

# Blessed Sacrament Youth Update February & March 2012

## YOUTH MISSION STATEMENT

*As a Christ-centered community, Blessed Sacrament Parish seeks to ignite the hearts and minds of our youth to the love of God and all people while calling them to put their faith into action. We seek to affirm the gifts of our youth and grow opportunities for young people to share their gifts with the larger community. Our parish strives to integrate the youth within the life and mission of the parish through living out their baptismal call in everyday life.*

## **Diocesan Youth Board**

### **Wanted! Youth Board Members!**

If you are looking for more details check out the link below.

Please go to:

<http://www.dwc.org/download-brochures-and-forms.html>

to fill out the forms for becoming our next wonderful youth board members!!

Good Luck! Youth Board Members are meeting the beginning of February so if you are interested return you application very soon!

The Diocese welcomed a new Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry yesterday. His name is Bob Perron. He comes from Iowa! Feel free to send welcome emails and introduce yourselves: [rperron@dwc.org](mailto:rperron@dwc.org) I had the pleasure of meeting with him this past Thursday and things seem to be heading in a very positive direction!



Blessed Sacrament Youth will “Stir it up” again for the 2012 Souper Bowl of Caring February 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> by collecting canned goods and money before and after each Mass to benefit Manna Meal. Volunteers of all ages are needed to collect money and cans so email me and let me know which mass time you can fill. Don’t forget to wear your favorite team’s colors or jersey!

### ***Minute for Mission***

In Romans 12:13 we are told: Share with God’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality. This congregation certainly obeys that command.

As you are probably aware, next Sunday is the FOOTBALL Super Bowl. Our church will also have our S-O-U-P-E-R Bowl (of Caring).

The Souper Bowl of Caring is a grassroots, faith-based crusade against hunger. We are joining other churches, schools, organizations and individuals across the country to fight hunger and poverty by collecting dollars in soup pots next Sunday. What is collected stays in the community to help fight hunger, but we report our total to the Souper Bowl of Caring headquarters so that they can come up with a grand total.

Rev. Dr. Brad Smith, founder and executive director said, "It is a way for young people to put God's love into action by developing a heart for helping others. The goal is for these young people to see they can make a difference and for them to continue contributing through volunteerism when they reach adulthood."

In 2011, over 13,000 groups raised over \$10 million for soup kitchens, food banks and other helping charities. Since the Souper Bowl of Caring began in 1990, over \$60 million has been given to help those in need. The Souper Bowl of Caring most often benefits local food banks and soup kitchens, but world hunger organizations, denominational missions and other international ministries

have also been recipients of Souper Bowl of Caring dollars. Our collection will go to Manna Meal. May God bless our gifts.

Visit [www.souperbowl.org](http://www.souperbowl.org) to learn more!

## **Ice Bowl – to benefit Manna Meal**

Another way churches are encouraged to be part of the Souper Bowl of Caring is to do a day of service. We are teaming up with Jim and Natalie Zellers for a round of disc golf to raise money for Manna Meal. More details to come but mark your calendars now for Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> and look for the sign ups in the gathering space. All ages welcome!

If you are interested in playing in the Ice Bowl feel free to  
**contact Natalie Zellers 304-744-6043.**



## **TEC (Teens Encounter Christ)**

**Almost Heaven  
Teens Encounter Christ Meeting**

**February 12, 2012 3:00pm**

**Blessed John XXIII Pastoral Center  
Charleston, WV**

**Please join us if you would like to see TEC retreats brought back to  
southern WV!**

**Contact Gary Lane at 304-342-0507 Cathy Savilla at 304-755-0791, ext  
17 or Michelle Patterson 304-561-4744 for more information.**

A date is set in the books for a November TEC! It's time to get TEC moving in the hearts and lives of our church in the southern part of our state!

# Youth Mass & Pizza Social



**Come, Worship the Lord...**  
with other Youth & Families of the  
**Charleston Vicariate**

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**February 12, 2012 at**  
**John XXIII Pastoral Center**

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Mass begins at **5:30 P.M.**

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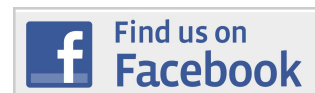
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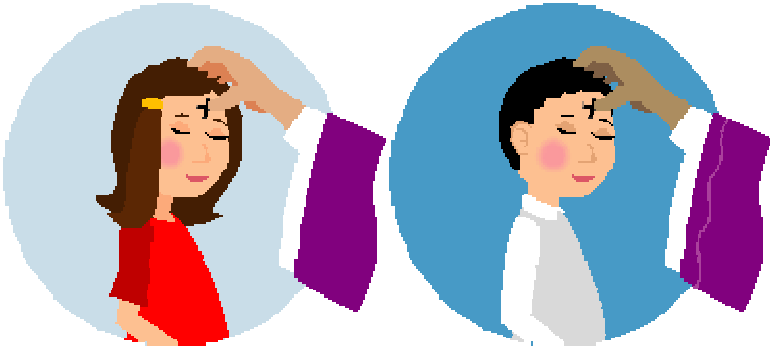
Social Gathering with Pizza to Follow !  
**All Middle School and High School Youth and families are Invited!**

