

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

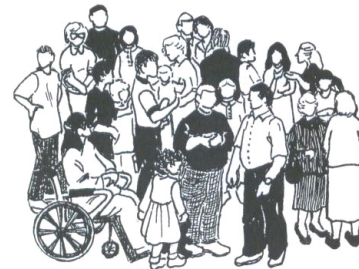
A warm welcome is extended to all who have come to Our Lady of the Snows and to the Church of Saint Benedict this weekend to join together in this community of worship and praise to Almighty God. We are grateful to our faithful parishioners who come here every weekend. Also, we welcome our neighbors 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 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
June 28, 2009

*"Do not be afraid;
just have faith."
-- Mark 5: 40 --*

FAITH

Faith is a virtue and a gift from God. Very often we think of faith as believing all that God has revealed. And that is part of it. However, faith also involves belief in a person, in God, in God's Son, Jesus Christ. It involves a commitment to and a relationship with God and God's Son Jesus and the Holy Spirit. This relationship leads us to conversion and deep conviction about God's love and care for us.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Your **Sacrificial Offering** for last weekend amounted to **\$14,669.08**. Thank you for your **Sacrificial Offering** which makes possible the day-to-day life of our parish with its many ministries and the requirements of maintenance of our beautiful properties. **Thank you for all that you do!**

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. May and June are **traditionally difficult months for offerings** because of so many activities and special events during these two months – Church and Sacramental and others. As you always do, please keep the needs of the parish in mind during these months. **Thank you again for all that you do!**

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 ascahill@epix.net or bonniesherman@comcast.net.

ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

The **Dalton Food Pantry**, sponsored by the **Abington Ecumenical Ministerium**, depends on the generosity of the members of participating churches for the food items which are distributed to families in need. In addition to the regular weekly donations of non-perishable food items, each Church sponsors a parish campaign, taking turns throughout the year. Our parish has been assigned the month of June. This weekend, at all of the masses, we will be receiving non-perishable food items for the Dalton Food Pantry. Thank you for your donation. If you were not prepared to donate this weekend, please bring items next weekend. Thanks for all that you do.

**PRIESTHOOD ORDINATION 2009,
DIOCESE OF SCRANTON**

We congratulate **Father Sean G. Carpenter** and **Father**

Gerald W. Shantillo, who were ordained priests for ministry in the **Diocese of Scranton** yesterday, Saturday, June 27, by Bishop Martino, at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton. Please remember these new priests in your prayers as they begin their ministry as priests. Please pray also that more and more will respond to the call to serve the Church as priests.

BULLETIN BRIEFS

At 9 weeks after conception, unborn children begin thumb-sucking. Between 12 and 16 weeks, they often touch their mouths, up to 50 times an hour. Teeth start to grow by 13 weeks. Beginning at 14 weeks, developmental differences between boys and girls begin to appear: female fetuses move their mouths much more frequently than males.

The Endowment for Human Development, www.ehd.org.

CALENDAR

Wednesday, July 1, 2009

7:00 P.M. Just a Social

Saturday, July 4, 2009

9:00 A.M. Fourth of July Mass **

Parish Center * Church **

Large Conference Room * Church of Saint**

Benedict ** Small Conference Room *******

Gathering Room *****

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday

7:00 A.M. Joseph Aveline Wife

12:10 P.M. Patricia Kretschmer Family

Tuesday

7:00 A.M. Frances Cino Florence Laneski

12:10 P.M. Karen Graney Friends from Sandvik Retirees

Wednesday

7:00 A.M. Mr. Kushinsky/Son Sophie/John

12:10 P.M. Brian Durkee Terry/Gina Cochran

Thursday

7:00 P.M. Mildred Nagy Jack/Susan Reynolds

12:10 P.M. Special Intention

Friday

7:00 A.M. Patrick Swift Swift Family

12:10 P.M. Karen Graney Mike/Judy Skerel

Saturday

9:00 A.M. Robert Kretschmer Family

4:00 P.M. Elaine Wilk John Wilk/Family

5:00 P.M. Mary Opinsky Harold Opinsky

6:30 P.M. Mary Otley Family

Sunday

7:00 A.M. For all members of the parish

8:00 A.M. Mary/Peter Shimkus Robert Shimkus

9:30 A.M. Dr. John Lesniak Family

11:00 A.M. Antas Family Peter/Anne/Katie Brokus

11:15 A.M. Leo Lynott JoAnn/Gary Wanyo

12:20 P.M. George Schumacher Thomas/Matthew Stone

A PRAYER PLEASE- Your prayers are requested for all the sick and deceased members of our parish and community, especially Harold Supanek.

