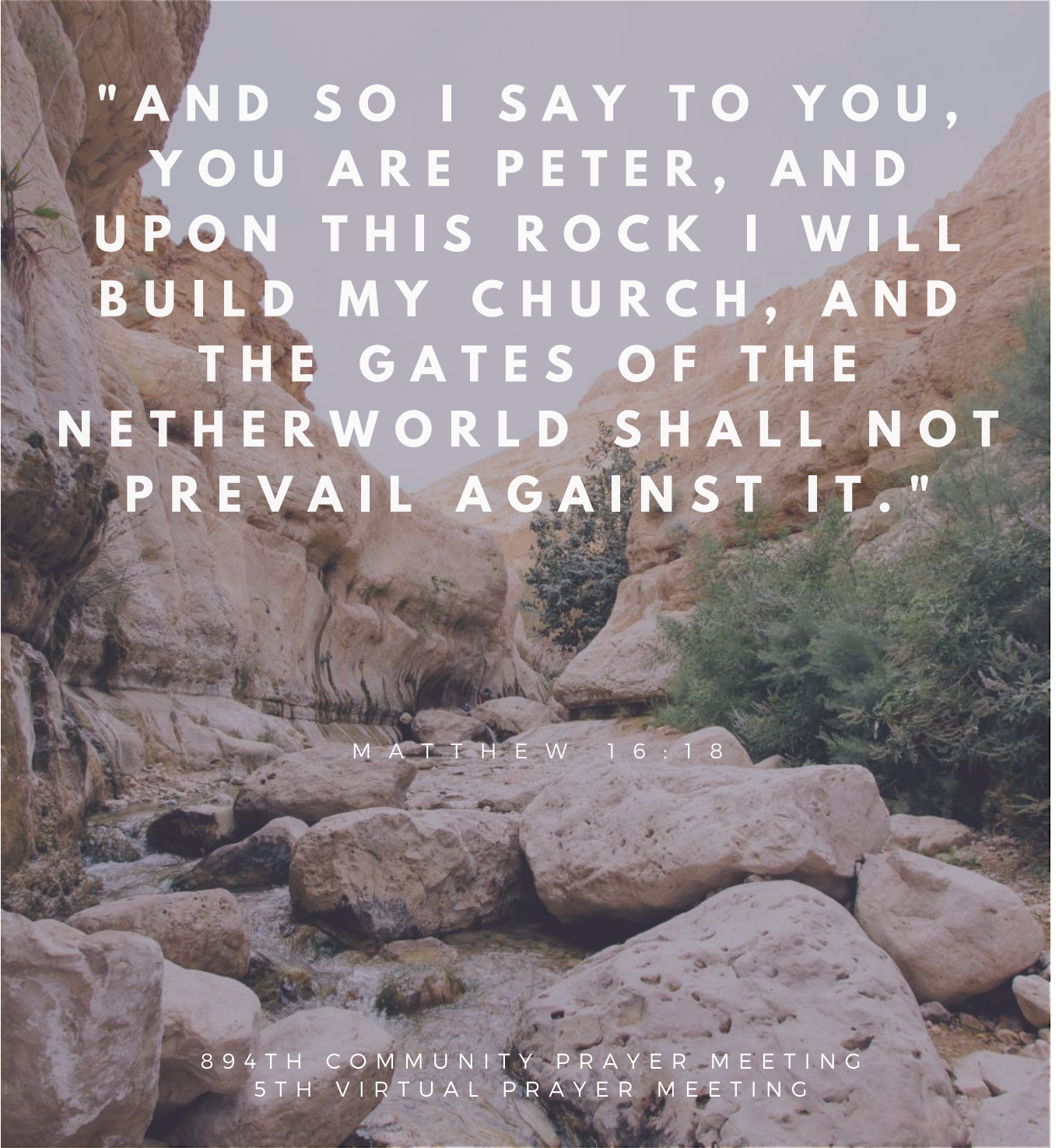


JESUS IS LORD!

PEOPLE OF HOPE

A COMMUNITY OF DISCIPLES ON MISSION



"AND SO I SAY TO YOU,
YOU ARE PETER, AND
UPON THIS ROCK I WILL
BUILD MY CHURCH, AND
THE GATES OF THE
NETHERWORLD SHALL NOT
PREVAIL AGAINST IT."

