



Other Upcoming Events

- July 12 Outdoor Movie, Our Lady of Sorrows, Linwood
- July 19 - 23 Teen Vacation Bible School, Holy Family, Sewell
- July 21-25 St. John Bosco Conference (Steubenville, Ohio)
- July 27 - 30 Institute for New Youth Ministers, Chicago
- July 28 Theology and Ice Cream, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Absecon
- July 28 - 30 National Theology of the Body Congress, Blue Bell, PA
- August 2 - 6 Community Connection, Holy Family, Sewell
- August 14 - 20 Summer in the City-Down the Shore
- August 18 Burning Bush Prayer Service, St. Gianna, Northfield
- October 29 - 31 Marianist High School Retreat
- December 9 - 12 National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry, New Orleans



Justin Fatica, internationally renowned Catholic speaker

Good News International's 2010 Catholic Tent Revival

St. Padre Pio Parish
Our Lady of Pompeii Church
4680 Dante Avenue, Vineland
(856) 691-7526

Most events are free!
Food is available for purchase each night at 6:00 p.m.

Schedule

- Sunday, June 6 - 6:30 p.m. Speakers: Fr. Bill Halbing and Johnnette Benkovic
- Monday, June 7 - 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.: True Feminism Workshop with Johnnette Benkovic
\$25 includes light breakfast and lunch, call 856-691-7526
- 6:30 p.m. Speakers: Justin Fatica and Fr. Bill Halbing
- Tuesday, June 8 - 7:00 p.m. Mass, Bishop Galante, celebrant
- After Mass Speaker: Johnnette Benkovic

AN EVENING OF REFLECTION FOR YOUTH MINISTERS

FRIDAY, JUNE 11 5:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Catholic Community of Christ Our Light, Cherry Hill

Register now by opening the flyer attached to the email with this newsletter or by contacting Joanne at (856) 583-2827 or joanne.digennaro@camdendiocese.org.



Theology and Ice Cream

Wednesday, July 28th 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Absecon

Come to a round-table discussion on the Catholic faith. This is your chance to ask those things you were afraid to ask! Following the discussion, we will have ice cream sundaes with a toppings bar!

Call Stan Witherspoon at (609) 214-8813

The National Theology of the Body Congress

July 28 – 30
Blue Bell, PA

For info and registration, visit www.TOBCongress.com
or call (877) 263-1263.



Community Connection

August 2 - 6 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

\$125 per Person

A week-long program focusing on service, open to those entering 9th -12th grades for the 2010 - 2011 school year. Limited spaces for 20 teens. Fee includes dinners, snacks, materials, a t-shirt and transportation to and from work-sites . Two partial scholarships are available. Participants meet at Holy Family Parish, Sewell, for breakfast and daily prayer, then depart for six hours at a work site (Glassboro Child Development Center, St. John of God Community Services/Westville Grove, St. Teresa of Avila Lunch Kitchen/Bridgeton). Participants take a bag lunch from home.

Return to Holy Family for dinner and closing prayer.

Contact Julie La Rosa at (856) 228-2215 or jlrosa@churchoftheholymfamily.org

Summer in the City - Down the Shore

August 14-20, 2010

Summer in the City is a week-long immersion project where the participant is given the opportunity to live and work the gospel of service and social justice through the gift of self. The combination of catechetical sessions and service at multiple work sites gives our young people the chance to use their talents and abilities to help their neighbor and increase their awareness and understanding of the importance of the rights and dignity of the human person. This year, youth will be housed at Epiphany Parish in Longport. Daytime events will include service projects in Atlantic City and neighboring towns. Each participant is asked to contribute \$100 toward food and expenses. To register, contact Joseph Zagarella, Director of Youth Ministries at 856-583-2876 or joseph.zagarella@camdendiocese.org

Summer in the City - Camden has been cancelled. Urban Challenge, a similar program, is available through The Romero Center. For details, go to <http://www.romero-center.org>

Burning Bush Prayer Service

August 18 6:00 - 10:00 p.m.

St. Gianna Parish, Northfield

\$5 per Person

Enjoy a BBQ dinner and games followed by this unique prayer service.
The Burning Bush is an adoration service blended with gospel and current praise and worship song.
Please RSVP to Jeff Young at (609) 653-4803 and bring some desserts to share.

