



ST. JOE'S HIGH SCHOOL TEEN GROUP
Upcoming Events
October 2019 through August 2020

We have been working on a High School Teen Group schedule and hope you can join us for some - or all - of these events! Dates and times are subject to change, especially during the winter months when inclement weather comes into play. We have some events still in the works as well, so stay posted! Please feel free to share this calendar with your friends and families, including those outside of our Parish Family! The High School Teen Group is open to all **high school students in grades 9 through 12** - not just St. Joe's Parishioners or St. Mike's alumni (for your siblings & younger friends - we will welcome the 2020 newly Confirmed 8th graders in the Springtime - keep an eye out for an invitation). As always - we will gladly sign off on service hours for any event which qualifies! We offer great opportunities to serve your community while having fun with your friends! If you have any questions, feel free to email us.

OCTOBER 2019

- ★ Please join our Parish Family for **Forty Hours Devotion**. With 3 dates to choose from, you will have ample opportunity to participate! You are welcome to sit with your family, or pray together as a group. The church will be open on the following dates & times:
 - Sunday, October 13th - following the 11AM Mass until the service at 7:00 PM.
 - Monday, October 14th - following the 8AM Mass until the service at 7:00 PM.
 - Tuesday, October 15th - following the 8AM Mass until the service & solemn procession at 7:00 PM. *NOTE: All Altar Servers are expected to be in attendance for the Forty Hours Procession and should be vested no later than 6:45 PM.
 - *What is Forty Hours Devotion?* This website provides a great explanation:
<http://catholicstraightanswers.com/what-is-the-40-hours-devotion/>

- ★ PREP Grades 1-7 will present a **Living Rosary** in the Parish Center on Sunday, October 20th, from 10:45 AM to 11:00 AM. Please join us - You are a shining example to the youth of our parish - like rock stars, truly! Your presence and participation would help bring a special aspect to this celebration of Mary, the Mother of God. You don't have to do anything but show up & pray along!

- ★ **Fr. Buckley's Annual Trick or Treat Family Party** will be held on Sunday, October 27th from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM in the Parish Center. There will be festive treats, crafts, pumpkin decorating, games, dancing, and, of course, a Costume Parade & Contest.
 - Volunteers are needed to help with: snack table, kids' activities, handing out bags/prizes, and clean up.
 - To make things extra fun - We are once again proposing a **COSTUME CONTEST** amongst our High School Teen Group volunteers! Show up in a kid-friendly costume to volunteer, and you'll be entered into a drawing for a \$10 Starbucks Gift Card! Costumes must be kid-friendly - think: everyday heroes (cowboys, farmers, doctors) and superheroes, Disney characters (princesses are always a favorite), cartoon characters, etc. NO weapons of any kind; NO depictions of violence (ex: fake blood, bruising, serial killers, zombies, etc); NO inappropriate references or

themes (ex: underage drinking or drugs, murder, sexual innuendos, etc). HAVE FUN but BE RESPECTFUL.

- **Please RSVP for this event by emailing us, or signing up here:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0c48adad22a0fc1-help5>

NOVEMBER 2019

- ★ We will once again be creating and selling **Advent Wreaths** to our Parish Family, but with a twist this year. Rather than collect order forms, we will meet to create wreaths & box them, as well as wrap candles for individual sale. We will then be selling the created wreaths and candles at our Family Movie Night, as well as before and after Masses on November 23/24.

- We will create the wreaths using pre-formed wreath frames, faux foliage, ribbon and candles. It is FUN and EASY to do - you don't need to be crafty!
- **Advent Wreath Assembly** will take place on Sunday, November 3rd, from 12pm-2pm in the Meeting Room across from the school office. A light lunch will be provided.
- Sales will take place at our Movie Night on 11/17, as well as in the Church before and after Masses on November 23/24.
- **Please RSVP for this event and/or sign up to help with sales by emailing us, or signing up here:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0c48adad22a0fc1-advent>

- ★ We will be hosting a **Family Movie Night** on Sunday, November 17th at 5:00PM in the Parish Center.

- A G or PG family-friendly movie will be projected onto the large screen on the stage.
- Admission will be FREE, but donations to our Holiday Hope Chest project will be requested and collected.
- Also, we will advertise food for sale: popcorn, hot dogs, soda, water, chips, soft pretzels, candy, etc. Proceeds will benefit purchases made for the Holiday Hope Chest project.
- Volunteers will be needed to: greet families, collect donations, run the food stands, clean up afterwards.
- **Please RSVP for this event by emailing us, or signing up here:**
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C48ADAD22A0FC1-volunteers1>

- ★ **Holiday Hope Chest Project** - Sunday, November 24th, 1PM to 3PM in the cafeteria.

- We will assemble and wrap the Holiday Hope Chests.
- We'll enjoy warm drinks & festive snacks while we work.
- **Please RSVP for this event by emailing us, or signing up online:**
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C48ADAD22A0FC1-holiday1>
 - *Info about Holiday Hope Chests:* <https://www.volunteerlv.org/holiday-hope-chests>

DECEMBER 2019

- ★ **Parish Family Christmas Celebration** - Sunday, December 8th starting at 12PM, in the Parish Center.