MATTHEW 16:18

894TH COMMUNITY PRAYER MEETING
5TH VIRTUAL PRAYER MEETING

AUGUST 23, 2020

**"I am with you
always, until the end
of the age"**

MT 28:20



THIS IS YOUR TIME

My beloved you are dismayed as you read the signs of the times and see the destruction of the good. But remember that you were created for these times. This is your "high calling". See in the enemy the potential for conversion to the truth. Make reparation for your own indifference and disobedience and for the rebellion of others. Adore me, do penance and Pray Pray Pray!" (Ref. Luke 12:35-40)

I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS

"I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Mt 28:20) This promise that I made to my first disciples I make again today to you. Some of you seek understanding. You ask, "How could you allow this pandemic and all that has come with it? How will you bring good from it Lord?" I tell you, "My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are my ways your ways... As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways" (Is 55:8-9). Some of you seek justice. You ask, "How can there be so much evil happening in the world, and what can be done to stop it?" I tell you, the weeds will grow together with the wheat until the time for the harvest has come (Mat 13:30). I hear your prayers and I know your concerns. Your suffering is real, but know that I am with you always. Humble yourself before me and I will give you back the joy of your salvation (Ps 51:14). If you seek me alone, you will find me, and with me, peace and joy, hope and love, and so much more. I am with you always. Take comfort in my presence. Let my presence be sufficient for you. Take delight in me, and you will find all that your heart truly seeks (Ps 37:4)

NOTHING CAN SEPARATE YOU FROM ME

You ask what's in the future? What's going to happen next to me and my family and this country and our church? Remember when you are tempted to be anxious that I the Lord God chose you first! Remind yourself that my love for you has no bounds and no limits. Recall the words of scripture "that nothing can separate you from my love. Laugh at the tempter. Laugh at your own worries. Begin each day by praying and recommitting yourself to me. Decide to live each day for me and for me alone and as a member of the People of Hope.

**Prophecies from Virtual Community Prayer Meeting
July 26, 2020**

AUGUST 6-8 2020

IGNITE SUMMER EVENTS

ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH EVENTS
HELD AT KOINONIA ACADEMY RUN BY IGNITE YOUTH
MINISTRY

Like most events these days, Camp Hope was cancelled this year due to Covid-19. The Camp team still had a deep desire to put on some type of event for our youth. With the help of incredible volunteers, teens and adults alike, we were able to host three awesome events for our elementary, middle & high school youth right at Koinonia Academy under a huge tent. Although we could not make it out to the beautiful rolling hills in Tunkhannock, PA, we were so grateful to have a mini camp experience with the 100 youth who attended.

[WATCH THIS YEAR'S VIDEO HERE](#)

[TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR FRIENDS AT CAMP HOPE,
CLICK HERE](#)



ELEMENTARY - 8/7/20

The Elementary event included group games and activities, a talk & sharing to hear about how Jesus can be the "Best Friend" & the opportunity for confession, mass & adoration. Jesus was truly present to the young hearts at this event!

MIDDLE SCHOOL - 8/6/20

The Middle School event focused on the parable of the sower and the seed and the importance of planting yourself in good soil. This day also consisted of group games & competitions and ended with mass, adoration & confession. It was a gift to be together for the first time in a long time as "Ignite Middle".



HIGH SCHOOL - 8/8/20

The High School event, Youthfest, was an opportunity for the Ignite youth to be together again after many long months of quarantine & Zoom meetings. They had an opportunity to hear talks about how the Lord wants to give each of them the confidence to trust in Him and an invitation to make Jesus the center of their lives. The day consisted of group games, mass, adoration, confession and time to spend with one another.



ELEMENTARY

ELEMENTARY CHILD'S PERSPECTIVE

Q: What was your favorite part of the event for you? Why?

A: I really enjoyed all the games and activities, but my favorite part was being able to see all my friends, go to Confession, and spend time in Adoration.

Q: What was the talk/witness about & what was one thing you took away from it?

A: Mr. Paul Scarfone was talking about Friendship. One thing I took away from the talk is that you can pick your friends. You don't need a lot of friends, you just need to surround yourself with 4 to 5 good friends who will have a good influence on you. You might keep these friends for the rest of your life!

Q: Even though we had to wear masks & social distance all day, what was one thing you are grateful for because of this event?

A: Even though the Ignite Day wasn't the same as Camp Hope, I think all of the leaders did a really good job putting Camp Hope into the few hours we had. I am really grateful for the opportunity to go to Confession and experience faith and friendship like I do at Camp Hope! - 5th Grade Boy



MIDDLE SCHOOL

MIDDLE SCHOOLER'S PERSPECTIVE

When I first heard camp was not happening I was really disappointed. When my mom told me that there was going to be a camp day I was not really looking forward to it because I knew it was not going to be the same. But, it actually was really fun and I had a great time. They made it a safe and enjoyable environment. My favorite part of the camp day was getting to talk about things that are hard during this time but what makes them a little more bearable. The talk for the girls was about having a strong relationship with the Lord and the different ways he can work in your life. One thing I took away from this was that even when you're going through a rough or a good time God is there working in all different ways but you might not realize right away. Even though we had to be safe I was grateful to see my friends and get to have confession and adoration because I have not been in a long time. Even though it was not the same as Camp, I had an amazing time. - 7th grade girl



