



“Tools for Building the Faith” Frackville Catholic Youth Newsletter– August 2017

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VBS Was Great!

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with this year's vacation bible school! So much fun! About 80 children attended and learned all about God's love for them and how they can share it with the world. The decorations were amazing and the snack delicious! A great magician entertained the kids and they all celebrated with a HUGE ice cream sundae party. So many wonderful volunteers donated lots of time, talent and treasure to make sure VBS went well. Thank you to them and to our parishioners for their generous gifts that made this all possible. Next year, we go under the sea! Stay tuned!

Cards for Hospitalized Kids – Round 2

We're making cards again! Join us in the parish hall on Wednesday, Sept. 20 at 6:00. We will be making Christmas cards for children who are seriously ill and will be hospitalized for the holidays. By making them in September, it will ensure that the charity has enough time to receive them, process them, and deliver them. We'll serve snacks and some drinks. All parish students – elementary through high school are welcome. All supplies will be provided.

Here's the website one more time: www.cardsforhospitalizedkids.org



Backpack Blessings!

It's back-to-school time soon. Let's send them back with a special blessing and a few small supplies and treats from the parish. Students are asked to bring their backpacks to any Mass during the weekend of August 26 & 27. Father will ask God's blessing on all of our students – preschool through high school.

Lord, please surround
my children with
friends and adults
who point them
towards You!

Save the Date!

CCD opening Mass/Inscription Service for our 8th grade confirmation class –
Sunday, Sept. 10 at 6:00PM in Annunciation BVM church. Marian High
School's Rock Music Ministry will lead us in song.

TRIVIA TIME for 8th – 12th Grades!

SAVE THE DATE! WATCH THE BULLETIN! KEEP AN EYE ON THE FACEBOOK PAGE! Something EXCITING is planned for Thursday, October 5th. Parishes across Schuylkill County are bringing a team of competitors to battle in our very first Teen Trivia Challenge. Starting with wings and pizza at 5:30, we'll be hosting a faith-and-fun-filled competition to see which parish captures the coveted first place trophy. There is no cost and we are hosting the event. Any student in grades 8 – 12 that is interested in being on our parish team should contact either Carolyn Tenaglia or Eileen Barlow. More details coming soon!

Movie Night!

Join us in the parish grove (behind St. Ann church) on Wednesday, August 23 at 8:00. We'll enjoy "Sing!", a great story about never giving up.

FREE popcorn and drinks!



Wed., Aug. 23



Annual Frackville Pumpkin Festival

Saturday, Oct. 7 – Lehigh Avenue – from 10:00 – 2:00 we will be celebrating all things pumpkin. Our parish youth will be participating this year – selling goodies to help raise money for the Frackville Ministerium and their charitable works. Proceeds will benefit either the food pantry or a new effort to purchase bus tickets for those in need and trying to access social services in Pottsville. Rain Date is Sunday, Oct. 8 from 1:00 – 5:00. We will be sharing more details as we get closer to the event. This is a wonderful opportunity for our 7th grade students to earn service hours for their Confirmation prep requirements. And, it's always a lot of fun with really neat things to do. Please mark your calendars and join us!

Congratulations to Our Newest Altar Servers!



1st row:

Alyza Kowalonek,
Michaela Seeraj,
Mariano Seeraj

2nd row:

Kaitlynn Seeraj,
Mark Monahan,
Janelle Zeigmont

Check out the website for
our Diocese:

www.allentowndiocese.org

You can sign up for
newsletters or an electronic
subscription the Diocesan
newspaper, *The A.D. Times*.
Check out the "Youth &
Young Adult" tab for a list of
events and resources

BINGO – Grandparents & Grandkids, Saturday, Sept. 16



Plans are being made to dust off the Bingo equipment and get grandparents and their grandchildren together for a night of BINGO! Start with Mass at 4:00 and then come to the hall for fun, prizes and good food. During Mass, we'll do a special blessing for our grandparents and ask for the intercession of St. Ann, the grandmother of Jesus. For the bio game, we are in need of prizes – especially toys or if cards for the kids. Maybe you could help? Anyone interested in helping with the planning for this event – or with the event itself – please contact Carolyn Tenaglia at 570-874-2093 or by email at carolyntenaglia@yahoo.com

Fall & Winter Extra-Curricular Activities Blessings!



