

a  
newsletter  
for  
parents



## UPCOMING EVENTS and FUNDRAISERS

**JEWELRY SALE**  
SATURDAY  
JANUARY 28TH AND  
SUNDAY  
JANUARY 29TH  
AFTER ALL MASSES

**YOUTH FOR THE  
EUCCHARIST**  
THURSDAY,  
JANUARY 26TH  
AND  
THURSDAY  
FEBRUARY 23RD  
7:00 PM

**STICKY BUNS**  
SUNDAY  
FEBRUARY 5TH  
AFTER ALL MASSES

**HIGH SCHOOL  
RETREAT**  
FRIDAY  
MARCH 9TH  
TO  
SUNDAY  
MARCH 11TH

# St Bede's Youth Ministry

january-february 2012

Happy New Year!

The New Year Usually brings a NEW start or some NEW thing to our lives. Well the same is true for St. Bede and the Youth Ministry. I am sure by now you have heard about the merger of St. Bede and Assumption BVM schools. This will be a challenge for all but a wonderful NEWNESS will accompany that challenge. In the same way the Youth Ministry is embarking on a NEW structure that you will be hearing more about in the coming weeks. Monsignor and I have discussed the need for a NEW model in the Youth Ministry program and we have decided that there will be a **NEW PARISH YOUTH COUNCIL** instituted. This council will consist of 12 teens of various schools and from each of the grade levels who will be appointed by Monsignor Marine. These teens will plan and implement activities for the youth of the parish along with a core group of young adult leaders. The teens will receive leadership training from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia Office for Youth and Young Adults. This Parish Youth Council will send a representative to sit on the Parish Council, giving our youth a voice in the decisions that are made for the parish. I am excited about this New Parish Youth Council and I look forward to the NEW LIFE that the Youth program will take on in the coming months. This world needs good Catholic Leaders and they start in their parishes! Look for the commissioning of this New Parish Youth Council at a Mass in a few months.

I am equally excited about the upcoming **Annual H.S. YOUTH Retreat!** The retreat is the weekend of March 9 - March 11. We will be going to Jesus House Center in Wilmington, DE. It is a lovely place which sits on 10 acres of land which we hope to be able to take advantage of (start praying for good weather!). I am especially excited because **DEACON JOHN MASSON** has agreed to attend this year's retreat. His participation will make it an experience that is more spiritual and FUN!!!!!! This is a special honor for us too because he is taking the time to be with our youth at this time which is just 8 weeks before his ORDINATION. HOW AWESOME!!! WE ARE SO BLESSED!!!!!! SO SIGN UP NOW!!

In closing I want to mention once again the New Year and in particular those NEW practices that we often incorporate in our lives with the New Year- New Years resolutions. For many it is eating healthy, starting an exercise routine or praying more. All great things to enrich our lives. Therefore I encourage you to urge (maybe even require or mandate) your teen to make a commitment to participation in the Youth Ministry activities more consistently this year. In this issue of the newsletter we've included a few statistics from "Youth Ministry & Teens" which highlights the value of consistent participation in Youth Ministry Activities. There is definitely a direct relationship between consistent participation and a decrease in at-risk behaviors. There is also the correlation between participation and the development of our Catholic Leaders. I have certainly found both of these to be true in the years I've spent in Youth Ministry.

Looking forward to the developing of Catholic Leaders for the FUTURE and for the promise of a great YOUTH MINISTRY program in St. Bede the Venerable Parish.

God Bless,  
Maritza

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# youth ministry and teens

Recent studies have found a direct correlation between religion and the lowering of “at risk” behaviors in teens. A study sponsored by the Child Trend DataBank, which offers the latest developments in social data related to children and teens, found that teens who frequently attend religious services are:

from <http://treasurevalleyteen.com/index> ----  
Teens and Religion, By Stephanie Worrell

1 less likely to take risks or enjoy danger, engage in violent behaviors, or to get in trouble with the police

2 less likely to skip school and to be suspended, expelled, or sent to detention

more likely to volunteer in their communities, participate in student government, and play sports or exercise regularly

4 less likely to drink alcohol and to use illicit drugs

## ST. BEDE'S LENTEN MISSION

March 4-8

Father Miniscalco will be leading us in a 5-day life-changing Mission experience. This time of spiritual renewal will consist of a main service each night with Father Miniscalco preaching and on the last night (Thursday 3/8) there will be a special dedication of families and the parish family to our Blessed Mother.