H I G H S C H O O L

HIGH SCHOOLER'S PERSPECTIVE

My overall experience at the Youthfest was amazing! It was a great way to revamp, and get back on track with my prayer life, and God. My favorite part of the event was definitely adoration. It was such a peaceful time, and we had an amazing music ministry to lead us in that time of prayer. During the event we were given 3 talks: Sofia Margiotta gave the first talk, which was on trusting God and believing that he has a better plan than any plan we have in mind. She also talked about how trusting God, and giving our lives fully to Him can be "scary business", but there's nothing to be afraid of when you put everything in His hands. The second talk was given by Katy Robles. She talked about how God doesn't see us as how popular you are, or how many likes you get on Instagram, or any of the outside world things, or what we look like, but he see us as who we are on the inside, and how we treat others. The third talk was by Ed Moccia, which was on taking that extra step and falling into God's hands, and trusting in Him. He talked about how he took his children to go cliff jumping, and to get into the water you had to take that step off the cliff, and that's kinda like our lives: we need to be able to take the step off the cliff, and let God catch us and He will lead us to amazing things. Personally I thought the day went really well, and I am super grateful I was able to see my friends. They had priests there for most of the day to hear confessions which was also a huge blessing. - *Sophomore girl*



2020-21

SPO MISSIONARIES

*Get to know the new & returning
Saint Paul's Outreach missionaries
located at Rutgers & Seton Hall
Universities*

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY



From left to right: Giovanna Pessa (MA), Emilie Miller (WA), Thomas Murphy (FL), Juan Villasana (TX), Bro Pat Stucker (OH), Jona Hamson (MN)

SETON HALL UNIVERSITY



From left to right: Ali Mumbach (TX), Paul Stucker (OH), Julia Carmedelle (FL), Kevin Kubelka (TX), Hailey Allegra (FL), Emmanuel (Manny) Sanchez (WI), Jacob Walters (MN)
Not pictured: Katy Robles (NY), Halie Burns (NJ)

"This is my second year with SPO, and I am most looking forward to living another year of household life, particularly because we have 13 men in our house this year."

- Kevin, SHU

"HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN SERVING WITH SPO AND WHAT IS ONE THING YOU ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO ABOUT THIS YEAR?"

"I am going into my second year serving with SPO. I am really looking forward to the familiarity of relationships I have already found some amazing students to run with at RU and I cannot wait to jump back in! I am also really looking forward to and a bit scared but I am ready for God to surprise us this year with creativity as we embark deeper into this Covid mission reality."

- Giovanna, RU

"This is my first year serving as a missionary with SPO and I am looking forward to getting outdoors with my new housemates."

- Jacob, SHU

"I'm a strange bird on many accounts. This is technically my third year working for SPO. I had served as a Missionary at Rutgers for 2 years, then took a 2 year hiatus to receive training to enter the Brotherhood, and now I'm returning to serve with SPO as a Bro. This is a year of new frontiers for all of us, particularly the Missionaries. So much is unknown...and I love it. I've always loved the stories of frontiersmen and explorers searching out and settling new lands. I think the new frontier is the heart...the depths of which are unknown to most people of my generation! Additionally, considering our COVID situation, I believe adversity begets inventiveness. I anticipate a renewed missionary dynamism coming out of our ranks here in Jersey!"

- Br. Pat Stucker, RU

"I'm going into my second year with SPO and I am looking forward to the new ways of mission that will be created as a result of COVID. God is SO creative and we get to ask Him for this gift to reach His people instead of relying on the 'old ways'."

- Ali, SHU

"This is my second year serving with SPO and I looking forward to getting to serve more students and missionaries through my new position as Regional Admin."

- Halie, SHU

"The biggest surprise I've discovered about New Jersey has been the geographical diversity that allows my team and I to visit a variety of very different places that I never expected to experience or see in New Jersey. I enjoy visiting new parks, beaches, lakes, diners and places in town and the City. There's so much to see and do, thank God that as part of my job I get to explore so much!"

- **Manny, SHU**

"Upon returning from living in Minnesota for 5 years, I'm surprised that I ever ate a bagel that was not from the Northeast."

- **Katy, SHU**

"I think the thing that surprised me most about NJ was how sweet and welcoming the people have been! The Seton Hall students welcomed me in like family last year, and after hearing many stereotypes about NJ, I was very happily surprised by the warm welcome I received. Another surprise was how aggressive the driving can be. I should've expected it, but nothing like experiencing it in person!"

- **Julia, SHU**

"WHAT IS ONE THING YOU LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING/DOING IN NEW JERSEY?"

