



Office of Lifelong Faith Formation Youth, Young Adult & Campus Ministries

Diocese of Camden Youth and Young Adult Newsletter

NEW BEGINNINGS

Fall 2011

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"Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen." Hebrews 11: 1

A new ministry year, autumn, and renewal have begun in diocesan youth, young adult and campus ministries. We praise God for what has been and for all that will be. This is a new adventure for me to be with you, the Church of South Jersey, and I look forward to serving you as you minister to, with, for and are ministered by the young and young adult church. I am reminded by sacred scripture that hope is what we are called to embrace. Hope that we provide a "sticky" faith that will endure for the generations. Sticky faith includes an experience of church that gives young people and adults a faith that is true, relevant, authentic and challenging.

In order to support our diocesan pastoral priority in youth and young adult ministry, The Office of Lifelong Faith Formation's Youth, Young Adult and Campus Ministries has moved toward supporting church leadership in engaging faith communities as they respond to the needs and include the gifts of youth and young adults. My service with you will call upon the following qualities:

*Hope

Hope

The young church is alive with hope and energy that helps the church to serve the world. Diocesan service will continue and supplement the ongoing faith formation of our youth and young adult ministry leaders. Together parish leaders will craft opportunities to grow and support one another in ministry.

*Building Up

Building Up

Diocesan service will be looking to build up parish initiatives with young people and young adults. Together, we will begin cultivating opportunities for leadership and look at opportunities for young people (ages 12 - 18) and young adults (ages 18 - 39) to be leaders in their parishes and the world. Together we can explore ways to support our young Catholic-Christians in positive, worthy, uplifting, exciting, and scripturally-sound ways.

*Service

Service

Service to the variety of faith communities in South Jersey will be accomplished through workshops, presentations, and programs for youth and young adult ministry leaders. In evaluating diocesan service, the guiding question will be "how does this opportunity support ministry within parish communities?"

The Church community is called to do this together and we need each other. In the next few months, we are hosting *Colleagues In Youth Ministry* sessions in the various deaneries in the hope that we can meet each other, share the vision of youth ministry and pray for our ministries. Please consider joining us for a session near you.

Thank you for all you do for the young church. May God continue to bless you and your ministry! - *Greg Coogan, Director*

Looking to begin or strengthen your parish's ministry with youth or young adults?
Would you like to know more about who are young people or young adults?
We can provide resources, consultations, and helpful advice.
Please contact Greg Coogan at gregory.coogan@camdendiocese.org or 856-583-6122 for more details.

CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRIES

Rowan University Glassboro, NJ

Ann Polo
(856) 881-2554
apolo@camdendiocese.org

Mass
Mon.-Thurs. 12:30 PM
Sun. 7:00 PM

Newman Club Meetings
Wed. 7:00 PM

Rutgers University Camden, NJ

Fr. Mike Mc Cue, OSFS
(215) 582-1666
michaelmccueosfs@aol.com

Mass
Sun. 5:30 PM

Catholic Christian Fellowship
Tues. & Wed. 12:20 PM

Stockton College Pomona, NJ

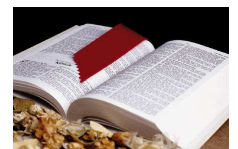
Lois Dark
(609) 804-0200
ldark@camdendiocese.org

Mass
Sun. 6:00 PM

Mon. 12:45 PM
Thurs. 11:45 PM

Newman Club Meetings
Thurs. 7:00 PM Dinner and
8:00 PM Meeting

Note: Newman Meetings are for
College and University Students



Bible Question of the Month:

Which is the longest
book in the Bible?

