

# St. Christopher and St. Sylvia Parish Youth Alive Course Schedule and Descriptions for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade 2018-2019

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

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

Wed 8/22/18  
(6:30 pm – Church)

Sun 9/9/18

Sun 11/4/18

Sun 1/20/19

Sun 2/10/19

Sun 3/24/19

### MUST ATTEND A MINIMUM OF 4 OF THE 6

All Sundays: 12:00pm – Mass – Church  
1:30 pm - Prayer Services – Parish Center

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

## Optional Prayer Experience:

### **CYFM RETREAT:**

Two Prayer Credits will be given

Either: Fri.10/19/18– Sat.10/20/18 or Sat. 10/20/18- Sun. 10/21/18

**Fee: \$75 (includes meals and lodging)**

Topic: **“Bring it on: The Lowdown on Prayer”**

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:

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## CHURCH HISTORY COURSES:

### **The History of the Icon (Ellen Farina)**

Sat 10/13/18

10:30 am – 3:30 pm

St. Chris School

\$30

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.**

### **Persecutions, Yesterday & Today! (Ellen Farina)**

Sat 12 /8/18

10:30 am – 3:30 pm

St. Chris School

\$25

Christians have been persecuted for over 2,000 years and it continues today. Together, we’ll explore these persecutions and the deaths of the Apostles. How did they overcome the hostility and death? How do we overcome the hostility and death today? Do you know? We’ll also be making an Apostles Creed quilt to hang display! **BRING A BAG LUNCH! WATER AND SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED.**

**The Re-Building of Jerusalem (Ellen Farina)** \$25

Sun 1/13/19 10:30 am Mass Church  
12:00 pm – 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 Sistine Chapel (Ellen Farina)** \$25

Sat 2/23/19 10:30 am – 3:30 pm St. Chris School

The Sistine Chapel is a large chapel in Vatican City. It is renowned for its Renaissance art, especially the ceiling painted by Michelangelo, and attracts more than 5 million visitors each year. The chapel is more than an artistic masterpiece; it is a place of crucial religious activity. Since 1492, the chapel has been the site where the College of Cardinals gathers to elect a new pope. The chapel has a special chimney that is used to broadcast the cardinals' voting status. White smoke indicates that a new pope has been elected, while black smoke signals that no candidate has received a two-thirds majority. We'll explore a virtual tour of the Sistine Chapel and look at it in depth. We'll also put together a puzzle of the chapel to hang on the wall. **BRING A BAG LUNCH! WATER AND SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED.**

**Mardi-Gras (Ellen Farina)** \$30

Sat 3/2/19 10:30 am – 4:30 pm St. Chris School

Most of us think of Mardi-Gras as one big party; but it's more than that! Come and learn the Christian history of Mardi Gras as well as join in for some fun activities! You will also earn service hours making nail crosses to be handed out at the 6:00 pm Ash Wednesday Mass to the parishioners. **BRING A BAG LUNCH! WATER AND SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED.**

**JESUS AND THE GOSPEL MESSAGE COURSES:**

**Ignatius Retreat (Maura Sullivan) - 2 Credits** \$35

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

Sat 7/14/18 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 May 30, 2018 through email. **THERE IS LIMITED SPACE! BRING A BAG LUNCH! DRINKS AND SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED! DINNER WILL FOLLOW THE MASS.**

**Saints! Saints! Saints! (Ellen Farina)** \$25

Sat. 9/15/18 10:30 am – 3:30 pm St. Chris School

How many saints are you aware of? How many can you name? Do you what St. Michael is the patron saint of? How about St. Lucy? There's thousands of saints!!! Did you know that the angels and saints are with us at Mass? Did you know that when the priest is consecrating the Body and Blood of Christ, he calls down the angels and saints in heaven? Angels and all of Heaven are present at every mass to worship Jesus in the Eucharist. Let's play a game of Jeopardy and learn more about the saints together! There will be a study guide emailed to you a week **before** the date of the course. **BRING A BAG LUNCH! DRINKS AND SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED!**

**The Gospel Through Art (Dan Pullaro/Lauren Kerzner)** \$35  
 Sat 12/1/18 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)** \$25  
 Thurs 12/6/18 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm (Part I) St. Chris School  
 Sun 12/9/18 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.

