

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



SATURDAY VIGIL MASSES

4:00 PM - CHURCH OF ST BENEDICT
5:00 PM - CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS
6:30 PM - CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS

SUNDAY MASSES

7:00 AM - CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS
8:00 AM - CHURCH OF ST BENEDICT
9:30 AM - CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS
11:00 AM - CHURCH OF ST BENEDICT
11:15 AM - CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS
12:20 PM - CHURCH OF ST BENEDICT

DAILY MASSES

7:00 AM - CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS
12:10 PM - CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE/ RECONCILIATION

Saturday

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

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A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

As a Stewardship Parish, our life together is based on the need to share our time and talent and treasure as an expression of gratitude for all of God's gifts to us.

PARISH DEVOTION

THE ROSARY – will be prayed after the 12:10 PM Mass every day.

PRAYER PETITION – anyone who wishes to place a petition in the Prayer Petition Book is asked to write it in the book that is located on a stand in the back of the Church

**CATHOLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION
HOLY CROSS SCHOOL SYSTEM**

Holy Cross High School, Dunmore, PA

Principal- Mr. James Marcks

Phone 346-7541

OUR LADY OF PEACE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, CLARKS GREEN

Principal – Mrs. Jane Quinn

Phone 587-4152

A welcoming community

OUR PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor	Rev. James J. McGarry
Parochial Vicar	Rev. John O'Bell
Deacon	Leo Lynn
In Residence	Rev. Philip Altavilla, V.E.
Dir. Of Rel. Ed/Family Ministry	Nettie Goldate
Dir. Of Youth & Young Adult Min.	Stephen Wallo
Director of Music/Organist	Jennie Pitkus
Associate Organist	Maria Fay
Associate Organist	Ann Marie Zakarauskas
Pastoral Associate.....	A. Carol Salva
Parish Secretary	Debbie Waters
Maintenance.....	Peter Serine
Sacristan OLS	Matt Gerlach
Sacristan CSB	Sal Conaboy
Cub Master.....	Steven Gember

OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday: 8:30 AM - 12 Noon
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Evenings and weekends by appointment

WELCOME

A warm welcome is extended to all who have come to Our Lady of the Snows or the Church of Saint Benedict this weekend to join together in this community of worship and praise to Almighty God. We are grateful to our faithful parishioners who come here every weekend. Also, we welcome our neighbors and guests who visit us occasionally and want them to know they are always welcome.



SACRAMENTAL LIFE

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) is the official five-stage process the Catholic Church uses to bring adult members into the faith. Anyone interested in becoming a part of this process or in obtaining more information can call the Parish Center.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: In order to understand and better appreciate this special sacrament, parents are required to attend the Pre-Baptismal Program. Our Parish offers this instruction once every two months, so please watch the bulletin for information, or call the Parish Center.



SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Congratulations! You are asked to contact one of the parish priests at least six months before the date of your marriage so that the appropriate preparations can be made for this special celebration.

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Urgent calls will be attended to at any time of the day or night.

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE:

Grades Pre-K and Kindergarten

Parish Center Basement

Sunday, 9:30-10:30 AM

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

High School – Released Time Program Monthly

Call parish office for dates and times

**THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
October 25, 2009**

*"Let hearts rejoice who search for the Lord.
Seek the Lord and his strength,
seek always the face of the Lord."
-- Psalm 104: 3-4 --*

**2009 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL
COMMITMENT WEEKEND
LET US DO GREAT THINGS TOGETHER**

This weekend is **Commitment Weekend** for the **2009 Diocesan Annual Appeal**. Each of us will be provided the opportunity to make our pledge to help the thousands of people who directly benefit from our caring support. If you have already pledged, please accept the gratitude of the Diocese of Scranton for your generous sharing. Please continue to pray for God's blessing on this year's Appeal. If you have not yet pledged and were not prepared to make a pledge today, please prayerfully consider the very great needs of the Church in the Diocese of Scranton. Please read through the brochure you received at Mass this weekend. Please consider making a pledge to this year's Appeal. Gifts of all sizes are acceptable and helpful. No gift is too small and no gift is too large. **Whatever you can do is appreciated very much.** Please consider making a **pledge over five months**. If we have enough people offering pledges and gifts, we can meet our very large goal and do our part to help the Diocese fulfill all of its responsibilities.