- 1) Philemon
- 2) Deuteronomy
- 3) Psalms
- 4) Luke

Praise the Lord!
See: Psalm 150
Answer: 3) Psalms

NEWS FOR ALL

Diocese of Camden Office of Worship & Christian Initiation presents

Roman Missal Implementation Presentations

All presentations from 7:00-8:30 PM

Monday, September 26

Saint Charles Borromeo Church, Sicklerville

Monday, October 3

Catholic Community of the Holy Spirit

Holy Name Parish Center, Mullica Hill

Tuesday, October 4

St. Joachim Church, Bellmawr

Thursday, October 6

Christ Our Light Parish, Cherry Hill

Resurrection School Cafeteria

Monday, October 24

Our Lady of the Angels Church, Cape May Court House

Thursday, October 27

Parish of the Holy Cross St. Mary Church, Rosenhayn

Tuesday, November 8

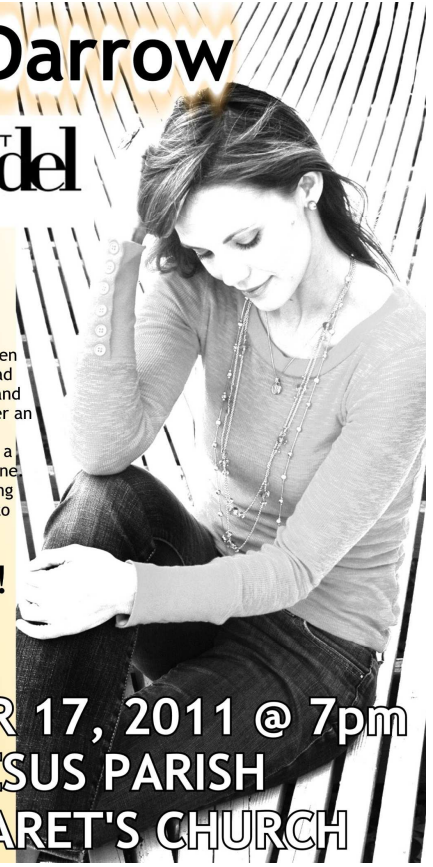
St. Joachim Church, Bellmawr

As additional dates and locations are added, they will be posted on the diocesan the web site at www.camdendiocese.org

Leah Darrow

from
AMERICA'S NEXT
top model

From the hit reality TV show "America's Next Top Model" to now Catholic speaker, Leah is the self-professed "prodigal daughter." For Leah, her slow fade from her faith didn't happen overnight; it developed with bad choices, missed opportunities and choosing a comfortable life over an extraordinary life. All this changed in one moment during a photo shoot for a men's magazine. Come here her story from having it all in the modeling industry to giving it all up.



Please join us!

Open to
the public

NOVEMBER 17, 2011 @ 7pm
INFANT JESUS PARISH
ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH

Harvesting Gifts for the Church of Camden
Youth & Young Adult Ministry
Parish Toolkits available at
<http://harvestinggifts.camdendiocese.org/>

Hispanic Youth & Young Adults
are invited to

St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Camden

Nuestros jóvenes que hablan español se reúnen cada jueves en la parroquia de San Antonio de Padua en la 2818 Calle River en Camden a las 6 de la tarde. ¡Todos estén bienvenidos a participar en la reflexión bíblica, el compartir y la diversión!

Contact Kristen at (856) 541-5027

Going to the Rally for Life? Request Tickets!

The annual March for Life in Washington, D.C., is a rally that remembers the dignity of the human person & invites youth, young adults, & adults to march from the Mall to the Supreme Court building in a statement for life.

The 2012 March is Monday, January 23. The pre-March Mass & Rally for Life is a ticketed event. The only way to get tickets is to request them from your diocesan contact, which is the Diocese of Camden Youth, Young Adult & Campus Ministries Director Greg Coogan. To request tickets for the Rally and Mass for Life, you must contact Greg by **September 30th** at gregory.coogan@camdendiocese.org or 856-583-6122.

For more info, fliers, sample letters to schools, and Youth Rally Training info, please visit <http://site.adw.org/youth-rally-and-mass-for-life>

NALM Offers Free Webinar **Using Facebook in Your Ministry** **Tuesday, Oct 4, 2011 3pm - 4pm EDT**

How can Facebook be a tool for ministry? Learn more about the features of the most popular social networking site that may be used to enhance your ministry. Presented by Emily Klinker. Register online at <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/195910258>

Service Opportunity: Saturday, October 8, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

Annual Immaculate Heart of Mary Oktoberfest

Camilla Hall Nursing Home, Immaculata, PA

Contact Sr. Rose Mulligan, IHM at (610) 889-1553, x 1975

National Catholic Youth Conference **Called to Glory**

Nov. 17-19 Indianapolis

Youth in grades 9-12 are invited to join youth from St. Gianna Molla Parish, Holy Angels Parish, and others.

The bus leaves Wed., Nov. 16 at 10:00 PM.

Transportation, registration, accommodations, and breakfasts for \$525. Contact Jeff Young by Fri., Sept. 30 at (609) 214-6179 or jyoung56@comcast.net

Lourdes Medical Center

Free Weekly Tuesday Empowerment Sessions, 7:30 PM (sharp)

Leadership - Communication - Teambuilding

For youth 13-21 who would like to participate and for young adults 21+ who may like to volunteer (training provided). The Bridge is an opportunity for weekly drop-in sessions that meet from 7:30 PM sharp to 9:00 PM, on Tuesday nights, at 1499 Vesper Blvd, Camden.

For more information, contact Dawn M. Garlic at (856) 757-3203 or dawn@bridge1980.com

You can also go to www.bridge1980.com



YOUNG ADULT NEWS

Discovery Phase II Weekend

John Paul II Retreat House , Vineland
Friday, October 7 - Sunday, October 9
Ages 18-40+

To Register Call: Betty Jewell (856) 461-2767
BJjewell44@verizon.net
or Ernie and Maureen Jewell (856) 854-4417
Ernie616@comcast.net

Our Lady of Lourdes Wellness Center, Collingswood

For a list of classes open to all young adults,
go to www.lourdeswellnesscenter.org
Questions? Call (856) 869-3198

Follow Lourdes Wellness Center on Facebook and Twitter!

