

# The Angelus

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**CEC Directories** are here. Get your while they last.

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## From the Rector



*Fr. McDuffie*

Dear Friends in Christ,

Welcome to the September issue of the Angelus, as we begin another programmatic year at Christ Church. I hope that you all have had spacious times this summer for rest and renewal, and that you will join us for our Back-to-Fall special service on **Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**, at 10:00 a.m. We will have our annual Blessing of School Backpacks that morning, so I want to encourage all of our school children to bring their backpacks. We will also gather together for lunch after the service, at an event hosted by the Fellowship Committee. After the 8<sup>th</sup>...well, it's back into the fall season in full swing on September 15<sup>th</sup>, with our regular three-service-schedule, Sunday School registration, and an adult ministries fair hosted by our Adult Christian Formation Committee.

Mark your calendars for another special liturgy in late September. On **Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 p.m.**, we will have our annual **Blessing of the Animals** service in Foley Park next to the church driveway. Please bring dogs on leashes, and cats and other animals in suitable travel containers. Young children may bring their stuffed animals for a blessing as well. In the event of rain, we'll gather in the Chapel space in our church building.

Finally, I'd like to bring up a study series called The Story, which is being promoted by our Diocese. The series is divided into 31 segments, and it is designed to give participants an understanding of the overarching narrative themes and structure of the entire Bible. Bishop Mariann has commented that while Episcopalians are among the most highly educated Christians in the country, we are also among the most biblically illiterate. This study can be undertaken individually, and you can read Biblical passages each week and think about the study questions that are asked after each section – they will be posted on the Diocesan webpage. Or, better yet, I would like to see if we could generate a study group that could meet weekly, perhaps during the early evening hours, and do the study together. Please let me know if you would be interested in such a group. On September 22<sup>nd</sup> I will present a Sunday Forum on The Story, and see what interest we might generate. If you would like more information now, you can go to the Diocesan website at [www.edow.org](http://www.edow.org), and go to the "People of the Way" section.

I can say proudly that I consider Christ Church to be one of the finest churches in the Diocese of Washington, and I look forward to a new year with you all!

Faithfully in Christ,

John+



## Inside Outreach

*An update from the Christ Church Outreach Committee*

### **HOPE IN SOUTH AFRICA**

Hope in South Africa (HISA) is a partnership that began in 2005 between St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Poolesville, MD and the community of Richmond, South Africa. Through the active support of Christ Church, Rotary Clubs on both continents, and many other resource partners, HISA has grown in size, scope, and breadth of its ministry. The principal aim of the programs sponsored by HISA is to nurture youth to reach adulthood as healthy, responsible, and contributing citizens and leaders in their racially and culturally diverse communities. From programs focused on the prevention of devastating diseases, such as HIV/AIDS and Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders, to the creation of a community center with children's recreational programs, a soup kitchen and kitchen garden providing fresh vegetables for nourishing, free meals for the children, HISA works steadily and successfully to build healthy futures. The financial and in-kind support of the Christ Church community is an essential part of this mission.

On Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, HISA will bring a celebration of its ministry to Maryland with its annual Sundowners Picnic, from Noon until 7:00 p.m. at Lock Overlook Farm, 20500 Martinsburg Rd., Dickerson MD 20842. Please plan to join the fun, make new friends, and take advantage of the opportunity to help fight poverty, one small step at a time. Highlights include live music by Brian Keith Gross, Brooke Robbins and Friends. A children's area, water, and coffee are provided; participants can bring a dish and beverage to share, and chairs for your family. Unfortunately, four-legged family members must remain at home. Come one and all!

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**A REMINDER:** The Diocesan Hunger Fund's 2013 Hunger Walk is coming up! Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. and plan to join in this lively and important event.

*The Outreach Committee meets the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish House. All are welcome to attend and learn more about the opportunities to live our faith through service to those who need us most. For further information, contact Kelvin Dowd at [KJDowd24@gmail.com](mailto:KJDowd24@gmail.com).*

### **NEWS FROM COMMUNITY MINISTRIES OF ROCKVILLE**

*Community Ministries of Rockville (CMR) is a faith-based organization that seeks to improve the quality of life of the most vulnerable residents in Montgomery County through the Mansfield Kaseman Health Clinic; the Rockville Emergency Assistance Program (REAP); the Language Outreach Program (LOP); the Elderly Ministries Program; and Jefferson House. Through the Outreach Committee, Christ Church provides monthly funding to CMR to support its direct service programs.*

The **Kaseman Health Clinic** is now open four days a week. The clinic currently provides primary medical care, as well as specialty services in the areas of orthopedics, endocrinology, podiatry, and dermatology.

