

# *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

**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**September 27, 2009**

*Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him.  
There is no one who performs a mighty deed  
in my name who can  
at the same time speak ill of me.  
For whoever is not against us is for us.  
Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink  
because you belong to Christ,  
amen, I say to you,  
will surely not lose his reward."  
-- Mark 9: 39-42 --*

**BAZAAR NEWS**

We are getting close to the time of a final financial report for the 2009 Country Bazaar. It will be printed in this bulletin as soon as it is ready. In the mean time, **thank you again** to the many people who made possible this seventeenth annual Country Bazaar.

**YOUTH MASS**

As part of the **Youth Ministry Kick-Off** for this year's programs and activities, a **Mass** will be celebrated in **Our Lady of the Snows Church** at **4:00 P.M.** this **Sunday** afternoon, **September 27**. A special invitation is offered to students in grades 9 through 12 and their families. Please join us.

**"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. 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. Please consider participating in this very special Retreat.

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.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

Your **Sacrificial Offering** for last weekend amounted to **\$14,884.93**. 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.

**THEOLOGY ON TAP**

**Tuesday, September 29, at 7:00 P.M.** in **Armetta's Pizza** on Northern Boulevard. All young adults are welcome. Young encompasses quite a few years. If you are not quite sure whether you fit into that category, **you do**. See the announcement on page 8 of this bulletin for more details.

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

Monday  
7:00 A.M. Anthony Beam Stanco Family  
12:10 P.M. George Tinsley Family  
Tuesday  
7:00 A.M. John Snyder Snyder Family  
12:10 P.M. George D. Reed Wife  
Wednesday  
7:00 A.M. Joseph O'Brien James/Judith Clark  
12:10 P.M. Joan Cummings Dammer Family  
Thursday  
7:00 P.M. Robert Miller M/M Joseph Kubick  
12:10 P.M. Catherine Monahan Bill/Jane Gallagher  
Friday  
7:00 A.M. W. Edward Jordan III Lola Jordan  
12:10 P.M. Julia Sternosky Family  
Saturday  
4:00 P.M. Al Jacquinet Pivovarnick Family  
5:00 P.M. Margaret Dufton Family  
6:30 P.M. Joan Cummings M/M Robert Lukasiewicz  
Sunday  
7:00 A.M. For all members of the parish  
8:00 A.M. Mary/Peter Shimkus Robert Shimkus  
9:30 A.M. James Hawley Asay Family  
11:00 A.M. Doris Milani Steve/Mary Beth  
11:15 A.M. Robert Gallagher Bill/Jane Gallagher  
12:20 P.M. Victor Caudullo Lee Electric Supply

**A PRAYER PLEASE-** Your prayers are requested for all the sick and deceased members of our parish and community, especially Ann Marie Dutter and Mary O'Dea.

## SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

In Spiritual Direction, one person assist 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.

## OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS CHOIR

**Our Lady of the Snows Choir** will present "**Choir Favorites of the Liturgical Year**" on **Sunday, October 18, at 3:00 P.M. in the Church of St. Benedict**. In addition to the choir pieces, the concert will feature vocal solos and instrumental numbers. Admission is free; a free will offering will be taken to support Music Ministry. The Church of St. Benedict is on Newton-Ransom Blvd. Call 586-1741 for further information.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

**Choir:** Our Lady of the Snows Choir will begin rehearsals on Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> in preparation for our fall concert on October 18<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in joining the choir, which sings in four-part harmony, please call Jennie at the church

**Church of St. Benedict Musicians:** 10:00 A.M. rehearsals for the 11:00 A.M. Mass will begin on September 20<sup>th</sup>. Additional dates are October 4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Singers and Instrumentalists are welcome.

**Wednesday Afternoon Choir:** Choir for elementary school children will begin on October 14<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. in the loft of Our Lady of the Snows. Rehearsals continue October 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, and we sing at the Thanksgiving Day Mass on November 26<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Pianogirlz@comcast.net)

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

Our Lady of the Snows 100<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:ascahill@epix.net) or Bonnie Sherman at [bonniesherman@comcast.net](mailto:bonniesherman@comcast.net).

