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#### **Our Team**

Pastor: Fr. Paul Ring Director: Nancy Smith

Adult Leadership Team Meets the 4th Thursday of each Month

Youth Leadership Team Meets regularly

Fundraising Team Golf tournament Team

Hospitality Team

You are welcome anytime to join us! Our office is always open for a visit, cup of tea, and your ideas.

# L.O.O.P. - Life of our Parishes

April 14th, 2017

An Easter Message of Gratitude and Joy Today is a day to celebrate with the joy as Easter People. We are reminded of God's deep love for each of us. Fr. Paul has a vision for his Parishes to create a path for us to become a family united in faith and love that welcomes everyone no matter where they are on their faith journey. Almost one year ago, he brought this Ministry to the Collaborative, making it the only Ministry to serve both Parishes. Today is also a day to celebrate this vision!

Creating anything new is hard and has its good days and bad days. Human nature is to judge and measure success in ways like the dollar cost or the number in attendance. But faith isn't measured in human ways and scripture reminds us faith is in the small daily encounters we have with one another. Fr. Paul and I have had the extreme honor to witness these personal moments at every event the Parish and Youth Ministry has put on. These moments have been powerful and undeniable. In many cases the Holy Spirit's work has almost been physically visible. The testimony at the Auction from Grace, Luke and Paige spoke volumes has to need for the Ministry not just for our youth but for us all!

Sometimes even ministerial work needs to prove itself in "human values" and that is what the Gala Night at the Auction was about. The Gala was created to celebrate those moments over the past three years and to dream what is yet to come for our new Collaborative venture. With almost 300 in attendance we celebrated, we got to know one another and created a path to move forward as a faith family. With the success of our Gala-there is no doubt our Ministry is doing exactly what it is called to do: create a vibrant and active faith family that welcomes all.

In human values, we did have a dollar figure we needed to meet that night in order to satisfy St. John's Financial Team concerns. I am humbled to say that thanks to the overwhelming generosity our night met that bar and was a financial success.

Be very proud my friends-and I mean those WHO made it physically to the event and those WHO were praying for us-the night was a huge success. Even in our crazy busy lives, no matter where we are on our own journey of faith- FAITH does have a place in our lives and we get it! There is no greater measurement of success then that. This was such a humbling experience to feel so much love and so much appreciation from so many.

Thank-you Fr. Paul for your vision-for your investment in us! You have brought us together. Thank-you for the small army of volunteers that pulled together such a well organized night. I don't have words strong enough to thank the Parishes for believing in the Ministry but I love you all!

In faith and love,

Nancy Smith.

# 2017 Catholic Heart Mission Trip-Richmond, Virginia June 25th-July 1st



The deadline to drop spots we registered for in September is just around the corner. This is an amazing, life changing trip for anyone entering 8th grade and older. We will join High School students from all over the country to serve the communities in Richmond.

The deposit is \$90.00. Contact Nancy Smith at nhenn71@hotmal.com for more information.

## Reboot! Live!

#### Why is this evening something I should attend?

Chris Stefanick travels the world sharing his faith and inspiring his audiences. He does not charge the hosting Parish and covers his expenses based on ticket sales. We are no where near the ticket sale goals set by Re-Boot live and by all respects, Chris could have cancelled this event. I spoke with Chris and his team on Friday and I explained something very special is happening in our Collaborative. The Holy Spirit is working hard to help us build a vibrant and beautiful faith family and I believe our Parish needs Chris's amazing witness of Faith. His team prayed on it for a couple of hours and called me back to say, they agreed! They felt the Holy Spirit was indeed calling Chris to be with us! The Holy Spirit is calling-do you need any more proof of why you need to join this special night?

Catholic International Speaker
Chris Stefanick-Reboot Live
Wednesday, May 3rd
East Bridgewater Junior/Senior High School



Reboot! Live! is the fun, inspiring and practical experience of applying the beauty and genius of the Gospel to every aspect of your life. From prayer and spirituality, to work, dating, marriage, parenting, health and more!

Rediscover the message of the Gospel as: **Powerful** for us all,

**Beautiful** in its application to LIFE, **Engaging** for those searching, and

Fun & Captivating for all ages, including our youth!

**DO NOT MISS** the opportunity to hear one of the most sought after voices of our time!

OFFERING PRACTICAL INSIGHT INTO LIVING THE LIFE GOD HAS CREATED FOR YOU!

#### Come! Be energized! Invite someone!

For more information and to register:

Go to www.RealLifeCatholic.com or email Nancy Smith at nhenn71@hotmail.com
Tickets are \$20.00

## 2017 Maker Fun Factory Vacation Bible School

July 31 – August 4th 9:00 am – 12:00 pm St. John Parish Hall Age 3 and up \$43.00 per student/\$100 family cap



Please save the date for this truly amazing week for the whole family.

- Our Pre-School is open to children age 3

   entering first grade next fall.
- Our Elementary Crews are open to children in grades 1-6.
- Our volunteer crew leaders are open to anyone in 7th grade and up.
- We also need adult help.

We are excited to bring this wonderful week to the families of St. Ann. On-line registration: https://vbspro.events/p/stjohnstann