



THE SPIRIT

St. Mary's Youth Ministry News



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"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire!"

~ St. Catherine of Siena ~

SUMMER 2023

FOR MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS 6 – 12 Grade are invited to YM Social Events. For outreach and volunteer activities you must be 14 or older and have completed Worthy of the Call Training (W of CT)

- June 16** **TEEN CONNECT "Campfire Friday" 7-9 pm Flashlight Tag/ Campfire** **Invite a friend!**
Hot Dogs/Smores provided **Bring a flashlight!**
- June 28** **Service Project! Workday Wednesday @ Harford Family House!!** **Meet @ St. Mary's 8 am return for parent pick up @ 1:30 pm. Must be 14 and older, W of TC Trained to volunteer. RSVP to Mrs. Rachel by June 26th**
- June 30** **TEEN CONNECT 6:30 – 9 PM Create Night & Ice Cream Social! Help us paint and create scenery for VBS and enjoy an ice cream social. Meet us in the main Parish Hall use the front doors. Invite a friend!**
- July 12** **Service Project! Workday Wednesday @ Harford Family House !!** **Meet @ St. Mary's 8 am return for parent pick up @ 1:30 pm. Must be 14 and older, W of TC Trained to volunteer. RSVP to Mrs. Rachel by July 10th**
- July 17-21** **St. Mary's VBS "GREAT, BIG, BEAUTIFUL WORLD" W of C T Teens helpers needed!!!**
- July 24-28 HAY (Harford Area Youth Ministry) Work Camp** **Join us for one day or**
Whole week. RSVP to HAY QR Code attached flier by July 17 See attached flier for details 14 and Older W of C T
- July 28** **Guppy Gulch Water Park \$27 pp see inside for details. RSVP to HAY QR Code attached flier by July 17** **Invite your friends!! Must be 14 or older to attend. (Part of HAY Workcamp Week)**
- Aug. 19** **Service Project! Serving @ First Fruits Farm** **Meet @ St. Mary's 8 am return for parent pick up @ 1 pm. Must be 14 and older, W of TC Trained to volunteer. RSVP to Mrs. Rachel by Aug. 16th**
- Aug. 31** **Confirmation Parent/Student Registration Mtg. 6:30 pm Youth Room** **Incoming 10th Grade eligible**

FAITH/ FAMILY/ FOOD TRUCK NIGHTS WILL BE ON SATURDAY JUNE 24, JULY 22, AND AUG. 26 IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE 4 PM MASS TILL 8PM. ST. MARY'S YOUTH MINISTRY WILL BE SPONSORING OUTDOOR GAMES IN JUNE, CAMPFIRE IN JULY AND FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT IN AUGUST. ALL ARE INVITED!!





Thanks to all the parents who helped chaperone our events. Hats off to all those who helped stuff Easter eggs, hide Easter eggs, and helped the children find eggs on the day of the Hunt! It was great fun for all.



The Spring In Review



Summer is here! What a Spirit filled Spring we had! Many thanks to our teens and Parents who helped with our Spring Outdoor service project to refresh the Playground by weeding and mulching, tons of raking of the grounds behind the Parish center, tidying up the Outdoor Stations of the Cross and the GAGA Ball Pit. It was a good day! Big thank you to the teens who led the Youth Stations of the Cross and the Outdoor Stations. Job well done! Middle and High school teens stuffed 1000 Easter eggs! Was that a lot of candy or what??? Thanks to all our parishioners who donated candy and to the Families that came out to hunt Easter eggs on Holy Saturday! It was a fun afternoon! Our Confirmation class made a Spirit filled Retreat in March and were Confirmed on March 25th by Bishop Adam J. Parker. Thank you to all who helped to prepare our Confirmands. As the school year draws to a close, we keep all our graduates in our prayers as they begin a new journey in their lives. We hope to see you and your friends throughout the summer at our Youth ministry events.

