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# Peer Connections Newsletter

Welcome to the FIRST ISSUE of the Peer Connections Newsletter!

In this newsletter you will learn about our upcoming meetings, exciting events, great opportunities to spread your faith with others, fun facts and how to share your faith with your friends and other young adults.



## About us

St. Mary Youth & Teen Ministry  
Peer Connections - Feel the Vibe!

### DIVE!

*Divinely Inspired - Visualizing Eternity*

For all 6th, 7th, and 8th graders, DIVE! is a place to hang out, make new friends and learn how to share your faith.

### LEAP!

*Life Everlasting -Awakening Possibilities*

For all high school students, LEAP! is the group to develop your faith through music, movies, going to events and service projects.

### CALLED!

*Confirmed Adults Living & Learning Every Day*

For all those 18 and older CALLED! is the group to keep you connected whether you are here at church or far away.



## Fun Stuff

"I fear one day I'll meet God, he'll sneeze and I won't know what to say." Ronnie Shakes

### Word Search



#### The Basics

C	N	U	F	J	V	V	F	C	E
Y	H	T	K	E	C	A	O	A	L
E	A	U	C	H	I	D	O	L	I
Q	D	Q	R	T	G	E	D	L	M
R	R	G	H	C	X	U	S	E	S
C	I	S	U	M	H	U	A	D	C
D	I	V	E	G	S	L	U	L	T
W	Z	W	O	E	M	E	E	Z	O
R	D	D	J	T	K	B	P	A	U
K	W	Z	M	C	V	C	G	R	P

CALL	CHUR	DIVE	FAITH
FOOD	FUN	GOD	JESUS
LAUGH	LEAP	MUSIC	SMILE

Look for the answer in the next issue!

Who's Who? Karen Herbert, Amanda McCaffrey, Coordinators of Youth Ministry

Learn about us! Online @ <http://stmary-unionville.org>, check us out on Facebook (LEAP page), or right here

Where we meet? St. Mary Church or the Teen Center on School Street in Unionville, next to the fire station



## Events during the year...

### Catholic Youth Spectacular

For all the teens & young adults in the  
Hartford Archdiocese

### Soul Fest

150 musicians and artists on 5 stages for 4  
days in NH. This is a great family vacation!

### Revolve Tour

Girls only event!

### Freedom Sunday

Churches spread the message to end slavery  
and human traffic

### Free2Walk

Walk the historical Farmington Freedom trail  
to follow the steps of past slaves in order to  
learn about present slaves.

### Movie Nights

Faith, food, & fun all while watching a movie

### Got Light!

Share your light with friends at Laser Tag.

### Immaculate Conception Men's Shelter in Hartford

Serve dinner to the men at the shelter

### Annual Kickball Kickoff

Start the season with this annual event.

### Broomball

We keep the fun going during the winter, too!

### Metro Ministries

Take a trip to Brooklyn, NYC to see the face  
of God in a child's eyes.

And many more exciting events!



**NOT  
FOR SALE**

Did you know that  
the color of freedom is ORANGE?

Not for Sale Campaign is an organization  
to abolish slavery and human trafficking  
domestically and internationally.

**NEXT EVENT:** May 14, Spring Stroll at  
West Hartford Center

Stay tuned for more information about  
upcoming events and to learn how you can help  
end human trafficking. To learn more go to  
<http://www.notforsalecampaign.org/>

I am not for sale...you are not for sale...  
NOBODY should ever be for sale!

## Upcoming Events

*More information on upcoming events can be found  
in the weekly bulletin or on the parish website.*

**May 20 DIVE! Summer Spectacular**  
7-9pm Teen Center

**June 5 LEAP! A Catholic Heart**  
7-10pm Karen's House

**June 17-19 Youth Leadership Retreat**  
at Holy Family Retreat Center  
Commit by May 22 the cost is \$85, after is \$175  
Visit [www.holyfamilyretreat.org](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org)

**August 3-6 Soul Fest, NH**  
Please contact Amanda or Karen for the cost  
Visit [www.thesoulfest.com](http://www.thesoulfest.com), (Great family vacation!)

**September: Annual Kickball Kickoff and  
Catholic Youth Spectacular**

*Sign up for our online information for the  
newest happenings and fun filled adventures.  
Contact Amanda [adtmcc@yahoo.com](mailto:adtmcc@yahoo.com) or Karen  
[kherbertct@comcast.net](mailto:kherbertct@comcast.net)*