Our **parish goal** for this year's **Appeal** is **\$119,055.00**. I know that this goal seems to be unreachable but it can be achieved and in that way we can do our part to help our Diocese at a time of great financial stress. Your great generosity shown in so many ways over so many years can make it possible for us to reach the goal. The key to meeting the goal is the percentage of participation. Naturally, the more people who contribute, the higher our parish donation will be. If **800** individuals or families pledged \$150 (five monthly payments of thirty dollars), we would reach **\$120,000.00**. **800 individual or family gifts** are a high number, but reachable. From past history, we know that **\$150** is a high amount for many people, but, from the same history, we know that many people pledge higher than that amount. All of us working together and doing what each of us can do will result in a very successful Appeal as we prepare to welcome a new bishop, probably in the early months of 2010. We really do not want the new bishop's first concern to be lack of money. Please pray for God's blessing on our diocese and on this year's Appeal and please do whatever you are able to do. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

2009 ANNUAL COUNTRY BAZAAR

As you know, the **2009 Country Bazaar** was a great success. Many people attended. Hundreds and hundreds of people, parishioners and friends, worked very hard. All seemed to have a wonderful time. There was a great spirit. In addition, now that all of the bills

have been paid, we know that the Bazaar was also a great success financially. The following is a summary of the Final Financial Report:

Total Income: \$127,462.41
Total Expenses: \$ 64,614.77
Total Profit: \$ 62,847.64

The full report is available for review at the parish during ordinary business hours.

Thank you to all who helped in any way to make the 2009 Country Bazaar such a great success.

A special **thank you** is offered to our chairpersons for the 2008 and 2009: **Pat Pasqualichio** and **Sue Burke**. Pat and Sue have worked very hard and have contributed greatly to the wonderful seventeen year tradition of the Country Bazaar in our parish. **Thank you** very much, **Pat and Sue**, and congratulations on a job well done!

Please mark your calendars now for the **Eighteenth Annual Country Bazaar** scheduled for **August 5, 6, and 7, 2010**. Same times and same place! Hope you'll be back. We thank **Peter Brokus** and **Kathy Judge** for taking on the responsibility of **chairpersons** for the **2010 Country Bazaar** and the **2011 Country Bazaar**. We wish them the best.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday

7:00 A.M. Paul Santoski Dan/Karen Brier
12:10 P.M. Mary Flynn Bob/Joan Kranick

Tuesday

7:00 A.M. Pauline Choberka Irene D. Hassett, Ph.D.
12:10 P.M. David Samuel Amy/Frank Stabinski

Wednesday

7:00 A.M. Alice/John Palickar Daughter
12:10 P.M. Ann Morgan Gus/Joanie McGuire

Thursday

7:00 P.M. Joseph O'Brien Dennis/Grace Dawgert
12:10 P.M. Stanley/Aniel Sophie/John
Kushinsky Kushinsky

Friday

7:00 A.M. William Lindsley Maria Family
12:10 P.M. Susan Christian Bill/Barbara Roehl

Saturday

4:00 P.M. Nick Pivovarnick Pivovarnick Family
5:00 P.M. Margaret Dufton Family
6:30 P.M. Catherine Sherlock Paul Sherlock

Sunday

7:00 A.M. For all members of the parish
8:00 A.M. Joseph J. Ruzbarsky Mary/Rich Hickey
9:30 A.M. All Souls' Day Intentions
11:00 A.M. James Eagen, Jr. Anne Kearney
11:15 A.M. Robert Preate Family
12:20 P.M. John Callis Family

A PRAYER PLEASE- Your prayers are requested for all the sick and deceased members of our parish and community, especially Sophia Katinsky, Betty Shovlin and Daniel LaSorsa.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Your **Sacrificial Offering** for last weekend amounted to **\$17,438.05**. In these challenging economic times, we thank you for your sacrificial offering. The faith that leads you to make this offering is recognized and acknowledged and appreciated very much. Thank you for all that you do for our 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.

