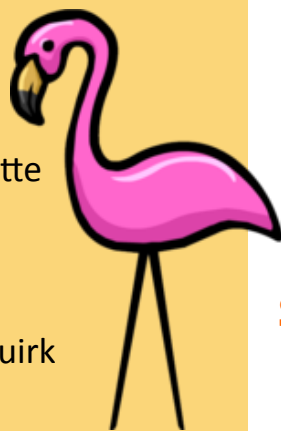


Youth Ministry

Did you know that we have 16 youth attending the **National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC)**, November 16-18, 2017, in Indianapolis, Indiana?

They are:

Julia Brzac
John Curley
Julia Curley
Will Degan
Christopher Diotte
Jenna Fazzone
Fiona Fitzgerald
Mikayla Joslyn
Mary Kate McGuirk
Emmie Paluch
Kendall Paluch
Ryan Pardo
Mary Pegarella
Emmie Roberts
Olivia Rowley
Abigail Rys



Look for our fundraising events!

Opportunities for Teens!

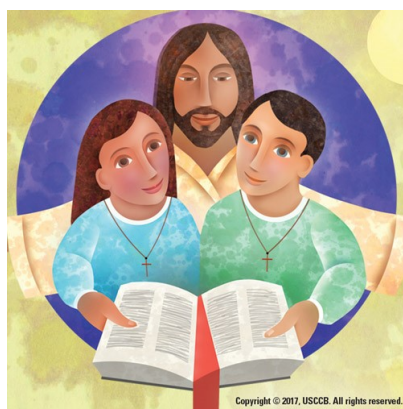
The following are chances for teens to participate in a variety of experiences to live a fuller life in the faith. They will meet other teens, and spend valuable time learning about who they are meant to become. Our Lady of the Assumption has a policy of asking families to pay only 1/3 of the total costs of these events, the other 2/3 coming from the parish and from the various Youth Ministry fundraising activities that take place all year long. No teen will be turned away for an inability to pay. There are also scholarship monies available. Please read through these carefully with your teen, check out the websites where available and pray on it. Deadlines are fast approaching, so please let Mrs. Gavin know if you are interested. 785-1605 or youthola@nycap.rr.com.

St. Isaac Jogues Youth Conference (for teens entering grades 9-12) Friday, July 14-Sunday, July 16, 2017

The St. Isaac Jogues Youth Conference is a yearly event that has been held here in the Albany Diocese since 2006 offering the quality of a national conference within an intimate hometown environment. The SIJYC is a Catholic ministry for teens and springs from the desire to offer a low cost summer conference with the following goal: to bring teens a deeper sense of their personal relationship with Christ, to demonstrate how to translate that relationship to everyday life and how to grow their relationship with Christ after the conference ends. For more information visit joguesyouthconference.com and speak with Mrs. Gavin.

SALT (Service Action Learning Team) (for youth 15-18 years old) Sunday, July 30-Thursday, August 3, 2017

SALT is a locally organized service immersion experience for high school youth. Young people will explore many of the important social justice issues that confront our community. Each day is filled with hands-on service opportunities. The goal of SALT is to understand how to put faith in action. The cost for the SALT experience is \$275, and includes all supplies, meals, lodging, and travel to sites. See Mrs. Gavin for more information. Deadline to register is June 15.



Join us on September 17, 2017 as we celebrate Catechetical Sunday at the 10:30 am mass. This year's theme from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) is "Living as Missionary Disciples." **Is God calling you to this special missionary service?**

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Living in Faith

A Newsletter from the Faith Formation and Youth Ministry Office

Faith Formation at Our Lady of the Assumption

A message from our pastor:

The single most important influence on the spiritual life of children is their parents and family. You demonstrate your beliefs and love by modeling virtues and celebrating your Catholic faith. The goal of our Faith Formation program is to support you in this primary role of passing on the faith. You are your child's most important catechist.

"Faith and worship are closely related: faith gathers the community for worship, and worship renews the faith of the community." (*National Directory for Catechesis*) Faith formation is life long; it never ends. It does not occur in a mere one hour a week for a few months of the year. Your attendance at weekly masses and holy days is critical to nurture the foundations for a life of faith: a sense of trust, freedom and joy. We hope to assist you in showing your children the richness and beauty of lived faith.

Sincerely,

Fr. Geoffrey Burke



Save the date! Sunday, September 17, 2017—Look for more details in the Church Bulletin!



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Dates to remember!

- Kickball and BBQ July 10, 17, 24, & 31
- St. Isaac Jogues July 14-16
- VBS July 24-28
- Registrations Due August 1
- SALT July 30-August 3
- Elementary Sessions begin Sept. 17
- High School Sessions begin Sept. 25
- Mid-Level Sessions (Gr. 6-8) begin Sept. 19

2017-2018 Registration Forms Enclosed!

