

St. Christopher's Parish Youth Alive
 Course Schedule and Descriptions for 7th and 8th Grade
 2016-2017

(REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT ARE DUE BY: AUGUST 25, 2016)

PRAYER SERVICES/MEETINGS – MANDATORY FOR ALL YOUTH ALIVE STUDENTS PLUS A PARENT

Sun 9/11/16 12:00pm - Mass	Sun 11/20/16 Prayer Services/meetings immediately following Mass	Sun 1/22/17	Sun 4/30/17	\$ 0
				St. Chris Church

CYFM RETREAT: **Either: Fri. 1/27/17- Sat.1/28/17 or Sat. 1/28/17 - Sun. 1/29/17**
Two Prayer credits will be given (credit will be given for 2 of the above Prayer Services)

Topic: (***"The Lowdown on Prayer"***) **Fee: \$75 (includes meals and lodging)**

This course is an overnight retreat at the Capuchin Youth and Family Ministries Retreat Center in Garrison, NY. The Center's retreat team will keep us busy with lots of interesting discussions and fun activities (and we'll get some sleep in there, too!) The overnight offers a great setting! Great leaders! Great time! Information and registration forms can be found at:

<http://www.capuchin.org/CapuchinYouthAndFamilyMinistry/YouthRetreats/GradeOvernight>

Forms and fees should be sent directly to CYFM. Call the RE office if you have any questions!

CHURCH HISTORY COURSES

OUR JEWISH ROOTS (Amy Beals)

Sat 2/25/17	10:00 am-3:00 pm	St. Chris School	\$15
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Have you ever wondered where our faith came from? Did you know that Jesus was Jewish? Come and learn about our Jewish roots and how we came to be Catholic. This is a two part class and you must attend both classes to receive credit. A homework assignment will be given after the first class. **BRING A BAG LUNCH! DRINKS AND SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED.**

CAN I GET A WITNESS? (Ellen Farina)

Sat 4/8/2017	10:30 am-3:30 pm	St. Chris School	\$15
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Who stood up for Jesus when he was standing before Pontius Pilot? Where was everyone who witnessed the miracles he performed? Come and find out! You will learn about some of the miracles of Jesus and then you will have a modern day trial in Jesus's name with a Prosecutor, Defense Attorney, witnesses, jury and judge! There will be a homework assignment after the first class. **BRING A BAG LUNCH! DRINKS AND SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED.**

JESUS AND THE GOSPEL MESSAGE COURSES

THE GOSPEL THRU ART (Dan Pullaro/Lauren Kerzner)

Sat 11/12/16	10:00 am -4:00 pm	St. Chris School	\$20
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Did you know that in the early churches statues and stained glass windows were used to tell Bible stories – because most people couldn't read? Art has been used through the ages to teach, interpret, explore, and glorify the Good News. In this class you will learn Gospel stories by examining ancient through modern art, and then create a masterpiece of your own! Wear clothes you can paint in. **PIZZA, DRINKS AND SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED!**

LESSONS IN CAROLS (Terry & Amy McCann)

Thu 12/8/16	6:30-8:30 pm	St. Chris School	\$15
Sun 12/11/16	12:30-2:30 pm	Baptist Home, Rhinebeck	

Have you ever wondered where the words of our Advent and Christmas hymns come from? What a story they tell! Come and learn the Scripture behind the songs and then we'll go to the Baptist Home and sing for the Senior Citizens.

BASKETBALL CHALLENGE! – “From Saul to Paul” (Ellen Farina)

Sun 1/29/17	10:30 am –Mass 12:00 Noon – 3:30 pm	St. Chris Church St. Chris School	\$15
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Learn about Saul and his conversion. Who he met and how he converted from a merciless persecutor to a Disciple of Jesus. What happened to him along the way? Why the “change of heart”? Let’s find out together! This is a two part class and must attend both classes to receive credit. Teams will “challenge” each other playing a round robin basketball game! There will be a homework assignment given after the first class. Prizes awarded! **BRING A BAG LUNCH! DRINKS AND SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED.**

WALKING WITH JESUS (Ellen Farina)

Thu 4/13/17	6:30-8:30 pm	St. Chris School	\$15
Fri 4/14/17	4:00-8:00 pm	St. Chris Church/Don Bosco Hall	

Explore the New Testament accounts of Jesus and His followers by walking along with them. On Thursday, the class will be divided into small groups, which will prepare and perform short plays for each other from the life of Jesus. On Friday, 3/18, students will prepare for and participate in a Living Stations of the Cross in the church, open to the parish (parents - don't miss this one ...it's beautiful and powerful!). **BRING A BAG LUNCH (NO MEAT)! DRINKS AND DESSERT WILL BE PROVIDED.**

