

St. Christopher and St. Sylvia Parish Youth Alive

Course Schedule and Descriptions for 7th and 8th Grade

2017-2018

(REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT ARE DUE BY: AUGUST 15, 2017 - NO EXCEPTIONS!)

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

Tues 8/22/17 Sun 9/17/17 Sun 12/10/17 Sun 1/14/18 Sun 3/18/18 Sun 4/22/18
(7:00 pm - Church)

MUST ATTEND A MINIMUM OF 4 OF THE 6

All Sundays: 12:00pm - Mass Prayer Services/meetings immediately following Mass St. Chris Church

ALL HOMEWORK MUST BE TURNED IN BY DUE DATE GIVEN TO RECEIVE CREDIT FOR THE CLASS
NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

CHURCH HISTORY COURSES:

Can I Get a Witness? (Ellen Farina) \$20

Sat 11/4/2017 10:30 am-3:30 pm St. Chris School

Who stood up for Jesus when he was standing before Pontius Pilate? 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! **BRING A BAG LUNCH! WATER AND SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED.**

The Re-Building of Jerusalem (Ellen Farina) \$20

Sun 11/12/17 10:30 am Mass Church
12:00 Noon - 3:00 pm St. Chris School

On May 20, 2012, Yishai Fleisher (JewishPress.com) did a documentary that will take you on an adventure in the famous Ir Davide (City of David) in Jerusalem. See the connections between the history of the Jewish people in Israel and the modern day discovery of archeological evidence. You will then rebuild the City of Jerusalem with the wailing way to display in the school lobby. **BRING A BAG LUNCH! WATER AND SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED.**

The History of the Icon (Diana Calio) \$25

Sat 2/3/18 10:00 am - 4:30 pm St. Chris School

You will learn the history of the Icon and how we came to have them when they were forbidden in the Old Testament. See how they started and how they were created through the years with different artists and craftsmen. Do you notice the differences through the years? Then make one of your own! **BRING A BAG LUNCH! WATER AND SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED.**

Mardi-Gras (Ellen Farina)

\$25

Fri/Sat 2/9/18-2/10/18

7:00 pm –11:00 am

St. Chris School

Come and learn the Christian history of Mardi Gras as well as join in for some fun activities! You will also have the opportunity to earn service hours making nail crosses to be handed out at the 6:00 pm Ash Wednesday Mass to the parishioners. There will be Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Friday evening as well as a movie! Saturday morning we will go to the Holy Spirit Chapel for Mass and then come back to the gym for a light breakfast. This is **LOCK-IN!!!** You will spend the night so bring modest pajamas, a sleeping bag, pillow and blanket! **DRINKS, SNACKS and BREAKFAST WILL BE PROVIDED! Will need Chaperones!**

JESUS AND THE GOSPEL MESSAGE COURSES:**Ignatius Retreat (Maura Sullivan) - 2 Credits**

\$25

(1-Personal Growth/Morality & 1-Jesus and the Gospel)

Sat 7/29/17

9:30 am – 7:30 pm

St. Chris School/Church for Mass

St. Ignatius spent 30 days on a silent retreat; praying, reflecting and sharing with others. You will spend one day and earn 2 credits to experience what St. Ignatius did. We will attend the 5:00 pm Mass at the Church and then return to the school for pizza, dessert and drinks! Parents are highly encouraged to join us for Mass and pizza! Please RSVP to the Religious Education Office when you register as to whether or not you will be attending Mass and joining us for pizza. This class was offered on April 24, 2017 through email. **THERE IS ONLY ONE SPOT LEFT!** **BRING A BAG LUNCH! DRINKS AND SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED! DINNER WILL FOLLOW THE MASS.**

Battleship! (Ellen Farina)

\$20

Sat 10/14/17

10:30 am – 3:30 pm

St. Chris School

YOU SUNK MY BATTLESHIP!!! Learn about the travels of St. Mark through his Gospels! You will be pitted against an opponent(s) through a battleship game to see who knows more about Mark's travels. Prizes will be awarded to the winners! ***Pre-requisite reading: the Gospel of Mark before the class!!!*** **BRING A BAG LUNCH! WATER AND SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED.**

The Gospel Through Art (Dan Pullaro/Lauren Kerzner)

\$25

Sat 12/2/17

10:00 am -4:00 pm

St. Chris School

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, WATER AND SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED!**

Lessons in Carols (Terry & Amy McCann)

\$20

Fri 12/8/17

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm (Part I)

St. Chris School

Sun 12/10/17

12:00 Noon - 2:30 pm (Part II)

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)

\$20

Sat 1/13/18

10:30 am – 3:30 pm

St. Chris School

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! Teams will “challenge” each other playing a knock out basketball game! Prizes awarded! **BRING A BAG LUNCH! WATER AND SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED.**

Walking with Jesus (Ellen Farina) – 2 Credits

\$20

Wed 3/28/18

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

St. Chris School

Thu 3/29/18

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

St. Chris School

Fri 3/30/18 (Good Friday)

4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

St. Chris School

Explore the New Testament accounts of Jesus and His followers by walking along with them. On Wednesday, we will discuss the accounts leading up to the crucifixion of Jesus and start rehearsals. On Thursday, students will have rehearsal and on Good Friday, students will finish preparing for and participate in a Living Stations of the Cross in the school gym, open to the parish (*Parents - don't miss this one ...it's beautiful and powerful!*). **BRING A BAG LUNCH ON FRIDAY (NO MEAT)! WATER AND DESSERT WILL BE PROVIDED.**

The Easter Triduum (Ellen Farina)

\$20

Sat 4/21/18

10:30 am – 3:30 pm

St. Chris School

Learn how Jesus spent his last days with his Apostles and what the Apostles did after the crucifixion of Jesus. You will experience the washing of feet on Holy Thursday, act out the last supper on Good Friday and experience a guided meditation placing yourselves in that upper room with Jesus and his Apostles. You will break the bread, bless it and pass it around and share in the chalice of wine. (Grape Juice!) **BRING A BAG LUNCH! WATER AND SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED.**

CYFM Retreat:**Either: Fri.11/3/17– Sat.11/4/17 or Sat. 11/4/17- Sun. 1/5/17***Two Jesus and The Gospel will be given***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!