Marianist Family Retreat Center

Cape May Point, NJ

A retreat to renew your spiritual life, to deepen your relationship with God and
to enrich your association with your peers.

2010 High School Teen Retreat

October 29 – 31

For more info: 609-884-3829 or www.capemaymarianists.org

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY

December 9-12

New Orleans Convention Center

Save these dates for a long weekend of inspiration, information, and fun!

Go to <http://www.nfcym.org/> for details.

The Bridge: We Are Empowering Youth!

Leadership - Communication - Teambuilding

For youth 13-19 who would like to participate, and for young adults 20+ who may like to volunteer.
The Bridge is an opportunity for weekly drop-in sessions that meet from 7:30 p.m. sharp to 9 p.m., in
Camden County on Tuesday nights, (2 doors west of Lourdes Hospital) at 1492 Haddon Ave in Camden,
and also in Burlington County on Thursday nights in Room 114 of the Kennedy Center, at
429 JFK Road in Willingboro.

There is no cost, no registration, and they are open to teens as well as parents and other adults who
would like to check out the program, too. Each week is a different topic.

Teens can attend as many or as few as they like.

For more information, contact Maria Pinardo at (856) 986-0004 or maria@bridge1980.com

You can also go to www.bridge1980.com

The Vacation of the Youth Minister

No, the title is not a misprint! Youth ministers need a vacation or, in Catholic lingo, a retreat. They give of their time, money and talent to serve the youth of their parishes and communities. With so much giving, I ask, "When do they have time to receive?" Over the last month, I have gone to two multi-day "meetings" for diocesan directors, the first near Arlington, Virginia, and then in Washington, D.C. Both meetings had idea sharing and discussion about how to be a better director, but the most important thing was that I received a renewed spirit. The meetings were a time of retreat in the midst of work. I experienced a sense of community as is found in the Acts of the Apostles: "They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers" (Acts 2:42). During the two meetings we learned more about the faith, and we fostered a sense of community through interaction and shared meals. We prayed together as we proclaimed grace before our meals, began and ended each day with formal prayer, went to daily Mass, and went to adoration.

I would like to offer a similar experience at our Evening of Reflection on June 11th from 5:00-8:30 p.m., at the Catholic Community of Christ Our Light in Cherry Hill. We will have a time of fellowship and break bread together. We will have a time for a teaching, reflection and sharing as we listen to the presentations. We will close our time together before the Bread of Life, Our Lord and Savior in a time of adoration. The details are in the flyer attached to the email with this newsletter. You can also look on page 2 of this newsletter. Send your registration in as soon as possible! Each participant will go home with a free DVD from Outside da Box Ministries

One goal of this Evening of Reflection is to foster a greater sense of community among us as youth ministers as we share our faith and share ideas. A second and more important goal for this day is to foster our individual relationships with our God. Renewing the Vision states that the first goal of youth ministry is "To empower young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in our world today" (RTV, 9). We as youth ministers must be the disciples that we want the youth to be. Pope Paul VI in his encyclical on Evangelization wrote "'Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses'" (EN, 41). More recently Pope Benedict's address on June 6, 2005, spoke about this idea:

The central figure in the work of educating, and especially in education in the faith, which is the summit of the person's formation and is his or her most appropriate horizon, is specifically the form of witness. This witness becomes a proper reference point to the extent that the person can account for the hope that nourishes his life (cf. I Pt 3: 15) and is personally involved in the truth that he proposes.

On the other hand, the witness never refers to himself but to something, or rather, to Someone greater than he, whom he has encountered and whose dependable goodness he has sampled. Thus, every educator and witness finds an unequalled model in Jesus Christ, the Father's great witness, who said nothing about himself but spoke as the Father had taught him (cf. Jn 8: 28).

In closing, I would like to pay tribute to a great man of God, an inspiring youth minister who served at Holy Saviour Parish in Westmont, and a friend, Kevin Connor. Kevin practiced what he preached. He was a man of great prayer who always had a song in his heart. He was committed to the care and service of the poor and the sick. If I learned anything from Kevin and from hearing all the kind thoughts of him at his funeral liturgy, it is the importance for all of us who minister to be holy and let our lives be the greatest witness and teaching that we can give.

God Bless,

Joseph Zagarella

"So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." (1 Cor. 10:31)

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