

"I used to pray that God would feed the hungry, or do this or that, but now I pray that he will guide me to do whatever I'm supposed to do, what I can do. I used to pray for answers, but now I'm praying for strength. I used to believe that prayer changes things, but now I know that prayer changes us and we change things."

***-Saint Mother Teresa
Is God calling you to
change things?***



**Join us for Kickball
and a BBQ Monday
evenings in July.
(July 9, 16, 23 and 30.)**

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. 518-785-1605 or youthola@nycap.rr.com.

Breakaway (A Junior High Experience)

Sunday, June 24-Thursday, June 28, 2018

Held at Pyramid Life Center in Paradox, NY, Breakaway is an experience for youth entering grades 7-9. The week will feature Hiking, Service Activities, Liturgy, Workshops, Awesome Food, Swimming, Canoeing, Praying, Kayaking, and fun!! Youth will be led by a team of youth ministers who have a passion for inspiring middle school youth. The cost of the program is \$275 (family cost \$91.00/youth) which covers meals, lodging, and all program supplies. **Deadline to register...June 1.**

Breakaway Music

Sunday, June 24-Thursday, June 28, 2018

For returning Breakaway attendees, held at Pyramid Life Center in Paradox, NY, Breakaway is an experience for youth entering grades 7-9. The week will feature Music, Hiking, Service Activities, Liturgy, Workshops, Awesome Food, Swimming, Canoeing, Praying, Kayaking, and fun!! The cost of the program is \$275 (family cost \$91.00/youth) which covers meals, lodging, and all program supplies. **Deadline to register...June 1.**

Christian Leadership Institute (CLI)

(for teens entering grades 10-12)

Sunday, June 24-Thursday, June 28, 2018

Held at Pyramid Life Center in Paradox, NY, CLI is a program designed to foster the leadership potential in individuals entering their sophomore, junior or senior year of high school. The Institute is an opportunity for dedicated and enthusiastic Roman Catholic students who are interested in: developing their faith and leadership skills through prayer and reflection, being more active in the Catholic faith community and learning alongside like-minded peers through a diverse collection of activities and workshops. The program cost is \$315 (family cost \$105/youth) and includes meals, lodging and materials. **For more information please speak with Mrs. Gavin.**

St. Isaac Jogues Youth Conference

(for teens entering grades 9-12)

Friday, July 13-Sunday, July 15, 2018

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.

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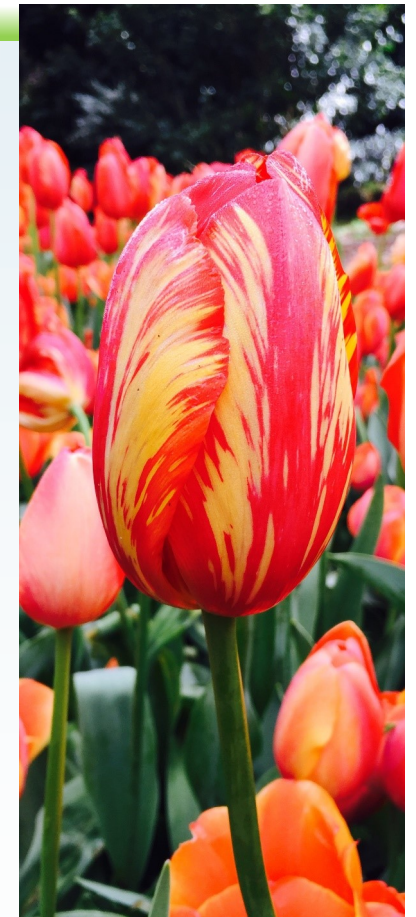
Although, this has been a Spring filled with cold weather, we've shared many warm blessings! On April 15th our youth celebrated Confirmation and on April 28th our children celebrated First Eucharist. A special thank you to Bishop Hubbard, Father Burke, Father Daley and Deacon Paul for making these celebrations so special for our families and the parish.

The Faith Formation office is making plans for the summer, gathering the VBS crew together, and working on ways to spread the faith even further this fall. Enclosed, please find your **2018-2019 Returning Family Faith Formation Registration Packet**. Please sign and double check your registration. Return it with payment in the enclosed envelope by August 1 and you'll save \$10 per child. Thank you!

First Eucharist Celebration 2018



Camden Ashby
Gabrielle Baxley
Christopher Burgess
Liam Childs
Kayla Conway
Ella Erickson
Jackson Hayes
Zachary Leisner
Marysol Luna
Dominick Notro
Liam Ochsner
Juliana Pena
Lily Perea
Ellie Stagliano
Tessa Travers
Joshua Trombley
Mikayla Wilson
Riley Wilson





VIRTUS is an educational program for the prevention of sexual abuse of children and youth. **All paid and volunteer**

ministers who work with children and young people are required to attend a VIRTUS "Protecting God's Children" training session. The Diocese of Albany mandates attendance at one of the VIRTUS programs for all who have contact with children and youth. We will be offering VIRTUS training sessions here at **Our Lady of the Assumption on Thursday, July 19, 2018 5-7:30pm, Wednesday, August 8, 2018 5:30-8pm and Tuesday, August 14, 2018 6-8:30 pm.** If you plan to volunteer in any capacity to work with the children and youth at OLA, this is your opportunity to join us! Please sign-up directly through the Diocese website at www.rcda.org. Select **Protecting Children**, and then **Virtus Training**. You will find our sessions listed under the **Albany Diocese**. You may attend a session at **ANY** location to meet this volunteer requirement. On-line registration is required prior to your attendance at the session. If you have any questions, or need assistance registering, please contact Kristi Pegarella at 518-785-1605.

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Registrations for children and teens will be available in the Gathering Space in May. Deadline to register....July 6, 2018! Don't miss out!

Be still and know that I am God

Bishop Hubbard
Celebrates Confirmation at OLA

On Sunday, April 15, 2018, Bishop Hubbard confirmed 41 young adults at Our Lady of the Assumption. May the Holy Spirit guide you and bring you great joy in all that you do!



- Tyler Sebastian Brennan
- Megan Veronica Buff
- Kimi Joan Canete
- Brian Patrick Cunningham
- John Anthony Curley
- Julia Seraphina Curley
- William Daniel Degan
- Lindsey Elizabeth Domenick
- Alexandra Elizabeth Dongelewic
- Ashley Cecelia Duncan
- Kayley Catherine Duncan
- Jacob Christopher Dupuis
- Angela Mary Etienne Maître
- Jenna Thérèse Fazzone
- Ben Vincenzo Fitzgerald
- Emory Cecelia Garber
- Carissa Rose Garipey
- Leah Elizabeth Giambertone
- Joshua Sebastian Hume
- Madeline Anastasia Ives
- Trevor Daniel Jones
- Mikayla Philomena Joslyn
- Daniel Joseph Lemme
- Andrew Michael Mabeus
- Michael Thomas Manzari
- Mary Kate Joan McGuirk
- Olivia Catherine Miles
- Madison Sarah Murray
- Jake Angelo Nelson
- Justin Sebastian Osborn
- Ashley Cecelia Owens
- Grace Teresa Papa
- Mary Cecelia Pegarella
- Nicholas Padre Pio Perez
- Thomas Anthony Randall
- Olivia Kateri Rowley
- Abigail Anne Rys
- Margaret Brigid Smith
- Tia Catherine de'Vigri Snyder
- Jaelyn Jude Tanksley
- Amanda Dymphna Weidman