CMR welcomes Leann Sherman as its new Program Director for the **Elderly Ministries Program**.

CMR's Latino Outreach Program is now the **Language Outreach Program (LOP)**. Registration is now open for the next session of language and literacy classes. Classes begin on September 10<sup>th</sup>.



**Rockville Rewards** will kick off on September 12<sup>th</sup>. The discount cards will be sold for a special price of \$15 on that day. Volunteers and staff from CMR will be selling the cards at three local restaurants on 9/12: El Mariachi restaurant; the Bean Bag Deli and Catering Company; and the Woodside Deli.

**CMR needs volunteers:** LOP needs teacher assistants and tutors on Tuesday and Thursday nights. CMR and the Kaseman Clinic need office assistants during business hours.

For more information on CMR programs and upcoming events, please visit [www.cmrocks.org](http://www.cmrocks.org) or contact Lynn Arndt, CMR Director of Development and Volunteer Services, at (301) 637-0705.

## Music at Christ Church

### CALL FOR NEW CHORISTERS

As the school year begins, it is time to plan for the training of new boys and girls who will be entering grades 3-8. The Choristers of Christ Church lead us in worship on a regular basis at the 9:00 a.m. Eucharist and also sing with the Christ Church Choir on the first Sunday of the month.

While no previous musical background is required, most prospective Choristers find that attendance, cooperation, and a positive attitude are key elements in determining success, satisfaction, and enjoyment in the choir. Valuable training in music reading and vocal production is given in each rehearsal. A wealth of beautiful hymns and anthems becomes a part of each Chorister's cherished memories.



Choristers rehearse each Thursday from 4:30-5:30 p.m. in the Choir Room, with snacks in the Dining Room beforehand at 4:15. Plan ahead for the new Chorister season starting on Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. For further information and a parents' manual for Choristers, contact director Tad Cavuoti at 301-762-2191 ext 14 or at [tcavuoti@CECrockville.org](mailto:tcavuoti@CECrockville.org).

### THANKS TO SUMMER CHOIR

Many thanks to all who have helped to lead the music in services during June, July, and August: those who sang in Summer Choir for one Sunday or several; those who sang solos, duets, and quartets; those who played bells on a moment's notice; and those who provided exquisite instrumental accompaniment. We thank also those organists and directors who "filled in" for Tad while he was away at conferences and summer courses: John Bohl, Don Hague, and Arthur Roach. Few churches are able to maintain such a rich and varied musical offering in worship throughout the summer.

### CHRIST CHURCH CHOIR



The adults, section leaders, and teen choral scholars of the Christ Church Choir will resume rehearsals on Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Their first Sunday service will be at the combined 10:00 a.m. Eucharist on September 8<sup>th</sup>, and thereafter at the 11:00 a.m. Eucharists from September 15<sup>th</sup> through June 8<sup>th</sup>. For further information, please contact Tad Cavuoti at [tcavuoti@CECrockville.org](mailto:tcavuoti@CECrockville.org).

## THE MUSICAL SCOOP FROM DENVER

This past June and July, shortly after school ended, I had the privilege of attending the annual conference of the Association of Anglican Musicians (AAM) in Denver and Colorado Springs. Over 250 Episcopal organists, choir directors, and clergy from across the country gathered for a week of worship, recitals, and professional concerns. This was a rare opportunity to network with the most creative minds in Episcopal liturgy and with the most experienced musicians in this specialized field.

The churches we visited had a visual beauty and live acoustic, which invited us to meet the Divine in worship. Soaring arches and richly colored windows drew our eyes forward to the altar. Reverberant sound gave authority to the readings and new life to the singing of congregation and choir. This was made possible by the abundance of hard reflective surfaces of stone, plaster, and wood, and the total absence of absorbent surfaces like carpet, drapes, and cushions. In most cases, ceilings were left open to the very apex of the roof, and the exposed beams provided beautiful patterns in contrast to the larger white panels in the space above. A number of the Gothic buildings we visited had recently undergone renovations to improve the acoustics for the Liturgy, and significant organ installations or renovations were the order of the day.