Father Miniscalco has MADE A SPECIAL REQUEST that the High School teens have a SPECIAL part in the Mission. He is asking for:

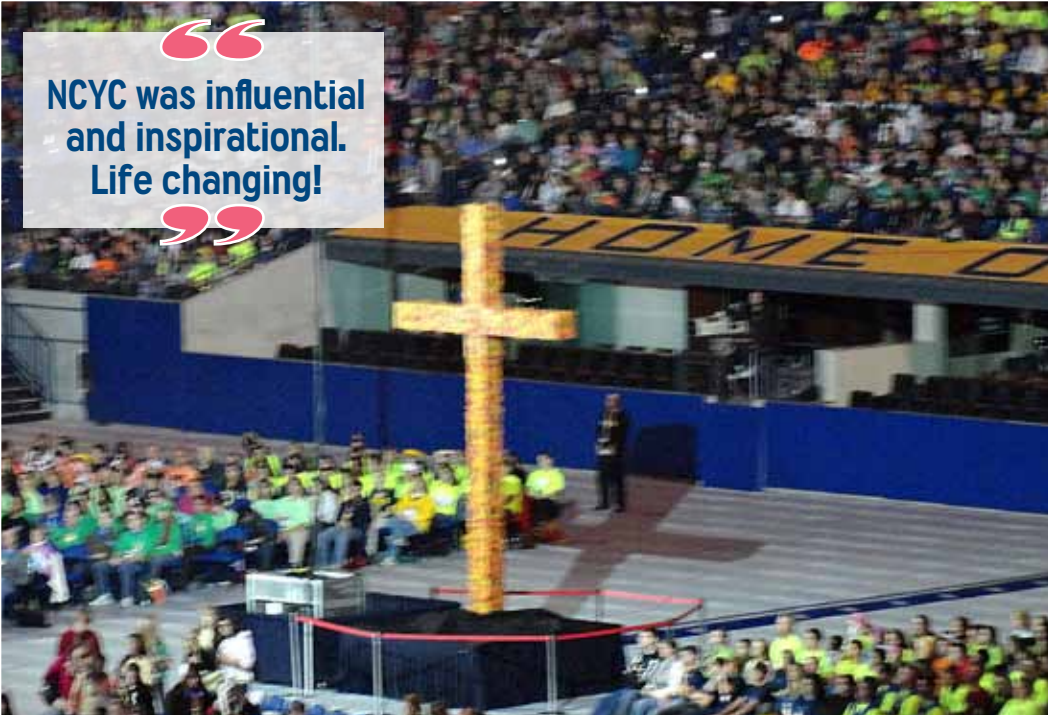
- 1) two prayer leaders (readers - one male and one female) are needed EACH night and
- 2) an honor guard consisting of 6 young men to carry the cross for the veneration of the Cross on the last night (Thursday).

“ NCYC was definitely an experience and a good one. ”

**NCYC**



“  
NCYC was influential  
and inspirational.  
Life changing!  
”



Maritza, Geoffrey Ricco, Lia Hanlon and Brittany Hoelper attended the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis this past November. This four-day conference had over 20,000 teens from all over the United States participate in it. Nationally known Catholic speakers give inspiring talks each day and fantastic Praise and worship lift our spirits at each Mass and gathering.

“  
NCYC was a positive  
experience.  
it was much more involved,  
and hands-on than I expected,  
and it showed a fun side of our  
faith that I am not  
used to. I am glad I went.  
”

## NEW PARISH YOUTH COUNCIL

This 12 member council will consist of teens from the various High Schools and from each of the grade levels. Teens will be appointed by Monsignor Marine to the council. These teens will plan and implement activities for the youth of the parish along with a core group of young adult leaders. Names of the members of this New Parish Youth Council will be published soon. Look for those students from your school and give them your opinions and ideas for activities. Parish Youth Council = Your Voice!!

