

Come To O. L. M. C. Youth Ministry's Antioch Weekend

Why is this weekend called Antioch?

The Acts of the Apostles report, "It was at Antioch that the believers were first called Christians." During the early Church times the community at Antioch was recognized as a particularly faithful, vibrant, loving, prayerful people of God.

What does that have to do with you?

To what extent are we known as a Christian people at school, home, in the neighborhood? Do we allow our faith in God to affect who we are and the way we act? Are we more loving, faithful, caring, honest, and joyful because of our faith? The challenge is that we, the young people of the Church, accept the love of Christ.

Who can go?

This weekend is open to students grades nine through twelve (Classes of 2022, 2023, 2024 & 2025 who have already attended their Journey Retreat).

Where is the retreat?

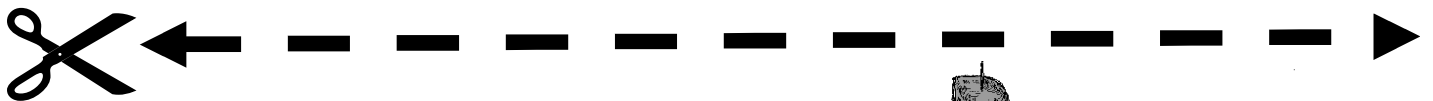
The retreat will be held at the Archdiocesan Retreat Center in Kearny, NJ, the same place where we hold our Confirmation Journey Retreats. You must supply your own transportation to and from the retreat center.

When is the retreat?

The Antioch Retreat is February 25 through 27, 2022. The retreat begins at 7:30PM on Friday and continues through Sunday with a 2pm closing Mass in Kearny. You must be there the entire weekend.

How do I register?

Just complete the attached registration form and send it to the Youth Ministry Center along with a check for \$140.00 payable to O. L. M. C. Youth Ministry. (Cost covers retreat center fee, five meals, and supplies for the weekend.) PLEASE NOTE: No one will be turned away due to financial hardship! Please see Glen for scholarship information.



My child has permission to attend the Antioch Retreat

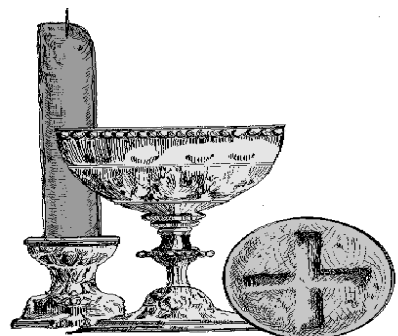
Feb. 25-27, 2022 - \$140 checks payable to "OLMC Youth"

Parent Signature _____

Teen's Name _____

Phone _____ **Grade:** _____

Child's Email: _____



INFORMATION TO HELP IN MAKING YOUR DECISION TO ATTEND...

This will be our first full overnight retreat since February 2020 and the first Antioch Retreat Since December 2019!

We know deciding to attend may not be easy with Covid continuing. Here is some information that helped us in deciding to move forward and may help you in your decision.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- Covid cases in the State of New Jersey are decreasing at a good rate. We believe by the time the retreat weekend arrives; numbers will be significantly lower.
- Teenagers have been attending school and extracurricular activities in-person. We believe we should give our young people the same opportunity in their faith.
- If Covid levels begin to rise, we can move the retreat in the parish center and can make this decision days prior if need be.

ABOUT THE RETREAT CENTER:

- The retreat center in Kearny has been doing overnight retreats for about eight months, mostly Catholic High School groups. To date, no direct link has been made to a Covid diagnosis and a retreat at the facility.
- We would be the only overnight group at the retreat center that weekend. The Center is willing to give us both floors. This gives us the option to spread the teenagers out in the rooms. It would not mean everyone gets their own room, but we can keep it to maximum of three to four per room to sleeping as opposed to the pre-Covid numbers of five or six. Attendees can choose their own roommates.
- The rooms on the upper floor have their own private bathrooms and showers. Therefore, teens in these rooms would only share bathrooms with those in their room. The middle floor (which is what we regularly use) has shared bathrooms for the entire floor (much like a dorm building at a college). We will only be using bedrooms on the upper floor.
- The floors are sanitized by the maintenance staff three times during the day. When we leave for breakfast, lunch, and dinner we prop the bedroom doors open and the maintenance staff sprays each bedroom and common area with electrostatic sprayers (the same ones we use in the church in between masses.) All doorknobs, stairwell banisters and common bathrooms are wiped down or cleaned multiple times a day.
- The dining hall no longer has any buffet style serving stations. Everyone receives an individual meal handled only by the kitchen staff.

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ABOUT THE RETREAT:

- We will accept a maximum of 38 candidates for the retreat. Adding in the team of 10 teens, our retreat will be a maximum of 48 teenagers and 4 adults.
- The Closing Mass will be held in Kearny as we did pre-pandemic at 2pm. Parents and family members are invited to join us.
- Candidates must provide their own transportation to and from the retreat center. No bus will be provided. (This was our policy for Antioch pre-pandemic as well.)

WE REPECTFULLY REQUEST...

We request everyone (adults attending the retreat as well) to perform a rapid test on Friday before departure. If a positive test should result, we ask that you not attend the retreat.

Likewise, if you are showing any Covid type symptoms on the Friday of the retreat, we ask that you not attend for the safety of everyone.

QUESTIONS?

Please call (201-444-0392) or email (gmccall@olmcridgewood.com)

TO SIGN UP PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

- Antioch Permission Form (cut off from bottom of the first page in the packet)
- Permission and Health Form (last page of this packet)
- Room Request Form (lower portion of this page)
- Payment (Checks should be made payable to "OLMC Youth")

ROOM REQUEST FORM

TEEN'S NAME _____

CHOOSE ONE:

___ My child can be placed in a room with a maximum of two other people (three total)

___ My child can be placed in a room with a maximum of three other people (four total)

CHOOSE ONE:

___ Roommates can be chosen by my child when they arrive at the retreat.

___ Place my child with the following: _____

Parent Signature

Date

2021-2022 HEALTH & PERMISSION FORM

I hereby give my child, _____, permission to participate in all Senior High activities, the Confirmation Program, trips and programs, sponsored by Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish for the program year beginning June 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022. Confirmation Groups may meet in homes or at OLMC.

Parent or Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Photographic release: By signing this form, the parent or guardian gives permission and waives the right to any type of compensation, for their child to be photographed or video taped at any or all activities sponsored by the Youth Ministry program. Pictures or videos may be used for publicity or educational purposes.

General Information

Child's Name:	Date of Birth:
Street Address:	Grade in Sept 21:
City:	Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
State: Zip:	High School:
Home Phone:	Other Phone:
Father's Name:	Father's Phone:
Mother's Name:	Mother's Phone:
Emergency Phone:	Emergency Phone:

Medical and Emergency Information Release

In the event my child becomes ill, is injured or requires emergency medical attention of any kind, and I cannot be reached by telephone, I hereby authorize the adult chaperone to make the necessary decisions concerning emergency treatment. I also give permission for my child to be transported to the nearest medical facility or hospital for treatment.

Parent or Guardian Signature _____ Date: _____

Emergency Contact

If a parent cannot be reached, please contact the emergency person listed below:

Contact Person:	Phone 1:
Relationship:	Phone 2:
My Child wears Contact Lenses: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Date of last Tetanus shot:
Family Physician:	Office Phone:
Insurance Company:	
Policy Number:	Group Number:
Medication Allergies:	<input type="checkbox"/> None
Please list any medication your child takes on a regular basis:	<input type="checkbox"/> None
Any other health or physical information we should know about your child (ex: Asthma):	<input type="checkbox"/> None