*Congratulations goes out to the following Seniors: Julia Eakes, who received The St. Mary's Emmaus Award for Outstanding Peer Ministry and Servant Leadership within the Parish! Ryan Mahns who received The St. Mary's Emmaus Award for Parish and Liturgical Ministry within the Parish! Way to go Young Adults of Faith! St. Mary's is proud of you and all that you have accomplished!

To all our teens graduating from High School, we are proud of you and congratulate you on your hard-earned accomplishments!



Congrats Class of 2023

Let us all be challenged this summer to practice random acts of kindness and mercy for our families, our neighbors, and those who we do not know. May you be *RADIANT* in sharing Christ' love with others. LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE!!!

May God Bless you with good friends and with an eagerness to share your faith with others!

Have a Blessed summer!

Peace of Christ,

Mrs. Rachel





SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS



Work Day Wednesday's @ Harford Family House

Teens 14 and over who are Worthy of the Call Trained please join us in our local service project to help Harford Family House. June 28 and July 12 Meet us @ St. Mary's @ 8 am we will return by 1:30pm for Parent pick up. TEENS MUST RSVP to Mrs. Rachel (rbittner@stmaryspylesville.org) to volunteer.

Parents who are Virtus Trained Drivers we will need your help.

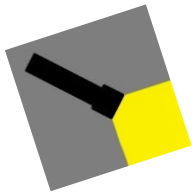
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Join us TEEN CONNECT NITES!!!



JUNE 16 CAMPFIRE FRIDAY 7 – 9 PM BRING A FLASHLIGHT AND INVITE A FRIEND!



JUNE 30 CREATE NITE/ ICE CREAM SOCIAL 6:30 – 9 PM Help us create and paint scenery for VBS and ice cream sundaes.



Harford Area Youth Ministry Work Camp Week July 24-28 Great way to meet new friends and teens from other Parishes. Please see attached HAY flier and click on link below or scan QR code on flier to register/pay for any work camp day or for Guppy Gulch. All forms are on line

Workcamp Registration/Payment Link: <https://forms.ministryforms.net/viewForm.aspx?formId=3fd181b2-e5cc-400a-9d2e-58334b9f9316>



GUPPY GULCH Largest Private Water Park July 28 for (14 years and older!!!)

We will meet @ 10am @ the Quarry 95 Guppy Valley Delta PA 17314

10 am till 3 pm Parent drop off and pick up. Permission form and Park waiver needed.

Cost is \$27 pp Please see attached HAY flier and click on link below or scan QR code on the flier to register/pay/waivers/permission forms by July 17th!!! Don't Miss out!!

Workcamp/or Guppy Gulch Registration/Payment

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FAITH FAMILY FOOD TRUCK NIGHT



COME HAVE DINNER WITH THE FAMILY



So mark your calendars and join us
for an unforgettable night of
games, food, and fellowship.

We can't wait to see you there!

JUNE 24TH

JULY 22TH

AUG 26TH

DINNER START AFTER 4 PM MASS

Harford Area Youth Ministry YOUTH

WORK CAMP

Join us for one day or the whole week!

July 24-28, 2023

8:30am - 3:30pm



JULY 24TH
ST. IGNATIUS, HICKORY



JULY 25TH
HOLY SPIRIT, JOPPATOWNE



JULY 28TH
FUN DAY, GUPPY GULCH - \$27 PP



JULY 26TH
ST. MARK, FALLSTON



JULY 27TH
ST. FRANCIS DE SALES, ABINGDON

ADDITIONAL PARTICIPATING PARISHES:

PRINCE OF PEACE, EDGEWOOD

ST. MARGARET, BEL AIR

ST. JOAN OF ARC, ABERDEEN

ST. JOHN, HYDES

ST. MARY, PYLESVILLE

ST. PATRICK, HAVRE DE GRACE

ST. STEPHEN, BRADSHAW



Each day will include:

Mass, Service Projects, Games, & Prayer Services.

*For more information and to register
& process payment scan the QR code.*

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