Inserted in this newsletter, is your Returning Family Registration Form for Faith Formation. Please clearly print any missing information, and make any additions or corrections. Please update any medical conditions or special needs, especially allergy information. Please sign this form and return it by **August 1, 2017**. After August 1, an additional late fee will be added.

If you have a child who will be new to our program, complete the back side of the Registration Form. Please attach a copy of their baptismal certificate to the Registration Form.

In this newsletter, you will find our schedule of sessions for the 2017-2018 year. Please mark your calendars accordingly. Your active participation in our program is critical. We have a number of openings for catechists. Please seriously consider becoming involved in this vital ministry.

There will be a change in our Registration fee this year. This fee covers only a minimal part of the over 20 hours of catechesis your child will receive. It helps us pay for our operating expenses such as heat, lights, insurance, postage, supplies, etc. and includes a book for each child, and a Bible of their own when they enter high school. Your weekly contribution in your envelope to the parish covers our remaining costs. Thank you for your continued generosity. **The fee this year is \$50.00 for the first child, \$25 for the second child, with a cap of \$75 per family.**

A late fee of \$10 per child will be added for payments received after **August 1, 2017**. Please make all checks payable to Our Lady of the Assumption Church.

If this payment creates a hardship, please call our office at 785-1605 so that arrangements can be made. Please do not delay your registration because of financial concerns. Send in the paperwork so we have accurate numbers for planning purposes. The cost of this program will never prohibit someone from participating.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 24-28, 2017

MAKER FUN FACTORY

Created by God, Built for a Purpose!

**Send your kids on an imaginative,
impacting adventure!**

At Maker Fun Factory VBS, kids discover not only that God made them the way they are, but for a purpose too. Maker Fun Factory is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Sciency-Fun Gizmos™, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life.

Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life—something we call God Sightings.

Get ready to hear *that* phrase a lot!

Registrations for children and teens are available in the Gathering Space. Deadline to register....June 30, 2017! Don't miss out!

Tentative OLA Faith Formation Calendar 2017-18

All dates subject to change due to program planning and/or weather!

Elementary Dates Grades 1-5 Sundays 9-10:15 am	High School Dates Grades 9 & 10 Mondays 7-8:30 pm	Mid-Level Dates Grades 6-8 Tuesdays 7-8 pm
September 17— Opening Celebration September 24	September 25	September 19 September 26
October 1—Family Session October 8—No Session October 15 October 22 October 29	October 2 October 9—No Session October 16 October 23 October 30	October 3 October 10 October 17 October 24 October 31—No Session
November 5—Family Session November 12 November 19 November 26—No Session	November 6 November 13 November 20 November 27	November 7—No Session November 14 November 21 November 28
December 3— Family Session December 10—Pageant Rehearsal Sat., December 16—Christmas Pageant@9:30 a.m. (Snow Day—December 17 @12 noon)	December 4 December 11 December 18 December 25—No Session	December 5 December 12 December 19 December 26 – No Session
No Sessions 12/17, 12/24, 12/31, & 1/7 January 14—Family Session January 21 January 28	January—HS Retreat TBD	January—Mid-Level Retreat TBD
February 4—Family Session February 11 February 18 & 25—No Sessions	February 5 February 12 February 19—No Session February 26	February 6 February 13 February 20—No Session February 27
March 4—Family Session March 11 March 18 March 25—Last Session (Gr. 1, 3-5)	March 5 March 12 March 19—Last session for Grade 9	March 6 March 13 March 20—Last Session
Sat., April 14—First Eucharist Prep. Children only 9-10 am Sat., April 21—First Eucharist Prep. with parents 9-10:30 am Sat., April 28—First Eucharist 9 am	April 2—No Session April 9—Confirmation Prep April 16—Confirmation Prep Date of Confirmation Retreat to be determined.	

Summer Prayer

*Creator of all, thank
you for summer!
Thank You for the
warmth of the sun and
the increased daylight.
Thank You for the
beauty I see all around
me and for the
opportunity to be
outside and enjoy
Your creation.
Thank You for the
increased time I have to
be with my friends and
family, and for the
more casual pace of the
summer season.*

*Draw me closer to You
this summer.
Teach me how I can
pray no matter where I
am or what I am doing.
Warm my soul with the
awareness of Your
presence, and light my
path with Your Word
and Counsel.
As I enjoy Your
creation,
create in me
a pure heart and a
hunger and a thirst
for You.
Amen.*

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More detailed plans will be given out at your child's Faith Formation sessions. If you have any questions, please give our office a call at 785-1605 to check the messages for cancellations or to speak directly with us.

Don't forget to check our website at
www.olalatham.org.