SECOND COLLECTION

Beginning in July, there will be a **second collection** at each Mass on **the first weekend of the month**. This collection is a diocesan collection for the **Care and Education of Priests**. Please see pages 8 and 9 of this bulletin for more details regarding this collection. There will be special envelopes for July and August, Beginning in September, there will be a special envelope for this collection each month in your set of envelopes.

FOURTH OF JULY

Saturday of this week, **July 4**, is **Independence Day**, a national holiday. On Saturday, Mass will be celebrated at **9:00 A.M.** in **Our Lady of the Snows Church**. Please begin this special holiday by gathering with us for Mass at 9:00 A.M.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

The next session of **Theology on Tap** will be held this **Tuesday, June 30, at 7:00 P.M.** at **Armetta's Pizza** on Northern Boulevard in Chinchilla. This program is for young adults. The word "young" is very flexible – if you think you might be interested, you are a young adult. Please see the Youth Ministry section of this bulletin for more details. Please join us on Tuesday evening. You will be glad you did.

MISSIONARIES ARE HOME

This weekend, we welcome home the fifty members of the group that spent the past week in West Virginia working on a **Habitat for Humanity** project. This project was sponsored by our parish **Youth Ministry** and the group was made up of a large number of **high school students**, some **college students** and some **adult chaperones**. We are proud of this group of missionaries who brought God's love in a very practical way to people in need. Congratulations to all of you! You give testimony that the Church is very much alive.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Congratulations to all of the participants in the annual **Vacation Bible School** this past week. We thank the young people who attended, the young people (a little bit older) who served as helpers, and the adults who helped. It was a wonderful week for all. **Thank you to everyone** who helped to make this wonderful program possible.

BAZAAR NEWS

It's not too early to start planning for this year's **Annual Country Bazaar (August 6, 7, and 8, 2009)**. Thank you to those who have signed up to help in some of the areas that we had requested. We appreciate all you do for OLS/CSB. We still need help in many of the booth and activities areas to make the booth chairs jobs easier. Please sign up in the books in either church or please call **Sue Burke @ 587-3913** or **Pat Pasqualichio @ 586-8959** or the parish office @ 586-1741. A reminder to all Confirmation candidates: this is a GREAT opportunity to get in some or all of those service hours needed. Please contact Sue Burke to sign to work set up, break

down during the Bazaar. **Thank you in advance for helping out with such a worthwhile event.**

RAFFLE TICKETS

Raffle tickets for the **Bazaar Raffle** have been sent to all members of the parish. **Thank you** to all who have already sold or purchased Raffle Tickets and made returns to the parish office. If you have not yet done so, please consider participating in this year's **Bazaar** by participating in the Raffle. The Raffle is a very important part of the Bazaar. The early returns help us to make the purchases that need to be paid for in advance. A successful Raffle also provides some "insurance" against bad weather which I hate to even mention. (We have been extremely fortunate over the years in regard to weather.) The proceeds can help to offset the deficit which can result from bad weather. Please help if you are able. **Thank you for whatever you can do!**

BOOK BOOTH

The Book Booth at the Country Bazaar once again needs your gently used books. We accept adult novels and non-fiction book, children's books, audio books, cookbooks, games, puzzles, stationery, music tapes and CD's, videos and DVD's.

Our work parties, when we sort books, will be held on Wednesday mornings from **10:00 A.M. until Noon** on **July 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th** at the garage at the **Church of St. Benedict**. We also need help setting up **August 3rd, 4th and 5th**, and manning the booth the three nights of the bazaar. For information, call Jennie at 586-1741 or 836-3719 or Liana at 587-3056.

THE ANTIQUES AND COLLECTIBLES BOOTH

The Antiques and Collectibles Booth will be accepting items at the garage at **St. Benedict's** on **Sunday, June 28 and July 5, before and after the 11:00 and 12:20 Masses**. Please drop off your donations or call Kathy at 587-2756 to arrange to have items picked up. **Thank you** for helping to make this an interesting and exciting shop at the Bazaar.

BARGAIN BARN

We will begin accepting donations for the **Bargain Barn** on **Sunday, July 12**. We will be available on Sunday mornings (**July 12, July 19 and July 26**) from **10:00 A.M., until 12:00 Noon** and on **Wednesday evenings (July 15, July 22 and July 29) from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 P.M.**, at the garage at St. Benedict's to accept your new or used items that are in good condition.

We will gladly accept almost any item you wish to donate, Clothing, hoes and belts, however, are not accepted. We cannot accept donation of computers (and peripherals), televisions and similar electronics due to disposal limitations. Due to storage limitation, large items such as furniture and exercise equipment also cannot be accepted.

