



CATHOLIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION BROOKLYN DIOCESE NEWSLETTER Volume I—Issue I - Fall 2015



Welcome

Welcome to the Inaugural issue of the CYO Newsletter. As you will read in this issue there are “Lots happening with the diocesan CYO program”. This quarterly newsletter will keep you updated on all the recent tournaments, results, championships and special events happening throughout our parish CYO programs.

The CYO serves the youth of the Diocese of Brooklyn with the core value to help the young people to be more Christ-like in the way they live. The CYO promotes participation and sportsmanship, with the leadership necessary to form a well-rounded individual, who will be prepared to live in society with honor, dignity and Christian values promoting Church, Family and Community. I dedicate this first issue to all the volunteer leaders in CYO, past and present, for their hard work, service and dedication promoting the mission and values of the CYO.

The Catholic Youth Organization collaborates with the various departments of the School of Evangelization. A ministry through athletics is a very important form of evangelization. I thank all the Parish Athletic Representatives, Athletic Directors and Coaches that serve the 20,000 children participating in the CYO in the Diocese of Brooklyn. It is because of their ministry through athletics, together we reach the goal of evangelization, focusing on the core values for the youth of the diocese.

God Bless,

Robert Caldera

Executive Director, CYO

Lots Happening With Diocesan CYO Program By Jim Mancari—The Tablet



Now that the school year is in full swing, that means it's a busy time for the Diocese of Brooklyn's Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) program.

The playoffs are approaching for boys' and girls' soccer, and the largest CYO sport – basketball – just got underway.

To ring in the basketball season, CYO and Cathedral Prep and Seminary, Elmhurst, teamed up to host a Basketball Coaches Clinic on Oct. 23. Father Joseph Fonti, rector principal, graciously welcomed over 75 CYO coaches' to the school.

The coaches clinic had been an annual occurrence since CYO Director Rob Caldera took over in 2013. However, this year, the clinic took on a more interactive feel.

The basketball staff at Cathedral Prep – Joe Crimi, Walter Stark, Jim Walsh and Chris Doyle – walked the CYO coaches through live drills and practice techniques, with the help of the Crusaders' hoops players.

Actually seeing the drills being run allows the CYO coaches to be well prepared for the start of their parish seasons.

The clinic though was not just about seeing these live drills. Cathedral coaches also discussed key topics, including the role of a CYO coach, setting up a team, organizing a practice, utilizing an assistant coach, working with parents, properly dealing with officials, misunderstood rules, the game of basketball itself and a coach's goals for a particular season.

The CYO basketball season began Oct. 16 for girls and Oct. 30 for boys. Between a handful of preseason tournaments and the Basketball Coaches Clinic, another exciting season of CYO hoops is on the horizon.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

12/12/15—12/27/15: Basketball & Volleyball Christmas tournaments

12/19/15: Boys swimming Olympics at Eisenhower Park

1/9/16: Boys Swimming Diocesan Championship at Eisenhower Park

1/23/16—2/21/16: Girls Basketball Diocesan playoffs

1/23/16: Volleyball Season begins

2/13/16—3/19/16: Boys basketball Diocesan Playoffs

2/21/16: Girls Basketball Diocesan Championship

3/5/16: Girls swimming Olympics at Eisenhower Park

4/30/16: Diocesan Youth Day

5/20/16: CYO Hall of Fame Mass & Dinner at ICC, Douglaston, NY

Lots Happening With Diocesan CYO Program

By Jim Mancari—The Tablet (continued from p.1)

CYO opening Mass

On Oct. 24, youth sports teams from Queens Deanery No. 5 got together for their annual CYO Opening Season Mass.

Queens Deanery No. 5 includes Our Lady of the Snows, North Floral Park; American Martyrs, Bayside; Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, Bayside; Holy Family, Flushing; St. Gregory the Great, Bellerose; St. Kevin, Flushing; St. Robert Bellarmine, Bayside; Sacred Heart of Jesus, Cambria Heights; and St. Anastasia, Douglaston.

