

Saint Elizabeth Roman Catholic Church

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August 1, 2009

Greetings from the Youth Ministry Office! I hope you are having a fun summer!

Once again this year, the Youth Ministry programs at Saint Elizabeth are here to help you keep your teen connected to the parish and their peers by offering **3 types of programs** that will be faith-filled, lots of fun and service-oriented. The purpose of this letter is to provide you with all the forms and any other information we think you will need.

I am very excited to begin my second school year as the Youth Group Coordinator, and look forward to meeting many more teens and their families! After much prayer and discussion, I have implemented a few changes from last year, the biggest change being the regular meeting time for the High School Youth Group. Below is an overview of our 3 types of programs, additional information about special events, retreats and trips are included on our website, online calendar and monthly newsletter.

This year's programs are:

FISH - High School Youth Group: **FISH** (Faith in Serving Him) will meet, **EVERY WEDNESDAY** evening at St. Elizabeth, Room 211 from **7:00** until **8:30 PM**. Because we will be offering weekly meetings, our past bible study program (SUSHI) will be a part of the meeting rotation. Separate Advent and Lenten events will help bring additional time for reflection and prayer during those times of the year. An online calendar of meetings and topics is available on our website. Regular meetings will begin September 23, 2009 and continue all year.

SOUL – Serving Others Using Love: **SOUL** is a new endeavor for the High School Youth Group. We are hoping to gather an additional 6 times over the school year for service projects at the parish and in the community. Our Martin Luther King Day of Service is always such an awesome experience that we want to try to grow in love, and serve others all year long! These service opportunities will occur on weekends or days that regular youth group meetings are not scheduled. In addition to these 6 dates, we'll spend a week on a mission trip during the summer of 2010.

There will be a fall retreat, coffee house, social nights & diocesan events also. Over the summer of 2010 we will continue to offer retreats and mission trips as well! *(Please see reverse side for our proposed calendar.)*

CLE - The Youth Ministry Team offers Catholic Leadership Experience (**CLE**) to all our *public high school* students. Under Section 1546 of the "Public School Code" as amended by Act 175 of 1982, public school students are eligible for excused release time to attend a religion based program. Saint Elizabeth participates with seven other parishes to provide four days of release time each year. We encourage parents of public high school students to enroll in CLE along with Youth Group membership.

In addition to myself, a core team of young adults, and parent volunteers will be assisting with coordination of FISH, and Gen Miceli will be coordinating CLE. I really am looking forward to the 2009-2010 school year and ask that you encourage your teen to participate in the programs that we offer. Please take the time to look over our Stewardship form to see how you can also participate in taking a faith walk with our youth. If you have any questions, please contact me at adeedy@stelizabethparish.org or 610-646-6550 in the Parish Office.

Sincerely,

Amy Deedy

Youth Group Coordinator

All of the Saint Elizabeth Youth Ministry Programs depend largely upon the active involvement of adult and young adult parishioners offering their stewardship to support our youth in forming a relationship with God. Parents of participating youth and other interested parishioners are encouraged to offer their time and talent to our programs as part of their commitment to Catholic Stewardship. Please take some time to prayerfully consider how you can best serve our youth by serving on our High School Ministry Team.

_____ Snack Provider

Provide small snack for youth group meeting

No Direct Teen Ministry

Please circle a date:

September: 23rd 30th

October: 7th 14th 21st 28th

November: 4th 11th 18th

December: 2nd 9th 16th 30th

_____ Service Team (SOUL – Serving Others Using Love)

Assist with Service projects by assisting the coordinating and chaperoning

Direct Teen Ministry

Choose an event, some dates not available yet:

_____ Good Works Lunch Crew (Saturday – once in fall / once in spring)

_____ Halloween Candy Collection (Weekend after Halloween – at Parish)

- _____ Halloween Candy Sort/Wrap (November)
- _____ Operation Santa Claus (Chester County Wrapping Center – December)
- _____ Martin Luther King Day of Service (January)

Social Team

**Assist with Social events by assisting the coordinating and chaperoning
Direct Teen Ministry**

- Choose an event, some dates not available yet:
- _____ Kick-Off Luau (September 13th – 12:30 – 4:30pm)
- _____ Halloween Parade at Nursing Home (October 30th – 4:00-5:00pm)
- _____ Christmas Caroling / Party (December 20th – 6:00-9:00pm)
- _____ Annual Coffee House (January)

Communications Team

**Assist with updates for Parish Bulletin Boards / Website / Newsletter
No Direct Teen Ministry**

- _____ Mailings (2 bulk mailings per year)
- _____ Parish Bulletin Board (displayed after Masses – Decorate & Display)
 - _____ October _____ November _____ December _____ January

Retreat Team

**Assist with planning and chaperoning retreats (additional meetings necessary)
Direct Teen Ministry**

- _____ Fall High School Youth Retreat (9th – 12th grade) - October 9th – 11th
- _____ Kairos Retreat (Junior/Senior Only) – December 4th – 7th
- _____ Mount 2000 Retreat (9th – 12th grade) – February 2010

Name: _____ E-mail _____
Phone – Home _____ Cell _____

Saint Elizabeth Roman Catholic Church -Youth Ministry

2009-2010 Medical Emergency Information

Child's Name: _____
(Last) (First)