DCCM ANNUAL WHITE RIBBON CAMPAIGN AGAINST PORNOGRAPHY

The Men of the **Diocesan Council of Catholic Men** are conducting their annual **White Ribbon Campaign Against Pornography**. They will be distributing White Ribbons after all Masses this weekend, **October 24 and 25**. The White Ribbon shows that we are against pornography and are striving for decency in our society. Please join the men of the DCCM by displaying the white ribbon on your front door knob or on your car antenna. **THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING THIS INVITATION.**

“LIVING CHRIST” RETREATS UNIVERSAL CALL TO HOLINESS

Preparations are being made for the next **“Living Christ” Retreat** in our parish. After such a positive experience and response by the participants in the first Retreat, there is much enthusiasm as we prepare for this Retreat. The dates are **Thursday, Friday and Saturday, November 5, 6 and 7**. The Retreat will take place in the **Gathering Room** on the lower level of **Our Lady of the Snows Church**. On **Thursday** and **Friday** evenings, the **Retreat** will run from **6:00 P.M. until about 10:00 P.M.** On **Saturday**, it will run from **8:00 A.M. until about 12 Noon**.

All members of our parish are invited to participate in one of these retreats. Please consider making this Retreat. You will be very happy you did. If you are interested in participating in this Retreat, **please call the parish office as soon as possible to register.** Registrations will be accepted on a first come-first served basis.

We ask all members of the parish to continue to pray regularly for God’s blessing on the “Living Christ” Retreats in our parish.

The following prayer has been prepared for those who would like to use it:

Prayer for God’s Blessing on our Parish “Living Christ” Retreats

Loving God, we ask you to send your blessing on the “Living Christ” Retreats in the Our Lady of the Snows/Church of Saint Benedict Parish Community.

Guide and direct those who are leading the retreats and open the hearts and minds and souls of those participating in them. Lead all participants to a deeper experience of your Son Jesus Christ and to a greater commitment as disciples and followers of Jesus. Without you, such success is not possible. With your help, all things are possible. Bring about great spiritual growth in our parish that we might more effectively do your will. We ask all of this help through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord. Amen.

HELP SUPPORT OUR PARISH BOY SCOUTS!

ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST

Served by Boy Scout Troop 160

Saturday, November 14, 2009 from 7 AM until 11 AM

At the CLARKS SUMMIT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

COST: Adults \$7.00; Children (12 and under) \$3.00 Tickets will be on sale in our parish after the following Masses on **Sunday, November 1, 2009: 9:30 AM; 11:00 AM; 11:15 AM; and 12:20 PM.** THANK YOU!

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

The Office for Parish Life/Family Life wishes to invite couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2010 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, April 25. The event includes a 2:30 P.M. Mass at St. Peter’s Cathedral followed by a reception. Requests for an invitation, with a mailing address that will be accurate in February, should be made through your pastor before January 10, 2010.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

In Spiritual Direction, one person assists another to grow in the Spirit of God: in the life of FAITH (prayer), HOPE (trials, sufferings, difficulties) and LOVE (the person’s life on the Christian community).

Spiritual Direction is a CONVERSATION which enables a directee to understand, and better know and recognize how and where God is with him/her in his/her daily life.

As a consequence of this deepening growth and awareness of God’s love for each of us, we are better able to discern and respond to the movements of God’s grace in our life.

The means of growing in God’s love include: exploration of prayer styles, effects of personal prayer, experiences during prayer, one’s own personal experience of faith, hope and love in everyday life.

By means of sharing these experiences in a private, confidential atmosphere, Spiritual Direction helps a person grow in awareness of God in one’s life.

This growth in awareness of God in our lives rewards us with a deepening sense of peace, joy and love.

One of our parishioners, Denny Dawgert, is training in Spiritual Direction. If you are interested in learning more or doing Spiritual Direction, contact him at 587-5437.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Church of St. Benedict Musicians: 10:00 A.M. rehearsals for the 11:00 A.M. Additional dates are November 1st, 15th and 29th. Singers and Instrumentalists are welcome.

