



Signs & Wonders

NEW YORK CATHOLIC YOUTH DAY 2023

Miracles are not just in Scripture! If we look, we can see that they happen everyday! We can stand in awe and wonder of God's amazing grace in our lives and in the world.

This NY Catholic Youth Day, join teens from around the Archdiocese to embrace the signs and wonders that God has done in our lives!

NYCYD will include:

- Great music
- Fun
- Inspiring speakers
 - Cecilia Flores
 - Brian Greenfield
 - Danny Ray
- A massive service project
- and Mass with Cardinal Dolan

April 22, 2023

9:30am - 6:00pm

St. Joseph's Seminary
Yonkers

\$40

(\$60 after 4-1-23)



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Magician, Illusionist & Speaker
Danny Ray

A magician with a Master's in Divinity! He has performed and spoken at LifeTeen's Catholic Youth Ministry Conferences, the National Youth Workers' Conferences, and appeared on the CW's Penn and Teller's Fool Us and won! He knows that when people are in a state of awe and wonder, they are more open to hearing deep spiritual truth. Danny and his wife started their ministry 17 years ago.



Speaker
Cecilia Marie Flores

A featured speaker at the Steubenville Youth Conferences. She has served the Lord since encountering Him in the Eucharist at the age of 16. She followed his call to Honduras where she lived for 6 years as a missionary. Cecilia is a wife, mother, and proud Filipina and finds joy in loving those in need, leading worship, and eating at McDonald's French fries.



Speaker
Brian Greenfield

Born and raised in Washington, DC. While attending Seton Hall University. While there, God moved powerfully in his heart and life. Brian believes that God has given him gifts to bring the message of Jesus Christ to others and knows that there is a prevailing hopelessness in this world that can only be remedied through an encounter with Christ. Brian is currently the Director of Campus Ministry at Jesuit High School in Tampa, Florida.



Mass with
Timothy Cardinal
Dolan



Adoration with
Bishop Joseph
Espaillet



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New York Catholic Youth Day 2023

IMPORTANT REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

Please review the "New York Catholic Youth Day Registration Instructions" to make sure registration is complete and received on time. For registrations received **on or before March 31, 2023**, the cost is **\$40.00** per attendee. *Late Registrations received on or after April 1st include a \$20 late fee, may not include NYCYD Swag or lunch and are not eligible for any financial assistance.* Tickets are non-refundable. Substitutions can be made if the adult/youth ratios are maintained. **Registration cut-off is Friday, April 14th at 4:30 PM.**

GENERAL INFORMATION

Date: Saturday, April 22, 2023
Start Time: Check-In begins at 8:30 a.m. and Youth Day begins 9:30 a.m.
End Time: 6:00 p.m. (after Adoration)
Location: St. Joseph's Seminary
Participants: NYCYD is for students in Grades 9-12th

NOTE: Parishes can choose to have 8th grade students participate in either the New York Catholic Youth Day on Saturday, April 22 or the Middle School Youth Rally on Sunday, April 23. Students in grades 6th and 7th may only participate in the Middle School Youth Rally on Sunday, April 23.

COST

Registration before/on March 31, 2023 is \$40.00 per participant. The first 15 parishes to complete registration (including forms and payment) before by March 31st will be entered into a drawing for an LCD projector. After this date the cost will be \$60.00 per participant and may not include NYCYD Swag or lunch and are not eligible for any financial assistance. Registration cut-off is Friday, April 14th at 4:30 PM. *Any additions after this point are near impossible, **IF** we can take participants after Friday, April 14th the cost will not include lunch or materials.*

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

There are a limited number of scholarships available. Please contact the Department of Youth Faith Formation for additional information.

EXTRA MONEY

We encourage all participants to contribute to our collection which will go to our Youth Engagement Scholarship (YES!) Fund, which will help provide scholarships to youth who need assistance in attending events such as NYCYD. Every \$1 or \$5 helps! Please encourage your youth to contribute what is reasonable for them. We also anticipate having vendors on site this year to visit during lunch and free time. Many of these vendors are ministry leaders sharing about potential experiences youth can participate in. Please do not have

young people bring excessive funds. Lunch and afternoon snack is provided at no extra cost for those who register by the cut-off.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Please read and review the Code of Conduct with your adults and youth for NYCYD 2023 prior to the event. Thank you! (See separate handout)

