

All High School Students Welcomed

Up, Up & Away!



Is There a Super Hero in You?

Retreat 2019

March 1-3, 2019

An entire weekend

(food, fun, transportation, accommodations)

For ONLY \$65 !!!

Imagine what a weekend away from the hustle and bustle of life would be like, where you can go and get away from it all and take some serious time to get to know God, your friends and even yourself on a whole new level.

We would like to take this opportunity to invite **YOU** to attend to our high school retreat weekend. This invitation is meant for all high school students. We believe this retreat experience will be something to remember the rest of your life. One of the goals of our retreat is to bring people together to learn more about themselves- to look at their lives; past, present, and future - and to start or renew a friendship with God.

This retreat experience will take place from Friday night March 1st until Sunday March 3rd at the St. John Paul II Youth Retreat Center in Kearny, NJ. The theme this year is **“Up, Up, and Away”** The weekend will have a Peer Ministry dynamic which will consist of Faith and Fun Filled activities.

During the weekend we will use super heroes to help us learn more about our faith and each other. Each of us have special gifts and talents that we can use to be an everyday super hero! Come learn how to use your talents and super skills for good for all and also learn a little about the "super hero's" of our church - the Saints!

The Retreat TEAM, made up of high school students, have been planning for several weeks to help make this retreat a successful one. To be sure you are included in this **GROWTH** experience **you must reply by Sunday February 24th 2019.** The cost for retreat is \$65.00. This will cover the cost of transportation, lodging, meals, and all retreat materials.

Have questions? Just reach out to Rich at either rich@stmtym.com or at 908-447-4948.

About this Years Retreat ...

This years theme is “Up, Up and Away” The weekend will look at who we are as people, and the super powers that we all possess, while still trying to remain who we are.. Children of God!

The TEAM has been working hard on this years retreat to make it an event that will help you not only learn more about yourself and others—but more importantly about our faith!

Retreat is a weekend away, where you can focus on yourself, your life, your beliefs and most importantly YOUR FAITH.

Retreat is designed BY teens FOR teens. This is a chance to “get away” from everyday life and learn a little more about yourself. It is meant for all high school students!

Is it a weekend of yoga meditation ??

No not AT ALL .. But is a great time of group activities, large and small group talks, singing, laughing, crying, learning, and much more !!



General Information ...

Retreat 2019 will go from the departure at 6:30 pm on Friday March 1st, until after our Homecoming Mass & Dinner on Sunday March 3. To experience the fullness of the event.. Participants need to commit to as much of the weekend as possible!

Registration: All youth in high school are invited.. Whether Catholic or not, members of our program or not. Haven't been around in awhile?? .. Retreat is the PERFECT event to get back into the swing of things! All teens must register by filling out the forms and returning a \$65.00 check made payable to "St Michael's". This covers all expenses of the weekend.

Chaperones: The entire weekend is overseen by Rich Donovan, our Youth Minister, and Valeria Downey our Associate Youth Minister. Donating their time and talents for the weekend are some of the various adult chaperones from the Youth Ministry Program.

Accommodations: We will be staying in a retreat center with separate rooms of 4-5 bunks per room. Please MAKE SURE TO BRING sleeping bags, or sheets, pillow, towel and toiletries. DO NOT BRING: Cell Phones, expensive jewelry, speaker, etc.

Meals: We will be providing all meals and snacks during the weekend. You don't need to bring anything. FRIDAY PLEASE EAT DINNER BEFORE ARRIVING at 6:15 pm.

More Info: Once we have received your forms you will receive more information from us. A letter will go home to you and another to your parents.

Homecoming: Once the weekend is all over.. Your family, and friends will be invited to join us back at for a Homecoming Mass at 5pm and a Dinner to follow at St. Michael's. Here all the final activities will take place! Your parents will receive more information on this!



To Register for Retreat please return Permission Release & Teen Contract along with \$65 payable to "St. Michael's" to us NO LATER than February 24th!
SPACE IS LIMITED TO 50 TEENS .. Don't Wait !!

Saints Michael's High School Retreat 2019 Permission/ Release From

Participant's Name _____ Age _____

Address _____ Teens Phone # _____

City _____ Date of Birth _____ Grade _____

School _____ Email : _____ @ _____

Parents Email Address _____ @ _____

Does your son/ daughter have any medical problems, allergies, FOOD ALLERGIES that we should know about ?
Yes _____ No _____ If yes, please explain.

Is your son/ daughter on any medication? Yes _____ No _____
If yes, please describe the kind of medication, dosage, frequency and administration by whom authorized.

Emergency Contact:

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Relation _____

I give permission for my child to participate in the High School Retreat Weekend at the St. John Paul II Youth Retreat Center , Kearny NJ March 1-3, 2019. I hereby waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages which I may have against Saint Michael Parish, and all of their agents, servants, and employees, for any injury my child may incur while taking part in your program. This release also encompasses any injuries which may be sustained while traveling to and from participation in the program. As a parent I understand that it is my responsibility to pick my child at the predetermined time. I also understand that if my child becomes ill or destructive I will be contacted, and if I cannot be reached the above "Emergency Contact" will be called to take my child home.

****Parent/ Guardian Signature**

Date

I hereby waive any and all rights and claims for damages which I may have against Saint Michael's Parish, and their agents, servants, and employees, for any and all injuries which I may incur while taking part in your program. This release also encompasses any injuries which may be sustained while traveling to and from participation in the program. I also understand that if I become destructive or ill my parents and/ or the above "Emergency Contact" will be called to take me home.

****Signature of Youth Participant**

Date

**Don't forget your check for \$65 made out to St. Michaels.
If you have money in your account then let us know!**

Retreat 2019 Teen Agreement

The chaperones for this Trip are assuming responsibility for me. By signing this agreement for the Retreat Weekend I agree I will accept the responsibility for my own actions. I agree that :

- *I will respect and follow any reasonable directions given to me by the St. Michaels Youth Ministry Parish Chaperones, and other St. JP II Staff .
- *I will avoid activities that may cause damage to the Bus, Rooms, & the Center Property, and I will pay my rightful share for any damage I may cause or participate in causing.
- *I will pay attention to times for departure to and from activities for scheduled events, so that other members will not have to wait for me.
- *I will respect others right to privacy. I understand that once we go to bed I will be quiet and not keep others awake by talking, music, or actions.**
- *I will be in my assigned area at curfew and will not leave it or cause any disturbance after this time.
- *I understand that there is no co ed visiting allowed in the sleeping areas.
- *That certain areas of center are smoke free, including the sleeping rooms and I will honor that request.

I understand that violating the above rules may result in the loss of some privileges on the trip/ and or suspension from further Youth Ministry Programs. Further I agree that :

- *I will not bring or use any alcohol. (If broken YOU WILL be turned over to Police!!)
- *I will not bring or use any illegal drugs. (If broken YOU WILL be turned over to Police!)
- *I will not engage in any inappropriate sexual behavior. I understand that this is a Youth Ministry event. Not a date. This includes on the bus, at the camp or on free time.

I also understand that violating any of these three rules is a very serious matter. If I choose to do so, I understand that my parents will be notified and that I will be sent home. (My parents will be asked to come get me.) and I might not be allowed on future YM events.

*In spite of all the above rules I will have a great time.

Teen Signature _____

Date _____

Parent Signature _____

Date _____