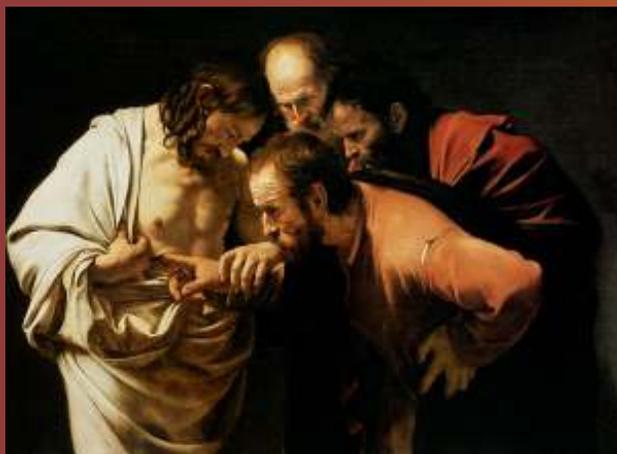


Plunging our Roots into Christ

“That you, rooted and grounded in love, may know the love of Christ that surpasses understanding.”
-Ephesians 3:17-19



YEAR OF FAITH

OCTOBER 2012 - NOVEMBER 2013

Then Jesus said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.’ Thomas answered and said to him, ‘My Lord and my God!’”

-John 20:27-28.

The Year of Faith is a momentous occasion for us as Catholics. During this sacred time, the floodgates of heaven will be open for us and grace will be poured out for our growth in the great gift of faith. Faith is the freely given gift of God through which the human heart is enabled to respond “Yes” to the Lord’s offer of love and, through this act of assent, to receive salvation. Through faith, God makes us capable of opening ourselves to the whole length and breadth of His love poured out for us in Jesus Christ, which is always approaching us anew in the life of the Church. It is for this reason that we look to the Year of Faith with great hope and enthusiasm. For we know that when we celebrate a time of grace such as this, when we concentrate our efforts on stirring up the flame of faith in our parishes, God, who will not be outdone in generosity, will not fail to respond bountifully to us. He will open us and our parishes in new ways so that we may be able to receive more deeply of his love. We should look expectantly to this year as a time of tremendous growth in faith and be prepared for the fruits of this year, which will come about in the years that follow. For those of us involved in the great work of evangelization, this Holy Year is particularly important. It is a time when the whole Church is called to “rediscover the joy of believing” and in doing so, to open ourselves to a new fire for spreading the faith to others. In the Holy Father’s call that we spend this year “going back to the sources” of the faith, we discover here a strategic plan for building the new evangelization on solid ground: on the foundation of the Scriptures and the Eucharist and on solid and mature knowledge of the content of our faith. These fundamentals of the Year of Faith are also the fundamentals of evangelization, without which we cannot hope to flourish. Let us spend this year following the path laid out for us by our Holy Father and seek to implement a few simple but effective plans for helping our parish communities rediscover the joy of the Catholic faith. If we do this, we can expect the very great fruit of new life and new enthusiasm for the Church in Philadelphia! *For the Year of Faith, our evangelization newsletter will be devoted to the 12 Articles of the Catholic Faith, as found in the Nicene Creed. Please see the Archdiocesan Year of Faith website for resources, plans, events and ideas for celebrating the Year of Faith:*

archphila.org/yearoffaith

YEAR OF FAITH EVENTS

These are only a few of the events planned for the Year of Faith.
Many more to come...!

Opening the Door to the Year of Faith

A gathering of evangelization and adult faith formation coordinators to share ideas and resources for the Year of Faith.

Thursday, October 4, 7-8:30pm
Archdiocesan Pastoral Center

Year of Faith Opening Mass

Celebrant: Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, OFM Cap.

