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Summer Fun on the Horizon

Lycoming County—Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me.” Most teens don’t think of themselves as children, and sometimes they don’t think of themselves as being close to or important to Jesus. But in the life of the Church, as in any family, children of ALL AGES are needed!!! And beginning this summer, we are putting our best foot forward in ‘waking up’ generation NOW to help them get excited about their Catholic Christian faith!

Efforts are underway for a new Coordinator of Youth Ministry to help plan and promote a vibrant, fun and fruitful outreach to the young members of Holy Church. It is the hope of the planning committee, which includes adults and teens, that by prayerful

creativity and conversation the Catholic Church will become a real leader in bringing the light and joy of the gospel to our younger brothers and sisters.

The plan is to focus on young men and women in grades 9 through 12. Activities will be centered on Spirituality, Socialization and



Youth Ministry taking off in Lycoming County

Servie. Through these events and projects, we believe that *everyone* involved will grow—according to Jesus’ plan—in love for God and one another. We hope that everyone who falls into this age group, as well as their parents, teachers and friends will be part of supporting and participating in as many activities as possible, because as friendships grow, so will our ministry. The first event is coming up soon—Friday June 18 (information below!).

We hope that you will all be part of making this a great summer. And, more importantly, making your faith not just a part, but the center of your young lives! Peace!

GAME NIGHT UNPLUGGED, Friday June 18

Back in the Dark Ages, before X-Box and Play Stations, families often passed the time by playing games that didn’t require any electricity at all. HOW did they survive you wonder? COME FIND OUT!

Join us for an evening filled with fun...and food!..FRIDAY, June 18 7 - 9 pm, Church of the

Resurrection, Muncy. Test your skill at Monopoly, Risk, Life, Uno, Pictionary. Have a favorite board game? Bring it along. Invite your friends! Please let us know if you plan to attend by calling 322-5935 or you can email us at office@stannrcc.org

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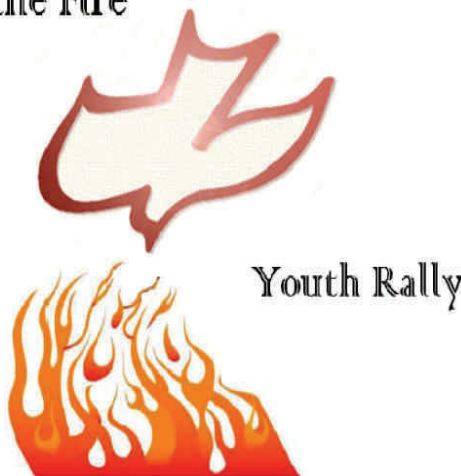
4th Annual "LIGHT THE FIRE" Youth Rally at Misericordia University - Thursday, July 1

Dallas, PA—Sign up TODAY for this year's Light the Fire Youth rally THURSDAY, JULY 1 at Misericordia University.

The rally welcomes back renowned Catholic Youth leader Jesse Manebussen who will guide us through a day of fun, food and friendship all centered on Christ.

The day begins with departure by bus promptly at 8am (don't worry, you can take a nap on the way). The programs itself kicks off at 9:30 and concludes with a wonderful celebration of a the Eucharist (7pm). In between is music, activities and workshops, designed to inspire

Light the Fire



young people to find real joy in being friends with Christ!

Set the day aside (you'll only be bored at home anyway!) and join us for this amazing adventure. You can find the regis-

tration form on the back of this newsletter. Return it ASAP to your parish office. If you need help with the cost (\$25) please talk to your Pastor.

Also BE SURE visit the even website <http://combine-dym.com/LTF.aspx> and view the promo video!

Hope to see you there.

(HEY PARENTS: Chaperones are always needed and welcome!!!)

