



## A GUIDE TO THE MINISTRIES OF OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

### A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

The heart of any parish is worship and from that worship stems ministry. Our partaking of the weekly - and daily - Eucharist prepares us to go into the world and serve God's children. It also calls us to live in community with others.

Here at Our Lady of the Assumption it calls us to create a community that is always reaching to grow spiritually, to serve the less fortunate, and to grow in love and fellowship with one another.

At our baptism we are anointed Priest, Prophet, and King. We are Priest through worship - when we acknowledge the saving presence of God in our lives, offer sacrifice, and acknowledge the many gifts that He has given to us. We are Prophet when we are educated in our faith and then proclaim it to others. We are King when we lead and serve God's people.

Our parish is blessed in that we have over 70 ministries that allow us to serve others or to be served in times of need. We have ministries that form our faith or bring us together in joyful, communal celebration! There truly is something for everyone - every age, every talent level, every time commitment availability.

We are called by Christ to be good stewards of all that He has given to us.

### What is Stewardship?

Stewardship is fulfilling our Christian-Catholic commitment to serve as priest, prophet, and king; a commitment made at our baptism. The most important reason for the Stewardship effort is to reach out and touch individuals and families with a message that helps deepen their faith and bring them closer to God.

**What is the difference between a volunteer and a steward?** A volunteer does something out of the good of their heart, with no obligations attached. A steward is fulfilling his or her commitment to the Church.

**We are called to serve. We are called to participate.**

**I look forward to seeing you around the parish!**

*Father Jim Duffy, SM, Pastor*

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### What is ACTIVE PARISHIONER Status?

For Parish verification *for Catholic School admittance, sponsor forms, Baptisms, and Marriages*, a person is to be registered and active in the parish.

The Archdiocese of Atlanta defines "active parishioners" as those registered and worshipping members who contribute of their time, talent and financial resources to support the Parish by the following:

- Regular attendance at liturgy as verified by the use of offertory envelopes,
- consistent financial support through yearly pledge, and
- volunteer involvement within the parish.

Volunteer involvement within the parish **does not include attendance at events**, but requires active membership and frequent participation in one or more of our many ministries.

## WORSHIP MINISTRIES

OLA's Worship Ministries offer our parishioners opportunities to gather in prayer, to serve our liturgies behind-the-scenes, and to assist in the action of the liturgies.

### SUPPORT MINISTRIES

These ministries are for those parishioners who prefer to support our communal prayer outside of the actual liturgies.

#### Altar Linens

Members of the Altar Linen ministry launder and iron linens used in the celebration of the Eucharist each week. Each member is assigned one week 4 times per year.

Gretchen Heath, [gheath@olachurch.org](mailto:gheath@olachurch.org)

#### Altar Server Vestment Care

Members of this ministry clean and mend the vestments used by the altar servers.

John Shiptenko, [johns@gabar.org](mailto:johns@gabar.org)

#### Environment & Art

This group plans the creative décor to enhance our ongoing and seasonal liturgies. Stewards are needed to assist in decorating the church throughout the year - and especially during the Advent/Christmas seasons.

Jocelyn Ralston, [jocelynralston@comcast.net](mailto:jocelynralston@comcast.net)

#### Greeters

This instrumental Ministry is often the frontline to OLA visitors. This dynamic group of people gather before the liturgy in the Narthex to greet all parishioners and Newcomers as they enter the church. The team is scheduled at their preferred Mass.

Lisa Broniec, [lbroniec@yahoo.com](mailto:lbroniec@yahoo.com)

#### Marthas

Caretakers of the church, Narthex, chapel and confessional meet every week to dust, polish and clean glass. Teams of men and women meet around several rotating schedules in service, fellowship, prayer and community.

Bridgett Fenn, [bridgetfenn@bellsouth.net](mailto:bridgetfenn@bellsouth.net) or 404-401-6302

#### Nursery

The Nursery is available during the 9:00am Sunday Mass. The Nursery is located in the OLA Preschool classrooms - follow directional signs on Sunday or stop by the Welcome Desk for more information.