Faith in Action Series: 24/7 Catholics

Wed., Oct. 5: Presentation, Prayer & Discussion @
Christ the King, Haddonfield, 7:00-8:30 PM
Sat., Oct. 8: Day of Service @ Romero Center, Camden,
10:00 AM-2:00 PM
Wed., Oct.12: Putting Our Experience & Faith into Action @
Christ the King, Haddonfield, 7:00-8:30 PM

Join in as much of the series as your schedule will allow.
Babysitting will be provided on the Wed. nights .For more
information contact Jenniefer Coelho at
jenniferdcoelho@yahoo.com or (856) 428-2011 or
Patrick Cashio at cashio@romero-center.org or
(856) 964-9777, x 616.

Help Needed!

The Parish of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, in
Camden, needs young adults to help out at youth group
meetings, held the first and third Wednesday of each month at 6:30
p.m. in the parish hall. Contact Sister Claire Sullivan at
csihm@yahoo.com or 856-964-1580

1st Saturdays (of each month)

Mass at Christ Our Light Parish/St. Peter Celestine Church,
Cherry Hill, and a procession to the Cherry Hill Women's Center
on Kings Hwy., where the Rosary will be prayed.
All other Saturdays, at 8:00 AM, the Rosary is prayed at the
Women's Center. Contact Stephanie at (856) 287-6137.

Good Counsel Home Banquet

Sun., Oct. 23 4:00-8:00 PM Lucien's Manor, Berlin
Speaker Jim Murray, former GM of Philadelphia Eagles and
co-founder of Ronald McDonald House.
Free-will offering to support this haven for moms and babies.
RSVP by Oct. 10 to Brenda at (856) 423-3468.

Theology on Tap
Wed., Nov. 9 7:00 PM
Chickie's and Pete's, Egg Harbor Twp.
How to Walk on Water: Discipline & Evangelization
Buffet: \$10
SAVE the DATES!
Wed., Dec. 7 and Tues., Jan. 24 at
Landmark Americana Tap & Grill, Glassboro

Romero Center, Camden

Sat., Sept. 24 (and beyond)

Run the Bridge: Connecting Communities

Group runs leading up to the Ben Franklin "Run the Bridge" 10K
on Sun., Nov. 6. All skill levels welcome! Service opportunities,
dinner and a guest speaker. Connect with other young adults and
the homeless in Camden and Philadelphia.

Sun., Sept. 25 & Sun., Oct. 2; 4:00-7:00 PM;

Creating through Faith & Justice

Prayer, art making, reflection, and dinner

Mon., Sept. 26

Tattoos on the Heart Discussion Groups

After the first meeting at a local service agency, small groups will
meet for three consecutive weeks to discuss Fr. Greg Boyle's
book on L.A. gangs.

Sat., Oct. 1; 3:00 PM: Afternoon for El Salvador

Speakers Luis and Sonia Ramos tell their story of being forced to
flee El Salvador and their journey to the U.S.

JusticeWalking

A ten-week journey with a small community committed to
Catholic Social Teaching. Weekly session with service opportuni-
ties, reflection and retreats.

Sat. Mornings, once a month

Monthly Service and Reflection

Service opportunities at various Camden sites with lunch and
reflection afterward at the Romero Center.

For more information on all of the above, contact

Patrick Cashio at cashio@romero-center.org or
(856) 964-9777, x 616

www.romero-center.org

Romero Center, 2901 Federal Street, Camden

Facebook: Romero Center Young Adult Ministry

Catholic Underground Philadelphia!

Sat., Nov. 19

Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter & Paul, Philadelphia

7:15 PM Confessions, 7:30 PM Holy Hour

9:00 PM Coffeehouse with music by Last Day

To carpool, call Pete at (856) 287-9485.

Our Lady of Peace "ACTS" - Williamstown

Ages 18 - 25

For an updated schedule, go to

www.YouthGroupInfo.com (click "ACTS")

Ministry is not about doing good things for God. It is about God doing good things through us as we simply walk with him.

— Frank Mercadante

Lifelong Faith Formation - Youth Ministries is grateful for the support of the House of Charity Bishop's Annual Appeal

Questions, comments, suggestions, and news to share are welcome! Contact Greg at (856) 583-6122 or
gregory.coogan@camdendiocese.org. Diocese of Camden Website: www.camdendiocese.org

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

*Child Assault Prevention (CAP) Training Sessions are posted at
http://www.camdendiocese.org/index.php?option=com_jevents&view=cat&task=cat.listevents&Itemid=440*

Colleagues in Youth Ministry for Deaneries 4, 5, & 6

Tues., Oct. 4 7:00-8:30 PM
Our Lady of Peace Parish, Williamstown

Youth Ministers, Pastors, Pastoral Administrators, Deacons,
Confirmation Coordinators, Catechetical Leaders,
High School Campus Ministers!