Wednesday Afternoon Choir: Choir for elementary school children will begin on October 21st from 4:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. in the loft of Our Lady of the Snows. Rehearsals continue on October 28th, November 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th, and we sing at the Thanksgiving Day Mass on November 26th at 9:00 A.M. For further information, call Jennie at the church.

Resurrection Choir: This choir sings at funerals to support the bereaved. If you are interested in joining, please call Jennie for information.

Parish Youth Choir: The Parish Youth Choir accompanies the congregational singing at the 9:30 A.M. Mass at Our Lady of the Snows usually every other week, beginning in September through May. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 -6:30 in the choir loft during that same week. This choir is open to young people ages 11-18. We sing for Liturgies which include Christmas Eve (at the Church of St. Benedict), Palm Sunday, Easter Sunday (at the Church of St. Benedict) and Pentecost Sunday. Please call Ann Marie for more information at 586-4112 or e-mail at Pianogirlz@comcast.net.

7:00 P.M. Confirmation Parent Meeting *****
7:00 P.M. Living Christ Retreat Team ***

Friday, October 30, 2009

10:00 A.M. Friday Morning Company *
**Parish Center * Church ** Large Conference Room
*** Church of Saint Benedict **** Small Conference
Room ***** Gathering Room *******

BULLETIN BRIEFS

“The Bishops’ conference views health care as a basic right belong to all human beings, from conception to natural death... Much – needed reform must not become a vehicle for promoting an ‘abortion right’ agenda or reversing longstanding current policies against federal abortion mandates and funding. In this sense, we urge you to make this legislation ‘abortion neutral’ by preserving longstanding federal policies that prevent government promotion of abortion and respect conscience rights.”

Justin Cardinal Rigali, Letter to members of House Energy and Commerce Committee, 7/29/09 Full letter:
<http://www.usccb.org/prolife/CardRigali-AbortionNeutralReform-7-29-09.pdf>.

LITURGY COMMITTEE NOTES

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

Historians tell us that flowers were used to embellish the worship space as far back as the time of the Roman Empire when the faithful, gathered to celebrate in the catacombs. Fragrant and colorful flowers impart a sense of festivity and joy to liturgical celebration and are always appropriate except during the preparatory and penitential seasons of Advent and Lent. Flowers should not be placed, however, as this table is reserved for the action of the Eucharist and nothing but fresh, real flowers should ever be used.

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

Weekly Inspiration: 10/25/09 **30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Are we eager and willing to follow Jesus and participate in His passion experience?

Readings for Next Week: 11/01/09 Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12a

Music for Next Week: 11/01/09 Opening Song: “On Eagle’s Wings” #434; Communion Song: “Blest Are They” #409; Closing Song: “Alleluia, Sing to Jesus” #299

NEIGHBORHOOD PARISH (NP) PROGRAM

The most important element of the Neighborhood Parish Program is invitation. We cannot be sure of our response to our invitations for we only plant the seeds. It is enough to INVITE because the recipient at least knows that he/she is important to our parish and is welcome. Neighborhood Parish Representatives can only be consistent, faithful, and available to the members of our groups. The contact, itself, allows the Holy Spirit to work in people’s lives

Because of the shortage in the food pantries, some Neighborhood Parish Representatives are again collecting food. They are leaving a message for their members that a large collection receptacle will be on their porch for a certain amount of time. People can drop food items in it, and Neighborhood Parish Representatives are bringing it to the

OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS 100TH YEAR

Our Lady of the Snows 100th year celebration will occur in 2011. We are beginning to prepare a historic time line of our church. If you have any pictures, articles or memorabilia you would like to share, please contact one of the following: Phyllis Ruzbarsky at 586-2119 or Jo Ann Carr at 586-3520 or Anna Scahill at ascahill@epix.net or Bonnie Sherman at 587-2235.

ENROLLMENT OF CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

The **Ceremony of Enrollment of Candidates for Confirmation** will be held on **Sunday, November 22, 2009**, during the **11:00 A.M. Mass** at the **Church of Saint Benedict**. All candidates and their parents and brother and sisters are asked to attend. Sponsors are also welcome if they live locally. Please mark your calendars.

