



Youth Ministry E-Date - March 2009

Diocese of Rochester

ATTENTION PARISHES & SCHOOLS:

Please Print for the Parish Youth Ministry or Campus Ministry Contact

Hands of Christ Celebrations

We are very excited about the 800+ young people who are Seniors in High School who have been nominated to receive the Hands of Christ Recognition! It is always such a special ceremony! Please make sure your young people have received a letter from us with all the necessary information. Sometimes parishes send a letter too to make it extra special. Some parishes "re-award" the recipients at announcement time at Mass to let the entire community know just how special these young people are. In a time when all you hear about is how "bad" young people are, here's a time to showcase the goodness of young people! Be sure to invite your entire parish staff to attend one of the following celebrations! And bring a camera - pictures are worth a thousand words!

Celebrations are:

March 16 - St Joseph, Penfield at 7:30

March 18 - St Lawrence, Greece at 7:30

March 28 - St Mary our Mother, Horseheads at 11:00

March Youth Ministry Gatherings

I'm looking forward to our March Youth Ministry Gatherings! It's a good time to have coffee or tea with colleagues, share good ideas and to pray together! Our discussion will center on how people are using technology to enhance their youth ministry.

Finger Lakes YMGathering--March 3rd --St Mary of the Lake, Ontario 10-1

Genesee Valley YMGathering--March 10--St Agnes, Avon 10-1

Monroe County YMGathering--March 12--see below

Southern Tier YMGathering--March 31--St Mary's Watkins Glen 11-1

CHANGE in MONROE COUNTY YMGATHERING

Instead of meeting at Holy Trinity in Webster, Monroe County Youth Ministry Leaders will meet at St Jude the Apostle Church in Gates.

Don Boice from Employee Assistance Program will facilitate a discussion on Transitions in Ministry from 9:30-12:30. If you would like to have lunch together and chat after the meeting with Don RSVP by March 9th and I will make arrangements at a local restaurant.



NCYC

Kansas City here we come! The deadline for the 1st registration and deposit has been extended to allow more time for people to decide about NCYC. The NEW DEADLINE is April 1st. Parishes may add to their numbers after that date. All information is posted on the Diocesan website. If you're considering NCYC but have some questions, please don't hesitate to give me a call. I am happy to speak with you on the phone or out at your parish. This experience is so worthwhile for young people and adults alike! Did I mention that there will be a Parent Track in Kansas City! NCYC is a great way to get new people on your Youth Ministry Team. It's not too late to invite, invite, invite!

You Parable

Here's a great opportunity for youth in the Diocese of Rochester and your parish! --A video contest that takes a unique look at the Parables. Top twenty videos will be posted on You Tube. Everything you need to know is posted on the website:

<http://youparable.org/index.html>



Resources for Celebrating Lent

<http://www.nfcym.org/resources/components/prayerworship/lent.htm>

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[Animated Power Point Prayer Services \(Ministry Training Source\)](#)

[Blessed Are the Peacemakers: A Lenten Session Encouraging Young People to Fast from Violence \(NFCYM\)](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions \(St. Anthony Messenger\)](#)

[Lenten Nails: A Reflection Exercise for Lent \(St. Mary's Press\)](#)

[Lenten Online Retreat \(Good Ground Press\)](#)

[Message of His Holiness Benedict XVI on Lent 2009](#)

[Music Selections \(Oregon Catholic Press\)](#)

[Operation Rice Bowl \(Catholic Relief Services\)](#)

[Praying Lent \(Creighton University\)](#)

[Resources for Lent and Easter \(Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy\)](#)

[Resources for Lent \(Center for Ministry Development\)](#)

[Resources for Lent and Easter \(USCCB\)](#)

[Retreat/Activities/Resources \(Sacred Space\)](#)

[Stations of the Cross audio reflection with contemporary music \(Cornerstone Media\)](#)

[Lent: Fasting for the Feast](#)

[Lent: Time to Renew Your Life](#)

[Lent: Use the Music](#)

[Scriptural Way of the Cross](#)

[One a Day During Lent](#)

[Catholic Update \(St. Anthony Messenger\)](#)

[Lent: Giving Our Hearts to God](#)

[Lent: Opening the Gifts of the Holy Spirit](#)

[Lenten Customs: Baptism is the Key](#)

[Lenten Stories from John's Gospel](#)

[Lent: A 40-Day Retreat](#)

[Lent: A Journey Into the Inner Self](#)

[Letting God In: Daily Meditations for Lent](#)

St Bernard's Principles of YM II

Principles of Youth Ministry II will be held at St. Bernard's on March 23 and March 30 from 4:00 pm – 9:00 pm. If you attend in the classes in Rochester you get to taste my famous Chicken Soup and bread for dinner! Contact St Bernard's to register for the class! No need to have taken Youth Ministry I prior to this class.

YM Retreat trades places with CRS

Ted Miles from Catholic Relief Services will be in town on March 30th to inspire us, to enrich us and to share a wealth of knowledge with us! I'm working on time and place and will let you know as soon as I work through some of the kinks. Youth Ministry Leaders are invited to attend this event in place of the YM Retreat this spring. To find out more about ALL the FREE resources that Catholic Relief Services Publishes, check out the website: <http://crs.org/>

Prayer for our Times

As Sisters of St. Joseph, we invite you, your family and your friends to join us in our monthly gathering, "Prayer for Our Times". This month's prayer for peace will be on Tuesday, March 3, 2009 from 7pm to 8pm in our Motherhouse chapel, located at 150 French Road, Rochester, NY . If you are unable to join us in person, please join us in prayer wherever you might be.

Any questions please call: 641-8122.

Quiet Sitting Meditation

Please join the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Rochester for a Quiet Sitting Meditation during the Lenten Season. The service is every Friday of Lent from 4-5 p.m (March 6, 13, 20, 27). No need to call ahead. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Dawn Gruba, Director of Marketing and Communications, at (585)641-8172 or dgruba@ssjrochester.org.

Dates to Remember

May 9 Run for the Young

May 20 May Day

June 7 Jr Hi Rally

Ponder This!

A leader is best

When people barely know he exists, When his work is done,

his aim fulfilled,

They will say: We did it ourselves." Lao-Tzu.

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