NYCYD REGISTRATION CHECKLIST

- __ Read through the "NYCYD Registration Instructions" (See separate handout)
- __ Register online by using the registration link provided in the instructions
- __ Make payment by credit card or check by 3/31
- __ Distribute, collect, and email completed forms for each participant* along with the appropriate cover sheet by 3/31
- __ Review Transportation and Drivers Policy <https://bit.ly/DYFFYMPG> (See pg. 21-22)
 - __ *If needed* have drivers complete the "Driver Information Sheet" <https://bit.ly/DYFFDriverForm> (Return Completed to Parish)
 - __ *If needed* complete "Bus Service Contract" <https://bit.ly/DYFFBusContract> (Call 646-794-3024 to confirm where to send completed form)

* Please be sure that each adult (18+), and chaperone (21+) in attendance have completed the Archdiocese of New York's Safe Environment Background Check and Training (Virtus or Safer Spaces depending on role); each adult WILL BE VERIFIED through the Archdiocesan system. There is no way to verify compliance the day of the event. **To aid in this process please ensure all Adult Names are received by Friday, March 31, 2023.**

UPON ARRIVAL AT THE NYCYD SITE

- Check-In begins at 8:30 a.m. at the main entrance to the Cardinal Spellman Recreational Center. **Please do not bring your group in to the check-in tables.** All participants but the Group Leader, including chaperones, should wait at a designated space away from the main entrance until check-in is complete.
- At check-in make sure you bring the following:
 - **Forms** – Bring the original copy of the form for each participant. These will be verified at check-in; no participant adult or youth will be admitted without a form. Adult Chaperones should keep a copy of these forms on them for the duration of the event.
- If you have any questions or changes, please report to the "HELP DESK" located in the check-in area.
- When you register, you will receive a bag for your group containing: lunch tickets for each participant, a complete detailed schedule of the day, chaperone survival guides, t-shirts ordered and other NYCYD swag!
 - **NEW THIS YEAR!** We will be instituting lunch tickets, please make sure to hold on to these tickets until it's time for lunch for your group! All participants will be required to present a ticket in exchange for one lunch. Lost tickets cannot be replaced.

- Once check-in is complete, proceed to meet your group to distribute items, making sure that each youth and adult has a NYCYPD Shirt. Then move your group to the tent for the opening session which will start promptly at 9:30 a.m.
- Enjoy the day!

WHEN DEPARTING AT THE END OF THE DAY

- Please do not leave the event venue until all your young people have left the premises in the appropriate transportation. Please have an adult leader verify the designated pick-up person for youth being picked up on site.
- Please encourage all participants to complete the evaluation so that we can grow and improve this event next year.

F.A.Q.'s

- What meals will be provided at NYCYP?
 - Lunch and an afternoon snack.
- Will there be an option to purchase additional food or snack during the day?
 - No, if a participant has a special need, they should plan to bring a snack or what they need to stay healthy during the event.
- Is there coffee provided for adult chaperones/leaders?
 - No, there is not coffee available.
- Can the group or an individual leave the event early?
 - It is expected that groups and individual participants arrive on time and stay through the end. This is not only out of respect for the presenters and for planning purposes, but also a safety issue. No one should be in the parking lot once the event begins. If a parent/guardian must pick up a youth early due to illness or another urgent reason, this should be noted on the youth's permission form and the Adult Leader along with another adult should walk the youth to the vehicle and verify the person picking up is authorized to do so with the parent/guardian. Never leave youth unattended.
- Can I bring additional teens that weren't registered prior?
 - The registration cut-off was extended until April 14th to allow for extenuating circumstances this year with a late fee of \$20. It is near impossible for us to take registrations the week of the event for many reasons out of our control. IF we can accept any, they will incur a \$20 late fee and will not receive a t-shirt, swag, or lunch, we are unable to waive this fee under any circumstance.
- What should we bring?
 - An open joy-filled heart! Watch the weather to see if you may need rain gear, if participants have special dietary or medical need, please make sure they have what they need for this, a small amount of money for the vendors if they choose.
- Can we transfer spots?
 - Yes!
 - Within a group- just make sure to adhere to the proper ratio of youth to adult leaders.
 - Between groups- contact Christina.Davis@archny.org
- What are the transportation/parking options to get to the event?

Whichever method you choose make sure to refer to the Transportation and Drivers Policy (see above link).

