

*The Parish Community of  
Our Lady of the Snows - Church of St. Benedict*



**2010 Holy Week Worship Schedule**

**Wednesday, March 31, 2010**

Confessions 12:45 – 1:45 pm OLS  
7:00 – 8:00 pm OLS

**THE TRIDUUM – THE GREAT THREE DAYS**

**Holy Thursday, April 1, 2010**

Morning Prayer – 8:30 am – St. Gregory's  
Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 pm – CSB



**Good Friday, April 2, 2010**

Morning Prayer – 8:30 am – OLS  
Stations of the Cross – 3:30 OLS  
Commemoration of the Lord's Death – 7:00 pm – CSB

**Holy Saturday, April 3, 2010**

Morning Prayer- 8:30 am – Our Lady of the Abingtons  
Children's Easter Egg Hunt – 1:30 pm – OLS  
Blessing of the Baskets – 2:00 pm – OLS  
The Great Easter Vigil – 8:00 pm - CSB



**Easter Sunday, April 4, 2010**

Masses

7:00 am OLS	8:00 am CSB
8:15 am OLS	9:30 am CSB
9:30 am OLS	11:00 am CSB
11:15 am OLS	12:20 pm CSB



## *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 OF THE SICK:** Please call the Parish Center for visitation of the sick at home, in the hospital, or health care facility.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE:

**Grades Pre-K and Kindergarten**

**Parish Center Basement**

**Sunday, 9:30-10:30 AM**

All other grades have Clusters or Classes on Sundays at Our Lady of Peace School; Clusters are encouraged.

High School – Released Time Program Monthly  
 Call parish office for dates and times

## PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION March 28, 2010

"Blessed is the king who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Peace in heaven  
and glory in the highest."  
-- Luke 19; 38 --

### HOLY WEEK AND THE EASTER TRIDUUM

We begin the holiest week of the year with our observance of **Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**. At the start of this Mass, we recall the solemn entry of the Lord into Jerusalem to begin his paschal mystery, his suffering and death leading to his Resurrection. We recall this entry by the gospel account from Luke's Gospel and by the blessing of palms and singing during the procession by the priest and ministers to the altar. Before long, the entire mood becomes more serious and somber as we remember the Lord's suffering and death through the Scripture Readings of the Mass.

On Tuesday of Holy Week, during the Chrism Mass is Saint Peter's Cathedral, the oils to be used for the Sacraments throughout the year are blessed by Cardinal Rigali. They will be presented to the priest at the beginning of the **Mass of the Lord's Supper** on Holy Thursday evening. This Mass marks the beginning of the Easter Triduum, the three holiest days of the year for Christians. During the Mass of the Lord's Supper, we recall the gift of the Eucharist, the Body and Blood of the Jesus and the Washing of the Feet. We also prepare for our liturgical service on Good Friday by consecrating enough Eucharist to be shared by those who gather on Good Friday, since there is no Eucharistic Prayer or Consecration on Good Friday. At the conclusion of the Mass on Thursday evening, all present participate in a procession bringing the Eucharist to the Repository where it remains until time for Communion on Good Friday evening.

During the liturgy on Good Friday evening, the **Commemoration of the Lord's Passion and Death**, we remember the Passion and Death of Jesus by listening to the Scripture Readings, including the Passion Account from Saint John's Gospel. We then pray using the Solemn Intercessions used by Catholics throughout the world on Good Friday. Following these intercessions, we all solemnly venerate the Wood of the Cross and then share in Holy Communion consecrated the evening before.

During the day on Holy Saturday, we spend time in quiet prayer as we remember the time Jesus spent in the tomb before His Resurrection.

On Holy Saturday evening, we gather for the **Easter Vigil**, the Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Resurrection. **Please join us for these special liturgies on these special days, the most special of the year!**

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

**Thank you** for your ongoing and very generous **Sacrificial Giving**. Your Sacrificial Offering for last weekend amounted to **\$17,587.87**. **Thank you again for your generosity to your parish!**

In order to make ends meet, we need to average **\$16,200.00** a weekend. Anything you can do to help us reach that figure in these challenging times will be greatly appreciated.

Members of our parish may want to consider donating **appreciated assets, stocks, bonds, mutual funds, etc.** You can take the full amount as a tax credit and our parish gets the full amount donated – a sure win-win situation.