[www.olanursery.shutterstock.com](http://www.olanursery.shutterstock.com)

[olanursery@olachurch.org](mailto:olanursery@olachurch.org)

### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

These ministries are for those parishioners who wish to play a role in the celebration of our Masses and Prayer services.

#### Choir and Musicians (Adult)

OLA's Music ministry provides many opportunities for parishioners of all ages to share their musical skills with the parish: Adult Choir and musicians, Women's Schola, and Hand Chime Team.

Adult & Musicians: Gregg Codelli, [grcodelli@mindspring.com](mailto:grcodelli@mindspring.com)

Women's Schola and Hand Chimes: Natalie Codelli, [codelli@bellsouth.net](mailto:codelli@bellsouth.net)

#### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Extraordinary Ministers are commissioned to serve communion at weekend and daily Masses. Added training will allow you to minister to the homebound, care centers and hospitals (See Ministry of Care).

Deacon Terry Biglow, [terry.biglow@cdhpartners.com](mailto:terry.biglow@cdhpartners.com)

Sharon Adams, [sharonfadams@bellsouth.net](mailto:sharonfadams@bellsouth.net)

Sunday 5:30pm Mass, 10th grade - college Joseph Hoffman, [jhoffman@olachurch.org](mailto:jhoffman@olachurch.org)

#### Funeral Coordinators

Funeral Coordinators assist families in the event of the death of a loved one by helping to plan the funeral liturgy and by being present to support the family at the funeral.

Margie Patterson, [margiepatterson@bellsouth.net](mailto:margiepatterson@bellsouth.net)

Rita O'Brien, 404-231-9611

#### Lectors/Readers

Lectors proclaim the scripture readings and Prayers of the Faithful at liturgies.

Gretchen Heath, [gheath@olachurch.org](mailto:gheath@olachurch.org)

Sunday 5:30 pm Mass, 6th-12th graders: Joseph Hoffman, [jhoffman@olachurch.org](mailto:jhoffman@olachurch.org)

#### Sacristans

Sacristans assist the clergy in set-up and clean-up at daily and weekend liturgies.

Deacon Ed Patterson, [epatterson@olachurch.org](mailto:epatterson@olachurch.org)

#### Stations of the Cross

On Fridays during Lent, 12 women from the parish present the Stations *Through the Eyes of Mary*, and 12 men from the parish present the stations *Through the Eyes of John, the Apostle*. Deacons lead on the other Fridays.

Deacon Ed Patterson, [epatterson@olachurch.org](mailto:epatterson@olachurch.org)

#### Ushers

Ushers greet those attending liturgies and provide assistance to those in need seating. They take up the offertory collection, hand out bulletins, and straighten up the church pews and Narthex after Mass.

Deacon Ed Patterson, [epatterson@olachurch.org](mailto:epatterson@olachurch.org)

#### Wedding Guild

Wedding Guild members assist couples in pre-wedding preparations, the rehearsal, and on the day of the wedding. No previous experience necessary. Time commitment is shared with other coordinators.

Cheri Felton, [cherifelton@bellsouth.net](mailto:cherifelton@bellsouth.net)

### FOR CHILDREN/YOUTH

#### Altar Servers

These young ministers (boys & girls) are trained to assist the clergy in the celebration of the Eucharist for school Masses, weekend liturgies, funerals, and nuptial Masses.

John Sheesley, [john.patrick.sheesley@gmail.com](mailto:john.patrick.sheesley@gmail.com)

Melissa Sheesley, [sheesley74@yahoo.com](mailto:sheesley74@yahoo.com)

#### Choir and Musicians (Children/Youth)

OLA's Music ministry provides many opportunities for our young people to share their musical skills with the parish: Children & Youth Choirs, Hand Chime Team, and Teen Choir. There are weekly rehearsals and special seasonal rehearsals. For detailed information see the parish website.

Children/Youth and Hand Chimes: Natalie Codelli, [codelli@bellsouth.net](mailto:codelli@bellsouth.net)

#### Choir (Teens)

This choir ministers at the 5:30 PM Liturgy twice a month. The OLA Teen Choir rehearses on the Sundays they sing before Mass at 4:00 PM in the Music Room in the upper level of the church.

