

Saint Francis De Sales Youth Ministry Program



R.O.C.K.

Reaching Others and Creating Kindness
through spiritual, social, and service works

R.O.C.K. is up and running! In early December, over one hundred 7th and 8th graders came to our inaugural event, which included Mass and a social in the school gym! The weekend before Christmas, 30 students helped collect and package all of the generous donations received during the holiday season and delivered them to St. Mary Star of the Sea to make Christmas a little more cheerful for our neighbors in Far Rockaway. To wrap up the busy month, 45 kids went ice skating at Aviator in late December!

We are very excited to continue the program into 2017! Going forward, the **5:30pm Mass on the last Sunday of every month will become the Youth Ministry Mass!** (January 29th, February 26th, March 26th, April 30th, etc). Following the Mass, a social and workshop will be held, which will include discussion on topics our middle school students care most about.

In addition to Mass, R.O.C.K. will conduct monthly service projects and social events making sure we are **Reaching Others and Creating Kindness** throughout Rockaway and beyond. Some of the social events being planned are roller skating at **Hot Skates**, trampoline jumping at **BOUNCE** and bowling at **Fort Hamilton Bowling Center!** Service projects underway include **Midnight Runs** and volunteering with the local chapter of **Catholic Workers Movement.**

The program is opened to all 7th and 8th grade parishioners. There is no membership required. The door is always open for our middle school students to come and **R.O.C.K. IT** when they can.

R.O.C.K. MASS

- When:** Sunday, January 29th at 5:30 pm
What: Mass followed by Social / Workshop
Who: All 7th & 8th Grade Parishioners
Where: Saint Francis De Sales Church