

Youth Ministry 2010 Summer Review

Young Adult Mission Trip

Eight College Students traveled to Franklin W.V. on the first ever Young Adult Mission Trip. We worked on the foundations of two new homes for in need families. We accomplished so much that we put them a few days ahead of schedule and were invited to stay another week! But unfortunately, one week is all we could give this year.



Mike Regula, Andrew Lynn, Gary Arvey, Peter Fanning, Colleen Lehigh, Jack Hambrose, Erin Fallon, Mel Battle and our two site supervisors.

Relay For Life

This year's Relay for Life took place at Abington Heights High School on June 5th and 6th. Thanks to everyone who helped out in some way. Our Goal was \$25,000 this year but thanks to everyone in the Community, we managed to raise \$28,000 for the American Cancer Society!



Light the Fire 2010

30 Students from Our Lady of the Snows, St. Gregory's and Our Lady of the Abingtons attended this year's Youth Rally at Misericordia University. Six students were involved with the committee that organized the event. This year's closing Mass was celebrated by Bishop Bambera and 20 Diocesan Priests. There were over 300 high school students in attendance.



OLS Beach Retreat

17 Students from the ministry attended the first ever one day Beach Retreat. Students had fun in the sun and ended the day by having a public retreat on the boardwalk. They sang songs of praise, listened to scripture readings, and participated in activities as people looked on to these young people actively participating in their faith. Next year's event is looking to be expanded into a two day overnight experience focusing on God's Creation and how we fit into it.



Franciscan Youth Conference

Reflection by Kaitlyn Davis

When I was getting ready to go to Steubenville, I wasn't really sure what to expect. This was my first year going but I had already heard a lot about it. When we first got there, it was a little overwhelming seeing so many other students, but I soon realized they were all really friendly. Throughout the weekend, we had many different speakers. It was so inspiring hearing them share personal stories to help us make good choices.

One of my favorite parts of the weekend was adoration. I have never felt closer to Jesus in my entire life. It was such a powerful experience just to sit and talk to Jesus.

This conference was such a powerful experience. Yes, I had a lot of fun and met new people but I also had the chance to learn more about my faith and deepen my relationship with God. I suggest going on this trip if you ever get the chance!

Reflection by Pat Haggerty

Going to Steubenville this year was an incredible and life changing experience. At first I went because one of my friends invited me to go and I had no idea what to expect. But once I got there, I was blown away. The sight of so many young teenagers like myself worshipping God in one place so happily... was amazing! Everyone was so friendly and excited to be there that it was so easy to join them in praise and singing. I think my favorite part of Steubenville was definitely Adoration. When the monstrance was brought into the field house for adoration, it was as if you could feel the presence of God in the room, and I was completely overwhelmed with emotion.

I can't wait until next year!

Reflection by Andy Medina

When asked to attempt to describe in one word what I've felt Steubenville was like, the only word that came to mind was magical. It was a truly amazing thing to see so many young people my age who felt as strong as or stronger than I did about my faith. It was so much fun to sing songs of worship and praise with everyone there... all having a great time. Without a doubt the most moving thing throughout the entire weekend was Adoration on Saturday. It was my favorite moment. Seeing Jesus enter the room, feeling Him as He moved throughout the room was just awe-inspiring. Above all, I felt warmth fill my body and an overwhelming feeling of Joy.

God is real!

14 students from the OLS youth ministry who went with a total of 54 from the Scranton Diocese and joined 3000 students from all over the country for this weekend experience.

High School Mission Trip

The following 29 students and adults spent a week of their lives volunteering for Habitat for Humanity in West Virginia.



Stephen Wallo, Peter Serine, Jessica Carrion, Dawn Lambert, Laura Regula, Andy Medina, Tom Juban, Kacey Olver, Kelsey Loughney, Chris Krut, Joe Coleman, Jimmy Fazio, Pat Haggerty, John Vassil, Ashley Akers, Celene Brunetti, Zach Murano, Sean Albright, Jake Arnold, Josie Laco, Nikki Serine, John Lupo, Meredith Westington, Kelli Blasi, Reilly Gavitt, Shannon Dailey, Calen Wylie, Rachel Choplick and Gary Arvey.

We reroofed a home by tearing off all the shingles, replacing all of the plywood, and then shingling the new roof in a week. Thanks to everyone who supported us!