POWER:** Thank you to all who have generously placed their change or cash in our Penny Power jugs. We have sent \$200.00 to the Stony Hill four missions and three schools. **For the next three months we will be sending half of the Penny Power to Haiti and half to the Passionists in Jamaica.** Please place your change in the Penny Power jugs at each church for these people.

### 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.

Kieth Kempinski ASGA

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

Unit #6260

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### VIRTUS PROGRAM

#### For Those Who Need to Attend a Virtus Program

The Virtus Program is a mandatory three-hour training session for all adult volunteers who work with children throughout the Diocese of Scranton. All volunteers who work 20 hours or more with children **MUST** have the one time Virtus Training. Please check the Diocesan website for future training sessions at [www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org), then click on Departments and Resources, and then click on Virtus: Protecting God’s Children.

### FRIDAY MORNING COMPANY

Do you believe in the power of prayer? Do you feel that we need prayers, now more than ever? Then join us on **Friday mornings in the Parish Center from 10:00 AM until 11:45 AM.** We begin with Morning Prayer, and then pray for individual and global intention. We have a 15 minute social, followed by prayer and discussion of the Sunday Scriptures. We welcome all our parishioners and friends from neighboring Churches, whether young, young at heart, or somewhere in between. For more information, please call Carol at the Parish Center.

### 100<sup>th</sup> YEAR CELEBRATION HELP NEEDED

We would like to issue an open invitation to any parishioner interested in serving on a committee to help with the 100<sup>th</sup> year celebration festivities. Any parishioner interested in volunteering is invited to attend. If you are unable to attend and are interested please contact Phyllis Ruzbarsky at 586-2119. Thank you for your support.

### ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING FOR BOYS OR GIRLS

We are in need of additional altar servers for Sunday masses and will be having training in the near future. Any boy or girl who is finishing the third grade or older is eligible. Trainings will be held on **Wednesday, April 28, and May 4, 2010 at 4:00 P.M in Our Lady of the Snows Church.** If you are interested or have any questions, please ask any of the priests or call the Carol at the rectory to register. .

### USHERS (MEN OR WOMEN) NEEDED

We are in need of men or women who would consider being an usher **at the 7:00A.M. and 11:15A.M. Masses.** This is an easy task that we will train you for. For further information, please call Carol at the Parish Center.

### FOOD PANTRY

The Saint Thomas Food pantry in Archbald is available for qualifying residents in the zip code 18411. The Pantry is open on Tuesdays from 10 AM to 12 Noon and is housed at the St. Thomas Aquinas Rectory located on 429 Church Street in Archbald. Please contact the Bread Basket of NEPA for qualification requirements at 343-2324.

#### **PARISH NURSE PROGRAM**

The Commonwealth Medical College is actively recruiting volunteers for their first clinical trial known as the EAGeR Study. They need to get the word out to women between the ages of 18 and 40 who have experienced a pregnancy loss and want to become pregnant again. For further information please call 570-504-9683 or visit their website at: <http://www.thecommonwealthmedical.com/oth/Page.asp?Pa gelID=OTH000224>.

#### **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 April 11, 2010 from 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M.**

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

#### **LIFELINES – BULLETIN BRIEFS**

The Church offers the world a positive and inspiring vision of human life, the beauty of marriage and the joy of parenthood. It is rooted in God's infinite, transforming and ennobling love for all of us, which opens our eyes to recognize and love his image in our neighbor,...Be sure to present this teaching in such a way that it is recognized for the message of hope that it is. All too often the Church's doctrine is perceived as a series of prohibitions and retrograde positions, whereas the reality, as we know, is that it is creative and life-giving, and it is directed towards the fullest possible realization of the great potential for good and for happiness that God has implanted within every one of us.

Pope Benedict XVI, Ad Limina Address to the Bishops of Scotland (February 5, 2010)

#### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

**ONE STOP DONATION DROP** will be held on April 17<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 A.M. to 2 P.M. at the CS Untied Methodist Church, Morgan Hwy. and the University of Scranton – Rain or Shine. For more information or to volunteer for this unique event contact [info@donationdrop.org](mailto:info@donationdrop.org).

**CLARKS SUMMIT UNITED METHODIST** will host Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, April 16 from 12-6 p.m. Be sure to note starting time.

**A DAY OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION** will be held at Saint Ann's Basilica, Scranton Monday, April 12, 2010. The theme for the day will be "Mr. Mystagogia" and will be held from 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. The day will include a Conference, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Liturgy, Quiet Time, Lunch and Fellowship. Suggested Donation \$10.00. For more information or to register, please call Sr, Gertrude @ 383-2763.

**APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT AUCTION...** specialty Coffee and Tea and Fantastic Desserts on April 17<sup>th</sup> at the Clarks Green U.M. Church, 119 Glenburn Rd., Clarks Summit at 7:00 p.m. For more information or tickets please call 563-8594 or 586-9447.