St. Bede the Venerable Church  
**Annual H.S. Youth  
Retreat**

**Friday, Mar. 9 - Sunday, Mar. 11, 2012**  
**Location: JESUS HOUSE CENTER, WILMINGTON, DE**

GROW IN YOUR

RENEW YOUR  
RELATIONSHIP

REFLECT & LEARN MORE ABOUT  
YOURSELF & GOD'S PLAN

MEET NEW PEOPLE

RELAX!!!

**COST \$250**

Includes:

Transportation, Meals,  
Accommodations,  
Retreat  
Supplies, T-shirt and  
more.

**HAVE LOADS OF  
FUN!!!!**

RELATE TO OTHER  
TEENS THROUGH



St. Bede the Venerable Youth Ministry

2012 Youth Retreat - MAR. 9-11, 2012

Location: JESUS HOUSE CENTER, WILMINGTON, DE

MEDICAL RELEASE FORM

*Please print clearly and be specific*

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of last Tetanus shot \_\_\_\_\_

Medications student can NOT take \_\_\_\_\_

Current medications being taken \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies and special medical conditions (ex. Latex allergy, bee and/or insect stings)

\_\_\_\_\_

Special dietary requirements, food allergies, vegetarian, etc \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Does your child need to have our program activities limited in any way (please explain)

\_\_\_\_\_

Insurance (please attach a copy of insurance card)

Health Insurance Company/Hospitalization Plan \_\_\_\_\_

Policy Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Policy Holder's Name & identification number: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Information

Family Physician \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

My child requires the following medicine: \_\_\_\_\_ Frequency \_\_\_\_\_

My child has permission to be given Tylenol or Ibuprofen if requested      Y      N

*In case of Medical Emergency, I understand that in the event if medical treatment is required, every effort will be made to contact me or the emergency contact person. However, if I cannot be reached, I give permission to the staff to secure the services of a licensed physician to provide the care necessary, including hospitalization, anesthesia, injection, or surgery for my child's well-being.*

Signature of Parent/guardian    X \_\_\_\_\_      Date \_\_\_\_\_

St. Bede the Venerable Youth Ministry  
2012 Youth Retreat - MAR. 9-11, 2012  
Location: JESUS HOUSE CENTER, WILMINGTON, DE

**Parent Permission Form**

*Please print clearly*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Daytime/Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Daytime/Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact (someone other than a parent)**

Contact Persons Name \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Permission**

*I/we hereby give my child \_\_\_\_\_ permission to participate in the Youth Retreat Program directed by the Youth Ministry of St. Bede the Venerable Parish. I give my child permission to use the transportation supplied by St. Bedes to and from the retreat. I understand that this program is under adult supervision and that reasonable efforts will be made to minimize risk or injury to participants. I agree and understand that we assume the risks inherent in the trip, and with full knowledge of the risks, I/we agree to hold harmless and release St. Bede the Venerable Church, its principal agents, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, their employees, representatives and volunteers from claims, all responsibility and liability of any nature whatsoever for any damages, injuries, or other losses arising or related my child's participation in or transportation to and from the retreat. I/we understand that my child will be photographed as an individual and/or with the group of participants and these images can be used for promotion of parish youth activities including the parish bulletin, Youth Ministry newsletter, parish/youth ministry websites and other promotional materials. I/we understand my child's responsibilities in being part of this retreat group and will support him/her in any way that I/we can.*

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

## JEWELRY SALE

Need a gift for  
**FIRST COMMUNION OR CONFIRMATION?**

Catholic Jewelry for Sale after all Masses  
Saturday, January 28th  
& Sunday, January 29th



**TEEN  
CHOIR CD**  
**\$10.00**

ON SALE NOW  
CONTACT

[stbedeteenchoir@gmail.com](mailto:stbedeteenchoir@gmail.com)

“Congratulations to Lauren Trainer (CR South Senior) who was welcomed into the church on Jan. 8 in a Rite of Welcoming ceremony officiated by Father McKale. She and several other adults and children were received into the order of catechumens and are preparing for full initiation into the church, receiving their Sacraments at the Easter Vigil Mass.”



**LOUNGE  
PANTS**  
**\$25.00**

ON SALE SUNDAY  
JANUARY 29TH  
AFTER ALL MASSES

**FEBRUARY SERVICE**

### STICKYBUN SALE

Sunday, February 5th  
Help is needed briefly after each Mass.