(NEW MISSIONARIES)

"It's actually really beautiful here! I was pleasantly surprised by the nature: a beautiful spring, mountains, beaches, and everything in between. The "Garden" State is truly a fitting name."

- **Thomas, RU**

"WHAT HAS SURPRISED YOU MOST ABOUT NEW JERSEY AND WHY?"

(RETURNING MISSIONARIES)

"So far I've been pleasantly surprised by the amount of nature and beauty in New Jersey, so I can't wait to explore even more of it. I'm also excited for winter, because I really hope there will be snow."

- **Hailey, SHU**

"I am interested in an authentic Jersey Diner experience, as well as seeing some beautiful nature with a fresh bagel in hand."

- **Paul, SHU**

JULY 18, 2020

KAIROS' YOUTH WORKERS SUMMIT

Maeve Buganski

ON SATURDAY, JULY 18TH, KAIROS HOSTED A 5 HOUR VIRTUAL YOUTH WORKERS' SUMMIT.

A couple years ago, Kairos hosted their first YW Summit where many youth workers from the North American Region of the Sword of the Spirit gathered together for a weekend conference to pray for and strategically plan for their upcoming youth group year. The plan was to gather again this summer for another weekend conference but due to Covid-19, the conference went virtual.

Although nothing can beat coming together in one location and meeting fellow youth workers from across the region, the virtual conference had it's benefits. We were joined by many youth workers across the globe who serve their SOS communities' youth in their cities. It was a gift to share and hear ideas and experiences from people of all different countries who are working with youth.

The conference consisted of four main talks, one given by our very own Tim Margiotta, that spoke about 4 different tactics we can use as youth workers to "Win", "Call", "Equip" and "Connect" our youth. We had a chance to enter Zoom breakout rooms and discuss some of these topics further and how we can concretely put them into action.

One of my favorite parts of the virtual conference was the opportunity to have a split men's & women's session. Molly Kilpatrick, the Women's Director of Kairos, led the session by calling to mind five lies that women tend to believe, especially as young women in high school. As she named each lie, she reminded and encouraged us as women youth workers to be like older sisters to these girls and help fight these lies. This discussion was powerful because all the ladies on the call were able to express different sources of these lies and pray for the girls in each youth group who are struggling with them. I am always so encouraged when we are able to come together like this and pray for our youth in a specific way because the Lord really hears and answers our prayers!

The opportunity to have this virtual conference reminded me of the gift it is to serve our high school, middle school and elementary youth in the People of Hope. These youth are the next generation of Catholics, and learning new techniques and ideas to bring them to Christ always inspires me and personally brings me closer to Him. I am continuously grateful for the gift of Kairos and the communities of the Sword of the Spirit who are striving for the same goal as us in the POH of bringing our youth into deeper relationships with Christ.

HEALTH CARE HEROES

Let's continue to thank and keep in our prayers the following brothers and sisters in the People of Hope, family and friends, who are on the front lines caring for those most in need during this pandemic.

Please visit our website peopleofhope.net/healthheroes to see the complete list of all medical and emergency personnel we are keeping in our prayers or you would like to add someone to our list of intentions.

- Jane Apuzzo
- Marianne Benson
- Anne Cantine
- Dr. Joe Clemente
- Kathy McCabe
- Daria Moccia
- Mary Kathleen Molnar
- Kate Nordstrom
- Charlie Pepper
- Arlene Peregrin

Heavenly Father, we place in your protective hands all these healthcare workers and their families during this time. Bless their work, the patients they care for, and all affected by this virus. Amen.



KA corner

Please keep the Koinonia Academy students, faculty & staff in your prayers as they prepare for the upcoming school year, especially, in the midst of the pandemic.



PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK

IMMEDIATE NEED

- Paul Giegerich
- Jackie Donnelley
- Don Campbell
- Rita (Buganski) Arena
- Tom Cvelich
- Lou Cirrotti
- Rose Molnar
- Walt Quense

SERIOUS & ONGOING

- Eleanor Benson
- Dick Birmingham
- Margaret Fierro
- Laura Greey
- Shannon Hardy
- Danielle Neri
- Lee Scarfone

AROUND THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT

- Steve Clark - Servants of the Word, Chelsea, MI
- Peter Smith - Triumph of the Cross, MD

Please visit our website peopleofhope.net/prayerintentions to see our complete list of our prayer intentions and to add to our list.

2020 PRAYER PETITION HIGHLIGHT LEADERSHIP

Bless the coordinators, senior women leaders, and all who serve in the People of Hope. We especially ask a blessing on Marty Buganski and his family as he serves us as the senior coordinator. Please guide all who are part of leadership training. Amen.

"Dismiss all anxiety from your minds. Present your needs to God in every form of prayer and in petitions full of gratitude"

PHIL. 4:6

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