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

Our **D.E.B.T. Reduction Raffle** is now underway. Members of the parish should have received a letter and a form to Request and Reserve one of the **\$100 Raffle Tickets**. 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, **246 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 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.**

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

#### Monday

7:00 A.M. Elsie Parlanti Family  
12:10 P.M. Antoinette Coviello M/M Joe Coviello

#### Tuesday

7:00 A.M. Robert Serafin Swift Family  
12:10 P.M. Catherine Devine Gloria Eline

#### Wednesday

7:00 A.M. M/M Alvin Naumann Daughter, Barbara  
12:10 P.M. Bernard Berkoski Wife, Joan

#### Holy Thursday

**7:00 P.M. Mass of the Lord's Supper**

#### Good Friday

**7:00 P.M. Commemoration of the Lords' Death**

#### Holy Saturday

**8:00 P.M. The Easter Vigil**

#### Easter Sunday

7:00 A.M. For all members of the parish  
8:00 A.M. Kushinsky Family Sophie/John  
8:15 A.M. OLS Mary Keegan Chris/Sharon  
9:30 A.M. OLS Edward Travis Family  
9:30 A.M. CSB Caroline Pienkowski Margaret  
Filarsky/Family

11:00 A.M. Louanna Evans Joseph Sibio, Jr  
11:15 A.M. Vicky/Richard Youshock Family  
12:20 P.M. Nancy McGinnis Castellani Maureen  
Kearney

**A PRAYER PLEASE-** Your prayers are requested for all the sick and deceased members of our parish, especially Stephen Kreisler.

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** (K of C) will be sponsoring a **BINGO night** on **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. All are invited!

### LENTEN FAST AND ABSTINENCE

**Good Friday, April 2**, is a Day of Fast and Abstinence. . All of the faithful who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence. On a day of abstinence, no meat may be eaten by anyone obliged by this law.

All of the faithful from the age of 18 to their 59<sup>th</sup> birthday are obliged by the law to fast. On a fast day, those obliged by this law eat only one full meal and two partial meals unless dispensed or excused.

### THE CHRISM MASS

All the faithful of the Diocese of Scranton are invited to attend the **Chrism Mass** at **Saint Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, on Tuesday, March 30, 2010 at 4:00 P.M.** At this Mass, priests from throughout the Diocese will renew their priestly promises before **Cardinal Justin Rigali, Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese**, and the **oils** to be used for the **Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation. Anointing of the Sick and Holy Orders will be blessed.** Participation in the Chrism Mass is a beautiful way to pray for and support the priests of the Diocese.

### TRIDUUM MORNING PRAYER

Please join us for **Morning Prayer** on the three days of the **Triduum**. On **Holy Thursday**, Morning prayer will be prayed at the **Church of Saint Gregory, Clarks Green**; on **Good Friday** at **Our Lady of the Snows Church**; and on **Holy Saturday**, at **Our Lady of the Abingtons Church** in Dalton. The time for Morning Prayer each day will be at **8:30 A.M.**

### CONFESSIONS

Individual **Confessions** will be heard in **Our Lady of the Snows Church** on **Wednesday of Holy Week, March 31**, from **12:40 P.M. until 1:40 P.M.** and from **7:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M.**

### HOLY THURSDAY COLLECTION

The Collection at Mass on Holy Thursday Evening will be for the Rice Bowl to assist the needy. The proceeds from your Rice Bowl Collections during Lent can be placed in the Collection Basket as well as any offering that anyone wants to make for the needy.

### GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

On Good Friday, our parish will take up the annual Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land. Your financial contribution helps to support the struggling Christian community and to protect Christianity's holiest places. Please be generous.

### EASTER EGG HUNT

The annual **Easter Egg Hunt**, sponsored by the **Youth**

**Ministry** of our parish, will be held on **Holy Saturday, April 3, at 1:30 P.M.**, on the grounds of Our Lady of the Snows Church and Parish Center. All children are invited.

### BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD AND BASKETS

The Blessing of Easter Food and Easter Baskets will take place on Holy Saturday, April 3, at 2:00 P.M., in Our Lady of the Snows Church. Please join us!