CALENDAR

Sunday, October 25, 2009

11:15 A.M. OLS Choir **
7:00 P.M. Confirmation Parent Meeting *****

Monday, October 26, 2009

7:00 P.M. Knight of Columbus *****

Tuesday, October 27, 2009

9:00 A.M. Bible Study *
5:30 P.M. Parish Nurse Meeting *****
7:00 P.M. Bible Study *
7:00 P.M. Theology on Tap at Armetta’s

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

1:00 P.M. Bible Study *
4:00 P.M. Wednesday Afternoon Choir **

food pantry in Dalton. This is a wonderful way to make contact with your Neighborhood Parish. For further information, please call Carol at the Parish Center.

**First Annual
SHARE – JAMAICA
Collection THANK YOU**

THANK YOU so much to anyone who contributed to the First Annual Share-Jamaica Collection. It was a big success! Two pallets of supplies for Jamaica have arrived in Florida and will be shipped to Jamaica through the generosity of Food for the Poor. We still have another pallet to be sent soon. Our parish community has collected 192 cubic feet of supplies. There were 13 parishioners who collected, packed, and catalogued for a total of 80 "person hours" of volunteer time. Thanks so Judy and Bill Burkavage, Grace and Dennis Dawgert, Steve Wallo, Carol Salva, John Zaums, Alice Evans, the Hricko family, and Anna Scahill. This will be the only collection of goods for this year. If you wish to contribute funds to the various programs in Jamaica, please use the form in the bulletin to target your donation. All funds collected go directly to the person or program you indicate. Please remember our Jamaican friends in your prayers. The parishioners in Jamaica pray for us daily.

MEDICAL AND DENTAL PROFESSIONALS: You are needed to assist Dr. Carol Narcevic at her clinics. Please note the list above for items needed at the clinic, 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 are now collecting for the **Calvary Retreat House** in Mandeville. Sister Bernadette who is a Passionist from Ireland has been running the retreat house for 23 years. This safe haven for people is booked for 50 out of 52 weeks of the year. They would welcome any money to help with scholarships, food or repairs.

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.

Jones, Allen
Unit 931003 TFTS
APO AE 09391

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

VIRTUS PROGRAM

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, then click on Departments and Resources, and then click on Virtus: Protecting God's Children.

CLUSTER #4 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

The Diocesan's Implementation Team for Cluster #4 (Our Lady of the Snows/Church of St. Benedict, Church of St. Gregory, Our Lady of the Abingtons, and St. Patrick) met on Monday, September 14, 2009. Some of the items discussed included:

Each parish managed to come up with a Partnership Representative. This person is responsible for: communicating with his counterparts in each of the parishes about partnership activities, posting announcements of partnership activities to their parish bulletin and/or bulletin board, and recruiting committee members for partnership programs which require committee work. The Partnership Representatives are: Our Lady of the Snows/Church of St. Benedict – Carol Salva; St. Gregory's – Judy Walsh; Our Lady of the Abingtons – Skip Petherick; and St. Patrick's – Irene Damiano. Each parish will have a bulletin space and/or bulletin board set aside for activities. Pastors will meet to discuss the mass schedule. Mass schedules for all the parishes in the partnership will be placed in the bulletin and/or the bulletin board. Each parish should supply the name of at least one person who is willing to work with Steve Wallo, OLS full time Youth Minister, to look at the creation of a regional Youth Ministry.

PARISH NURSE PROGRAM

PARISH NURSE MEETING will be held on **Tuesday, October 27, 2009 at 5:30 P.M. in the Gathering Room.** The Lackawanna County Commission on Drug and Alcohol Abuse will be there to do some training on signs and symptoms and resources in preparation to starting our Drug and Alcohol Awareness Program.

**Parish Nurse Grant from Scranton Area Foundation
For Drug and Alcohol Awareness Support Group**

Within the past year, our parish and surrounding communities have experienced several serious health issues and deaths among our teens and young adults from substance abuse. The Parish Nurse Ministry recognized the need for ongoing education and awareness groups and forums to be available for parents, teens and young adults. We hope to make the parish community and surrounding communities aware that early use of drugs and alcohol increases a person's chance of a more serious drug and alcohol abuse leading to addiction and serious health problems.