PERSONAL GROWTH/MORALITY COURSES

Laudato Si: Praise Be to You(Jeff & Lori Urbin)

Sat 10/1/16	10:30 am-3:30 pm	St. Chris School	\$15
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Come learn about Pope Francis' new encyclical on the environment. Our class will explore the Pope's important message on environmental stewardship. You will learn how the encyclical has its foundation in church teachings and what you can do to help promote a sustainable environment. There will be two class meetings and one short homework assignment. **BRING A BAG LUNCH! DRINKS AND SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED.**

FEED ME (Paul Salchert)

Thu 10/20/16	6:00 – 8:00 pm	St. Chris School	\$ 0
Sun 10/23/16 (CROP Walk)	12:00 Noon	St. Chris School	

Have you ever felt the pain of real hunger? Let’s get together and we will learn, we will earn, we will walk and we will witness to the plight of the world’s hungry.

SECOND HAND LION (Julie Budd)

Sat 1/7/17	5:30 pm-8:30 pm	St. Chris School	\$15
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It’s show time folks! There will be a short home assignment before the night of the film. After watching the movie “Second Hand Lion”, we will explore and discuss the movie’s themes and life-lessons. **(We’ll supply the popcorn – Parents are welcome!)** Parents ...please let me know if you will be attending with your child.

CYFM RETREAT:

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Two Personal Growth Credits will be given

Topic: **“Let’s Talk About Love”**

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STAR WARS (Don O’Shea)

Sat 3/4/17	5:00-10:00 pm	St. Chris School	\$20
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Bring your sleeping bag and pillow and enjoy a night at the movies! You will watch Episode IV and then we will compare the battle of good and evil in this movie to situations in your world today. **May the Force be with you! Dinner and popcorn will be provided!**
PLEASE ADVISE OF ANY FOOD ALLERGIES!

SACRAMENTS COURSES

GIFTS FROM A KING(Beals)

Sun 10/12/16	10:30 am – Mass	St. Chris Church	\$15
	12:00 Noon – 3:30 pm	St. Chris School	

“Man was not made for the Sabbath, the Sabbath was made for man.” Step back in time to explore the meaning of the word “Sabbath”. What did it mean to the early Israelites? What did it mean to Jesus and the apostles? What does it mean to us, today? Join us for activities and team work to help us discover the “gifts” offered to us through the Sabbath. Bring a magazine that can be cut up and shared.

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION (Dan Pullaro)

Sun 11/6/16	10:30 AM - Mass	St. Chris Church	\$15
	12:00 Noon -3:30 pm	St. Chris School	

You will learn about the 3 Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. A short homework assignment will be given. There will be fun games and activities – a “Sacramental Challenge”. You will share and demonstrate what you have learned. We will supply refreshments and prizes will be awarded. **BRING A BAG LUNCH! DRINKS AND SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED.**

SACRAMENTS OF HEALING (Tina Wert)

Sun 12/18/16	10:30 am - Mass	St. Chris Church	\$15
	12:00am-3:30 pm	St. Chris School	(food item)

Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick are the Sacraments of Healing. Come learn about these two sacraments which heal and renew our spirit and repair our relationship with God. Then support those in need of these sacraments by creating get well cards for the sick. You will also receive the name of one of the second graders who will be receiving their First Reconciliation in which you will create an 8 ½ x 11 poster for Reconciliation that will be given to that child. **BRING A BAG LUNCH! DRINKS AND SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED.**

SACRAMENTS OF COMMITMENT (Paul Salchert)

Sat 2/4/17	10:30 am – 3:30 pm	St. Chris School	\$15
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Matrimony and Holy Orders are the Sacraments of Commitment (or Sacraments of Service), but they are also part of a larger idea of “vocation.” We all have a vocation – we are all called by God to a specific purpose. What might God be calling you to do? Come explore your strengths and talents and the various ways God might call you to use them. There will be a pre-assignment and there will be fun games and activities – a “Sacramental Challenge”. You will share and demonstrate what you have learned. **BRING A BAG LUNCH! DRINKS AND SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED.**

SEXUALITY

SEX IN THE CITY... OF GOD!

Thu 9/22/16	Pastor Chris Romano	6:00-9:00 pm	St. Chris School	\$20
Mon 9/26/16	GIRLS ONLY	6:00-9:00 pm	St. Chris School	
Tue 9/27/16	BOYS ONLY	6:00-9:00 pm	St. Chris School	

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