 - **Bus:** Parishes are encouraged to bring youth by bus to the event. This helps facilitate an organized entry to the day and departure when the day is over. Buses will have a designated space to unload and park, please follow the directions by the Traffic Control Volunteers.
 - **Carpool:** Adult volunteer driven vehicles driven in a carpool.
 - **Public Transportation:** If you will be using the subway and need a shuttle, please contact Christina.Davis@archny.org by March 31st.
 - **Parent Drop Off:** is not encouraged, if you opt to use this method, plan a space to meet your group on site, communicate this with parents clearly and provide a map/diagram of the meeting spot and parent pick up spot, arrive early as youth must be chaperoned from the moment of arrival. Plan to arrive early and do not leave the event venue until all youth have been picked up by their designated parent/guardian and this person has been verified.

NYCYD PROMOTION

ANNOUNCE AT MASS AND/OR YOUTH GATHERINGS

Invite high school teens and young adults who have had positive experiences at past NYCYD's to share at Mass and at youth gatherings. Ask the priest to invite the youth to participate!

BULLETIN/NEWSPAPER

Publish an announcement in your local newspaper/school paper. Write up an announcement or use the insert at the bottom of the page to place in your bulletin. If you have teens writing in your local paper or school paper, ask them to plug in an announcement.

FLYERS

Please make copies of the promotional flyers and distribute them to all high school teens in your parish.

- These forms can be passed out Religious Ed or Youth Ministry sessions or inserted into your parish bulletin. Some schools are ok with posters being hung if they are given at least a week's notice.

PARENT SUPPORT

Ask parents to speak with other parents about how past NYCYD's impacted their teens.

Sample Parent Letter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

New York Catholic Youth Day is Saturday, April 22 at St. Joseph's Seminary. This year, we are exploring the theme of "Signs & Wonders", miracles are fascinating in fact Scripture is overflowing with accounts of God controlling nature, healing the sick, and raising people from the dead. The Church consistently investigates and approves miracles attributed to the intercession of saints.

So, what is the point of it all? Miracles can and should strengthen our faith in God, but the miracles we experience in this life point to the ultimate miracle that we are all promised through Jesus — resurrection from the dead and eternal life with God.

As your teen's Youth Minister, I think this is a great opportunity for them to connect to other teens across the archdiocese. At New York Catholic Youth Day, they will take part in packaging meals for the hungry and Mass with Cardinal Dolan.

There will be live music, workshops and speakers that will challenge teens to have expectant faith in God, who performs miracles as a way of revealing His power and goodness! If you have questions about the day or want to talk about what to expect at New York Catholic Youth Day, please let me know. We'd love to have your teen join us!

PERSONAL INVITATION

Personally invite your teens to attend (the most effective way to get teens there).

- Produce creative Flocknote invitations and send them to every youth and parent of teens in your parish. (see the above Sample Parent Letter)
- Have parents, adult leaders, and/or youth leaders follow up by calling parent and teens. Have adult leaders call parents, and youth leaders call their friends.

- Ask young people to invite friends. Offer simple prizes to the person who brings the most friends, such as: T-shirt, CD, free registration to youth group event, gift certificate, candy, etc.
- The average person needs to be invited up to 7 times in various ways before deciding to come to an event like this – don't give up and keep inviting.
- Use social media like **Instagram**, **Twitter**, and **Facebook** (see below for samples)

POSTER

Place posters in prominent areas of visibility. (See your Regional Specialist)

BULLETIN INSERT (SAMPLE)

All youth in grades 9-12th are invited to this year's New York Catholic Youth Day held on the grounds of St. Joseph's Seminary Saturday, April 22. The day will include Mass with Cardinal Dolan, Confession and Eucharistic Adoration with Bishop Espallat. Our speakers include Cecilia Marie Flores, Brian Greenfield with well-known magician with a Master's in Divinity Danny Ray who will help us explore this year's theme of "Signs & Wonders"! Please contact _____ for more information.

SOCIAL MEDIA (SAMPLE)

*Don't forget to follow us, tag us, and mention us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter -
@youth_faith_formation_archny*

- We encourage you to use your own photos of your youth ministry or the provided NYCYD graphics.
- (For Adult Leaders) I work with teens in my community to help them build a relationship with God. On April 22, I will be joining hundreds of other teens and youth ministry leaders at New York Catholic Youth Day with national speakers to as we reveal in God's work exploring his Signs & Wonders! Do you have a teen in your life that would benefit from this inspiring day? DM for more information!
- (For Teens) Don't miss out! New York Catholic Youth Day is April 22! This year's theme – Signs & Wonders – is all about experiencing God's work through his Signs & Wonders! Interested? Let's talk more about it!
- (For Teens) New York Catholic Youth Day is April 22! Let's make this year better than ever, invite your friends to experience this inspiring day filled with incredible speakers, interactive workshops, and hundreds of other teens!