We applied for and received a Drug and Alcohol Awareness t Group – Contingent Grant. We received part of the money (\$2,000) for the costs of a psychologist and general assistance to set up the program and to train and educate the nurses, for outside speakers, resource materials, supplies, and emergency funds. This is contingent that we raise the rest of the money (\$1,000) for expenses. We would like to ask for your help in raising the remainder of the money so we can start the training in the fall. If anyone is interested in donating to this project or would like to be involved please call Carol at 586-1741 or Beth McGuigan at 587-7641.

RCIA

RCIA (Rite for Christian Initiation for Adults) are for adults of all ages, and are for everyone (Catholics and non-Catholics alike): ***Never been baptized and finding yourself attracted to the Catholic faith. *Non-Catholics who are**

considering the Catholic faith. *Baptized Catholics wanting to complete their full initiation into the faith. *Catholics who have drifted away from the church, who want to learn more about our faith, or who want to know enough to answer their children's or friend's questions.

The RCIA schedule begins on Sunday, October 18, 2009 at 9:30 A.M. in the Large Conference Room. If you feel this invitation is for you or need further information please contact either of the priests or Carol at 586-1741. Anyone is welcome to attend.

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 further information, please call Carol at the Parish Center at 586-1741.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Opening Prayer; Group faith sharing was held on the Gospel reading from Mark 10:2-16

Welcome: A warm welcome was extended to new members – Tammie Fitz-Arling, Mary Scialla, and Pat Fricchione.

Update on the Implementation Committee: Carol reported that the partnership with St. Gregory's, St. Patrick's, and Our Lady of the Abingtons is an ongoing process. Representatives have been named for each church and partnership activities will appear in the Church Bulletins and on the bulletin boards. The RCIA groups will meet at Our Lady of the Snows for catechesis, and candidates will return to their home parishes for rites and reception of the sacraments. The priests of each parish are examining the individual Church schedules to determine the need to alter present Mass times.

Update on the Living Christ Retreat: Deacon Leo Lynn reported a 99 percent positive feedback, both written and oral, regarding the first Retreat in August. Our next retreat will be on November 5, 6, 7, 2009. Invitations are open to the parish. Members who attended the August Retreat expressed a desire for follow-up gatherings.

Vatican II Documents – The Reform of the Sacraments: Continuing his presentation on Reform of the Sacraments, Msgr. spoke about the theology of marriage. Prior to Vatican II, the primary focus of marriage was on procreation and the education of children. The new theology of marriage focuses upon the love shared by a husband and wife, thus elevating the understanding around marriage as a sacrament. The basic cell of the Church is the domestic church, a husband, wife, and children. The Church lives and grows in the home. Married couples remind us to look for love all around us. Where there is love, there is God.

Update on the 100th Anniversary: Joe Pusateri reported that the Anniversary Committee Chairpersons were planning a calendar of events. Many ideas are in the formative stage.

Update on the Finance Committee: Msgr. reported that instead of the usual 2 to 3 percent increase in income, there was a decrease this year. The decrease is probably

attributable to the state of the economy. As a result, the parish has made budget cuts, and the parish staff received no raises.

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 12, 2009.

Members of the Pastoral Council: Tammie Fitz-Arling, John Boyle, Kate D'elia, Mike Fleming, Larry Kennedy, Joe Pusateri, John Regula, Mary Scialla, Mary Sweeney, Tracy Tully, Tom Vanaskie, Pat Fricchione, Msgr. McGarry, Fr. John O'Bell, Carol Salva, Kathy Judge.

ANGEL NEEDED

We are looking for an anonymous donor(s) to help fund a parish program for the Benefit of children whose parents are suffering through a divorce. If

Interested call Carol at the parish center

Adults - \$8.00 Children - \$4.00 (10 & under)
Benefit of OLA's C.C. D. classes

ADULT BABYSITTERS FOR Living Christ Retreats

We are looking for adult babysitters for the Living Christ Retreats so that our younger couples with children can attend the retreats. These can be adults or couples who can share babysitting in order to attend opposite retreats. We are hoping to find a team of people so it will only involve one night or morning. The Living Christ Retreats are scheduled on a Thursday and Friday night from 6P.M. until 10P.M. and Saturday morning from 8AM until 12 Noon. The next Living Christ Retreat is on November 5, 6, and 7, 2009. For further information, please call Carol at 586-1741.