- All Parishioners are encouraged to attend and bring a dish to share for lunch. The Adult Choir performs Christmas carols, Santa Claus makes a surprise visit, and Fr. Buckley provides a "letters to Santa" station for the kids, as well as raffles and presents for all!
- Volunteers are welcome to help with crafts & letters to Santa, as well as clean up.
- No RSVP - just show up and enjoy some time with your family! If you're there, you can help however needed - just look for Mrs. Lanning or Mrs. O'Donnell.

JANUARY 2020

★ **Winter Reflection & Bowling** - Sunday, January 12th at 5PM.

- We will enjoy dinner together after a prayer service, and engage in a discussion in preparation for upcoming events before we BOWL!
- We will gather at Earl Bowl in Quakertown. Each attendee will be responsible for their own transportation to/from the bowling alley.
- **Please RSVP for this event by emailing us, or signing up online (link will be available closer to the date.)**

FEBRUARY 2020

★ **Mission Sunday Mardi Gras Celebration** will be held on Sunday, February 23rd from 11AM to 12:30PM in the Parish Center (volunteers needed 10AM-1PM).

- We will run games of chance, hand out prizes to winners, and sell snacks.
- Volunteers will be needed to: set up, run the games, sell food, clean up afterwards.
- **Please RSVP for this event by emailing us, or signing up online:**
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C48ADAD22A0FC1-mission2>
- Proceeds will benefit our Parish St. Vincent de Paul Society.
 - *About the Charity:* Saint Vincent de Paul Society of St. Joseph Church assists those in our parish and in our community who are in need of material assistance. The Saint Vincent de Paul fund is supported entirely through voluntary donations. Referrals considered may be made known by those in need, as well as by their families and friends. Upon receiving a referral, every effort is made to ensure anonymity. Needs considered may relate to shelter, fuel assistance, clothing, car repair, limited mortgage/rent assistance and gift cards for food items not available at Betty Lou's Pantry.

MARCH 2020

★ We will be hosting an afternoon of **BINGO** on Sunday, March 15th from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM in the Parish Center.

- Trying something new - an alternative to Family Movie Night.
- All will be invited - An admission fee will be charged per patron, with 2 boards included and the option to purchase additional boards. We'll play a variety of Bingo games with a variety of (simple) prizes!
- We will sell popcorn, snacks & drinks.
- Volunteers will be needed to: set up, hand out boards, call out numbers, work in the concession stand, man the prize table, clean up.
- **Please RSVP for this event by emailing us, or signing up online (sign up link will be available closer to the date).**

★ We ask you all to join us for **Stations of the Cross** at 7PM on Friday, March 27th, in the church.

- We can sit together, or you can stay with your family - it is up to you.
- After Stations, we will meet in the cafeteria for soft pretzels, Lenten trivia, and to help stuff the goody bags for the Egg Hunt. We should be finished before 9PM.
- **Please RSVP for this event by emailing us, or signing up online (sign up link will be available closer to the date).**

APRIL 2020

★ **Fr. Buckley's Annual Easter Egg Hunt** will be held on Saturday, April 4th at 11 AM.

- This event is held RAIN, SNOW or SUNSHINE! Either in the field behind the Rectory, or in the Parish Center.
- Volunteers are needed to assist with: putting out eggs, handing out prizes, handing out goody bags, help with clean up.
- **Please RSVP for this event by emailing us, or signing up online:**
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C48ADAD22A0FC1-help6>

★ Join us for **Holy Thursday Mass (Washing of the Feet) and Church Visitations** on Thursday, April 9th.

- We are honored to be chosen once again to participate in the washing of the feet. All altar servers are expected to be in attendance for the Holy Thursday Eucharistic Procession, but you are still able to have your foot washed even if serving - just let us know in what capacity you will be joining us that evening. Teen Group will be sitting together in a pew behind the altar servers, and we will join in the procession as well.
- After Mass, we will visit several churches throughout the Diocese. We will plan to spend 10-15 minutes at each Parish. We will then look forward to food & fellowship at a diner following our visitations. We will end the evening back at our own Parish with a Night Prayer service to close our Parish and prepare for Good Friday.
- **IMPORTANT NOTE:** Each participant is responsible for their own transportation (so for most, figure a parent may be joining us). Neither Fr. Buckley nor Mrs. O'Donnell are permitted to drive attendees, nor are we permitted to arrange for your transportation with someone else. This is due to Diocesan insurance obligations.
- **Please RSVP for this event by emailing us, or signing up online (sign up link will be available closer to the date).**
 - *For more information on the practice of visiting churches on Holy Thursday:*
<https://www.allentowndiocese.org/news/spend-time-lord-silence-holy-thursday>

MAY 2020

- ★ HS Teen Group will say **Farewell to Seniors, and officially Welcome the Newly Confirmed** on Saturday, May 23rd, following the 5:15 PM Mass.
- We would like to have the HS Teen Group participate in the Mass.
 - Following Mass, we will have a prayer service under the pavilion, enjoy a picnic dinner, and engage in some friendly competition (outdoors if weather behaves - kickball? Frisbee? Corn hole? We'll have fun no matter what!).
 - More details to be released closer to the date.

