

St. Helen Youth Ministry/Archdiocese of Newark

499 Belgrove Dr, Kearny, NJ 07032



2024 Summer Service Week

INFORMATION SHEET: JULY 21-26, 2024

Where will I be working?

Youth will be working at various churches, schools and social service agencies throughout our Archdiocese.

How will everyone get to the work site?

Buses will be provided from the retreat center to the work sites and then back again each day.

Will my group be together at their site?

Part of the experience is for you to meet and interact with new people. You will be split up into a group with members from other parishes in our diocese. You will stay in that group for the week.

Will there be time to gather with others from my parish?

Yes! During free time, dinner and each night at 10:00 PM there will be time for your youth group to gather together to meet and then end the night in prayer.

Will there be Mass offered?

Yes! Each morning daily mass will be celebrated in the Chapel at the Retreat Center.

What is the cost of the trip?

The total cost of the trip is **\$325.00** per participant. The cost includes accommodations and meals at the retreat center, daily programming, transportation to and back from the work sites, supplies for the work site and a t-shirt and water bottle.

Where will I be staying?

Accommodations will be at the St. JP II Youth Retreat Center, Kearny, NJ in dorm style type rooms. (Yes, rooms have AC!) Youth will be roomed with others from St. Helen.

What Type of work will I be doing?

The Archdiocese is in the process of compiling a list of sites from various churches, schools and centers throughout the Archdiocese that may include:

Hands-on work: scraping, painting, fixing, yard work, landscaping, planting, wedding, graffiti removal, moving furniture and possible light construction.

Service Agency work: this may include cooking and serving meals in soup kitchens and shelters, working with food banks and clothing shops, homeless shelters, and other centers.

What will the daily schedule look like:

7 AM	wake up!
7:30	Mass
8 AM	Breakfast
8:45	Morning Program/Announcements
9 AM	Depart for worksites
4 PM	finish work and return to retreat center
5 PM	Shower
5:30 PM	Dinner
6:30 PM	Evening Program
8 PM	Evening Activities
10 PM	Youth Group Meeting with your parish
11 PM	Lights Out!

Friday Closing Mass will be celebrated at 6:30 PM- depart after to go home 😊
(Parents encouraged and invited to attend!)

**You will need to be dropped off at the Retreat Center on Sunday at 3:30 PM and picked up on Friday night by a parent or you can arrange a carpool with other youth from our parish. You will be required to attend two meetings! (see meeting schedule)*

Information Meeting: Wednesday, January 31, at 7:30 PM in the PARISH CENTER.

Application/Registration forms will be available at that time!

Adult Volunteers will be needed! Please e-mail Patti: pgardner@sainthelen.org if you can volunteer!



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