## CALENDAR

### Sunday, September 27, 2009

9:00 A.M. CCD Begins at OLP

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

### Monday, September 28, 2009

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

7:00 P.M. Eucharistic Minster Training \*\*\*\*\*

### Tuesday, September 29, 2009

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

7:00 P.M. Bible Study \*

### Wednesday, September 30, 2009

1:00 P.M. Bible Study \*

7:00 P.M. RCIA Inquiry \*\*\*

7:00 P.M. Penance Parent Meeting \*\*\*\*\*

### Thursday, October 1, 2009

7:00 P.M. Pastoral Council Meeting \*\*\*

7:00 P.M. OLS Choir \*\*

### Friday, October 2, 2009

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

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

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

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

## BANNS OF MARRIAGE

**First Time:** Nathan Richel – Our Lady of the Snows  
Lori Szajkowski – Our Lady of the Snows

**Second Time:** Michael Staffaroni – Our Lady of the Abingtons

Katherine Bacon – Our Lady of the Snows

**Second Time:** Clayton Jacobs

Rebecca Staab – Our Lady of the Snows

**Third Time:** Kevin Dobrinski – Our Lady of the Snows

Jill Shepuliski – Our Lady of the Snows

## LITURGY COMMITTEE NOTES

### The Sacred Space, Furnishings, Vesture, Books

#### Do you know about the IMAGES?

Images - statues and pictures of Christ and the saints – used to abound in Catholic churches. Today they are used much more sparingly and placed in such a way that we understand what is central to our faith and worship and what is of lesser importance. Images do help us in our prayer life, though, and so we can still go to any Catholic church and find Stations of the Cross and images of the Virgin Mary and the patron saint of the community that worships in that space.

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

#### Weekly Inspiration: 9/27/09 **26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

When we welcome those who follow Jesus in actions, we will experience the reward of the kingdom of God.

Readings for Next Week: 10/04/09 Genesis 2:18-24; Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16

Music for Next Week: 10/4/09 Opening Song: "Morning Has Broken" #531; Communion Song: "You Are Mine" #454; Closing Song: "Glory and Praise to Our God" #351

## NEIGHBORHOOD PARISH (NP) PROGRAM

### Gatherings

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 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! People along with a Neighborhood Parish took time to purchase and bring the school and office supplies, computer, copier, medical equipment, children's books, spiritual books, and items such as rosaries, medals, statues, etc. Thanks also to the committee members that ran the collection and are now in the process of organizing the materials for shipment. We will be taking the items by truck to the warehouse in Binghamton on October 3, 2009. They have graciously agreed to transport the items to Food for the Poor in Florida. We are in need of:

- **People to pack and inventory items at a time of your convenience,**
- **People to help load the truck on Oct. 2, 2009 in the evening,**

- **1 driver for Friday, Oct. 3 to drive a small truck to Binghamton.**

Please call Grace Dawgert at 587-5437 or Carol at 586-1741 to volunteer or further information.

**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 1/111<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**

All volunteers who work 20 hours or more with children **MUST** have the one time **Virtus** Training. **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, 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: the naming of the Partnership Representative for each parish, (These will be published as soon as possible.), having a bulletin space in each bulletin for the announcement of Partnership Activities (These will include RCIA, adult formation or catechetical programs, social events, fund raisers, blood drives, etc.), publishing the masses of each parish in the bulletin and on the bulletin boards. Further information from this meeting will be published next week. Please call the priests or Carol at the Parish Center.

#### **PARTNERSHIP ACTIVITIES**

**ANNUAL HARVEST FESTIVAL:** Chicken BBQ  
Sept. 27, 2009 12:00 Noon – 4:00 P.M.  
St. Patrick Church, Nicholson, PA 942-6602  
Adults/\$8.00 Children 12 and Under/\$4.00

**RECITATION OF THE ROSARY:**

Sunday, October 11, 2009 at 11:30AM

Madonna della Strada Grotto

Church of Our Lady of the Abingtons

Dalton, PA 563-1622

Light lunch of sandwiches and dessert to follow

**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 @ 586-1741.

**PARISH NURSE 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 Support 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.**

**An RCIA Inquiry Session will be held on WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 30, 2009, in the Large Conference Room of the Parish Center. 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 starting September 4, 2009.** 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.

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY**

**Acts of the Apostles**

Newcomers are welcome to an in depth Bible Study of The Acts of the Apostles which will begin on **Wednesday, September 16, 2009, from at 1:00 PM until 3:00 PM in the Parish Center.** For further information, please call Carol at 586-1741.

**ALTAR SERVER TRAINING**

There will be a two session Altar Server Training conducted **at 4:00 P.M. in Our Lady of the Snows Church on Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, October 20, 2009.** All boys and girls completing the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade or older, any current altar server, adult altar servers, and parents or any adults who are interested are welcome to come. Please call Pat Welk at 585-2610 or Carol at 586-1741 to register or for further information.

**TRAINING FOR MINISTERS OF COMMUNION**

The second training session for ministers of communion will be given on **Monday, September 28, 2009, in our Lady of the Snows Church at 7:00 P.M.** Please call Carol at the Parish Center or see one of the priests for further information.

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sponsored by the Sisters of the Good Shepherd will be selling chances after all the Masses at Our Lady of the Snows and Church of St. Benedict on the weekend of **September 26-27.** The grand prize is an original water coloring by Albert Ondush valued at \$1,200.00. The chances are \$5.00 each and three (3) for \$10.00. We thank you in advance for your generosity in helping this program serve our community.

