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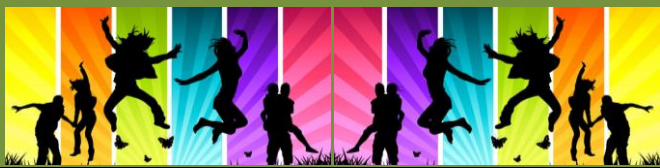
# Peer Connections Newsletter

Welcome to all our new members!

Check out this latest edition of our Newsletter to learn about upcoming events and much more

## Calendar of Events

### Peer Connection Events



- September 20 - LEAP!
- September 21 - DIVE!
- September 29 - (7<sup>th</sup> Grade & Up)

### Catholic Youth Spectacular

- October 19 - Haunted Mini Golf
- TBA- Service Project

### Parish Events

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

- September 21/22 - St. Mary's Ministry Fair
- September 22 - Reception for Fr. Golas and Fr. St Martin
- Family Day Celebration

### Community Events

If you have an upcoming community or school events that you would like to share, email [st.marys.peerconnections@gmail.com](mailto:st.marys.peerconnections@gmail.com) and it will be added to the newsletter

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](#)

**Email Amanda by September 21<sup>st</sup> to sign up and get a FREE Peer Connections t-shirt.**

Permission slips are attached.

Check out the video from last year's Youth Spectacular.

[Animoto - Catholic Youth Spectacular](#)



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## 1<sup>st</sup> Gathering of 2013

LEAP!

September 20<sup>th</sup>

7pm at

Teen Center

DIVE!

September 21<sup>th</sup>

7pm at

Teen Center

### Summer Contest

Design the Official 2013-2014  
Peer Connections t-shirt

Congratulations to our Grand Prize Winner  
Emma!

To get your shirt sign up for the Catholic  
Youth Spectacular today!



### Parish Ministry Fair September 21-22, 2013

Did you know that there are over 25 ministries at St. Mary's Parish? That 25 different ways for you to get involved. One way is to volunteer to help at the Peer Connections table. Email Amanda today to sign up for one of the volunteer opportunities.



### September Contest

Invite a friend to our Facebook Page!



For every friend that you invite to join the Peer Connections Facebook page you will get a raffle ticket. At the end of the month 2 winners will be selected.

[Peer Connections Facebook Page](#)

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



Let's Party!  
Happy Birthday to...



Elisa, Krystyna, Timothy, Elizabeth,  
Mackenzie, Corrine, Alexia, Ryna and  
Mr. Salchert

Haunted Mini-Golf  
October 19, 2013  
7-10pm

*Proceeds from this event benefit the Farmington  
Valley Visitor Association*



Gather your friends, put on a costume and get ready to golf! Join us for our Annual Trip to Farmington Mini Golf for a night of fun with friends. We'll meet at the Teen Center, then journey over to the golf course and then return to the Teen Center for some snacks and surprises.

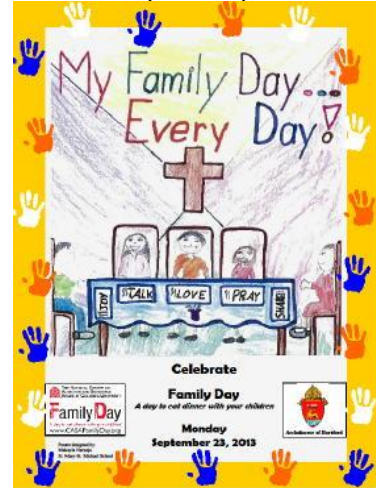
**Print out the attached Permission Slip and email Amanda to sign up today.**

Visit Farmington Mini Golf for more information [Farmington Miniature Golf & Ice Cream Parlor](#) or check out their You Tube video. [Haunted Miniature Golf](#)

Family Day Celebration  
September 23, 2013

*"May our Family Dinner be increasingly blessed by God's love and help us to appreciate more actually the fullness of our lives."*

*- Archbishop Henry J. Mansell*



Families are very busy and everyone is usually going in a different directions but on Monday, September 23, 2013 put aside some time in the evening for a family dinner. Prayer guidelines can be found on the tables at the back of the church.

"It is a national campaign sponsored by the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA) at Columbia University."

For more information visit the Archdiocese website [Archdiocese of Hartford: Family Day](#)

**LIFE IS SHORT**



**PRAY HARD!**

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