**Any youth willing to assist (music, lector, etc.) please contact:**  
**Charleston Vicariate Youth Ministry Network**

**Cathy Savilla, 304-755-0791, ext17 or**  
**Michelle Patterson, 304-561-4744**



*Always seeking volunteers to serve in Mass ministries!*



*Just a reminder Lent starts February 22<sup>nd</sup>!  
Make sure you get your ASH in church!*

## **Blessed Sacrament Blood Drive**

**Saturday, February 18th**

Cathy Varley is coordinating a fantastic service opportunity for our parish. We are going to have a blood drive at Blessed Sacrament on Sat. Feb. 18 and could use some volunteer in various capacities. If you are in need of service hours this is a great opportunity for you to participate.

The drive will be held **in the parish hall from 1-7pm** on that day and volunteers have the option of schedule shifts from 1-3:30, 3:30-7, 1-7 or whenever you have time to give. Posters are being printed asap and when that information is more widely known, we will start scheduling donors but need to schedule volunteers now!

### ***What you would be doing***

Volunteers work in the canteen and serve refreshments, walk donors from the donation station to the canteen, and also carry blood products to the refrigeration stations. Adults will be on hand too to help out. All ages welcome to volunteer!

Please let me know if you are available by Wednesday, February 15th.

## ***We Care Packages***

Sheets with the names of our college students and military service men and women away from home will be in the gathering space before and **after Mass on February 18-19.**

This is the last call for any names and addresses to be included for the 2011-2012 school year.

Cookie bakers needed as well as volunteers to help tape and label packages!

Special thanks to Cathy Varley and Mary Crigger for taking the finished packages to the post office!



## ***Food Fast Lenten Retreat***

Mark your calendars NOW for FOOD FAST 2012

Friday, March 23rd – Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>

at John XXIII Pastoral Center

Food Fast is Catholic Relief Services' 24-hour awareness program for Catholic youth (ages 13-18). Focusing on global poverty and hunger, Food Fast offers a journey of solidarity with our brothers and sisters overseas, as a way of living out our Catholic faith.

Grounded in Catholic social teaching, Food Fast teaches youth about issues faced by their peers in the developing world; encourages youth to take action on behalf of the poor and hungry; and calls youth to share their perspectives and knowledge about our world with their community to create lasting change in our world.

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States. We provide assistance to people in need [in more than 100 countries](#), without regard to race, religion or nationality.


All interested youth and adults are welcome to help in the planning process next Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at Holy Trinity in the ground floor conference room. Hope to see you there!

Sign ups coming soon!

Charleston Vicariate Youth Ministry Network

# Food Fast 2012

## Face the Fast!



Check out  
what's NEW-  
location & times!

Who: Youth in grades 6-12

What: Lenten Lock-in  
(Retreat)

When: March 23-24, 2012

Time: 8pm-8pm (yes, 24 hours!)

Registration begins at 7p

Where: John XXIII Pastoral Center

Food Fast is a Catholic Relief Services hunger awareness program sponsored by the Charleston Vicariate Youth Ministry Network. Each participant is asked to collect donations from sponsors to support local and global projects of Catholic Charities of WV & Catholic Relief Services.

This is an overnight fasting retreat. You will join in solidarity with the poor around the world. Plus, you will have time to socialize with one another and really get to know the Catholic youth & young adults of our Vicariate.

You will be provided with juice, water and a snack (if needed) during the retreat. The retreat will end with Mass and a "Break the Fast" meal. See your youth minister or pastor for consent forms and a sponsorship form.

Parish leaders, we ask that you provide one adult for every five teens from your parish to assist as chaperones for the retreat.