**CLOTHING & SHOE DRIVE** has been extended until the end of the month. The trailer is about 1/2 full now. For more information please call Fibers of the Earth, LLC at 570-586-5242.

<p><b>CORPUS CHRISTI'S HARVEST FESTIVAL</b> – The <b>Annual Harvest Festival of Corpus Christi Church,</b> Route 438, Montdale, will be held on <b>Sunday, October 4, from 12:15 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.</b> in the Parish Center. The festival will feature a full Turkey dinner with take outs available. Many games and prizes. Handicap accessible. All are invited to attend. \$9.00 adults, \$5.00 children. Directions: I-81 to Exit 201, turn east, 3-4 miles on right. Come enjoy the fall foliage and the wonderful festival!</p>
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**FAMILY MINISTRY  
BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

The next bereavement session will be on **Wednesday Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> . 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 am** and on **Sunday Oct. 11<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.**

**HELP NEEDED: We are looking for people who will be interested in helping with our monthly Bereavement Support Group. Training available. Anyone interested in serving in this very important parish ministry please call Nettie at 586-1741.**

**Conversation Corner**

Every religious group believes that their expression of faith, their rules and traditions are the "right" ones. Many believe that unless you believe as they do, you are not "saved". Yet all the groups have similar teachings and those that share the name "Christian" have all heard the command of Jesus: "Love God and love your neighbor as yourself." The Gospels tell us that God's ways are not ours and that God's love is not restricted to just a few. Salvation is a gift that has been given to everyone. So what are we to think? Jesus has given us the answer: "Anyone who is not against us is with us." It is our actions that reveal the work of the Spirit within us, not the church we attend. There are many paths and they all lead us to God's unending love. Pay attention to your path and allow the Spirit to guide others.

**FOR BETTER FOR WORSE**

Forgiveness may be a long process. The only error we make is refusing to enter the process, forgiveness is unconditional. Forgiveness is a decision that involves letting go of the past. A willingness to forgive is a powerful expression of your dedication to your marriage.

**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.wvme.org](http://www.wvme.org) or a Retrouvaille Weekend [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org). The next **Retrouvaille program** in our diocese will be **Oct. 16-19<sup>th</sup>** at the **Fatima Renewal Center** in Dalton. To register or for more information call 587-0415. All calls confidential.

**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  
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES BEGAN THE WEEK  
OF SEPTEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>.**

**NEW CLUSTER GROUP:  
GRADE 6: JO MARIE BURKE --586-1926—  
GLADIOLA DR.**

**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-8, as well as First Eucharist and Confirmation registration forms can be obtained from the parish office or online at our website [WWW.OLSSB.COM](http://WWW.OLSSB.COM)

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

**If the student is older than 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.**

**Scheduled Events for 2009**

- September 27<sup>th</sup> ..... Youth Ministry Kick Off
- October TBA.....RAKE a Thon
- October TBA.....Indoor Rock Climbing/Laser Tag
- November 14<sup>th</sup>..... Fan the Fire, York PA
- November 19-22<sup>nd</sup> .....NCYC 09 Kansas City

### Recent Events

14 Members of the youth ministry participated last Sunday in a Bagging for Charity at Gerrity's Market in Scranton. Students dedicated their time to bag groceries for customers to raise awareness and money for Alzheimer's Charities.

### Youth Ministry Kick Off

Members of the Youth Ministry will be holding a special kick off event to start off the season. Join us as we celebrate Mass, commission the members of the new Task Force, receive a special blessing for all students, and then meet for dinner afterwards. To finish off the night, we'll relax around an outdoor fire. \$50 Best Buy Gift card door prize!



**Who:** Students in 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade and their families  
**When:** September 27 2009  
**Time:** 4:00PM to 7:00PM  
**Where:** Our Lady of the Snows Church

### Student Band

We are looking for students who play instruments or sing for a once a month Youth Mass. If you play guitar, bass, drums, etc we're looking for you! This is also a great opportunity for service hours for Confirmation.



### Rake A Thon

Every Year students from the youth ministry dedicate a day to going out and raking leaves for the elderly or disabled. Let us know if you are in need of help and once the leaves have fallen, we will have a day set aside to come help you out. We'll rake and bag the leaves, you just have to dispose of them. It's that easy! Call Steve Wallo at 586-1741 for more information.

*Students needing service hours can also contact the youth office for more information on this event. Thanks and we look forward to hearing from you!*



**Topic:** Blessed Are the Bored in Spirit  
**Guest Speaker:** Fr. Brian VanFossen



## Young Adults: THEOLOGY ON TAP

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

**Where:** Armetta's Pizza

**When:** September 27, 2009

**Time:** 7PM – 9PM

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