Back-to-School Season Kicks Off at Little Flower!

With the new school year approaching, Little Flower youth are ready to shine! Families gathered at our Flagship office in Brooklyn for our annual Back-to-School event, filled with games, snacks and smiles. Kids started the new year off right by "shopping" for free school supplies, including backpacks, notebooks, pencils and more. We believe every child deserves to walk into their classroom with confidence, and this event is one way we are making that happen.

A huge thank you to our sponsor, **Greater Mt. Carmel Deliverance Ministries Intl**., for helping make this day possible!

Summer Fest 2026 Brings the Community Together

Little Flower welcomed the community to its Wading River campus on Sunday, July 26th, for a joyful Summer Fest, presented by FourLeaf Federal Credit Union. Guests enjoyed music, ice cream, face painting, games and puppet making across the campus's scenic green fields. The children and youth also had a great time playing and jumping on a bounce house and slide.

Youth-designed merchandise was available to purchase, including hoodies, mugs and tote bags, along with raffle tickets for lucky winners. Little Flower's Historic Archive Committee also brought a display of memorabilia from the organization's nearly 100 years of history. Thank you to all our generous sponsors and everyone who came out to celebrate!

St. John's Youth Help Beautify the Community

Youth from Little Flower's affiliate, St. John’s Residence for Boys, recently rolled up their sleeves and joined Harold Paez from the Rockaway Civic Organization as part of a program to beautify the beachfront near our building. Stay tuned for pictures of the final project!

Celebrating Little Flower Graduates, Class of 2026

At the end of June, Little Flower celebrated the graduation of several hard-working students from the Little Flower Union Free School District on our Wading River campus. Each graduate's achievement reflects years of steady effort and commitment. We recognize their dedication and extend our sincere congratulations on reaching this milestone! As they move forward, we wish them continued success and thoughtful growth in all that lies ahead.

A Day at the Ballpark

On July 30th, Little Flower youth and staff headed to Citi Field for a Mets game they'll never forget! The New York Mets Community Ticket Program generously donated the tickets that made this outing possible. We're deeply grateful to the Mets organization for creating this unforgettable experience. Let's go, Mets!

Historic Photo Corner

For nearly 100 years, Little Flower staff have been helping young people build the skills, confidence, and independence they need to create bright futures.

In this photo from several decades back, you'll see a glimpse of this in action. Our dedicated staff are teaching young people practical, everyday skills like cooking, cleaning, budgeting and so much more toward preparing youth for the day when they step out on their own. Preparing for independence is about more than leaning how to balance a budget or prepare a meal. It's also about learning how to communicate, manage emotions, solve problems, build healthy relationship and believe in their own ability to succeed. For nearly a century, we have had the privilege of walking alongside young people as they learn not just how to live independently, but how to build lives filled with possibility.

Do you have any memorabilia or pictures of Little Flower you could share with us? We are putting together an archive for our upcoming 100th anniversary! Please upload your digital treasures here, or email hickesk@lfchild.org if you have any questions.

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