Our Lady of the Assumption Church
498 Watervliet Shaker Rd., Latham, NY 12110
518-785-1605

April 16, 2020

Dear Young Men and Women of Our Lady of the Assumption Parish,

Enclosed you'll find the Senior Recognition and Senior Service Award information for graduates of 2020. We congratulate you on your accomplishments so far, and look forward to watching your futures unfold in the years to come. This scholarship committee is pleased to offer this opportunity to you as members of our Faith Formation Program.

Thank you for your time and interest and for all your efforts in ministry to the parish. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office at (518) 785-0234 to speak to Fr. Burke or 518-915-5791 to speak with Mrs. Gavin.

The Scholarship Committee

Senior Awards

OLA Senior Recognition Award seeks to recognize youth who have made an outstanding contribution to the <u>life and spirit</u> of Our Lady of the Assumption Parish during his or her high school years.

OLA Senior Service Award seeks to recognize youth who have pursued a notable dedication of <u>service</u> to the parish and wider community during his or her high school years.

Mr. Bill Award is given in cherished memory of Bill Edwards who ministered and served our OLA Parish community in so many ways: Lector, Parish Council, Catechist, Children's Liturgy of the Word and of course – games director for the annual Vacation Bible School (VBS). This award recognizes a particular member of our parish youth whom we feel best demonstrates the qualities of Bill Edwards – giving freely of time and energy, dependable and hopeful.

Alex Stopera Award is given by the Stopera Family in memory of their son & brother, Alex. The Award is given in recognition of the on-going contributions, service and commitment demonstrated by the Youth of OLA Parish. The Stopera Family states: We see the difference that you make in parish life. Knowing that there are dedicated youth who cherish their faith, see the needs of others near and far and give so freely of their time and talents gives our family great joy.

<u>What criteria will be used in selecting the recipients?</u>

To be eligible for Our Lady of the Assumption Senior Awards, youth must be in grade 12, been enrolled in the Faith Formation Program, have celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation, and be an active participant in at least one of the parish ministries. Essay content will contribute to the overall decision.

<u>When will the scholarships be awarded?</u>
Pending the outcome of the current public health situation
Recipients will receive the Awards at Mass on **June 14th at 10:30 am**.
Recipients will be notified on Friday June10th by email.

Each Award is $300.00.
***There may be multiple award recipients in either category as per the committee's discretion.

<u>What you need to do:</u>

1.   Complete the Application.
2.   Submit a letter of recommendation. (May not be a family member, or full time staff member of OLA) Letter must be directed to the content of the scholarships.

3. Submit an essay describing ways in which your faith has inspired you to serve others. Describe the parish ministries you have been, or are currently involved in, the length of your involvement, and how being a part of that ministry has affected your faith experience. Add information about your service experiences in the wider community to be considered especially for the Senior Service Award.

Please return your completed applications, essay, and letter of recommendation by <mark>May 24th, 2020</mark> to:

Our Lady of the Assumption Church
Senior Awards Committee
498 Watervliet Shaker Road
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OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION
Senior Award Application

Please complete this application form and return with your essay and letter of recommendation (outlined in the guidelines) by **May 24th, 2020** to the Faith Formation Office.

NAME_____

ADDRESS_____

EMAIL _____

PHONE_____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

NAME OF COLLEGE(S) APPLIED/ ACCEPTED TO

_____

INTENDED FIELD OF STUDY _____

PARENT / GUARDIAN _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL_____

PARENT / GUARDIAN _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

I, _____, hereby acknowledge that all of the

information included in this application is true and complete.

YOUTH SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____