Does your child play football? Soccer? Basketball? Do you have a cheerleader? Swimmer? Maybe they run track. We invite all parish youth competitors to attend the **10:00 Mass on Sunday Sept. 3** at Annunciation BVM church. It's our fall/winter activities blessing of athletes. Students are welcome to wear their jersey or uniforms. Father will give God's blessings on our children and we'll have a little something for the kids that participate.

Follow us on Facebook: [Frackville Catholic Youth](#)

Follow us on Instagram: [St.JosephtheWorkerFrackville](#)

Check out our parish website: www.frackvillecatholic.org – stay up to date by accessing our weekly bulletin on-line at our website

Living, Glowing Rosary – October 22

Glowing? Yes, glowing! Students in our CCD program will be praying the rosary at 7:00 PM in Annunciation BVM church. We will dim the lights and use glow sticks to watch as we pray through the rosary together. Every child will have a very special part to play as we ask our Blessed Mother for her intercession and assistance. All parishioners are invited to join us – especially our parents. CCD/the rosary will conclude at 7:30 and children will be dismissed.



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Children's Choir

We start up again with practices beginning Sunday, Oct. 1 at 5:00. Children's choir practices once weekly – right before CCD and we sing once a month at the 11:30 Mass. Kids in elementary through high school are invited to join us. We are starting to some music that is slightly more challenging (harmonies, parts of the Mass etc) and "older" youth voices would e helpful. We also have to start preparing for Christmas – lots of fun-filled work to do. Please encourage your kids to help us "make a joyful noise". Questions? Call/contact Carolyn Tenaglia



CCD – Religious Education – Corner:

CCD registration is open now.

Religious education is available for children in preschool through 8th grade. 8th grade students begin August 27; Pre-K thru grade 7 begin Sept. 10.

Please review the calendar and the registration packet or details. A completed registration from is required for each student attending. There is book/registration fee for each student in grades K through 8. There is NO fee for pre-K. Any family experiencing financial hardship should not be concerned – simply contact the rectory and we'll gladly assist you.

Registration is due back by Sunday, August 27.

We are so very blessed to have a team of dedicated and skilled volunteer catechist and aides. We want to stop and take a minute to celebrate their gifts to our parish.

| Name | Grade | Years of Service to our Parish CCD program |
|-------------------|--------|--|
| Jennifer Bennet | Pre-K | 12 years |
| Siobhan Walsh | K | 5 years |
| Dawn Everett | 1 | 11 years |
| Larissa Borzok | 2 | 10 years |
| Jami Zelwalk | 3 | 12 years |
| Elizabeth Roberts | 4 | 2 years |
| Carolyn Tenaglia | 5, DRE | 20 years |
| Kathi Blasser | 6 | 4 years |
| Missy Perneta | 7 | 2 years |
| Eileen Barlow | 8 | 14 years |

CCD – Religious Education Corner, continued

In addition to our lead catechists, we also need to acknowledge the gifts given to us by our helpers: Avery Roberts, Pre-school; Chloe Tarson, 3rd grade; Bill Zack, 7th grade; Ron Whalen and Kevin Pernet, office. Behind the scenes, of course, we have the help and support of Teri Krolick in the parish office and our pastor, Father Finlan.

Each week, the members of our team spend time planning and prepping, teaching & praying. They are investing in the future of our parish by fostering vocations and passing on the faith. Please support them with your prayers and with a commitment to your child's attendance at classes. We know that it can be difficult to balance sports, school, family and activities – we've all been there or are still dealing with all of these competing schedules. But, we also know that learning their faith; learning how to live their faith and recognizing the presence of God in their lives will help to build a strong foundation for everything else that is part of their life. Please reinforce the importance of attendance and completion of assignments; please make sure they get to Mass each week.

We will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on Sept. 17. This year's theme:



And we are all missionary disciples – bringing the faith to others – in our homes or beyond. Let's support each other in that!

Check out these great websites for family faith-formation resources:

<http://www.pbgrace.com>

<https://www.catholicparents.org>

Mark Your Calendars:

- CCD Food Drive (in conjunction with Scouting for Food) – Oct. 15 through Nov. 12. All food goes to Frackville Food Bank.
- Christmas Pageant: Sunday, December 17 at 6:00PM. Watch the bulletin and social media for information about sign-ups, practices, etc.
- Next edition of the newsletter: November, 2017