

Saint Mary's  
Youth  
Group

2025-2026  
Line-up

Open to teens in grades 6-12, parishioners and non-parishioners alike.  
The red “(service)” text means that the event is service-requirement eligible.  
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## Events



### Back to School Fundraiser

#### Back to School Fundraiser (service)

August 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>, & 7<sup>th</sup>, before & after the 5:30pm & 10:30am Mass in Church  
Our largest fundraising campaign of the year! Our BTS fundraiser is an entire office supply store condensed onto a single tabletop. Youth are asked to help sell products to fund our upcoming events. Be sure to pick some items up for your teens school list too. Donations to the table are not needed, but you could purchase our supplies and donate to the IHOC Pack-a-sack collection (benefiting homeless families) on August 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup>.



#### T-Shirt Time

Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, after the 10:30am Mass, near the Pollinator Garden outside the Hall  
Grab a Youth Group t-shirt and make it your own! Our white shirts can be tie-dyed using any or all of our 10 colors to choose from. Rep. your group at school or at Saint Mary's. \$5 donation requested.

## PARISH FESTIVAL

CELEBRATING “THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY”

#### Saint Mary's Parish Festival (service)

Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> from 5:00pm-9:00pm, Outside & Hall

Our 5<sup>th</sup> annual Parish Festival can not be done alone! The Youth Group has been asked to assist in leading different activities. Youth can help in one-hour shifts or longer. Contact Stan to sign up.

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**September Service Social (service)**

*Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup> Meet up at the 10:30am Mass, then 11:30am to 1:30pm in Classroom 105/106*  
Parents are invited to see what we're all about at this first service social of the school year! We'll meet in the church gathering space after the 10:30am Mass as a group, then go directly to the Hall for our event. This time, we'll clean up the campus from the Parish Festival, and create ornaments to sell at our Christmas Shop table.



**Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Table (service)**

*October 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, before & after the 5:00pm and 10:30am Mass in the Church*  
The Youth Group is here to help OUR Church! We will sell Boscov's shopping passes for \$5.00 each (good for up to 25% off a purchase) in the Church Gathering Space. All pass proceeds go to Saint Mary's Church. Pass valid 10/22 at any store.

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**October Service Social (service)**

*Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, meet up at the 10:30am Mass, then 11:30am to 1:30pm in the Hall*  
We'll meet in the church gathering space after the 10:30am Mass as a group, then go directly to the Hall for our social. This time, we'll make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for Cathedral Kitchen, along with other items they may need.



**Saint Showcase**

*Posters Displayed from Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> to Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> in the Chapel*  
In celebration of All Saint's Day, Sunday's 8<sup>th</sup> grade Rel. Ed. class will research a saint of their choosing and create an attractive looking poster to display in the Chapel. Our group is also invited to take part! Impress our church by getting a poster of any size, and include a picture/drawing of the saint, what the saint is a patron/patroness of, birthdate & death (or estimation), and at least 3 interesting facts. Posters will be displayed in the Chapel from Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at the 5:00pm Mass, to Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. Hand all posters to Stan Thompson by 4:00pm on 11/1 in the Chapel.

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**November Service Social (service)**

*Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, meet up at the 10:30am Mass, 11:30am to 12:15pm in the Hall, then 12:15pm to ~2:00pm at "The Residence" at 1979 Route 70 E, Cherry Hill*

A clever way for service while hanging out with friends! We'll meet in the church gathering space after the 10:30am Mass as a group, then go directly to the Hall for our social. Then, we'll meet our senior friends at "The Residence" and work on a project with them. Carpool help is needed.

*The*  
**Christmas Shop**  
*Fundraiser*



**The Christmas Shop Fundraiser Table (service)**

*December 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, & 21<sup>st</sup>, before & after the 5:00pm and 10:30am Mass in the Church*

It's our Christmas store in the form of a table! We have small gifts, religious Christmas cards, sacramental gifts, festive shipping supplies, decorations and more. We will need Youth Group members to run the table before and after Mass so we can sell these items to fund our events.

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**Dessert with Santa**

*Celebrate the coming of our Savior with Saint Nick!*



**Dessert with Santa (service)**

*Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:00pm-9:00pm in the Hall*

It's a Saint Mary's classic, and you can be a part of it! Help is needed to make the night magical for the kids! Dessert with Santa is one of our most popular annual parties featuring plenty of children's activities, music, sweets, and a special appearance by the real Santa Claus.

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**Service Social (service)**

*Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, meet at 10:30am Mass, then Hall from 11:30am-1:30pm*

We'll meet in the church gathering space after the 10:30am Mass as a group, then head to the Hall where we'll create advertisements for our Souper Bowl of Caring campaign. Have great fun while enjoying pizza, refreshments, games, and a great door prize!



### **Souper Bowl of Caring Collection (service)**

*Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, before & after all Masses in the Church*

The day of the big game is known for BIG eats, so we're working to help those who can't even afford a bowl of soup that day. Youth will help collect donations, or talk about our campaign to parishioners, at the end of Mass. Parishioners can donate money after Mass, online until 2/9 at [TinyUrl.com/2nede2c7](http://TinyUrl.com/2nede2c7), or bring non-perishables. All proceeds go to the Cherry Hill Food Pantry.

