

**Bishop McDevitt: Moral & Catholic, Challenging, Diverse
2016-2017**

Spiritual Life Opportunities

Dear students and parents,

With great excitement I announce the retreat options that Bishop McDevitt students will have access to for the 2016-2017 school year. This year students in grades 10, 11, and 12 will have some different options to choose from to fulfill their retreat requirement. (Freshmen are required to attend their class retreat.) **All students are required to attend at least one spiritual opportunity to fulfill the retreat requirement.**

Students must choose one retreat to fulfill their retreat requirement. Students may choose to attend more than one retreat. **All students must complete the form and return it to Mr. Fair in the Spiritual Life Office.** Students may change their retreat after submitting the form by seeing Mr. Fair.

Some of the retreats have a fee. No one will be turned away because of inability to pay. If the fee is a problem, arrangements can be made with Mr. Fair.

I welcome parents to join us as chaperones on our retreats. If you are interested in this you must fulfill the volunteer clearance checks required by the diocese. Please contact me for more information regarding this.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at jfair@bishopmcdevitt.org or by phone at 236-7973 x2061.

God Bless,

Mr. Jim Fair,
Director of Spiritual Life
Bishop McDevitt High School

A. Fan the Fire Youth Rally

What: This is a gathering of several hundred teens from around the area. The day is packed with great music, excellent speakers, Mass, and holy hour of Eucharistic Adoration.

When: Saturday, November 19th, 2016, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Where: St. Joseph Catholic Church, York, PA

Cost: \$25, includes dinner.

Open to: All grade levels

Registration Deadline: October 21 – check payable to Bishop McDevitt High School

* you may attend with Bishop McDevitt or your parish.

B. Palm Sunday Youth Mass and Concert

What: Palm Sunday Mass hundreds of teens from around the diocese. Mass is followed by a concert and dinner.

When: Sunday, April 9, 2017, 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Where: Capitol Building, St. Patrick Cathedral, and Strawberry Square

Cost: Approx. \$20, includes dinner. (pay and register in February)

Open to: All grade levels

More information and registration will follow in February.

* you may attend with Bishop McDevitt or your parish.

C. Forty Hours Eucharistic Devotions (– don't worry, it is not 40 hours long)

What: Eucharistic adoration with vespers, music, and a homily. Students must attend one of the sessions on one evening to fulfill the retreat requirement. Bring the program to Mr. Fair with your name on it to count for your retreat.

When: Various options, see below. Most parishes hold the vespers service on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evenings.

Where: Various options.

Cost: No Cost.

Open to: All grade levels – students attend on their own.

1. Seven Sorrows Parish, Middletown. 7 – 8 PM September, 11, 12, or 13
2. St. Matthew Parish, Dauphin. 7-8 PM September 18
3. St. Joan of Arc Parish, Hershey. 7-8 PM September 25, 26, or 27
4. St. Francis of Assisi, Harrisburg. 7-8 PM October 2, 3, or 4
5. St. Catherine Laboure, Harrisburg, 7-8 PM November 14, or 15
6. Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, Harrisburg. 7-8 PM November 27, 28, or 29
6. Holy Name of Jesus, Harrisburg. 7-8 PM March 5, 6, or 7
7. Prince of Peace Parish, Steelton. 7-8 PM April 23, 24, or 25

D. After School Holy Hour

What: Eucharistic Holy Hour and includes some talks, prayer/reflection time.
When: Various dates, shown below.
Where: Bishop McDevitt High School
Open to: All grade levels

1. Thursday, December 15, 2:55 – 3:55 PM
2. Thursday, March 23, 2:55 – 3:55 PM
3. Thursday, May 11, 2:55 – 3:55 PM

E. Triduum Retreat

What: Attend the Liturgies that make up the Sacred Triduum: Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper, Good Friday celebration of the Passion, and Vigil Mass for Easter. Students do this retreat on their own at a parish that they choose. These liturgical celebrations are approximately 1.5 – 2.5 hours in length.
When: Thursday, April 13 – Saturday, April 15, 2017. Times vary by parish.
Where: Students choose the parish.
Open to: All grade levels – students attend on their own.
* See Mr. Fair for a form to confirm your attendance.

F. Pro-Life March

What: A gathering of pro-life people who march to the Supreme Court in our nation's capitol on the anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade decision legalizing abortion.
When: Friday, January 27, 2017 – details TBD
Where: Washington, D.C.
Cost: TBD
Open to: All grade levels; **students must meet the qualifications of the Pro-Life Club to attend with McDevitt.**

G. Pro-Life Retreat

What: A day retreat centered on Pro-Life themes.
When: Wednesday, April 26, 2017
Where: Details TBD
Cost: TBD
Open to: All grade levels; **students must meet the qualifications of the Pro-Life Club**

H. KAIROS 13

What: A three day overnight retreat led by students and adults that encourage one to examine their current relationship with God and challenges them to grow.
When: Tuesday, November 8, 3 p.m. – Friday, November 11, 4 p.m.
Where: Mariawald Retreat Center, Reading, PA
Cost: \$225.00, All Meals included
Open to: Juniors and Seniors only.
Registration: Return Slip with payment to reserve a spot.
***Space is limited, reserve your spot early

I. KAIROS 14

What: A three day overnight retreat led by students and adults that encourage one to examine their current relationship with God and challenges them to grow.
When: Wednesday, February 22, 3 p.m. – Saturday, February 25, 4 p.m.
Where: Mariawald Retreat Center, Reading, PA
Cost: \$225.00, All Meals included
Open to: Juniors and Seniors only.
Registration: Return slip with payment to reserve a spot. ***Space is limited, reserve your spot early

J. Football team day of reflection***

Please note this event already occurred. Only sign up for this if you attended with the football team.

What: Reflection given to the Football team
Open to: Members of the football team who were present for the retreat day

K. Quo Vadis Days

What: A discernment retreat for young men sponsored by the Diocese of Harrisburg Office of Vocations. It is five days of prayer, fellowship, recreation, and discussions. There will be many priests, seminarians, and other young men gathered for the retreat.
When: TBD: 5 days in June
Where: Mount Saint Mary's College
Cost: Usually free due to anonymous donors.
Open to: Boys in all grade levels
More information and registration will follow in the spring.

L. Fiat Days

What: Fiat Days is a three day retreat for young Catholic Women who want to learn more about consecrated life and how to deepen their life of faith.
When: TBD: 3 days toward the end of June
Where: Mount Saint Mary's College
Cost: Usually free due to anonymous donors.
Open to: Girls in all grade levels
More information and registration will follow in the spring.

***Attending the following retreats with a parish youth group will fulfill your retreat requirement: Fan the Fire Youth Rally, Palm Sunday Youth Mass and Rally, Steubenville Youth Rally, and Net Ministries retreats. Mr. Fair will need to confirm your presence at the retreat with the Parish Youth Ministry Coordinator.

***Other retreats that you do with your parish or on your own MAY qualify but MUST be approved by Mr. Fair.

CUT AND RETURN BOTTOM PORTION

*Complete and return to Mr. Fair or your Religion Teacher by **FRIDAY, October 23, 2015.***

Name: _____ HR: _____

Retreat Option:

If applicable, do you plan on attending with McDevitt or your parish? _____

If parish, what is your parish? _____