Come to Appalachia to
Raise roofs,
fix floors,
and build a
whole new you!

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ST. JOSEPH
YOUTH MINISTRY
Prayer: Use Us for Your Work

God the Father,
We give you thanks for all the marvels you have created. We praise you and we bless you for the precious grace of life that you give to us.
Transform us, make us better Christians, living testimonies of your mercy and of your power.
Remove from us, Lord, all roots of bitterness, false pride, and arrogance of heart.
Make us meek and humble of heart as was our Lord Jesus Christ,
and never let us harm with our words or actions the dignity of any person.
Put in our hearts the burning desire to work earnestly for those who are poor and in need.
Use us Lord, for your work.
Amen

Adapted from Ligia de Milla, El Salvador, Prayer Without Borders
The mission of this trip:

1. Building a stronger relationship with God

2. Building a community with each other and the Appalachian people.

3. Repairing Appalachian homes.
Before we go on the trip:

- Required monthly meetings for formation, team building, and basic construction training for everyone.
  - These dates are listed in the application packets

- All adult leaders will go through the Archdiocesan background check process and will be required to attend additional monthly planning meetings.
On the Trip:

- We will go back to Harlan, KY and stay at Holy Trinity.
- Transportation: will rent 12-passenger vans.
- Only adult leaders will be allowed to drive the vehicles.
- We will sleep in classrooms and have shower facilities there.
- We will have a team of adults go to Harlan prior to the trip to find projects for us to work on.
- There will be daily morning mass and evening formation.
- We plan to have college age young adults play an instrumental part in the formation on the trip.
Holy Trinity Church in Harlan, KY
Sunday

Mass with the community at Holy Trinity Church
Sunday Activities
On the first day, many of the teens go to a local beach to have fun and get to know other teens on the trip.
More Sunday Activities

Some of the teens and adults went to begin painting at one of our work sites.
Teens make lunches for their team members before heading off to the worksites each day.
Off to Work!
Work teams head off to worksites in their vans. A typical workday is from approximately 9-4:30.
Teams 1 & 2

The teams worked on:
- Demolishing the old chimney and front porch
- Rebuilding a front porch
- Patching the roof.
- Building a retaining wall and steps
Teams 3 & 4

The teams worked on:
- Removing moldy insulation
- Framing the inside of the house
- Installing new gutters, soffits, and siding
- Building a new front porch
The team worked on:
- Building 2 porches on 2 different houses
- Building a swingset for the children in the house
Team 6

The team worked on:
- Building a porch
- Making repairs to windows and doors in the basement
- Repairing a closet at the Holy Trinity
Teams 7, 8, & 9

The teams worked on:
- Finishing the house that we started to build last year
- Painting the inside and outside of the house
- Installing gutters and fascia
- Installing all cabinets and appliances
- Installing all plumbing and electrical to the house
House Blessing Ceremony and Reveal to the Family
The Kitchen Crew!
Fun Stuff!
Fun Stuff continued!
St. Joseph’s AMT General Information:

- Serve for one week in the summer
- Trip next summer is from 7/18 - 25
- 2 adult group leaders for every 5 to 6 teens
- Minimum age: 14 by 7/18/20
- We can take up to 55 teens & 30 adults/young adults (11 teams)
Cost of the Program

- Cost per teen will be a minimum of $750
- This money can be obtained through stock donations or teen payment.

What is AMT Stock?

- An opportunity for family and friends to help support you on your mission trip.
- All payments must be made by check, payable to St. Joseph.
  - Include AMT and Teen’s name in the memo of the check
Expectations:

- Participation in all fundraising is required.
  - Hansa Coffee sales- sell at least 3 bags
  - AMT Bake Sale on 5/2/2020-5/3/2020
  - Knights of Columbus 5K on June 13, 2020 (or helping prior to this date)

- Participation at all formation meetings is required.
  - Dates included in your application packet

- Attend at least one Skills Day
  - This is required for all participants, regardless of your prior experience.
Next Steps:

- Registration packets for teens, adults, & young adults need to be completed and turned in to the parish office by December 6, 2019.
  - Applications are not considered complete until all required paperwork and deposit is turned in.
- We will consider when applications are submitted as one of the factors when filling spots on the trip, so get these in early!
- Teens will be told by December 16 if they have been accepted onto the trip
- Monthly meetings for formation, team building and training begin by the end of January.
Q & A
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