Sunday, October 14, 2012, 6:30pm
Cathedral Basilica of Ss. Peter and Paul

Catholic Life Congress 2012

"Baptized in Christ: Live in the Joy of Believing"

Information and Registration: www.phillycongress.org

Saturday, November 17, 2012, 9am-3:15pm
Mass & Keynote: Cathedral Basilica of Ss. Peter and Paul
Breakout Sessions: Sheraton Hotel

Time of Grace - Evangelization Series

3-week formation series about the Year of Faith:

Porta Fidei • Catechism • Vatican II Documents • Synod on the New Evangelization

Parish Locations and Times To Be Announced

Closing Mass & Solemn Profession of Faith

Celebrant: Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, OFM Cap.

Sunday, November 24, 2013, 11:00am
Cathedral Basilica of Ss. Peter and Paul

Visit our website: http://archphila.org/evangelization/formlaity/parish_evangelization/parish_evangelization.htm

YEAR OF FAITH RESOURCES

The resources listed here are "live links".

Click on them from your computer and you will be directed immediately to that website.

Maryvale Institute, England

Website with explanations for the Year of Faith, resources on evangelization and apologetics, Year of Faith on-line store, etc...

<http://catholic-year-of-faith.com/>

School of Faith Online Adult Formation Course

From the Archdiocese of Kansas City, an online course for development in spirituality, knowledge of the faith, and apostolic ministry.

<http://www.schooloffaith.com/>

Our Sunday Visitor Year of Faith Resources

A nice variety of Year of Faith books, pamphlets and bulletin inserts in English and in Spanish.

<https://www.osvparish.com/Shop/Resources/YearofFaith.aspx>

Franciscan Media "I Believe" Series

A series of bulletin inserts that progress monthly through the fundamental beliefs that we profess in the Creed

<http://catalog.franciscanmedia.org/Product.aspx?ProductCode=IBE>

USCCB Year of Faith Videos

Short videos of Catholics sharing their stories of faith and adult Catechism teaching videos

<http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/new-evangelization/year-of-faith/videos.cfm>

<http://archphila.org/yearoffaith>

Visit our website: http://archphila.org/evangelization/formlaity/parish_evangelization/parish_evangelization.htm

Around the Archdiocese...

To share information about evangelization events being hosted in your parish, please contact:
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<u>Date</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Where</u>
Sept 6, 13, 20 at 7-9pm	<i>Evangelization Formation: Persons In Christ: Figures of the New Evangelization</i>	St. Norbert Parish Paoli
Topic:	A contemplative look at those who shared greatest intimacy with Christ during his earthly life in order to discern the rich and diverse dimensions of evangelization. A formation program for anyone interested in evangelization.	
Speaker:	Meghan Cokeley, Assistant Director, Office for Life, Family and Laity	
<i>For more information or to register: mcokeley@adphila.org or 215-587-5630</i>		
September 8, 7:15am-1pm	<i>Corpus Christi 2012 Leadership Conference</i>	Corpus Christi Parish Lansdale
Topic:	Become an example of Catholic Leadership in your home, neighborhood and parish!	
Speakers:	Keynote: Joan Rosenhauer, Catholic Relief Services & Breakout Sessions	
<i>For more information: http://corpuschristilansdale.org/leadership, or email: ccls@corpuschristilansdale.org</i>		
September 26, 6:30-8:30pm	<i>Hit the Ground Running: How To Lead Your Small Group</i>	St. Andrew Parish Newtown
Topic:	Training for <i>Great Adventure Bible Study</i> facilitators: how to facilitate a lesson, working with different personalities, staying on time and on topic, and more; small group leaders not currently involved with <i>Great Adventure</i> are also welcome to attend.	
Speaker:	Corinne Murphy, Ascension Press	
<i>For more information: Corinne Murphy, cmurphy@ascensionpress.com, 484-875-4550 ext 209</i>		
October 4, 7-8:30pm	<i>Opening the Door to the Year of Faith</i>	Archdiocesan Pastoral Center 222 North 17th Street, Philadelphia
Topic:	An evening for reflection on the themes of the Year of Faith, available resources and the sharing of ideas among parishes	
Speaker:	Meghan Cokeley, Assistant Director, Office for Life, Family and Laity	
To register:	Mary Cullinan, mcullinan@adphila.org , 215-587-0500	

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