JUNE 2020

- ★ **HS Teen Group Booth at the St. Joe's Parish Festival** - Date TBA, either 6/21/20 or 6/28/20
- We will be selling Popcorn and Snow Cones.
 - Volunteers will work in shifts throughout the day.
 - **Please RSVP for this event by emailing us, or signing up online (link will be provided closer to the date).**

JULY 2020 - No events currently scheduled. Vacation Bible School (VBS) will most likely take place this month, so watch for that info in the Spring!

AUGUST 2020

- ★ We will once again be hosting a **Charity Car Wash** to benefit local Back to School Drives on Sunday, August 16th.
 - We had a successful event this past August - We raised over \$400 and delivered over 3 dozen school bags filled with supplies to the Salvation Army in Allentown.
 - Located in the road between the Rectory and the school. Volunteers will assist with: washing and drying cars, collecting donations. This event is weather-dependent and may be cancelled if inclement weather.
 - **Please RSVP for this event by emailing us, or signing up online (link will be provided closer to the date).**

ADDITIONAL SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

A new **Sunday School Program** for our young parishioners is starting in October! The program, intended for Preschool, Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students, will be held the first Sunday of the month, from 10AM-10:30AM, in the Art Room of the school building. Activities will include stories, songs, and crafts. Our parishioners in grades 8-12 are encouraged to volunteer to assist with the children. Contact Mrs. O'Donnell to volunteer, or for more information.

OUTSIDE EVENTS

These events are not run or sponsored by St. Joe's. Although we are not attending as a group, you are still encouraged to check out the events and engage in what interests you! Follow the links provided for more info.

ABBEYFEST *"is the premier celebration of family, friends, and contemporary Catholic/Christian music in the greater Philadelphia area, held at Daylesford Abbey in Paoli, PA. The grounds are transformed into a festival atmosphere featuring hundreds of Christian vendors, food trucks, family and kid-friendly activities, pickup Frisbee, soccer and touch football games and dozens of Archdiocesan, Norbertine, and other order priests hearing confessions throughout the day and evening along with prayer and healing teams. One of the most unique aspects of AbbeyFest is its engaging atmosphere for children, teens, youth groups and families to experience the fullness of faith and truth of Jesus Christ."* Abbeyfest will be held on September 21, 2019. Online ticketing ends midnight, Thursday, Sept 19. For more info: <http://www.theabbeyfest.com/>

DIOCESAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE – HURRY, REGISTER NOW! The Diocese of Allentown is hosting its third annual women's conference on Saturday, October 5, 2019, at DeSales University from 9:00 AM to 4:15 PM beginning with a Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop Alfred A. Schlert. The cost is \$40/Adult, \$10/High School Students, \$15 College Students and Vowed/Consecrated Religious. The theme "Women: Chosen for A Purpose" will feature presentations by nationally known speakers Dr. Edward Sri, Sarah Christmyer, Sr. Sophia Marie Peralta, S.C.C. (Spanish Track), and Martha Fernández-Sardina (Spanish Track). The day will include a continental breakfast, lunch, Confession, Adoration and Exhibitors. For more information and to register no later than September 25, 2019, visit www.allentowndiocese.org/womens-conference . Questions call 610-289-8900 x 2021 or email adultformation@allentowndiocese.org We hope to see you there!

Anchored in Peace Teen Retreat - Teens in grades 6 through 12 are invited to join us for a relaxing day of faith and fellowship, including Eucharistic Adoration, opportunities for Confession, talks by Fr. Mark Searles, and other activities. The Anchored in Peace Teen Retreat is on Sunday, October 6, 2019, 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Stone Lake Inn, 407 Greenview Dr., Saylorsburg. Lunch will be included and there is no cost to attend. More information www.allentowndiocese.org/anchored .

Carmelite Monastery & Shrine of St. Therese of Lisieux - **Shower of Roses** - October 6, 2019 at 3:00 P.M. Come to Carmel of Allentown to honor Saint Therese of the Child Jesus. Solemn Procession to Outdoor Shrine, Benediction and Devotions. All are WELCOME to the Solemn Services to glorify our Heavenly Father, for the Graces bestowed upon Saint Therese of Carmel. Every Pilgrim receives special Blessed Rose in the Name of Saint Therese. COME ONE - COME ALL! 3551 Lanark Rd, Coopersburg PA 18036.

<https://www.carmelite-nuns.com/>

DIOCESAN MEN'S CONFERENCE - Standing Firm In Our Faith – Register today to see Dr. Ralph Martin, Fr. Jim Greenfield, Gus Lloyd, and Sam Guzman at Standing Firm in Our Faith, the 8th annual Allentown Diocese Men's Conference on Saturday, November 23, 2019 at DeSales University. In addition to a Vigil Mass, there will be opportunities for Adoration and Confession. Presentations in Spanish will be given by Dr. Ricardo Luzondo and Deacon Isidro Gonzalez. Register by November 13th at

www.allentowndiocese.org/mens-conference . Questions can be directed to mensconference@allentowndiocese.org or (610) 289-8900, Ext. 2021.