**Battleship! (Ellen Farina)** \$25  
 Sat 1/12/19 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.**

**Walking with Jesus (Ellen Farina) – 2 Credits** \$30  
 Wed 4/17/19 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm St. Chris School  
 Thur 4/18/19 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm St. Chris School  
 Fri 4/19/19 (Good Friday) 4:30 pm - 8:00 pm Don Bosco Hall-Church

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.**

**Jesus Christ Superstar Live! (Tina Wert & Dan Pullaro)** \$35  
 Fri 3/29/19 5:00 pm – 10:00 pm St. Chris School

Based on a concept album project written by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice, and the subsequent long-running Broadway performance, this film tells the story of the final 6 days in the life of Jesus Christ through the troubled eyes of Judas Iscariot. A global phenomenon that has wowed audiences for over 40 years, Jesus Christ Superstar is a timeless work set against the backdrop of an extraordinary and universally-known series of events. What do you think Judas was going through Judas’ mind when he handed Jesus over? What was Judas feeling after his betrayal? We’ll watch it together and then discussion will follow. **(Several Parent helpers are needed.) DINNER and POPCORN WILL BE PROVIDED. PLEASE ADVISE OF ANY FOOD ALLERGIES!**

## 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 7/14/18 9:30 am – 7:30 pm St. Chris School/Church for Mass  
**(SEE DESCRIPTION AND PRICE ABOVE IN JESUS AND THE GOSPEL)**

**Laudato Si: Praise Be to You (Jeff & Lori Urbin)** \$25

Fri 10/5/18 6:00 – 8:30 pm (Part I) St. Chris School

Sun 10/7/18 1:00 – 3:30 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 to be handed in the second class. **BRING A BAG LUNCH! DRINKS AND SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED.**

**Feed Me (Paul Salchert)** \$ 25

Thur 10/25/18 6:00 – 8:00 pm (Part I) St. Chris School

Sun 10/28/17 (CROP Walk) 12:15 pm (Part II) 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 be a witness to the plight of the world's hungry. **Must bring in a non-perishable food item.**

**SECOND HAND LION (Julie Budd)** \$25

Fri 1/4/19 5:30 pm-8:30 pm St. Chris School

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 and water!)**

**Indiana Jones & The Last Crusade (James Davidson)** \$35

Fri 12/14/18 5:00-10:00 pm St. Chris School

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. **(Several parent helpers needed.) Dinner and popcorn will be provided! PLEASE ADVISE OF ANY FOOD ALLERGIES!**

**Medieval Movie Night (James Davidson & Ellen Farina)** \$35

Fri 1/18/19 5:00 pm – 10:00 pm St. Chris School

Learn about the church in the Middle Ages – monasteries and missionaries, plagues and popes, crusades and cathedrals! Enjoy a Middle Ages style dinner (who needs utensils?), build a cathedral, join the crusades, save western civilization with your own Armor of God and then stretch out your sleeping bag/pillow on the gym to relax and watch a movie. **(Several Parent helpers needed.) Dinner and popcorn will be provided! PLEASE ADVISE OF ANY FOOD ALLERGIES!**

**CYFM RETREAT:** Either: Fri.2/1/19– Sat.1/2/19 or Sat. 2/2/19- Sun. 2/3/19  
*Two Personal Growth/Morality Credits will be given* **Fee: \$75 (includes meals and lodging)**

Topic: **“Let’s talk about love: Growing in Relationships”**

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:

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## **SACRAMENTS COURSES:**

**Are You Smarter Than A 5<sup>th</sup> Grader? (Tina Wert)** \$25  
Sat 11/3/18 10:00 am – 3:30 pm 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 5<sup>th</sup> grader? **BRING A BAG LUNCH! WATER AND SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED.**

**Sacraments of Commitment (Paul Salchert)** \$25  
Sat 11/17/18 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 Initiation (Dan Pullaro)** \$25  
Sat 12/15/18 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 (Wendy Wajda-Hughes)** \$25  
Sun 1/27/19 10:30 am – Mass St. Chris Church  
12:00 pm – 3:00 pm St. Chris School

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**Sacraments of Healing (Ellen Farina)**

\$25

Sat 2/9/19

10:30 am – 3:30 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 (Wendy Wajda-Hughes)**

\$25

Sun 3/10/19

10:30 am Mass

Church

12:00 pm – 3:00 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 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! (Barbara Totman & Kitty Ghee)**

\$25

Tue 9/25/18

**BOYS ONLY**

6:00-9:00 pm

St. Chris School

Wed 9/26/18

**GIRLS ONLY**

6:00-9:00 pm

St. Chris School

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