



November 2019 brings a special adventure to 14 youth who will be attending the National Catholic Youth Conference, November 21-24, 2019, in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Please keep them in your prayers!

- Gabrielle Audi
- Julia Barker
- Jenna Capasso
- Ian Fitzgerald
- Mia Greco
- Christopher McGarvey
- Keara Papa
- Olivia Papa
- Sarah Pegarella
- Ariana Romeo-Mullin
- Daniel Rys
- Frank Schaefer
- Gabriella Schaefer
- Anna Jean Staerker

A special thank you in advance for all your contributions to the efforts to fundraise for this experience of a lifetime.



Join us for Kickball and a BBQ Monday evenings in July at 6 pm. (July 8, 15, 22 and 29)

## 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. **All registrations need to run through Mrs. Gavin so that OLA covers 2/3 of your costs.** She can be reached at 518-785-1605 or [youthola@nycap.rr.com](mailto:youthola@nycap.rr.com).

### Breakaway (A Junior High Experience)

Wednesday, June 26-Sunday, June 30, 2019

Held at Pyramid Life Center in Paradox, NY, Breakaway is an experience **for youth entering grades 7-9 in fall 2019**. The week will feature hiking, 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 \$325 (family cost \$109.00/youth) which covers meals, lodging, and all program supplies.

### Breakaway Music

Wednesday, June 26-Sunday, June 30, 2019

Held at Pyramid Life Center in Paradox, NY, Breakaway Music is **for youth entering grades 10-12 in fall 2019**. The week will feature music, prayer, community, hiking, boating, swimming, learning to lead and plan prayer services and providing music for all the daily liturgies at camp. Participants are encouraged to bring their voices and their instruments. The cost of the program is \$325 (family cost \$109.00/youth) which covers meals, lodging, and all program supplies.

### Breakaway High School

Wednesday, June 26-Sunday, June 30, 2019

Held at Pyramid Life Center in Paradox, NY, Breakaway High School is **for youth entering grades 10-12 in fall 2019**. Breakaway High School will be run concurrently but separate from Breakaway Middle and Music. All campers will share meals and mass. Each day will consist of prayer, morning and afternoon sessions on a variety of topics. Experience community, fun, faith, hiking, swimming, boating and Mass each day. The program cost is \$325 (family cost \$109.00/youth) and includes meals, lodging and materials.

### Mission Possible: Step by Step with Jesus!

Sunday, June 30-Wednesday, July 3, 2019

Held at Pyramid Life Center in Paradox, NY, Mission Possible is **for youth entering grades 10-12 in fall 2019**. We will come together to understand and put into action some of the essential components of Catholic Social Teaching and Social Justice working with agencies and those in need in the Essex County region.

Mornings the group will prepare by discussing CST topics related to the afternoon's activity and those who will be served. Afternoons will be spent out in the local community serving various locations. Evenings we will process the day's events and take time to enjoy the Adirondack surroundings. The program cost is \$265 (family cost \$89.00/youth) and includes meals, lodging and materials.

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## Living in Faith

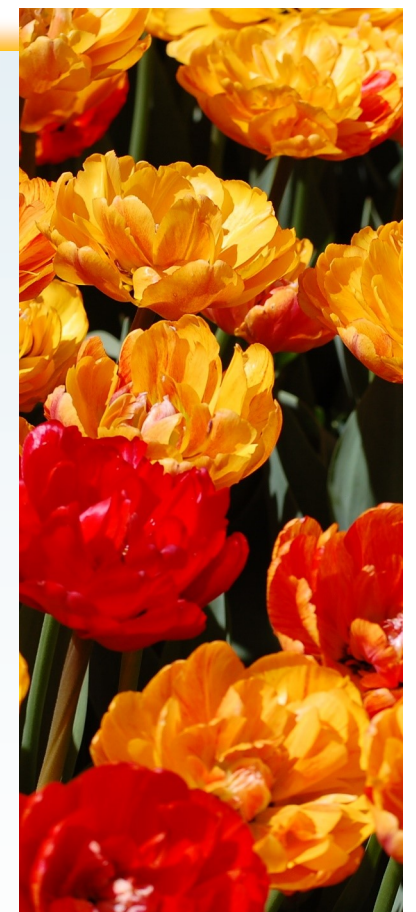
A Newsletter from the Faith Formation and Youth Ministry Office