**AMERICAN RED CROSS** will hold its 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Dinner Auction on Saturday, April 24, 2010. For more information please call (570) 207-0109 or [www.neparc.org](http://www.neparc.org).

**THE SCRANTON DIOCESAN COUNCIL** of Catholic Women will be holding a Communion Brunch on Sunday April 18, 2010. All women are invited to attend the 10:00 A.M. mass at St. Peter's Cathedral celebrated by Bishop Timlin. A brunch will follow at St. Mary's Center. The fee for the brunch is \$15.00. Reservations and payment must be made by April 10<sup>th</sup> to: SDCCW c/o Helen Oravec, 814 Theresa St.,Peckville, PA 18452. If further information is required please call Nancy Addley at 876-1338.

**TOUR OF POLAND AND SLOVAKIA...** A 10 day trip to Poland and Slovakia in the footsteps of SS. Cyril & Methodius is planned for October 4 -13, 2010, leaving from JFK airport in NY. Transportation from cities in PA may be arranged. Some of the sites we will visit are: Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa and the Sanctuary of Divine Mercy in Poland. In Slovakia we will tour the city of Bratislava and the Devin Castle. There will be sightseeing at the Cathedrals and historical sites and entertainment in the following cities: Kosice, Presov, Spa District of Bardejov, Nitra, Trnava, Levoca, Sastin and the Slovak National Literary Museum in Martin. For further information about this trip or to request a brochure of this trip, please contact Sister Carol Marie at the following email address [carolmariesscm@yahoo.com](mailto:carolmariesscm@yahoo.com) or by phone at 717-766-6221.

**THE ABINGTON SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER** is holding its 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Pasta Dinner/Basket Raffle on Sunday, April 25. Serving is from noon till 4:00 p.m. Tickets are \$8.00 – Children 12 & under \$4.00 (Age 3 and under FREE). Tickets are available by calling the Center at 586-8996.

**FAMILY MINISTRY  
BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

The next bereavement session will be **on Sunday April 18<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.**

**GRIEF WORKSHOP**

**"The Healing Pathway"** a four week Grief Workshop: Thursday evenings from 6:00-7:30 pm April 8, 15, 22 and 29<sup>th</sup> at Asera Care Hospice Office, 749 Northern Boulevard, Clarks Summit. Please contact Olympia Cianfichi at 1-800-870-0085 to register or for more information.

**CONVERSATION CORNER**

We hold the Apostles in high esteem and perhaps envy them because they got to see Jesus and talk with him and learn from him. However, it is good to remember that they were flawed human beings, just like us. Even after all they had seen and learned, they were very afraid and unsure about what to do after Jesus died. Still, Jesus did not give up on them. He appeared to them, reassuring them and giving them his peace. Even more surprising, he sent them to spread the gospel to all who would listen.

**MARRIAGE PROGRAMS:**

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

Consider a **Marriage Encounter Weekend** [www.wvme.org](http://www.wvme.org) or a **Retrouvaille Weekend** [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org).

**Men's Cursillo Weekend**

Cursillo is for Catholics who wish to strengthen their spiritual lives. The Cursillo weekend is held separately for men and women. Any person 18 years and over (including priest, deacons, and religious) of the Diocese may attend Cursillo. The weekend consists of spiritual talks, discussion, daily mass, prayer time, and the availability of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The next men's retreat will be April 15-18<sup>th</sup> at St. Gabriel Retreat Center, Clarks Summit. For more information or to register please visit the website at [www.scranton.cursillo.com](http://www.scranton.cursillo.com)

**MOMS AND TOTS GROUP**

Looking for interested participants in a monthly moms/caregivers of toddlers fellowship group. Please call Nettie at the parish office 586-1741 if interested.

**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**

**FIRST COMMUNION ATTIRE**

**BOYS: DARK SUIT, WHITE DRESS SHIRT, DARK, OR WHITE TIE, DRESS SHOES**  
**GIRLS: WHITE/IVORY DRESS, VEIL OR FLOWER HEADPIECE, DRESS SHOES.**

**WE HAVE DONATED NEW AND GENTLY WORN DRESSES AND BOYS SUITS IN THE PARISH OFFICE. ANYONE WISHING TO VIEW WHAT IS AVAILABLE PLEASE CALL NETTIE AT THE PARISH CENTER OR STOP BY THE PARISH OFFICE.**

**PRACTICES FOR FIRST EUCHARIST**

**May 1, 2010**

**Morgan Cluster and Specht/Knoepfel Cluster**  
**(These are the clusters that meet on Sunday Morning at Our Lady of Peace School**  
**Practice: Wed. April 28<sup>th</sup> and Thurs. April 29<sup>th</sup> 6:30-7:30pm Church of St. Benedict**