### HALLELUIA!

The sun is shining and Spring is here and the **Men's Club** is almost ready to start drawing the winners of the **500 Club**. Please call **Wade Whitney at 563-2472, fax 563-2792** or **Bernie Harding at 563-8565** if you need a ticket. **Good Luck!**

### CALENDAR

#### Sunday, March 28, 2010

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

4:00 P.M. Youth Mass \*\*

#### Tuesday, March 30, 2010

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

4:00 P.M. Chrism Mass @ St. Peter's Cathedral

7:00 P.M. Bible Class \*

#### Wednesday, March 31, 2010

12:40 P.M. Confessions \*\*

1:00 P.M. Bible Class \*

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

7:00 P.M. Confessions \*\*

#### Thursday, April 1, 2010

8:30 A.M. Morning Prayer at St. Gregory's

7:00 P.M. **Holy Thursday \*\*\*\***

#### Friday, April 2, 2010

8:30 A.M. Morning Prayer at OLS

**7:00 P.M. Good Friday \*\*\*\***

#### Saturday, April 3, 2010

8:30 A.M. Morning Prayer at OLA

1:30 P.M. Easter Egg Hunt

2:00 P.M. Blessing of Easter Food and Easter Baskets

8:00 P.M. **Easter Vigil \*\*\*\***

**Parish Center \* Church \*\* Large Conference Room**

**\*\*\* Church of Saint Benedict \*\*\*\* Small Conference**

**Room \*\*\*\*\* Gathering Room \*\*\*\*\***

### LITURGY COMMITTEE NOTES

**The Sacred Space, Furnishings, Vesture, Books**  
**Do you know about Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil?**

Holy Thursday – Jesus gives us the gift of the Eucharist. But it can't stop there. Jesus models what we are called to be; people of service to others – at home, at business, in the neighborhood, in the parish community. In serving one another we follow the command of Jesus: "Do this in memory of me." **At the Holy Thursday Mass there are twelve foot washing stations throughout the church. Anyone in the church may have their feet washed and wash the feet of another to remind us that we are to accept Jesus' way of life and serve as Jesus did.**

Good Friday – By Christ's holy cross, He has redeemed the world! The discipline of discipleship is to deny ourselves,

take up our cross and follow Christ. Are we willing to accept our Cross? **At Good Friday Services we will pray for people through out the world; adore, praise, and kiss the cross; and receive His Body.**

**Easter Vigil** – As we wait in the night-dark church for the Easter light to be struck, we should realize that God is fully aware of the night by which we are surrounded. In fact, He has already struck his light at the heart of it. Instead of cursing the night, we must dare to light the small lamp that God has loaned us: “The Light of Christ!” **Join us at the Easter Vigil and light your candle from the new Paschal candle. Welcome with us the new members of the church and bless yourself with the new water in the fountain. Alleluia! If we have died with Christ, we also rise with Him and pass from death to life.**

(Steve LaRue; Fr. Joe Hornick; Marion Eagen 2002 *Resource Publications, Inc., The Conciliar and Post Conciliar Documents, Vatican Council II.*

**Weekly Inspiration: 3/28/10 Palm Sunday**

The unending power of the Lord can not be withheld from those who seek to serve Him.

**Readings for Next Week:** 3/28/10 Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Luke 22:14-23:56

**Music for Next Week:** 4/04/10 Opening Hymn; “Jesus Christ is Risen Today” #261 Communion Song: “The Supper of the Lord” #510 Closing Song: “Jesus is Risen” #265

## THE NEIGHBORHOOD PARISH PROGRAM

### Why do we have Neighborhood Parishes?

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 13 years, these needs remain valid and real. For example, we still **average approximately 100 new families a year moving into our parish.** For the past 10 years we have had an Orientation of New Members twice yearly; however, not everyone can attend. We still need a way of contacting, welcoming, and inviting all these people, as well as, many of our other parishioners. In 2003 the Pastoral Council once again discussed the relevancy of these needs along with an idea that was introduced in 1998. Following one year of discussion the Council conducted a pilot project known as Neighborhood Parishes. There are now over 70 Neighborhood Parishes, and we continue to look for Neighborhood Parish Representatives as we identify more Neighborhood Parishes in our large parish. If anyone 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.** As you consider almsgiving this Lent, 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.

P.F.C. Jenkins	Kieth Kempinski ASGA
F.O.B. WARRIOR	ACO 1/111 <sup>th</sup> 56 SBCT
C.C.O. 15 <sup>TH</sup> BSB 2BCT ICD	Unit #6260
A.P.O. AE 09338	APO/AE 09378

### 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. A training session is scheduled on **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 2010 AT FATIMA RENEWAL CENTER, DALTON FROM 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.** Please call 563-8500 to Carolyn to register.

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 BOYS AND 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. 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.

#### **RICE BOWLS**

Operation Rice Bowl makes a difference in your faith community and in communities around the world. Operation Rice Bowl invites us to: **Pray** together; **Fast** in solidarity with those who are hungry; **Learn** about the joys and challenges in the lives of our brothers and sisters around the world and to **Give** sacrificial contributions to support those in need.