Msgr. Martin Geraghty, the recently retired pastor of St. Robert Bellarmine, was the main celebrant of the Mass. Father Kevin McBrien, pastor of Our Lady of the Snows and dean of the deanery; Father Thomas Pettei, episcopal vicar for Queens; Father Frank Schwartz, pastor of American Martyrs; Father William Dulaney, CYO moderator of St. Gregory the Great; Father Mark Matthias, parochial vicar of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, and other parish priests concelebrated the Mass.



The CYO players all received a special blessing, a prayer card and a CYO button at the Mass as Msgr. Geraghty wished them a successful and safe new season.

Father Matthias was the homilist and expressed the importance of sportsmanship, teamwork and prayer. He told the players that it's not the score at the end of the game that is most important, but it's instead how you play the game and always staying close to Jesus Christ – that is what the CYO is all about.

SCHOOL OF EVANGELIZATION



School of Evangelization
ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

Under the coordination of Paul Morisi, the School of Evangelization hosted its first two Catholic Junior High School Rally Gatherings at the Immaculate Conception Center in Douglaston.

The first rally was held on October 14th. Schools and Academies in attendance were, St. Rose of Lima, St. Bernard, St. Francis Xavier, St. Francis Cabrini, Holy Child Jesus and Xaverian Genesis. The day began with ice breakers and music from Mr. Steve Pulick of Holy Child Jesus Parish and The Catholic Scholars from Saint John's University. A key note on Mercy was given by the Bosco Boys of Salesian High School in New Rochelle. The day concluded with mass celebrated by Fr. Sean Suckiel, Vocation Director for the Diocese of Brooklyn, and Fr. Chris Bethge, Parochial Vicar of Incarnation in Queens Village.

The second rally was held on October 28th. Schools and Academies in attendance were, Resurrection Ascension, St. Nicholas of Tolentine, St. Mark, Our Lady of Mercy, Our Lady of Perpetual Help BK, Holy Family, Our Lady of Fatima, St. Thomas the Apostle, Immaculate Conception Jamaica and St. Helen. The day began with ice breakers and music from Jonathan D'Amico (organist from St. Francis DeSales), Gilbert Rodriguez (Youth Minister in the CYM from St. Gerard Majella and Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary) and the Catholic Scholars from Saint John's University. The volunteers participating in the ice breakers were presented with gift bags from the Catholic Youth Organization Director, Robert Caldera. A key note on Mercy was given by Fr. Christopher Heanue, administrator of Holy Child Jesus Parish. The day concluded with mass celebrated by Fr. Joseph Jude Gannon, Regional Vocation Director for the Diocese of Brooklyn and Pastor of St. Gerard Majella. Concelebrants were Fr. Chris Heanue and Fr. John Gribowich, Parochial Vicar of Saint Nicholas of Tolentine in Jamaica.

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Winter Youth & Young Adult

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Keynote: Tom East
Center for Ministry Development, Director

Thursday, January 7, 2016

6:30PM

The Diocesan Offices
310 Prospect Park West
Brooklyn, NY 11215

Registration at www.meetin.church
Please RSVP by Dec 20, 2014

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Convocation 2016

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BROOKLYN CATHOLIC YOUTH DAY

Saturday, April 30, 2016
9am-4pm
\$15 (incl. 1 to 10 hrs. of food)
\$30 (incl. 1 to 4 hrs. of food)

St. John's University
8000 Utopia Parkway
Jamaica, NY 11439

Keynote: Jackie Francols
Music: Nédo Band

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SPORTS

CYO PRE-SEASON BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The 3rd Annual CYO Basketball Pre-Season Tournament for boys and girls in grades 6,7 and 8 took place from September 26th to October 11th. Keeping with the tradition the games were held at high schools in our diocese. This year games were held at Msgr. McClancy in Elmhurst, St. John's Prep in Astoria and Xaverian in Bay Ridge. This year the games at Xaverian were also part of the first Diocesan Family Day which included a Rosary Rally, cooking demonstrations, special exhibits, prayer and song led by the School of Evangelization. CYO would also like to thank St. Adalbert and Corpus Christi for hosting some of our tournament games.