Rain, rain, go away! But what a bright green spring. Thank you, Lord. This has been a spring filled with blessings at Our Lady of the Assumption. On Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> we celebrated Confirmation with Bishop Hubbard, Father Burke and Father Daley. On Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> we celebrated First Eucharist with Father Burke. And we've had several baptisms filled with love, laughter, and the Holy Spirit.

In early July, please look for your **2019-2020 Returning Family Faith Formation Registration** form to arrive in the mail. Please return your completed form with payment in the accompanying envelope by **Thursday, August 1**.

### First Eucharist Celebration 2019



- Carabelle Audi
- Lucas Austin
- Gabriel Avent-McGurn
- MaKenzie Baker
- Zoey Beesmer
- Leila Blaauboer
- Alexis Brown
- Cody Brown
- Madelyn Buff
- Madison Cardona
- Layla Cavanaugh
- Matthew Childs
- Aidan Colby
- Lucia Garbaini
- Liam Gilchrist
- Ysabella Gill
- Carly Luke
- Carley Mahan
- Connor Moffitt
- Lucas Sidoti



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
JULY 22-26, 2019

## ROAR! LIFE IS WILD! GOD IS GOOD!

Send your kids on a roaring adventure!

At Roar VBS, kids discover that God is good even when life gets wild! Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and devour yummy treats, and experience one-of-a-kind Wild Bible Adventures. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes with the Safari Celebration that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned. Registrations for children and teens are available in the Gathering Space and on the parish website. [www.olalatham.org](http://www.olalatham.org) Deadline to register....July 1, 2019! Don't miss out!

God's wild  
about you!



**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 Tuesday, July 9, 2019 6-8pm and Wednesday, August 7, 2019 6-8pm. 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](http://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.



## Bishop Hubbard Celebrates Confirmation at OLA

On Sunday, May 5, 2019, Bishop Hubbard confirmed these young adults at Our Lady of the Assumption. May the Holy Spirit guide you and bring you great joy in all that you do!



- Nathaniel Thomas Bancroft*
- Julia Francesca Barker*
- Adam Nicholas Owen Buresh*
- Ashley Elizabeth of Hungary Cheffolway*
- Tess Valerie Cody*
- Jacob Rita of Cascia Contois*
- Amber Christina Crain*
- Taylor Cecelia Crain*
- Devin Sebastian Cuthbert*
- Kelley Ann Degan*
- Owen John Doorey*
- Bryn Joan Fecko*
- Ian Andrew Fitzgerald*
- Ethan Hubertus Fowler*
- Sarah Veronica Hamilton*
- Dean Thomas Aquinas Hartl*
- John Gabriel Heinze Jr.*
- Jacob Ferdinand III of Castile Karpen*
- Alexandra Michael LaBrake*
- Matthew David Lammon*
- Emma Hildegard of Bingen Loffredo*
- Michele Margaret McCormick*
- Peter Gregory Mostert*
- Jakob Christopher Quackenbush*
- Nicole Michelle Resnick*
- Ariana Padre Pio Romeo-Mullin*
- Madeline Teresa Santore*
- Angelina Christine Schaefer*
- Frank Patrick Schaefer*
- Gabriella Cecelia Schaefer*
- Kyle Sebastian Shanno*
- Emily Marie Sullivan*
- Jewel Frances Xavier Cabrini Tankesley*
- Vivian Louise Tidd*
- Hunter Francis Trifaro*
- Isabella Sophia Tronco*
- Jeremy Allucio Wernick*
- Daniel George Wissenbach*