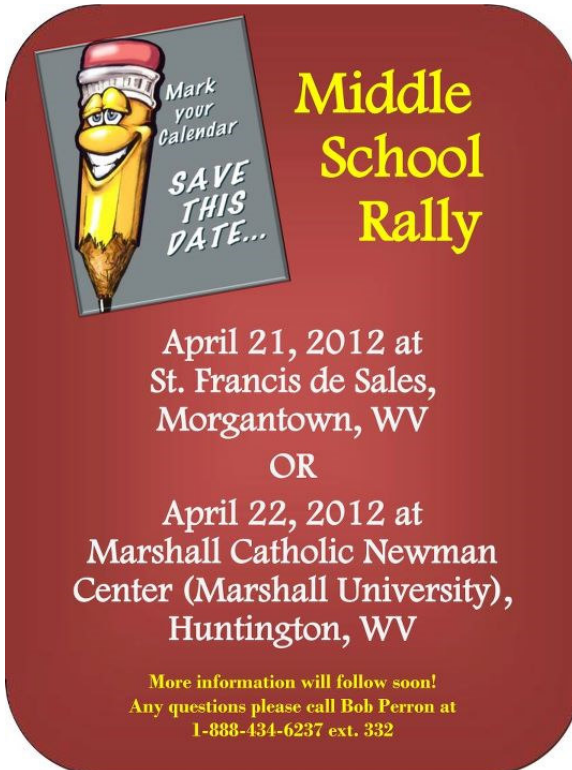
**For more information go to our facebook page "Charleston Vicariate Youth Ministry Network" Or contact Cathy Savilla, by email: [CatholicLYF@aol.com](mailto:CatholicLYF@aol.com) or by phone: 304-755-0791, ext 17. Send registration information to Charleston Vicariate Youth Ministry Network, PO Box 339, Nitro, WV 25143.**

Registration deadline is **March 4, 2012.**

*"The splendor of Christ's glory is reflected in the face of every human being, and is even more so when that face is emaciated by hunger, saddened by exile, or oppressed by poverty and mercy. With courage and compassion, Christians must be ever attentive to the cry of the poor, serving the Lord who is present in their suffering."*

*Pope John Paul II*

# ***Middle School Rally*** **(AKA Jr. High Rally)**



Mark your Calendar  
**SAVE THIS DATE...**

**Middle School Rally**

April 21, 2012 at  
St. Francis de Sales,  
Morgantown, WV

OR

April 22, 2012 at  
Marshall Catholic Newman  
Center (Marshall University),  
Huntington, WV

More information will follow soon!  
Any questions please call Bob Perron at  
1-888-434-6237 ext. 332

## Jesus > Religion

There is a video that has gone viral called "Why I hate religion & love Jesus". Bob Perron our new director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the DWC shared with us a wonderful article that is a tool for catechists, youth ministers & parents to respond to our teens in their questions about religion and church related to this video. The article is from the blog of Mark Hart, executive vp of LifeTeen.

<http://catholicyouthministry.com/watching-youtube-religiously/>

I also found this video from Spirit Juice Stuidos.

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ru\\_tC4fv6FE](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ru_tC4fv6FE)

Hope this helps you in your ministry or in your family!

***\*Make sure to check out the email attachments for all parental consent and important forms***

Christ's Peace,  
Michelle Patterson  
304-561-4744

## The Kingdom of God Is at Hand

Jonah 3:1–5, 10  
Psalm 25:4–5, 6–7, 8–9  
1 Corinthians 7:29–31  
Mark 1:14–20

### SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

In life, it may seem that it doesn't always turn out that others listen and change their evil ways when confronted with the truth, or that people give up their families and livelihoods to follow God. We must be reading the Bible, because such things only happen there. Or do they? Each day men and women give up smoking, drinking, and drugs. Each day, unfaithful spouses repent and start again. And every day some generous souls join the Peace Corps, embrace religious life, or slip a ring onto another's finger because they heard a voice that said, "Come after me."

It's an insistent voice that voice we hear, and in today's readings, it is full of urgency. The time is short, it says. Respond now, before it's too late. The God who calls is full of forgiveness and of mercy, but we must reach out to take it. We must be willing to be changed, willing to give up what we enjoy and value, willing to repent of the ways of selfishness and pride. Remarkably, in the First Reading, it's God who repents "of the evil that he had threatened to do" (Jonah 3:10). Now it's our turn, for the world as we know it, whether we are aware of it or not, is passing away.

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*"This is the time of fulfillment. . . . Repent, and believe in the gospel" (Mark 1:15).*



### SHARING FAITH

- ◆ Could you do what Andrew, Peter, James, and John did and abandon the life you know to embrace the uncertainty offered by Jesus? Why do you think they were able to say yes to him?
- ◆ Jonah was upset when God spared Nineveh. How do you feel when you see people who don't get the punishment that you feel they deserve? Would you want all that you deserve?
- ◆ The special vocation of the lay faithful is to bring the light of Christ into secular affairs, into situations where that illumination can be brought only by them. Where do you see others living and witnessing to their faith in the temporal world, and what daily opportunities do you have to do the same?

### LIVING THE LITURGY

- ◆ Research the life of a historical figure who embraced dramatic change in order to pursue their destiny. What do you most admire about the person? What aspects of their story would be too hard for you to accept?
- ◆ Make a conscious effort to forgive someone who has hurt you, someone you feel justified in holding at a distance. Is it easy or difficult to let go of the anger and resentment? What might make it easier?
- ◆ If your parish has a welcoming ministry for new parishioners, ask how your family can help. If not, offer to recruit help and begin one.