We were grandly and warmly hosted in worship at such great churches as St Andrew's (a Ralph Adams Cram building) and St. John's Cathedral in Denver, and Grace and St. Stephen's and the Air Force Academy Cadet Chapel in Colorado Springs. We worshiped twice a day, heard exquisite choral singing, and were inspired by the preaching of The Rev. Barbara Cawthorne Crafton, who clearly knew the daily scriptures, and how they might specifically relate to the gathered congregation of organists and choir directors.

Professional Concerns sessions dealt with topics like "Engaging Technology: A Survey of Tools that Help Church Musicians", "Music, Liturgy, and Church Growth in the Culture of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century", and "How to take your Choir to England". Informal chats with colleagues often started with questions: "How are you dealing with X, Y, and Z?" or "What music have you found to match the readings for February 16<sup>th</sup> in Year A?" I was pleased to discover that a number of parishes had Chorister programs akin to ours at Christ Church, and across the board, parishes had at least eight adult "staff singers".

A few special bonuses for me were the opportunity to play on an historic 1869 Hook organ, originally built for a church in Boston, but now living at the Cathedral in Denver. The warm, yet powerful sounds emanating from the pipes, combined with the smoothness of the keyboards' mechanical action were a revelation. I also had the opportunity to hear the bells of the carillon at the University of Denver. Most sets of bells like these are housed in church towers, but this tower was positioned over the ice hockey arena!

I am grateful for the opportunity to attend the annual AAM conferences for information and inspiration. With the vestry's continued support, I look forward to the conferences in Washington DC in 2014 (I serve on the planning committee), in Tampa in 2015, and in England in 2016.

**Tad Cavuoti**



### SEPTEMBER'S BOOKTALK

On Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, **Booktalk** will discuss Khaled Hosseini's novel *And the Mountains Echoed*. The novel begins simply enough, with a father recounting a folktale to his two young children and then moves through war, separation, birth, death, deceit, and love, illustrating again and again how people's actions, even the seemingly selfless ones, are shrouded in ambiguity. **Please join us at 1:00 PM** to discuss this fascinating book.

## **THE CEC DIRECTORIES ARE HERE!**

If you had a picture taken for the directory, submitted a picture for it, or have called to ask that a directory be reserved for you and you have not picked it up yet, it awaits you in the back of the church. We have a limited number of extras, so if you don't have a picture in the directory but would still like a copy, please contact the church office or email [cecdirectory@gmail.com](mailto:cecdirectory@gmail.com).

### **CALL FOR NEW ACOLYTES**

Youth in grades 6 to 12, here's your opportunity to actually participate in worship services at Christ Church. Training classes will begin in late September and run for seven weeks. Sessions are one hour long. My preferred times are 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday evenings (whatever is convenient for most of the candidates). We would love to have you join us. Once you have completed training, you will be scheduled to serve on Sunday mornings about once a month. Choristers are welcome too – participating as an acolyte does not interfere with singing as a Chorister.

To sign up, or for more information, give Mr. Bob James a call. Thanks for considering this service to Christ Church.

Bob James, Acolyte Master, 240-731-9928, [bobjames3@msn.com](mailto:bobjames3@msn.com)

## **Pastoral Care**

### **A GOOD HOME FOR ALL THOSE CHARITY CALENDARS THAT ARE TOO NICE TO THROW AWAY**



If you receive more pictorial calendars from charities than you can possibly use, please donate them to the Pastoral Care prison ministry. One of our members will take them to the Montgomery County Detention Center, where the prisoners will really appreciate them. We can also use copies of *The Upper Room*, *Forward Day by Day*, or similar inspirational literature. There should be a labeled collection box in the cloakroom (to the right of the main entrance to the church). If there isn't, you can give your items to Elizabeth Scanlon or Kaye Kubas. Thank you in advance for your contributions to this ministry.

Pastoral care committee meetings take place the first and third Tuesdays of the month in the Parish House Living Room at 7:30 p.m.

