

Peer Connections Newsletter

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called wonderful counselor, mighty God, everlasting father, prince of peace." - Isaiah 9:6

Calendar of Events

Peer Connection Events

- December 20 - Peer Connections Christmas Celebration
- January 11 - DIVE! at Laser Quest
- January 18 - LEAP! at Broomball
- January 25 - Family Outing to Hartford Wolf Pack Hockey Game
- February 7-9 - College Weekend Retreat at Holy Family Retreat Center
- February 15 - Peer Connections at Spare Time Bowling
- March - LEAP!
- March - DIVE!
- April - LEAP!
- April - DIVE!
- May 3 - Free Car Wash
- May - LEAP!
- May - DIVE!
- June - Peer Connections Summer Social
- July - Family Outing to New Britain Rock Cats Game
- August 7-10 - Soul Fest 2014

Parish Events

Check the the parish website for upcoming events
[St. Mary Star of the Sea](#)

- December 15 - Children's Christmas Pageant

Peer Connections Christmas Celebration

December 20, 2013

7-10pm



It's time for us to gather and celebrate!

Come to the Teen Center on School St. in Unionville on Friday, December 20th at 7pm to celebrate Christmas with your friends in Peer Connections. There will be lots of yummy food, a large dose of fun, a holiday inspired movie and some surprises. Invite all of your friends! You will also have a chance to sign up for events happening after the new year and Spring of 2014.

RSVP to st.marys.peerconnections@gmail.com by Thursday, December 19th.

Holiday Mass Schedule

CHRISTMAS

Christmas Eve—Tuesday, **December 24**
4:00 PM, 10:00 PM

Christmas Day—Wednesday, **December 25**
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM

NEW YEARS

New Year's Eve—Tuesday, **December 31**
4:00 PM

New Year's Day—Wednesday, **January 1**
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM

In your own words...

We all know that Peer Connections is fun so we asked you to share your experiences.

"I went to bowling, Gaga, and haunted mini golf. It was a marvelous amount of merriment."

-Sam Barman

"We all met at Spare Time one night to go bowling. All of us had a great time bowling and having fun. Win or lose, we did not care; it was about coming together with friends. I cannot wait to go again."

"I went to Laser Quest and played laser tag with the group it was awesome and I was full with excitement!"

"My favorite activity last year was Soul Fest. I had such a fun time. I can't stop talking about it. I can't wait to go again. #hashtag."

-Leah Barman

"Last year, I went to the Holy Family church retreat in June. This was a great way to meet Christians from all over Connecticut."

- Michael Costello

DIVE! at Laser Quest

January 11, 2013

7-9:30pm



Got light? It's time to play! Invite all you friends to complete and find out who is a laser tag champ.

We'll meet at the Teen Center and car pool the Laser Quest in Newington.

Permission slip is attached.

LEAP! at Broomball

January 18, 2013

8-10:30pm



An annual LEAP! tradition.

Invite your friends and dress warm.

Permission slip is attached.

Christmas symbols

Evergreen Tree: Titus 1:2
Eternal Life

Star & Lights: Matthew 2: 9-10
Star that told of Christ's birth

Candy Cane: Luke 2: 8-9, John 10:11
Staff of shepherds who visited the Christ child/Christ is the good shepherd

Bells: John 10:16
Ring out to bring lost sheep back to the fold

Holly & Berries: Titus 1:2, Luke 22:44
Green = Eternal life, Red = Blood of Christ

Gift: Matthew 2:1,11, John 3:16
Wise men's gifts to the Christ child/God's greatest gift to us was the Savior

Family Outing to Hartford Wolf Pack

Hockey Game

January 25, 2013



FAMILY NIGHT! This event is open to all parish families. We'll meet at church and car pool to the game. More information coming soon.

Permission slip is attached

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



Let's Party!
Happy Birthday to...

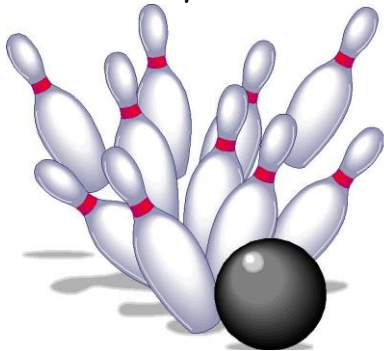


November - Leah and Margaret

December - Natalie and Alex

Peer Connections at Spare Time
Bowling

February 15, 2013



Soul Fest 2014
August 7-10, 2013



Peer Connections Online

Don't forget to check out Peer Connections
on Facebook and the parish website.

Weekend College Retreat at
Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center
February 7 - 9, 2014



College is a great time but it can also be stressful and bring up serious questions about morality and service, community and faith. Its designed to provide an open and welcoming atmosphere where you can honestly reflect upon and examine the important aspects of faith, prayer, Church, service, and spirituality. For more information visit www.holyfamilyretreat.org/college-weekend-retreat. If you would like to share with your fellow students please let me know and I can send flyers and registration forms for your campus ministry/student activities offices. If you would like to attend contact Amanda [860-716-4978](tel:860-716-4978) or st.marys.peerconnections@gmail.com



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