

April 2014

Peer Connections Newsletter

EXCITING NEWS!!!

Check out the brand new printable calendar on the parish website!

Calendar of Events

Peer Connections

- *April 13 - Palm Sunday*
- *April 17 - Holy Thursday*
- *April 18 - Faith Walk at St. Patrick's in Farmington*
- *April 18 - Good Friday*
- *April 19 - Holy Saturday*
- *April 20 - Easter Sunday*
- *April 26 - Car Wash*

- *May 9 - LEAP!*
- *May 10 - DIVE!*
- *May 17 - Relay for Life*

- *June 1 - DIVE! Retreat (6th & 7th grades)*
- *June 7 - Peer Connections Summer Social*
- *June 20-22 - Christian Leadership Retreat at Holy Family Retreat Center*

- *July 12 - Family Outing to Rock Cats Game*

- *August 7-10 - Soul Fest 2014*
- *September 21 - Catholic Youth Spectacular*
- *November - Service Project: End Hunger New England with FVAMC*

Go to stmary-unionville.org for the BRAND NEW printable version of the calendar.

Faith Walk

Good Friday, April 18, 2014
St. Patrick's Church, Farmington



We have once again been invited to be a part of the annual Faith Walk at St. Patrick's. The walk will start at 10am in the parking lot of St. Patrick's Church. The Faith Walk is an outdoor reenactment of the Stations of the Cross.

Participants are still needed for the walk. If you would like to be a participant email Amanda ASAP!

Car Wash

Saturday, April 26, 2014

9am-1pm

St. Mary's Church Parking Lot



Spend the day with your friends washing cars and raising money for Peer Connections. We need everyone's help for this event to make posters, raise money and most importantly WASH CARS! This event is for both DIVE! and LEAP! to raise money for upcoming events so we NEED everyone's help.

NEXT DIVE! & LEAP! MEETING

LEAP! - May 9 at 7pm
DIVE! - May 10 at 7pm



DIVE! Retreat June 1, 2014



Are you in 6th or 7th grade?
Want to find out what happens on a retreat?

Here is your chance! During the afternoon of June 1st, you will have the opportunity to attend your very own retreat at Trinita in New Hartford. Contact Amanda for more details.

Peer Connections Summer Social June 7, 2014



For the last official monthly meeting of the year, it's time to play! It's Kid vs. Parent as the teams compete in the Peer Connection Jeopardy Game. There will be lots of food and fun as we celebrate families!

Relay for Life May 17, 2014



MAKE A DIFFERENCE - HELP FINISH
THE FIGHT!

JOIN OUR TEAM! **"Building Blocks for Hope"**

Come join the fun! Relay for Life is an event for a good cause joining the American Cancer's Society fight towards cancer.

Teams of 10-15+ take turns walking around. Families, groups, churches all organize Relay teams. Everyone's life has been touched by cancer and this is your chance to make a difference. Overall, our community comes together to step up against the fight against cancer! Walkers can participate in shifts throughout the day. You can sign up by visiting the team page

<http://main.acsevents.org/goto/buildingblocksofhope>

If you can't join our team but would still like to support us, please visit our team page.

Who's Who? Amanda McCaffrey, Coordinator of Youth Ministry

Learn about us! Online @ stmary-unionville.org or www.facebook.com/stmaryspeerconnections

Where we meet? St. Mary Star of the Sea Church or the Teen Center on School Street in Unionville



Altar Servers

Interested in becoming an Altar Server?
Now is the time to sign up. A new training session
will be starting soon!

Requirements:

- Must be in 4th grade
- Made your First Communion
- Willing to serve at any mass including Holy Day of Obligation.



Bridget, Katie, Chris and Nicholas

Family Outing
New Britain Rock Cats Game
July 12, 2013
6:30 pm



It's game time!

Bring the family and join us for a night of
baseball with the New Britain Rock Cats. The
Cost is \$9 per person. This event is open to
all St. Mary's families so invite **ALL** of your
friends!

Summer Trips

Christian Leadership Retreat
June 20-22, 2014



All high school students or anyone that will be entering
9th grade in the fall are invited to spend a weekend
with other Christian teens playing games, walking the
grounds, praying and just having fun. Even if you have
finals the next week, use this weekend as a time to
prepare. Go to [www.holyfamilyretreat.org/youth---
christian-leadership-retreat](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org/youth---christian-leadership-retreat) to hear from a teen that
was a part of last year's weekend. Scholarships are
available and Peer Connections will pay half of your
retreat cost.

Soul Fest 2014

August 7-10, 2014



Sign up today for the early bird special rate!

"New England's Premier Christian music and worship
festival and family retreat. Held annually at the
beautiful Gunstock Mountain Resort in Gilford, New
Hampshire August 7-10, 2014 featuring world renown
artists and speakers on five separate stages."

FYI, this event draws a lot of people and we will be
camping for the 4 days. Lunch and dinner, campsites,
lift tickets and a multi-day pass to the concerts and
speakers are included. All you need to bring is some
clothes and a sleeping bag. This is a great family
vacation or come with friends. For more information
about Soul Fest go to www.thesoulfest.com or the
Facebook page www.facebook.com/soulfest

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