Congratulations to all the teams that participated in the tournament. A special congratulations to the tournament champions:

Bantam Boys: ST. BERNARD

Rookie Boys: OL ANGELUS

Intermediate Boys: ST. ANASTASIA

Bantam Girls: ST. MARY WINFIELD

Rookie Girls: ST. JOAN OF ARC

Intermediate Girls: ST. STAN MASPETH



CYO CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP

The champions of the CYO's fall cross-country season were crowned Oct. 25. This year's big winner was Our Lady of Victory, Floral Park, which took the title in five of the eight divisions. Here are the winners:

Boys

Novice: Our Lady of Victory

Bantam: Our Lady of Victory

Junior: Our Lady of Victory

Senior: St. Margaret, Middle Village

Girls

Novice: Our Lady of Victory

Bantam: St. Francis de Sales, Belle Harbor

Junior: Our Lady of Victory

Senior: St. Francis de Sales



FALL SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP

The CYO Fall Soccer Championship Took Place the weekend of November 14th. Congratulations to the winners and all teams that took part in another successful soccer season.

Boys

Midget: St. Stans, Greenpont

Pee Wee: Blessed Trinity, Breezy Point

Novice: St. Gregory, Bellerose

Bantam: St. Anastasia, Douglaston

Rookie: St. Francis De Sales, Belle Harbor

Intermediate: St. Mel, Flushing



Girls

Midget: Our Lady of Hope, Middle Village

Pee Wee: Blessed Trinity, Breezy Point

Novice: St. Francis De Sales, Belle Harbor

Bantam: St. Mel, Flushing

Rookie: St. Francis De Sales, Belle Harbor

Intermediate: St. Anastasia, Douglaston



CYO 3rd ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The CYO will host its 3rd Annual Christmas Basketball Tournament starting on December 12th and running until December 27th. The Tournament will be held for teams in the Novice Boys and Girls division, Intermediate Boys division and Cadet Boys division. Games will be played at St. Gregory, OL Snows, St. Andrew, St. Robert, OL Hope and St. Adalbert.

PARISH CHRISTMAS TOURNAMENTS:

Sacred Heart Glendale hosts a tournament for Novice Boys and Girls divisions

OL Lourdes hosts its Annual Bantam Christmas Tournament

St. Adalbert hosts the Annual Queen of Queens Christmas Tournament for girls teams in the Sub Novice and Pee Wee divisions.

St. Francis DeSales hosts its Annual Christmas tournament for boys divisions.

Come and watch some exciting tournament games at various locations during the month of December.



The 2015-16 CYO Season got under way with the girls' teams beginning league play during the weekend of October 16-18 and boys' teams starting during the weekend of October 30 - November 1. Nearly 800 teams from 85 sponsoring parishes participate in the Catholic Youth Organization's basketball league. The CYO wishes all parish teams a fun and successful season.

MICKEY MOUSE visits players at St. Stan of Maspeth on opening day!

Catholic Youth Organization Holiday

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CYO HALL OF FAME

The CYO HALL OF FAME is to recognize individuals that have made significant contributions to the Catholic Youth Organization in the Diocese of Brooklyn as a player, coach, clergy, coordinator, official, parish representative, athletic director, or other member of the community whose accomplishments and actions have brought life to the Mission, Philosophy, and Values of the Diocese of Brooklyn CYO.

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2016 CYO Hall of Fame. The new nomination forms are available on our website (www.cyodob.org). The 2016 CYO Hall of Fame Mass, Induction Ceremony and Dinner will be held on Friday May 20th, 2016 at the Immaculate Conception Center in Douglaston.

CYO VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball entries for the 2016 season are due on December 23, 2015.

CYO 3rd Annual PRE-SEASON VOLLEYBALL CHRISTMAS TOURNAMENT

The CYO will host its 3rd Annual Christmas Volleyball Tournament starting on December 12th and running until December 27th. The Tournament will be held for teams in the Novice, Bantam, Rookie and Intermediate divisions. Games will be played at St. Gregory, St. Andrew and OL Snows.



The CYO office organized an outing at St. John's University for a Volleyball match between St. John's and Creighton. Approximately 50 CYO players from four parishes attended and participated, forming the high five line as the players took the court, and spending time after the match with St. John's coach Joanne Persico and her team. They signed autographs, took pictures and gave coaching tips that will inspire them for the upcoming CYO Volleyball season.



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