*Elizabeth Scanlon for the Pastoral Care Committee*

### **DO YOU WANT TO KNOW HOW TO GET MORE INVOLVED AT CHRIST CHURCH?**

The Adult Christian Formation committee is sponsoring a ministries fair on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> from 10:15-11:00 a.m. (the Adult Forum time). We are asking for a member from each ministry to be there with some flyers about what they do and how someone could join. Please stop by that morning!

Questions? Contact Amanda Freeman at [afreeman@mfreeman.info](mailto:afreeman@mfreeman.info).

### **ADULT SUPPER CLUB**

September Adult Supper Club is scheduled for September 14<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-10:00 p.m. at the home of Jim and Judy Hubbard, 204 Massbury St., Gaithersburg MD 20878-5625.

All adults are welcome. Please bring a dish to feed approximately eight people. We are planning an evening of good food and fellowship to be had by all.

Please call 301-926-8076 or 301-332-0644 for additional information or directions.

**ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASS  
STUDIES IN CHRISTIAN FAITH  
FALL 2013**

The Studies in Christian Faith class meets each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish House. Please join us for lively discussion, prayerful interaction, good food, and laughter!!

The Studies in Christian Faith class will begin reading and discussing Philip Yancey's book: *The Jesus I Never Knew* on September 15<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome!

If you have any questions about this Adult Formation class, please contact the church office or Fran Palmer at 301 874-1086.

**YOGA AND THE SPIRIT!**

Our September class will be held on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013 from 4:00-5:15 p.m. in the Murdock Room.

If you haven't attended yet, you are welcome! Yoga and the Spirit provides a well-rounded physical practice for those at every level of experience. We review a lesson from a recent service, set a theme for practice, learn a breathing technique, do a lot of yoga, briefly meditate, and end with a prayer. We strive to go deeper in our faith and yoga. It's great sharing together!

Bring a mat (or let me know if you need one in advance). Enter the building from the back parking lot directly through the outside Murdock Room doors (which face the Parish House). The classes are free. If you want to contribute, donations will be given to Episcopal Relief and Development. Contact parishioner Cindy Cotte Griffiths, RYT-200, at [Cindy@OnlineandInPerson.com](mailto:Cindy@OnlineandInPerson.com) with any questions.



**End of Summer POTLUCK Picnic for ALL  
Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 a.m.  
CEC Dining Room**



Hot dogs (beef, turkey, and non-meat) & beverages will be provided  
Bring a dish & join us as we celebrate the end of summer & the beginning of the Church's program year

Last name A – M: Salads & sides  
Last name N – Z: Desserts

Remember, we can only warm up food, so if you bring a hot dish, please bring it in a crockpot or microwave-safe dish.



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*COMING SOON... BBOX COOKBOOK!*

Bargain Box volunteers are compiling delicious, tried and true family favorite recipes for our first ever BBox Cookbook (we are also searching for a more clever title.). We expect the cookbook to be ready for this holiday season. What a great gift idea for everyone on your shopping list! More details TBA.

*OUTREACH FALL SUNDAYS*

The Bargain Box Outreach table returns to the Dining Room the third Sunday of each month during Coffee Hour. Ask our volunteers to tell you about the mission and history of the store, and how you might donate your time, talents, and treasures. Books, toys, and other fun stuff will be for sale. Cash and checks accepted. Raffle tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.



*FALL HOLIDAY BAZAAR*

*SUNDAY, November 17<sup>th</sup>*

8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at The Bargain Box

How many shopping days 'til Christmas? No worries! *Shop at the Bargain Box* at 398 Hungerford Drive after each of the three services, Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. The store will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. with plenty of free parking. *Come shop for gifts* and decorative items for Thanksgiving and Christmas, beautiful jewelry, purses, toys, books, festive holiday clothing, art work, furniture, so much more. Enter to win one of our *three raffles* (TBA). Tickets will be on sale \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Volunteers will fill our *bake sale table* with delicious home-made treats. There is plenty of free parking.

Mark your calendar and save the date!

September 15	Sports
October 20	Halloween!
November 17	Holiday Bazaar---

**AT THE BARGAIN BOX**

*VOLUNTEER WISH LIST*

*The Bargain Box needs YOU!* Our thrift and consignment shop needs donations of your time and talent as well as your treasures. There are many ways to volunteer, either in the store or at home. Be an angel. Two or three hours a month is all it takes. It's easy and it's fun!