Volunteers, both seasoned veterans and novices are welcome to lend a hand at any of these times. Thank you for your support and generosity.

TEAM VELO de CURE VERSUS CANCER

One in every two men and one in every three women are diagnosed with cancer in the United States. Cancer has no respect for age, race, gender or religion. Team Velo de Cure will turn the tide in this fight by raising the funds needed to find a cure. With two cancer survivors on our team, we understand the grave importance of our mission. On August 14, we will take the first step in our fight by riding road bikes for 24 hours straight. Our goal is \$24,000, but we need your help! 100% of your donation will benefit the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Cancer Center and the Lance Armstrong Foundation. Donations can be made to Team Velo de Cure, 316 Dolph Street Jessup, PA 18434. For more information, please contact John Conaboy or Josh Getts at velodecure@gmail.com or by calling (570) 357-6154.

Those involved in this very special and helpful project will be speaking at all the Masses next weekend and will be outside the Church asking for your prayers and any financial help you can give. Please see the enclosed flyer for more details regarding this program to fight Cancer.

LITURGY COMMITTEE NOTES

The Sacred Space, Furnishings, Vesture, Books

Do you know about the WINE?

In the early church, wine was brought from home by the people. This practice stopped during the increasingly clerical medieval period when the cup was no longer offered to the laity, and only wine from monastery vineyards seemed worthy enough for consecration. Today, all are encouraged to share from the cup, and wine may be procured from any reliable source. It must be grape wine: natural, pure and unadulterated with any foreign substance. During the liturgy, a small amount of water is mixed with the wine as this was the customary way in which the heavy and strong wine of Jesus' time was drunk.

Year of St. Paul from June 28, 2008 to June 29, 2009

As the year of St. Paul ends, we would like to thank all the people who have helped with this series. Most of all we would like to thank St. Paul for spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ that is still relevant to us some 2000 years later. All his letters including the "Deutero-Pauline" letters such as Ephesians, Colossians, 2 Thessalonians, and the Pastoral Letters of 1 and 2 Timothy and Titus reflect Pauline ideas and concerns and could even demonstrate the level of his influence as the early Church developed its theology and practices. And most importantly, they reflect what the early Church saw as a valuable witness to Jesus Christ crucified and are inspired by God, as is all of Scripture. Paul was essentially a pastor who felt a firm responsibility for those he could influence. His letters not only give testimony to his beliefs but to his concern that the churches be shaped to reflect the core message of Jesus Christ. The pastoral concern is found in all 13 letters at one time attributed to him, and it is the mark of insightful leadership even in our day. Letters from an apostle or his followers to communities of faith remind us that Christianity is lived out in relationships between people. Paul's legacy demonstrates that such relationships rooted in Christ continue to bear fruit long after one's death.

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

Weekly Inspiration: 6/28/09 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In times of need step toward Jesus in faith, and he will heal you.

Readings for Next Week: 7/05/09 Ezekiel 2:2-5; 2nd Letter of Paul to the Corinthians 12:7-10; Mark 6:1-6

Music for Next Week: 7/05/09 Opening Song: "God of Our Fathers" #535; Communion Song: "Gift of Finest Wheat" #477; Closing Song: "Eternal Father Strong to Save" #536

NEIGHBORHOOD PARISH (NP) PROGRAM

IN MEMORY OF KATE FRYE:

Thank you so much to everyone for making the Blood Drive in memory of Kate Frye such a success. There were over 60 people who came to give blood. There were also volunteers for the canteen and people who sent cookies and bake goods. Many thanks to all the Neighborhood Parishes who responded to the invitation and to the Parish Nurses who helped sponsor and work the event. Kate was there in spirit because she was the person who coordinated the Blood Drives over the past two years. Her quiet, smiling face was in each one of you as you waited so patiently to donate in her memory. The American Red Cross was so complimentary of this parish. For further information about Neighborhood Parishes, please call Carol at the Parish Center at 586-1741.

THE JAMAICAN MINISTRY: A Twinning Project

PENNY POWER: Beginning in June we will be collecting Penny Power for Brother Mike of the Passionists who goes to the Manchester Infirmary. The people of the infirmary are considered the lowest of the low. They are the one that families could no longer take care of and were given to the state. There are about 50 men and 50 women there.

PROJECT COMPASSION: The Project Compassion Luncheon and dinner will be held on July 28, 2009. The purpose of these events is to raise funds for the Passionist missions in Haiti (Fr. Rick Frechetti) and Jamaica (Bishop Neil Tiedemann). Representatives from these missions will be there to inform us about their mission. The luncheon (\$25) will be held at the DeNaples Center at the University of Scranton. The dinner (\$50) will be at the Scranton Cultural Center. For more information or to purchase tickets contact Mary Jo Loboda or Patty Rowland at 840-9304.