Gather for a presentation by Greg Coogan, Diocese of
Camden Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries, with
discussion and a prayer service to bless your ministry
with, to, & for the young Church. Refreshments will be served.

RSVP by Sept., 30 to Greg at
gregory.coogan@camdendiocese.org or (856) 583-6122.

Cherry Hill Regional Youth Masses

Starting Sunday, October 2, at 7 p.m., at Holy Eucharist Church
Weekly Mass for all junior and senior high youth and their
families. Fellowship and dessert afterward. Jointly sponsored
by the Christ Our Light, St. Mary, St. Thomas More, and
Holy Eucharist Youth Groups

Cathedral Youth Group News!

The Parish of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception,
Camden, will hold youth group meetings the first and third
Wednesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall.
Contact Sister Claire Sullivan at csihm@yahoo.com

Catholic Scouting Youth Ministry (programs open to all youth of the diocese)

Sat., Oct. 29: St. Katharine Drexel Shrine Tour, Bensalem, PA;
10:00 AM-12:20 PM; family & friends invited; \$5 per person;
RSVP by Oct. 10 to Jim at jimjanco@comcast.net

Sat., Oct 15: Adult Training, Our Lady of Hope Parish/St. Agnes
Church, Blackwood; 9:00 AM-1:00 PM; learn about NFCYM
religious programs for all youth; \$5 fee for materials; contact
Joe at (856) 428-2645 or jpbrenfsa@verizon.net

SAVE the DATES!

Feb. 25: St. John Neumann Shrine Tour, Philadelphia
March 31: Ten Commandments Hike, Woodbury
April 21: Day Retreat at Camp Sacajawea, Newfield

St. Mary's Youth Group Cherry Hill Night at the Flyers

Saturday, October 15, 7:00 PM

\$65 for all-you-can-eat nachos,
hotdogs, popcorn, soda & ice cream
with seats in section 222A
Row 13 & 14. Contact Gloria at
(856) 466-2683 or millerx7@aol.com

Our Lady of Peace Williamstown

Jesus' Fish: Jr. Youth Ministry for
6th - 8th graders
JP2: High School Youth Ministry

For an updated schedule for each
group, go to
www.YouthGroupInfo.com

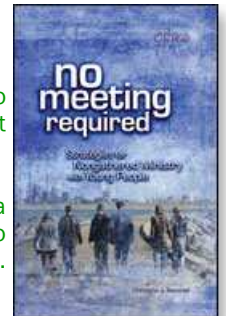
RESOURCE REGISTER FOR YOUTH MINISTRY

No Meeting Required: Strategies for Nongathered Ministry with Young People by Christina J. Semmel (Winona:
St. Mary's Press, 2007)

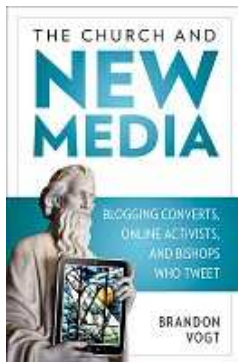
Are you looking to supplement your parish's youth ministry? This is an excellent resource that captures a variety of ways to incorporate comprehensive youth ministry without many meetings. Easy, plug and play strategies that may help you support young people as disciples of Jesus. It's worth the small investment.

Start a "We Are Blessed" Tree: Challenge the youth of the parish to create ornaments that represent who they are (perhaps a symbol of a sport or other interest, perhaps a simple figure, or merely a ball or disc with a word or two on it). Ask them to write their names on their ornaments with a permanent marker and drop the ornaments off at the parish by a specific date. Then hang all the ornaments on a tree with a banner that proclaims "We Are Blessed."

*From **No Meeting Required: Strategies for Nongathered Ministry with Young People** by Christina Semmel



RESOURCE REGISTER FOR YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY (& YOUTH MINISTRY TOO)



The Church and New Media: Blogging Converts, Online Activists, and Bishops Who Tweet by Brandon Vogt
(Huntington: Our Sunday Visitor, 2011)

This book is a great new resource that shares ways to use technology in your ministry. It is practical and highlights different perspectives to take the Gospel to the many "lands" of the internet. The reader will explore ways to engage youth and young adults where they are. Beg and borrow from this resource and an author from the Millennial Generation.

"Young people, in particular, have grasped the enormous capacity of the New Media to foster connectedness, communication and understanding between individuals and communities, and they are turning to them as means of communicating with existing friends, of meeting new friends, of forming communities and networks, of seeking information and news, and of sharing their ideas and opinions."

- Pope Benedict XVI, Message for the 43rd Communications Day (2009)