This week we walk with Jesus through his passion, death, and resurrection. We begin to experience the sacrifice he made for us and how we are also called to give our life for others. Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl has helped us walk with our sisters and brothers who daily take up the cross of poverty. Through prayer, fasting and almsgiving we unite ourselves in the one human family that is God's creation. This week we are asked to pray for the poor in our local communities and around the world. May our generosity and prayers this Lent answer our Gospel call to assist our brothers and sisters in need wherever they may live. **Please remember to bring your Rice Bowls with you on Holy Thursday evening.**

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

#### **LIFELINES – BULLETIN BRIEFS**

If it weren't for Project Rachel, I would still be crying, daily. My [abortion] decision was the first thought that entered my head... in the morning. My Decision reminded me that although I could move through my daily routine, I was not allowed to enjoy funny movies or special moments with my family. My Decision would literally stop me mid-laughter. I did not deserve to laugh. Today, thanks to Project Rachel, I am a different person. To experience the power of forgiveness is something that I cannot put into words. I actually feel lighter. My shoulders are not hanging so low. The power of forgiveness is life altering.

A post-abortive woman helped by Project Rachel

#### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

**PIZZA SALE AT THE Chinchilla Fire Co.** will be held every Friday in Lent including Good Friday from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. They have trays of Red, White and

White Broccoli. For more information please call the Fire House and 586-5726.

**KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #12572 WILL HOST** A Night at the Races on April 10, 2010 at 7:00 (doors open at 6:30) at Holy Rosary Center, Scranton, PA. All proceeds to Benefit St. Joseph's Center, Mother Infant Program. \$15.00 to purchase horse.. includes admission. \$10.00 admission only and Light refreshments included. To purchase tickets and horse in advance please contact: Katie Weinschenk at 963-1290 or [kweinschenk@stjosephscenter.org](mailto:kweinschenk@stjosephscenter.org).

**FAMILY MINISTRY  
BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

The next bereavement session will be on **Wednesday April 7, at 10:00 A.M., and on Sunday, April 18, at 2:00 P.M.,** 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**

Paul reminds us that our attitude must be Christ’s—“he emptied himself and took the form of a slave.” Behaving like a “slave” is not a good thing nor is that what Paul is trying to tell us. Just what was Christ’s attitude? He did not seek power over people. He did not look for fame and honors. Rather, he treated people with compassion and respect. He tried to help those in need, encourage those who were in despair. He cared for the people around him and always sought to do good. Are you more concerned with getting what you deserve or helping others get what they need? A “Christ like slave” is there to serve others before himself. Do you have Christ’s attitude?

**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.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org) or a **Retrouvaille Weekend** [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org)

**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.**

**CONFIRMATION INFORMATION**

**March 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for all confirmation requirements:** confirmation name, sponsor’s name, parish of sponsor, and sponsor card (if not a member of Our Lady of the Snows/Church of St. Benedict, baptismal certificate for candidate if not baptized at Our Lady of the Snows/Church of St. Benedict, report on name taking for Confirmation, and 30hrs of service completed and recorded on service sheet. **PLEASE RETURN ALL INFORMATION TO NETTIE IN THE PARISH OFFICE. THANK YOU.**

**CONFIRMATION SERVICE OPPORTUNITY**

For other service opportunities call Steve Wallo at the parish center 586-1741.

**YOUTH MINISTRY CORNER**

The youth ministry at Our Lady of the Snows is all encompassing. **Youth Ministry planning meetings are every Thursday night starting at 6:30PM with a general gathering and team meetings starting at 7:00PM. All High school students are welcome to attend anytime.**

**Scheduled Events for 2009**

April 1<sup>st</sup> .....Holy Thursday And Church Hopping  
April 9<sup>th</sup> .....Bingo Night

**Special Meetings:**

**FRANCISCAN SUMMER YOUTH CONFERENCE**  
MARCH 31<sup>st</sup> - An informational meeting will be held at

Our Lady of the Snows at 7:00PM for students and parents who have interest.

**Service Opportunities:**

**March 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>** The youth Ministry will be offering trips to St. Francis of Assisi Kitchen from 4PM until 6PM. Spots are LIMITED for each visit.

**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.**

# Theology on TAP

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

**Guest Speaker: Denny Dawgert**

**What:** A monthly discussion series for young adults, single, married, 18-40 yrs old.

**Where:** Armetta's Pizza

**When:** March 30th 2010

**Time:** 7PM – 8:30PM

**Cover:** \$5 includes Pizza and wings