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

SUPPORT OUR LADY OF PEACE SCHOOL/HOLY CROSS SYSTEM and celebrate the holidays early! Merry Money Raffle: 1st prize: \$20,000.00, 2nd prize: \$7,500.00, 3rd prize: \$5,000.00, 4th prize: (two) \$1,200.00, 5th prize: (four) \$500.00. Donation is \$20.00 per ticket. Drawing will be on Thursday, December 10th, 2009. Tickets can be purchased by calling Katie Sunday at 586-3247. Thank you for your support of OLP!!! They will be selling tickets after Masses on the weekend of November 14-15.

BEGINNING NOVEMBER 1st Kids Closet will be collecting children's clothing. They are especially in need of coats and jackets. These items will be distributed on November 13th and 14th at Our Lady of the Abingtons

Hall. If you would like to donate children's clothes or coats, please bring them to the rectory at Our Lady of the Snows up to November 6th and they will be picked up and brought to OLA for the Kids Closet. Thank you for your support.

Become a Volunteer Mediator? The Rose Mediation Center, established by the Good Shepherd Sisters who also run Lourdesmont, is conducting a training Nov. 13, 20 & 21 for anyone who wants to contribute to the community and learn a set of skills that can improve communication in personal / professional relationships. Call for details 585-6477 or see www.therosemediationcenter.org.

MINI-EXPO "BABY BOOMERS AND BEYOND" will be held on October 26, from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Abington Community Library. Information about lifelong learning, travel, cultural opportunities, volunteering, nutrition, Medicare (and Part D!), housing, reverse mortgages, and so much more! Experts on hand to answer your 55+ questions. Lots of free information and Give-Aways. Please Drop in !

FAMILY MINISTRY BEREAVEMENT

The next bereavement session will be on **Wednesday Nov. 4th at 10:00 am** and on **Sunday Nov. 15th 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.**

There will be a Bereavement Support Group at Trinity Lutheran Church on Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2009, and on Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2009, at 7:00 P.M. downstairs in the church. All are invited.

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAY AFTER LOSS

There will be a special presentation on surviving the holiday after loss. Anyone who has lost a loved this past year, and finds themselves dreading the upcoming holiday season, may find this presentation helpful. The presentation will be on **Sunday November 15th at 2:00pm in the Gathering Room** (lower level of the church) Please call Nettie at the parish center for more information or to register. All are welcome to attend.

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BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND NOVEMBER 6-8, 2009 AT THE FATIMA RENEWAL CENTER, DALTON

For divorced, separated, or widowed this weekend offers an opportunity for healing one's loss in a caring atmosphere. Anyone interested in more information or to register please call Mary at 570-629-0651 or Ann at 570-587-2851

RACHEL'S VINEYARD POST-ABORTION HEALING RETREAT NOV. 6-8

Confidential weekend retreat facilitates spiritual and emotional healing for men and women struggling with the pain of abortion. Participation is strictly confidential; financial assistance is available. For more information, including registration, contact Denise Rowinski at 822-7118, ext. 307 or drowinski@csswb.org.

Conversation Corner

Blind Bartimaeus gives us a good example to follow. He persists in seeking the Lord even when he is told to shut up by the people around him. He is sure that the Lord will listen to his plea and grant his request to see. We pray for many things and often ask for very specific things—more money, better health, the winning lottery ticket—but what we should be praying for is the ability to see so that we may know what is right and good. What do you pray for? Do you believe that the Lord is really listening and that your prayer will be heard and answered?

FOR BETTER FOR WORSE

Life is a mystery to be lived, not a problem to be solved.

Mother Theresa

MARRIAGE PROGRAMS

Your marriage deserves your attention, just like your health, home, car, 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 or a Retrouvaille Weekend www.helpourmarriage.org

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, AIDS, 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.

CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING

There will be a meeting for parents of confirmation candidates **on Sunday October 25th OR Wednesday October 28th** at 7:00pm in the Gathering Room(lower level of the Church). All parents are urged to attend this very important meeting.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
CLUSTER LEADERS:**

**Class Rosters are now due in the parish office.
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES BEGAN THE WEEK
OF SEPTEMBER 27TH.**

NEW CLUSTER GROUP:

**GRADE 6: JO MARIE BURKE --586-1926—
GLADIOLA DR.
GRADE 5 OLP SUNDAY MORNING: DONNA
SYMANCEK-586-1741**

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**ATTENTION PARENTS OF SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN:
Registration for Religious Education/First Eucharist
and Confirmation for 2009-2010**

**ALL REGISTRATIONS FORMS ARE NOW DUE IN THE
PARISH OFFICE.** Registration forms for grades K-8th., as well as First Eucharist and Confirmation registration forms can be obtained from the parish office or online at our website WWW.OLSSB.COM

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

If the student is older than 3rd grade and needs to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation and Eucharist, or is older than eighth grade and needs to receive the sacrament of Confirmation please call

Nettie at the parish center to arrange to have the student instructed for the sacraments needed.

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.**

Don't ask yourself what the world needs; ask yourself what makes you come alive. And then go and do that. Because what the world needs are people who are alive.

~Howard Thurman

Scheduled Events for 2009

October TBA.....RAKE a Thon
October 30thHalloween in Dorney Park
November 8thYouth Mass, Dinner, and Religious Ed
November 14th Fan the Fire, York PA
November 19-22nd ...NCYC 09 - Kansas City
November 25thThanksgiving at Scranton Cultural Center
December TBA.....Winter Retreat and Christmas Gift Proj.

ONLY A FEW SPOTS LEFT

Halloween in Dorney Park!



Last chance to visit Dorney Park this year... with an added bonus: it's Haunted! Come ride most of the park rides plus 7 outdoor mazes, 4 haunted houses, and 2 live shows.

When: October 30th 2009

Time: A Bus will leave from Our Lady of the Snows at **4:00PM on Friday**. It will depart from Dorney

Park at 12:00PM

Who: Students in 9th – 12th grade and parents

What's Included:

- Admission to the Park including Rides and Haunted attractions
- All you can eat dinner (Hot dogs, Cheeseburgers, Fried Chicken, Corn on the Cob, Side dishes, Ice Cream and Drinks)
- Bus Transportation

COST: \$35.00

**Permissi \$35 ed: Contact Steve to
quire one!**

DATE CHANGE - Youth Mass

Our next youth Mass will be held on November 8th! Join us as our students perform lively music, and celebrate the Eucharist together. After the Mass, we will be having dinner in the Gathering Room and a few activities. You can also sign up for Halloween in Dorney!!!



Who: Students in 9th – 12th grade
and
their families
When: November 8th 2009
Time: 4:00PM to 7:00PM
Where: Our Lady of the Snows
Church

Recent Events

Members of The Youth Ministry are currently attending to caring for the yards of elderly families that recently called in for leaf assistance. We are also in the process of working on a once a week service project. Some of these projects consist of St. Joseph's Center Visits, working at the Soup Kitchen, and helping our local Habitat for Humanity Chapter. If you're in need of service hours, or looking for just help out, let us know!

Fan the Fire Youth Rally



November 14th 2009... this Youth event is a day filled with fun, music, faith. Special Guest is Steve Angrisano! Cost is only \$20. More information to come in the following

weeks.



Young Adults: **THEOLOGY ON TAP**



Topic: Spiritual Direction
Featuring: Dr. Denny Dawgert

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today's sometimes crazy, up world, authentic formation faith and in the spiritual life

In spiritual direction the goal is to seek discernment of how the Holy Spirit is leading in a one's particular life, but at the same time we can recognize that God has already revealed much of what we need to know

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

Where: Armetta's Pizza

When: October 27, 2009

Time: 7PM – 9PM

Cover: \$5 includes Pizza and wings