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

DOB: _____ Grade (08-09) _____

Father's Name: _____ e-mail: _____

Phone - Home: _____ Cell: _____ Work: _____

Mother's Name: _____ e-mail _____

Phone - Home: _____ Cell: _____ Work: _____

Family Doctor: _____ Phone: _____

Family Medical Coverage: _____

Plan/Group ID Numbers: _____

Subscribers Name _____ Subscribers DOB _____

Medical History

Does child wear contact lenses? Yes _____ No _____

Does child have heart condition? Yes _____ No _____

Does child have any ear or nose conditions? Yes _____ No _____

Does child have diabetes? Yes _____ No _____

Does child have asthma? Yes _____ No _____

Does child have epilepsy? Yes _____ No _____

List all allergies _____

List medications child is currently taking _____

Date of last Tetanus Toxoid Injection _____

List any other health concerns _____

My child has permission to be given Tylenol or Ibuprofen if they request _____ (Yes/No)

In the event of an emergency, I hereby give permission to the St. Elizabeth's Youth Ministry and staff to secure proper emergency treatment from a licensed physician or to facilitate transportation of my child to the nearest hospital for emergency treatment, or to _____ Hospital.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

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PO Box 780, Uwchlan, PA 19480**

Check one: _____ **FISH (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP)** _____ **FLY (7TH & 8TH GRADE YOUTH GROUP)**

Student Membership Form: 2009 – 2010

Member's Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Gender: ___ Male ___ Female

Address: _____ City: _____

Home Phone _____

Student's Information (used for communication of events/updates)

Cell Phone: _____ E-Mail _____

School attending in 2009-2010: _____ Grade _____

Father's Full Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

E-Mail _____ Cell Phone _____

Mother's Full (+Maiden) Name _____ Home Phone _____

E-mail _____ Cell Phone: _____

Adult responsible for the teen's religious education: (if address & phone differ from information above)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Full Mailing Address _____

Has this teen received the sacraments of: Baptism? First Eucharist? Confirmation?

Please indicate any specific concerns (Academic, Physical etc...) which our Youth Ministry Team should be aware of for your teen:

I give permission for pictures of my teen taken as a part of youth ministry activities to be used in any promotion of parish youth activities including the website.

Signature _____ Date _____

Please return one registration form for each High School Youth Group Member.

A \$50 membership fee and complete medical form, per teen, is due with registration. (over)

For Office Use Only:

Date Received: _____ Amount Paid: _____ Check #: _____

High School Youth Group
F.I.S.H. ~ Faith In Serving Him
Meeting Schedule – 2009-2010

FISH & FLY Kick-Off Luau
Sunday, September 13th ~ 1:00-4:00pm

Regular Meetings:
Wednesdays ~ 7:00-8:30pm
Starting September 23rd

Special Monthly Events:
September: Kick-Off Luau (Sept. 13th)
October: Fall Retreat (9th -12th grade) ~ Oct. 9th – 12th

November: Youth for the Eucharist
December: Kairos Retreat (11th - 12th grade) ~ Operation Santa Claus
January: MLK Day of Service ~ Coffee House
February: Mount 2000 Retreat (9th – 12th grade)
March: Good Works Service Day
April: Lenten Supper & Stations of the Cross ~ Operation Resurrection
May: Graduation Mass ~ Senior Farewell BBQ
June: Steubenville Youth Retreat (9th – 12th grade) ~ Beach Day Trip
July: Local Mission Trip (entering 10th – graduating 12th grade)
August: Summer Music Festival ~ Amusement Park Day Trip

For more information, go to our parish website:

www.stelizabethparish.org

Click on Youth and Athletic Ministry ~ High School

To receive our monthly e-newsletter, or with questions, contact:

Amy Deedy ~ adeedy@stelizabethparish.org ~ 610-646-6550

2009 Summer Music Festival

Come out and hear all your favorite local
bands and solo musicians!

All High School Youth are invited.

When: Thursday, August 13th 6:00 – 9:00 pm

Where: Saint Elizabeth Church

Courtyard between Church & School - In the event of rain, it will be moved indoors to the Social Hall.

It's an outdoor lawn event - Bring beach chairs & blankets!

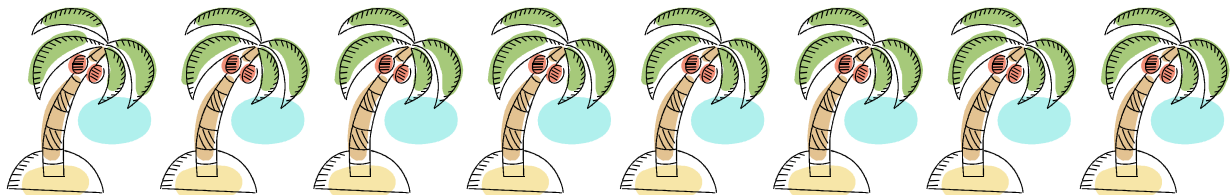
Cost: \$5.00 per person

Admission includes drinks & snacks.

For More Information:

www.stelizabethparish.org (Youth Ministry – High School)

Contact Amy Deedy, Youth Group Coordinator at adeedy@stelizabethparish.org



Second Annual Youth Ministry Luau!!!

**Join us for our 09-10 Youth
Ministry Kick-off!**

All registered & interested FLY (7th & 8th) and FISH (9th – 12th) youth are welcome for an afternoon of games, prizes, tons of snacks & lots of fun!

Sunday, September 13th ~ 1:00 – 4:00pm



1:00pm – 2:30pm ~ Food & Games

2:30pm – 3:00pm ~ Concert

3:00pm – 4:00pm ~ Luau Competition / Games

***Parent Meeting 1:30-2:30pm (Social Hall)**

**Special prizes will be awarded for the best
Modest “Luau” attire!**