VOLLEY BALL FOR FAMILIES IN NEED



Loyalsock, PA—Get your team together today for the "Family Promise Volleyball Tournament" SUNDAY, JULY 18. The games will take place on the lawn of St. Ann Rectory, 1220 Northway Road. There

will be a cookout, and prizes will be awarded. Most importantly, we will use the event to collect funds and supplies for Family Promise, which helps provide shelter and companionship to home-

less families in our area. The day begins at 3pm and concludes at 6pm. We will be sending more information about how to register and what kind of donations are helpful. SAVE THE DATE!!!

A prayer for Bishop Joseph Bambera

SCRANTON, PA—On April 24, the Diocese of Scranton welcomed a new chief shepherd. Bishop Joseph Bambera became the spiritual father to Catholics in the 11 counties of northeastern and northcentral Pennsylvania. It is a pretty big job! Please remember to say a prayer for him from time to time. Here is a suggestion:

God our Father, our shepherd and guide, look with love on Joseph your servant, pastor of the Church of Scranton. May his word and example inspire and guide the Church, may he, and all those in his care, come to the joy



Bishops need prayers too!

of everlasting life. Grand this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

And now...A Word from Pope Benedict

VATICAN CITY—Are we not perhaps all afraid in some way? If we let Christ enter fully into our lives, if we open ourselves totally to him, are we not afraid that He might take something away from us? Are we not perhaps afraid to give up something significant, something unique, something that makes life so beautiful? Do we not then risk ending up diminished and deprived of our freedom? And once again the Pope said: No! If we let Christ into our lives, we lose nothing, nothing, absolutely nothing of what makes life free, beautiful and great. No!



The Holy Father

Only in this friendship are the doors of life opened wide. Only in this friendship is the great potential of human existence truly revealed. Only in this friendship do we experience beauty and liberation. And so, today, with great strength and great conviction, on the basis of long

personal experience of life, I say to you, dear young people: Do not be afraid of Christ! He takes nothing away, and he gives you everything. When we give ourselves to him, we receive a hundredfold in return. Yes, open, open wide the doors to Christ – and you will find true life. Amen.

AUGUST ADVENTURE TO SCRANTON



SCRANTON, PA—So what is so exciting about Scranton? Well...for many years the coal that came from Scranton fueled the steel industry in the United States. Also...it is the heart of our Diocese and the home of our Cathedral Church, St. Peter's. Join us on Monday, August 9 for a pilgrimage to this

historic City. We will visit the Lackawanna County Coal Mine, St. Ann's Basilica, & St. Peter's Cathedral. The evening will conclude with a baseball game between the Scranton/W-B Yankees and the Pawtucket Red Sox. The cost for the day is \$40, includes bagged lunch and dinner at the stadium. As always,

talk to your pastor if you need some help so that you can attend! Parents/Guardians, let us know if you are interested in chaperoning!

Information/Reservations: 322-5935 or office@stannrcc.org

DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE "LIGHT THE FIRE" REGISTRATION FORM ON THE BACK!!!

Light the Fire – Youth Rally

@ University Misericordia, Dallas PA

Youth Registration Form

Name: _____ Birth Date _____ / _____ / _____
Street Address: _____ Grade: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Home Diocese: _____ E-Mail: _____
Name of Parish or Group: _____
Name of Group Leader(s): _____
Name of Parent(s) / Legal Guardian(s): _____
Phone of Parent(s) / Legal Guardian(s): () _____ - _____

Medical Information

Family Physician: _____
Phone Number of Physician: () _____ - _____
Allergies: _____
Current Medications: _____
Medical History: _____

In the case of an emergency, please contact:

Name: _____ Home Phone: () _____ - _____
Address: _____ Work Phone: () _____ - _____
_____ Cell Phone: () _____ - _____

This entire form must be **completed and legible** for each youth to attend the rally.
Please make sure a parent or legal guardian has signed the Hold Harmless Agreement which will be provided to you when you turn in this form.

OR, for your convenience, you may download *BOTH* forms from the “Light the Fire” website:

www.combinedym.com

If the student is attending as an individual – without a group – please make the notation below.