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**OTHER PARISH EVENTS**

*(Date/Event/ Time/ Location)*

**SEPTEMBER 2013 WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**Regular Sunday Schedule Begins Sept. 15.  
Services at 7:45, 9:00 & 11:00am**

- 7:45 AM** Holy Eucharist Rite I  
*a spoken service with Sermon*
- 9:00 AM** Holy Eucharist Rite II  
*with Sermon, Service Music, Hymns, and Anthems  
Choristers of Christ Church*
- 9:00 AM** Children’s Church – Murdock Room  
*a service for children, using a story-telling theme with music  
for young children. 9:00-9:30am (beginning 9/22)*
- 11:00 AM** Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
*with Sermon, Service Music, Hymns, and Anthems  
Christ Church Choir*

**ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS**

- 8:25 AM** Choristers Warm Up – Choir Room & Church
- 9:00 AM** Studies in Christian Faith (*led by Fran Palmer-Hill*)
- 10:10 AM** Adult Forum – Murdock Room
- 10:15 AM** Sunday School – Classrooms Preschool-8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
*(beginning 9/22)*
- 10:15 AM** Choir Rehearsal – Choir Stalls
- 10:15 AM** Coffee Hour – Dining Room
- 12:45 PM** Korean Worship Service – Chapel
- 2:10 PM** Korean Congregation Coffee Hour – Parish House

**REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

- Monday**  
7:00 PM English Conversation Practice (CES DR)
- Tuesday**  
9:00 AM Staff Meeting (PH)
- Wednesday**  
11:00 AM Bible Study (PH LR)  
12:10 PM Holy Eucharist Rite II (Church)  
8:00 PM Korean Prayer Group (PH LR)
- Thursday**  
12:00 PM AA (PH LR)  
4:30 PM Chorister Rehearsal (Church - beginning 9/5)  
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (Church) (beginning 9/5)

- 1
- 2 Labor Day – office closed
- 3 CES 1<sup>st</sup> day of School  
Pastoral Care Committee Meeting **7:30pm** (PH LR)
- 4
- 5 Chorister Rehearsals Resume **4:30pm** (Choir Room/Church)  
Choir Rehearsals Resume **7:30pm** (Choir Room/Church)
- 6
- 7 CEC Youth Group Trip to Hershey Park, **depart from PH 8am**
- 8 Children/Youth Blessing of Back Packs & Book Bags **10:00am**  
End of Summer Potluck Picnic for All **11:30am** (MR, DR)  
Holy Eucharist at Rockville Nursing Home **1:30pm**
- 9 Booktalk **1:00pm** (PH LR)  
Outreach Committee Meeting **7:30pm** (PH DR)
- 10 *The Angelus* Submission Deadline for the October issue  
Adult Christian Formation Meeting **7:30pm** (PH LR)
- 11
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- 14 Adult Supper Club **7:00pm** (home of Jim & Judy Hubbard)
- 15 **REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE RESUMES**  
**Church Services at 7:45, 9:00 & 11:00am**  
Children’s Church & Sunday School Registration **10:15am**  
“Rockville Help” Sunday (*Third Sunday of each month*)  
Adult Ministries Fair **10:10am** (MR)  
SOS - Serving Others Sunday Outreach Project **10:15am** (CEC DR)  
Loaves & Fishes carpool **10:15am** (leave from Church)  
Yoga & The Spirit **4:00pm** (MR)
- 16 Dine & Deal **6:30pm** (MR)
- 17 *The Angelus* Printing  
CEC Youth Group Shelter Week (9/17-9/21) **4:00pm** (K)  
Pastoral Care Committee Meeting **7:30pm** (PH LR)
- 18
- 19 *The Angelus* Assembly
- 20
- 21 Private Wedding (Church)
- 22 Forum presented by Fr. McDuffie on *The Story* **10:00am** (MR)
- 23
- 24 Youth Group Parents Meeting **7:00pm** (YR)  
Vestry Meeting **7:30pm** (PH LR)
- 25 Holy Eucharist at Collingswood **2:00pm** (Rockville)
- 26
- 27
- 28
- 29 Youth Group Event **1:00pm** (YR)  
Blessing of the Animals **3:00pm** (Foley Park)
- 30 Newcomers’ Committee Meeting **7:00pm** (PH LR)