SHARE – JAMAICA: Mark your calendar for **Saturday, September 12 and 19, 2009 from 9AM to 11:30Am** for the First Annual Collection of Material Supplies for our twinning mission with the Passionists in Jamaica. It will be held in the Parking Lot of Our Lady of the Snows Church. There will be lists of the supplies needed posted on the Jamaica bulletin boards, in this column, and on the parish website. Food for the Poor will ship the items to Jamaica for us. We will need volunteers on those days to help collect items, pack for shipment, and vans or trucks to transport the collected items to the storage area. Please contact Grace Dawgert at 587-5437 or Anna Scahill at 587-5708 to sign up.

MEDICAL/DENTAL PROFESSIONALS: You are needed to assist Dr. Carol Narcevic at her clinics. Please call Dr. Dennis Dawgert at 587-5437 for information about volunteer opportunities.

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.

Mr. Terry O'Brien
C Company
3-19 Med Evac
FOB Sykes
APO, AE 09351

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. If you have not attended training please call Carol at the Parish Center or please check the Diocesan website for future training sessions at www.dioceseofscranton.org, then click on Departments and Resources, then click on **Virtus: Protecting God's Children.**

CLUSTER #4 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

The **Implementation Team** has submitted a plan for **Cluster #4 (Our Lady of the Snows/Church of St. Benedict, Church of St. Gregory, Our Lady of the Abingtons, and St. Patrick)** to the Diocese. This is composed of a Values and Vision Statement accompanied by a detail plan outlining goals, objectives, action step, frequency and responsibilities. We will place sections of this plan in the bulletin each week until the entire plan has been communicated. If you are interested in working on any of the subcommittees or have any questions, please feel free to call the priests at any of the parishes or Carol at the Parish Center.

GOAL: Each parish in the Cluster will maintain individual financial stability. **Objective:** Individual finance committees, along with the Pastor, will meet to establish a realistic budget for the next fiscal year using timely information from the Diocese and parish financial records. This will be accomplished in the summer of 2009 and ongoing.

GOAL: Individual parishes will continue to pay down debts (where needed) and maintain financial stability. **Objective:** Individual finance committees, along with the Pastor, will meet to establish a realistic budget for the next financial year. This is an ongoing objective

TIPS FROM THE PARISH NURSES

Guide for Disposing of Old Meds

*Inquire from your local pharmacy if they would accept expired meds to incinerate when they dispose of theirs. This is one of the safest ways to prevent the medications from polluting our environment.

*Place your old pills in a container with coffee grinds or cat litter to disguise and destroy the pill, then dispose of them in the trash. We do not recommend that you throw them down the sink or commode. This is no longer suggested by the FDA.

*Call your trash disposal company for further suggestions.

GARDEN FLOWERS ACCEPTED

If you have an abundance of garden flowers and would like to share them, the Art and Environment Committee can use them for altar flowers for Our Lady of the Snows and Church of Saint Benedict. Long stemmed and appropriately sized flowers work best such as Lupines, Lilies, Foxgloves, and Shasta Daisies.

Please call Mary Ann Cornell at 563-1560 or 945-3669 for details about pick-up and delivery. We will be happy to do the flower arranging.

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
PHONE NUMBER _____
<input type="checkbox"/> SICK <input type="checkbox"/> HOMEBOUND <input type="checkbox"/> IN HOSPITAL
<input type="checkbox"/> NURSING HOME
<input type="checkbox"/> WOULD LIKE COMMUNION
<input type="checkbox"/> WOULD LIKE A VISIT
<input type="checkbox"/> NEEDS SACRAMENT OF THE SICK
<input type="checkbox"/> NEEDS OTHER ASSISTANCE

Jamaican Ministry Donation Fund	
Name _____	
Address _____	
Phone _____	
Please make checks payable to OLS/CSB (please note Jamaican Ministry on the bottom of your check.)	
I wish my funds to be used for:	
___ Medical Needs of the people in the Missions	
___ Help with Tuition for a school child. \$300/year	
___ Help with funds for a student at Catholic College of Mandeville. Tuition - \$2000/year Books - \$500/year	
___ Funds for Mandeville Retreat House - \$50/person	
___ General funds for the Passionist Mission in Jamaica	

WE THANK those who brought Pasta/Sauce is weekend. If you can, please brings Crackers next

weekend. Your generosity will not go unnoticed by a grateful Lord.