**May 8, 2010**

**Danoski, Pusateri, and Reiner Cluster**  
**Practices: Wed. May 5<sup>th</sup> and Thursday May 6<sup>th</sup> 6:30-7:30 pm Church of St. Benedict**

**May 15, 2010**

**Donahoe, Horvath/Weiland, LaCoe and Our Lady of Peace School Students**  
**Practice: Wed. May 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday May 13<sup>th</sup> 6:30-7:30 pm Church of St. Benedict**

**PLEASE BRING BANNER TO FIRST PRACTICE**

**FIRST EUCHARIST WILL BE 11:00 AM IN THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT**  
**PLEASE HAVE CHILDREN TO THE CHURCH NO LATER THAN 10:30 AM**  
**VIDEO AND GROUP PHOTO WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.**

## CONFIRMATION

**MONDAY, APRIL 12, & WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14**  
**5:00 PM AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT**  
**CANDIDATES PROCESS IN AT 4:45 PM**  
**CANDIDATES MUST BE AT THE CHURCH NO LATER**  
**THAN 4:15PM**  
**SPONSORS NO LATER THAN 4:30PM**

**ATTIRE: GIRLS ARE ASKED TO WEAR DRESSES OR DRESS SLACKS AND DRESS SHOES UNDER THEIR CONFIRMATION ROBE WITH STOLE**

**BOYS: DRESS SLACKS, DRESS SHIRT AND TIE, DRESS SHOES CONFIRMATION ROBE AND STOLE**  
**CONFIRMATION ROBES WILL BE HANDED OUT AT PRACTICE, ROBES WILL NOT LEAVE THE CHURCH AFTER CONFIRMATION TO BE RETURNED TO LENDER.**

PICTURES SHOULD BE TAKEN WITH ROBE AT HOME OR BEFORE YOU LEAVE THE CHURCH.

### **Confirmation Practices:** **ALL CANDIDATES MUST ATTEND**

For the Monday April 12 Confirmation, practice will be on **Sunday, April 11 (candidates with sponsors) from 7:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.** in the Church of Saint Benedict.

For the Wednesday April 14 Confirmation: practice will be held on **Tuesday, April 13 (candidates with sponsors) from 7:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M.**

### **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 2010**

May 23-29<sup>th</sup> .....College Mission Trip  
June 5-6<sup>th</sup> .....Relay for Life  
June 13<sup>th</sup> .....Steubenville Prep Meeting  
June 21-25<sup>th</sup> .....Vacation Bible School  
June 30-July 1<sup>st</sup> .....Light the Fire Youth Rally  
July 16-18<sup>th</sup> .....Steubenville Conference  
August 6-8<sup>th</sup> .....Summer Bazaar  
August 15-21<sup>st</sup> .....High School Mission Trip

### **Franciscan Youth Conference 2010**

**WHEN:** July 16<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> 2010

**WHAT:** The conference combine awesome talks, incredible music, praise and worship, time for prayer and fellowship, entertainment, and anointed liturgies.

**WHERE:** Steubenville, OH

**WHO:** Students entering grades 9-12 in the Fall of 2009 – OR – be a 2010 High School Graduate.

**COST: \$230** Cost includes: Conference fee, all meals while at the conference, lodging on campus, round trip bus transportation, 3 tee shirts, and orientation and



follow up retreat costs. Fund raising will be done in order to bring down the cost as much as possible. Scholarships are also available for students who want to attend but cannot afford it.

#### **Summer Mission Trips:**

**College Students and Young Adults.** This trip will be from **May 23 - 29, 2010.** There is room for 20 students, total. Cost will be approx \$300.

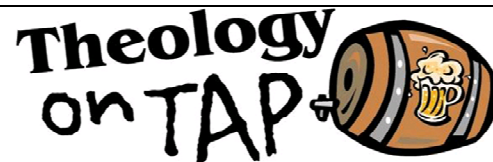


**High School Students** who have just graduated 8<sup>th</sup> grade to students who have just graduated high school. This trip will be **August 15 - 21, 2010.** There is room for 30 students, total. Cost will be approx \$330.

**To register... a \$100 deposit will hold your spot. This is first come, first serve and space is limited.**

#### **Living Way of the Cross:**

Thanks to everyone that came out to support this event once again. We hope it enlightened your Easter Season. Thank you!



"If the Church does not go to the people, the people will not come to the Church."  
Cardinal Van Thuan

**What:** A monthly discussion series for young adults, single, married, 18-40 yrs old.  
**Where:** Armetta's Pizza  
**When:** April 27th 2010  
**Time:** 7PM - 8:30PM  
**Cover:** \$5 includes Pizza and wings