PERSONAL GROWTH/MORALITY COURSES:**IGNATIUS RETREAT (Maura Sullivan) – 2 Credits**

\$ 0

(1-Personal Growth/Morality – 1 – Jesus and the Gospel)***(See above in Jesus and the Gospel for price)***

Sat 7/29/17

9:30 am – 7:30 pm

St. Chris School/Church for Mass

(SEE DESCRIPTION AND PRICE ABOVE IN JESUS AND THE GOSPEL)**-3-****Laudato Si: Praise Be to You (Jeff & Lori Urbin)**

\$20

Fri 9/29/17	6:00 – 8:30 pm (Part I)	St. Chris School
Sun 10/1/17	2:00 – 4:30 pm (Part II)	St. Chris School

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) \$ 0

Thu 10/26/17	6:00 – 8:00 pm (Part I)	St. Chris School
Sun 10/29/17 (CROP Walk)	12:00 Noon (Part II)	Rhinebeck

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. **(Must bring in a non-perishable food item)**

SECOND HAND LION (Julie Budd) \$20

Sat 1/6/18	5:30 pm-8:30 pm	St. Chris School
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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.

Star Wars (James Davidson) \$25

Sat 1/27/18	5:00-10:00 pm	St. Chris School
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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!**

Indiana Jones & The Last Crusade (James Davidson) \$25

Sat 2/24/18	5:00-10:00 pm	St. Chris School
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Bring your sleeping bag and pillow and enjoy a night at the movies! You will watch the third movie in the Indiana Jones Series and then we will discuss the meaning of the movie and its Christian history. **Dinner and popcorn will be provided! PLEASE ADVISE OF ANY FOOD ALLERGIES!**

Moses Top Ten (Ellen Farina) \$20

Sat 4/28/18	10:30 am – 3:30 pm	St. Chris School
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David Letterman never had a top ten list go this viral! Let's gather to explore the Ten Commandments through games, skits and other fun activities. **This course includes a pre-assignment and a post-assignment. BRING A BAG LUNCH! WATER AND SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED.**

YFM RETREAT:*Two Personal Growth/Morality Credits will be given***Either: Fri.1/26/18- Sat.1/27/18 or Sat. 1/27/18- Sun. 1/28/18****Fee: \$75 (includes meals and lodging)**Topic: ***“Making Choices We Can Live With”***

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SACRAMENTS COURSES:**Sacraments of Commitment (Paul Salchert)**

\$20

Sat 11/18/17

10:30 am – 3:30 pm

St. Chris School

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 **homework** 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! WATER AND SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED.**

Sacraments of Healing (Keith White)

\$20

Sun 12/3/17

10:30 am Mass

Church

12:00am-3:00 pm

St. Chris School

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! WATER AND SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED.**

Sacraments of Initiation (Dan Pullaro)

\$20

Sat 12/16/17

10:30 am - 3:30 pm

St. Chris School

You will learn about the 3 Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. You will share and demonstrate what you have learned through an activity. **BRING A BAG LUNCH! WATER AND SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED.**

Sacraments of Commitment (Keith White)

\$20

Sat 4/7/18

10:30 am – 3:30 pm

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Are You Smarter Than A 5th Grader? (Ellen Farina)

\$20

Sun 1/21/18

10:30 am Mass
12:00am-3:00 pmChurch
St. Chris School

This course is modeled after the television game show. **Pre-requisite reading of study sheet emailed on the Seven Sacraments before the class;** and, then we’ll see ...ARE you smarter than a 5th grader? . **BRING A BAG LUNCH! WATER AND SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED.**

Sacraments of Initiation (Ellen Farina)

\$20

Sun 2/4/18

10:30 am Mass
12:00am-3:00 pmChurch
St. Chris School

You will learn about the 3 Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. You will share and demonstrate what you have learned by making posters for the younger students to help them understand these Sacraments. **BRING A BAG LUNCH! WATER AND SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED.**

CHRISTIAN SEXUALITY:**Fearfully and Wonderfully Made!**

\$20

Thu 9/21/17

6:30-9:00 pm

St. Chris School

Tue 9/26/17

BOYS ONLY

6:00-9:00 pm

St. Chris School (Barbara Totman)

Wed 9/27/17

GIRLS ONLY

6:00-9:00 pm

St. Chris School (Barbara Totman)

The world is a confusing place with mixed messages. Who do we listen to? Come for activities, study, videos and discussion to help you to appreciate your God given gift of sexuality and your responsibilities to yourself and others. **WATER AND SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED.**

-OR-**Fearfully and Wonderfully Made!**

\$20

Thu 2/22/18

6:30-9:00 pm

St. Chris School

Tues 2/27/18

BOYS ONLY

6:00-9:00 pm

St. Chris School (Barbara Totman)

Wed 2/28/18

GIRLS ONLY

6:00-9:00 pm

St. Chris School (Barbara Totman)

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