MEN'S CLUB 500 CLUB WINNERS

Week 7 winners - \$100.00 – Joseph Fox \$50.00 – Msgr. John Bendick \$25.00 – Elizabeth Bush, John Zaums, John/Lois Burns and Dennis Kelly
Thank you to all who support the 500 CLUB.

COMMUNITY NEWS

ST. MARY'S VISITATION CHURCH, Dickson City Special Bingo in celebration of Independence Day! In the school at Scott Rd. and Dundaff St. All players will be treated to free hot dogs or hamburgers grilled to your liking by "Freddie the Barbecue King" also, salad, homemade cake and beverage from 5:00 to 6:45 p.m. SPECIAL !!! Bring a new player and get \$5.00 off your bingo package and new players will receive a free dauber and a special! Doors open at 4:30 p.m. – Early Bird starts at 6:40 p.m. and regular Bingo at 7:00.

ATTENTION; Stamp Collectors ...Sr. Helen Gallagher, CP, St. Gabriel's Retreat Center, Clarks Green, has a collection of foreign and domestic stamps for anyone interested. Please call 586-2791 for information.

FAMILY MINISTRY

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The next bereavement session will be on **Wednesday July 1st at 10:00 am** and on **Sunday July 12th 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.**

CONVERSATION CORNER

As Americans, we tend to believe in self-reliance. Anyone can "make it" if they just work hard and conversely if they are not "making it" they must be lazy. That belief influences how we see the issues of today from welfare and bailouts to who is deserving of our charity. Have you ever thought about how that philosophy fits with our faith? If we are all children of God, then it follows that we should care for each other. The early communities were very conscious of the needs of their members and shared what they had with each other. People were not judged on the basis of what others thought they had "earned." Those who had plenty simply shared with those who had little. How might your faith affect your attitudes about the issues of our day?

FOR BETTER FOR WORSE

Sacramental Marriage

The loving power of God explains how couples can pledge to stay together for a lifetime "no matter what." It explains how parents can care for their children with patience and understanding, without considering the cost. When this cooperative moment happens publicly, in formal rituals marked by words of faith and love, we say that God becomes "sacramentally" present.

As a sacrament, Christian marriage has two special features.

The sacrament of marriage is actually conferred by each spouse on the other. The official witness—usually a priest or deacon—is a witness to the activity taking place between the two spouses. They marry each other; the priest or deacon does not marry them.

Due to the ongoing nature of Christian marriage, the wife and husband remain "givers of the sacrament" throughout their lives. By carrying out their vows, they continue to administer the sacrament to each other. Marriage is truly "the gift that keeps on giving."

John L. Thomas, S.J., Beginning Your Marriage, ACTA Publications

Can You Help Us? Can We Help You?

Prayers. If you or someone you know is in need of prayers, or if you wish to become a prayer partner in our prayer chain. **Transportation** to mass, grocery store, doctor's appt. **Home visit Communion visit/ Respite care. Babysitting-Mother's helper Temporary help providing meals** during recovery from surgery, family member being hospitalized, new baby, etc. **If you are in need of any of these services, or if you can help out please call Nettie @ 586-1741.**

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

Cluster Leaders:

Thank you for helping the children in our parish community grow in their faith. Your time and talent is so greatly appreciated. May God continue to bless you and your family. Have a joyful, restful summer. We hope to see you all back next fall.

Please return teacher manuals, unused textbooks, and attendance records to the parish office as soon as possible.

PLEASE KEEP September 20, 2009 open on your calendar , we will be inviting you to join us for a special dinner in recognition of Catechetical Sunday. We hope that all will be able to attend.

First Eucharist and Confirmation Video and Group Photo Orders:

It is not too late to order a First Eucharist/Confirmation video and group photo. Order forms are available at the parish office.

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

- June 30thTheology on Tap
- July 10-12thFranciscan Youth Conference
- August 6-8thOLS Bazaar
- November 19-22ndNCYC 09 Kansas City

Franciscan Summer Youth Conference

WHEN: July 10-12 2009

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 2009 High School Graduate.

COST: \$60!!!



Young Adults: THEOLOGY ON TAP

The first Theology on Tap in our Area!

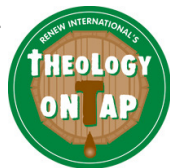
What: A monthly discussion series for young adults, single, married, 18-40 yrs old.

Where: Armetta's Pizza

When: June 30th 2009

Time: 7PM – 9PM

Cover: \$5 includes Pizza and wings



Topic: Experiencing God through Adversity

Guest Speaker: Steve Wallo, Youth and Young Adult Ministries OLS