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## **Youth GROUP SERVICE SOCIAL**

### **Service Social (service)**

*Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> Meet at 3:00pm in the Hall,  
then 3:30pm- ~6:30pm at 550 Mickle Blvd, Camden, NJ 08103*

A clever way for service while hanging out with friends! This time, we'll go to the Ronald McDonald House, a location we have not been to for years. They provide a temporary place for a family to live while their child is in the hospital, much like a hotel. The Ronald McDonald House asks for a maximum of 8 volunteers. Youth must sign up with Stan before attending, no exceptions made. Carpool help needed.



### **Soup and Stations**

*Date to be determined on a Friday ranging from 2/20-3/27 in the Hall, then Church*

Soup and Stations is twofold: to sacrifice your meal to a "poor man's supper", and walk the footsteps of our Lord's Passion. The entire family is invited to take part by reading a station and prayer together. Sign-ups for contributing soup will be out once we get closer.

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### **Service Social (service)**

*Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> Meet at 10:30am Mass, then Hall from 11:30-1:30pm*

A clever way for service while hanging out with friends! We'll fill eggs for the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt. Please bring in a bag of candy or two. Please do not purchase any candy that would not fit into a standard small Easter egg.

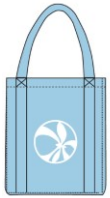
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# Easter Egg Hunt

## **Easter Egg Hunt Help (service)**

*Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am-12:00pm in the Hall, Classrooms, and Outside*

We have an Egg Hunt, and the Easter Bunny can't do it all by himself! Youth Group members are asked to help at in the form of "Border Guards", "Prize Patrol", "Art Room Monitors", "Snack & Video Room Helpers", and more.



## Tote Bag Table

*Fundraiser*

## **The Tote Bag Table (service)**

*April 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, before & after the 5:00pm and 10:30am Mass in the Church*

It's spring, and spring cleaning is about! Youth can help bring in some extra money by selling tote bags with our own Saint Mary's logo. These are perfect for replacing old grocery bags, for organizing, or for carrying anything from one place to another. All proceeds go to our Youth Group.

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*Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> Meet at 10:30am Mass, 11:30am-12:15pm in the Hall, then go to Urban Promise from 12:15pm--2:30pm Camden, NJ*

A clever way for service while hanging out with friends! UrbanPromise is an organization in Camden whose mission is to empower children and young adults with essential skills for academic success, life management, spiritual growth, and Christian leadership. We'll help them at one of their sites with whatever project needs to be done. Site location to be announced in early April. Carpool help needed.

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*Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> Meet at 10:30am Mass, then Hall from 11:30am-1:30pm*

A clever way for service while hanging out with friends! It's a beautiful time of year, let's be sure our campus looks beautiful too! We'll weed the garden and clean up the campus from trash which always makes its way here. Bring yard gloves.



### **Youth Group Visits “Hot Wheelz”**

*Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> from 5:00pm-7:00pm Meet 664 Deer Road, Cherry Hill, NJ*

We're at the end of the school year, let's go out somewhere! “Hot Wheelz” features a roller skate rink, food, and arcade games. It's not even 10 minutes away from our church! **\$15** per youth. Contact [sthompsoniii@aol.com](mailto:sthompsoniii@aol.com) to register. Online payment will be available in the Spring. Due 5/31 2pm.

## Ongoing Activities

### **Mass Ministries**

Fr. Mike has called upon our group to help at Mass. There are plenty of opportunities, some of these things you do every day! Greeters (saying “hi”), lectors (reading aloud), altar servers (fetching items), and cantors (singing) are things that come naturally to many. Talk to Fr. Mike or Stanley to try one out.

### **Pollinator Garden**

gardeners are needed to take care of our pollinator garden located outside the Hall classroom double door exit. Watering, cutting, and weeding are necessary for great garden looks, and it doesn't take too long either. Consider Spring through Summer. Contact Stanley at [sthompsoniii@aol.com](mailto:sthompsoniii@aol.com) to get started.

### **2026 Parish Festival Raffle Baskets**

We're putting together two baskets to raffle off at our 6<sup>th</sup> annual Parish Festival. Do you have any new or gently used sports, Lego, or princess related items? Want to give them to a good cause? Bring it to a Service Social and add it to our baskets!

### **Social Media Post**

We need a few good posts throughout the year, and YOU can make one! Take a photo of one of our activities, or make a graphic in PowerPoint, Canva, Paint, or any program of your choosing to promote the Youth Group on Saint Mary's social media. Send project to Stanley at [sthompsoniii@aol.com](mailto:sthompsoniii@aol.com).

### **2026 Vacation Bible School Counselor**

Many teens volunteer as a counselor for Vacation Bible School, and most are already Youth Group members. Consider helping the adult volunteers, or lead a class yourself, at this morning camp. Program runs from Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup> to Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Counselors are needed from 8:30am-12:30pm.