### AIDING OUR NEIGHBORS

Saturday, Feb. 11th

### T.A.S.K.

Wednesday, Feb 8th and  
Wednesday, Feb 22nd  
2:45pm to 5:30pm

### TWINING VILLAGE

Monday, Feb 13th  
and Monday, Feb. 27th

PLEASE LET MARITZA KNOW  
AT LEAST ONE WEEK  
PRIOR TO THE SERVICE DATE IF YOUR  
SON/DAUGHTER WILL ATTEND

## SAVE THE DATE-2012 MISSION TRIP

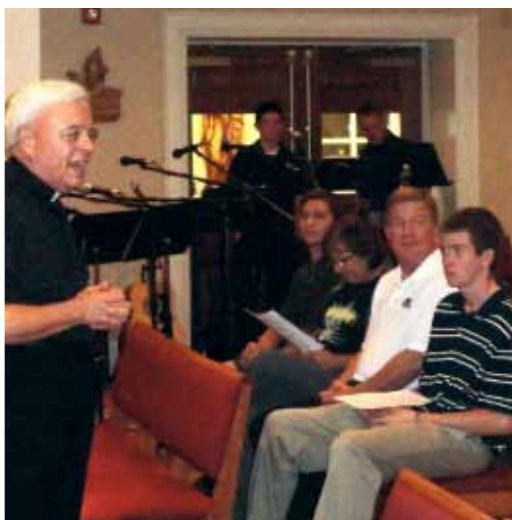
**JULY 14-22, 2012**

Our summer mission trip this year is to be the week of July 14-22.

We have many fundraising ideas but they will all take a team effort to make them successful. I am working on getting forms together and will be asking for commitments in the near future. More information to come.

# BUCKS COUNTY YOUTH FOR THE EUCHARIST

Bucks County Youth for the Eucharist - an opportunity to encounter Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Spend quality time with Jesus who is Lord and Savior of all. This encounter is made through Eucharistic Adoration, opportunity for confession, teaching/reflections by priests & deacons (many newly ordained) and experience fantastic praise and worship music led by teen choirs from parishes throughout Bucks County. It is a time set aside to give adoration, praise and thanksgiving, glory and honor to God

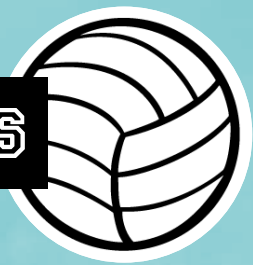


Join us  
Thursday,  
Jan. 26th and  
Thursday,  
Feb. 23rd  
7pm

# January

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5 COLLEGE FORUM NIGHT FOR H.S. JUNIORS & SENIORS 7pm	6	7 TEEN CHOIR SERVES AT 5:30 PM MASS
8 STICKY BUNS 5:00 PM H.S. Youth Meeting	9 TWINING VLG. 2:30-4:30	10	11 2:30 TASK	12 TRIPLE T	13	14 AIDING OUR NEIGHBORS  TEEN CHOIR SERVES AT 5:30 PM MASS
15	16 MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY OF SERVICE	17	18 RETREAT LEADERS MEETING 6:00	19 TRIPLE T	20	21
22	23 TWINING VLG. 2:30-4:30	24	25 2:30 TASK  RETREAT LEADERS MEETING 6:00	26 BUCKS COUNTY YOUTH FOR THE EUCCHARIST 7PM	27	28
29 TEEN CHOIR SERVES AT 9:30 MASS JEWELRY SALE VOLLEYBALL REGISTRATION	30	31	← CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK →			

**VOLLEYBALL SIGN-UPS**



**Sign-up after  
all Masses  
January 29th**

# February

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

			1 RETREAT LEADERS MEETING 6:00	2 TRIPLE T	3	4 TEEN CHOIR SERVES AT 5:30 PM MASS
5 STICKY BUNS VOLLEYBALL REGISTRATION	6	7	8 2:30 TASK RETREAT LEADERS MEETING 6:00	9 TRIPLE T	10	11 AIDING OUR NEIGHBORS TEEN CHOIR SERVES AT 5:30 PM MASS
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