<b>KEY</b>	
PH = Parish House	CEC = Christ Episcopal Church
LR = Living Room	CES = Christ Episcopal School
DR = Dining Room	K = Kitchen
MR = Murdock Room	N = Nursery
	YR = Youth Room

# Children's & Youth Ministries



**Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**  
*Welcome Back Children & Youth*



**Worship Service at 10:00am including a Blessings of the Backpacks** - All are invited to start the new year off with a special blessing to backpacks, lunch boxes, briefcases, sports bags, blankets, computers cases, or any other item you use daily – don't be left out of this event! All ages are welcome. A **PICNIC** follows the service for everyone!

**September 10<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>**  
*Youth Group Volunteers at CBS Shelter*  
(Community Based Shelter on Wilkins Avenue in Rockville)



**The Youth Group prepares & serves meals each night for 35 residents.** Volunteers are needed each day from 5 - 8pm to help make, deliver & serve the evening meal at the shelter. We also provide the following day's breakfast, lunch and personal supplies. SSL hours are available. **FOOD & MONETARY DONATIONS** are greatly appreciated! Sign-up to help make or provide a main meal dishes, salads and/or desserts in the Dining Room or call Mrs. Craig at 301/762-2191 Ext. 15. **Donations of toiletries (any size) are needed!**

**Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>**  
*Registration Sunday*



**Worship Services are at 7:45, 9:00 and 11:00am**  
**Children's Church begins at 9am in the Murdock Room**  
for all Preschoolers - Third Grade. All are welcome including parents!



**Registration begins at 10:15am in the Dining Room**  
Nursery, Sunday School, Youth Group, Friday Family FUN Nights, Heifer Trip, Mission Trips, God & Life Scouts Program, Choristers, Acolytes and much more!



**(Serving Others Sunday) SOS in the Dining Room at 10:15am**  
**Sandwich Making & Weekend Smart Sacks for Manna**



Come and assist the Youth Group prepare 300 sandwiches for McKenna's Wagon in DC and our newest project - Manna's Smart Sacks Weekend Backpack Program for students in need at Meadow Hall Elementary School in Rockville. We will fill 288 bags (a one month supply) of food for 72 children to take home to their families every Friday with food to eat during the weekends when they are unable to have breakfast and lunch provided for them by the school. All food is donated by organizations and donors supporting MANNA Food Center in Rockville, and we have the great job of filling the bags for the students with smiles, cards, love and prayers!



## Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> *Youth Group Back-2-School Event*



**Come to the Youth Room** (next to the Murdock Room) **from 1 – 3pm** for food, fun and friends...along with some Minute 2 Win It games and laughs! Plan to add your handprint to the Wall and help decorate the Youth Room.



## Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> *Sunday School Teacher "Play-Day"*

**Teacher Volunteers & Parents will meet from 11 - 1pm in the Parish House** to plan for the upcoming year, share lunch & discuss ways to improve our programs offerings. ***We are in need of a few good teacher volunteers*** (adults & youth) - consider this important part of our children's faith foundation - no prior experience needed just a good heart and a smile!

## Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> *Youth Group "Parent ONLY" Meeting*



**Parents of youth (6 - 12 grades) are invited to the Youth Room at 7pm** to plan and learn about Youth Group, Upcoming Year's Activities, Sunday mornings, Outreach (SSL) Opportunities, Summer Mission Trips & Parent Opportunities – bring calendars!



## Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> *Youth Group Lunch & Treat Baking*

**Join us from 12:30 – 3pm for lunch and baking treats for PETS!**  
All youth (6 – 12<sup>th</sup> grade) are welcome.



### *Blessing of the Animals*

**Put on the leashes, pull out the cages, grab your teddies & bring your pets to Foley Park** (next to the Dining Room) **for our annual Blessing of the Animals at 3pm.** There will be wonderfully delicious treats for ALL following the service!

*We hope you will join us for everything!*



Questions ...

Michele Craig, Director of Children's & Youth Ministries  
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