

July 2013

# Peer Connections Newsletter

## BRING A FRIEND TO FACEBOOK!

Invite a buddy to like our Facebook page [Facebook-St. Mary's Peer Connections](#)

## Calendar of Events

### Peer Connection Events



- July 9 - Core Team Meeting
- July 20 - New Britain Rock Cats Game
- July 31-August 3 - Soul Fest 2013
- August 11 - Parish Picnic
- Aug. 31-Sept. 1 - Kickoff Weekend
- September 29 - (7<sup>th</sup> Grade & Up) Catholic Youth Spectacular

### Parish Events

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

- August 3-4 - School Supply Donation Weekend sponsored by the Human Needs Committee
- September 21/22 - St. Mary's Ministry Fair

### Community Events

If you have an upcoming community event, email [st.marys.peerconnections@gmail.com](mailto:st.marys.peerconnections@gmail.com) and it will be added to the newsletter

## Christian Leadership Retreat



Check out the pictures of the weekend on our Facebook page [CLR 2013 Slideshow](#)

Here are some comments from the teens that attended the retreat.

"I thought the retreat at Holy family was **AWSOME!** I was nervous to go because I didn't have any friends going but I'm actually glad about that now because it forced me to make new friends who I had a ton of fun with! I also loved that the speakers were very relatable, especially the one who talked the first night about all the different things he went through when he was a teen. Overall it was just a super fun weekend that I would recommend to anyone!" *-Brianna*

## New Invitations for Large Events

Have you gotten an Evite from Amanda? As the youth group grows so does the ways to communicate. For large group events we will be sending evites to you. This makes it easier to RSVP for events.

## End of the Year Video

If you weren't at the Summer Social check out the end of the year video here [Peer Connections Year End 2013](#)

Family Outing  
New Britain Rock Cats Game  
July 20, 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. For more information or to order tickets email Amanda at [st.marys.peerconnections@gmail.com](mailto:st.marys.peerconnections@gmail.com).

This event is open to all St. Mary's families so invite **ALL** of your friends!

Depending on the number of people going to the game we may car pool; please check with Amanda for the latest information.

### Father Golas

As many of you have probably heard Fr. Golas will be leaving St. Mary's. He was given a new assignment from Archbishop Mansall at two parishes, St. Paul in Glastonbury and St. Augustine in South Glastonbury. His new assignment will begin on July 15<sup>th</sup>.

### Soul Fest Update

All tickets have been purchased for 2013 Soul Fest. If you purchased tickets please check your email regarding payment and event details.

If you want to come, contact Amanda ASAP.

### Summer Contest

#### Design the Official 2013-2014 Peer Connections t-shirt



Each year Peer Connections members are given t-shirts to wear to events that we host or attend. This year we want **YOU** to design the **official Peer Connections t-shirt**. Over the summer (that means July and August) create a design and submit it. Then during the Kickoff Weekend (August 31-September 1) stop by our table after mass and vote for your favorite design.

#### The RULES

1. Create awesome design (the shirt will be **ONE** color and the design will be printed in **ONE** color, you can pick the colors)
2. Get the design to Amanda (either by email, snail mail or give it to her at church)
3. **VOTE** during the Kickoff Weekend
4. **WINNERS**
  - **1<sup>st</sup> Place:** Movie Package including \$25 AMC gift card
  - **2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Music Package including \$10 iTunes gift card
5. The first official wearing of the 2013-2014 t-shirt will be at the Catholic Youth Spectacular in September

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

Learn about us! Online @ [stmary-unionville.org](http://stmary-unionville.org) or [www.facebook.com/stmaryspeerconnections](http://www.facebook.com/stmaryspeerconnections)

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



## Children's Liturgy Committee



Want to help kids get involved during mass?  
Contact Amanda to get more information and  
become involved with this new committee.  
(We need adult and teen volunteers!)

## Peer Connections Core Team

Next Meeting July 9 at 7pm at Church

This is the group of adults that plan events,  
create the calendar and chaperone outings. If you  
want to become a part of this amazing group of  
people or for more information contact Amanda.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Kickoff Weekend August 31-September 1



Get ready for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Peer Connections  
Kickoff Weekend! Stop by after mass during the  
weekend of Aug. 31-Sept 1 to cast your vote for  
the official 2013-14 t-shirt, see photos of recent  
trips, sign up for upcoming events, update your  
constant contact information and much more!

The phrase  
"do not be afraid"  
is written in the Bible  
365 times. That's a daily  
reminder from God to live  
every day being fearless ♥

Let's Party!  
Happy Birthday to...



Julia, Jordyn and Lauren

## Annual Parish Picnic

August 11, 2013

Knights of Columbus Pavilion

We are currently looking for volunteers to help  
with face painting, bubbles and other games.

## 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Catholic Youth Spectacular September 29, 2013 (For teens 7<sup>th</sup> grade & up)

**"AFFIRMING LIFE:  
Blessed.Broken.Shared"**

Join with hundreds of the Catholic teenagers,  
youth ministers & religious leaders as we spend a  
day singing, playing, learning and celebrating God.

Sign up for the following projects...

- The unnamed Bubble Project and Sidewalk Chalk Graffiti brought to you by our very own Anne Danio
- Helping Hands Project developed by Catholic Relief Services and Stop Hunger Now sponsored by the Office of Social Justice Ministry. Over the course of the event the volunteers will pack 20,000 meals that will be sent to Burkina Faso in West Africa. For more information visit [CRS Helping Hands](#)

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