Angela O'Donoghue, Youth Minister [aodonoghue@olachurch.org](mailto:aodonoghue@olachurch.org)

#### Little Lambs

Each Sunday during the 9:00am Liturgy, children (2 – 5 years old) leave the assembly to celebrate the "Good News" in their own style with age appropriate stories and lessons, then they return to Mass. It's a great opportunity for Grandmas and Grandpas to volunteer.

Lynn Corsiglia, [lynncorsiglia@comcast.net](mailto:lynncorsiglia@comcast.net)

#### Liturgy of the Word for Children

Each Sunday during the 9:00 am Liturgy, children (5 years – 2nd grade), leave the congregation to celebrate the "Good News" in their own style, then they return to Mass.

Jen Murphy, [jenmurphy44@hotmail.com](mailto:jenmurphy44@hotmail.com)

#### Youth Ministered Mass

"Teens" (6th-12th graders) serve weekly as lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, ushers, and gift bearers at the Sunday 5:30 PM Mass. Choristers sing in the Teen Choir twice a month during the school year - see Choir (Teens) above.

Youth must receive training to serve as lectors or Extraordinary Ministers and will be scheduled in advanced. Ushers and gift bearers should check in at the gift table when they arrive at Mass to volunteer to serve.

Angela O'Donoghue, Youth Minister, [aodonoghue@olachurch.org](mailto:aodonoghue@olachurch.org)

Joseph Hoffman, Assistant Youth Minister, [jhoffman@olachurch.org](mailto:jhoffman@olachurch.org)

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER

Opportunities for prayer in addition to our weekly and daily Masses. Each of these ministries/services offers an opportunity to volunteer.

#### Addiction Mass

This Mass is celebrated on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 10am in the Daily Chapel. Please join us if you, a loved one or anyone you know may be dealing with the struggle of addiction.

Mark Dannenfels, Director of Adult Faith Formation [mdannenfels@olachurch.org](mailto:mdannenfels@olachurch.org)



### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Eucharistic Adoration is visiting and spending time in quiet prayer with Jesus present in the Eucharist. It is an expression of our love for Jesus, who loves us so much that He never wants to leave us and stays with us in the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration takes place each Wednesday in the Daily Chapel beginning at 8:00am, continuing until 6:30pm. Adoration is followed by Holy Hour from 6:30pm to 7:00pm. Sign up not required.

Tuyen Pham  
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### Elijah Cup Vocations Ministry

Join us in our prayers for vocations! Each week at one of the Sunday Masses, a different family takes the Elijah Cup home to pray for vocations to the religious life and priesthood - especially to the Society of Mary (Marist).

Mike Cribbs, [mcribbs1@bellsouth.net](mailto:mcribbs1@bellsouth.net)

### Healing Rosary

A healing rosary is prayed on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm in the Daily Chapel. All are welcome to attend. If you have a prayer request, please send it to Nimi Wani at [nwani@olachurch.org](mailto:nwani@olachurch.org).

### Parish Reconciliation Services

Communal Penance Services are held two times during the year - once during Advent and again during Lent.

### Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross are prayed in the Church each Friday during Lent at 7:30pm. Deacon Ed Patterson,  
[epatterson@olachurch.org](mailto:epatterson@olachurch.org)

## HEALING/SUPPORT MINISTRIES

*Healing and Support Ministries offer spiritual, emotional, and physical support for members of our community who are in need of assistance.*

### Addiction Mass

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Mark Dannenfelsner,  
Director of Adult Faith Formation  
[mdannenfelsner@olachurch.org](mailto:mdannenfelsner@olachurch.org)

### Anointing of the Sick

Catholics suffering from illness are encouraged to receive the Anointing of the Sick. To schedule reception of the sacrament, please contact Nimi Wani at [nwani@olachurch.org](mailto:nwani@olachurch.org) or 404-261-7181 ext. 128.

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### Ministry of Care

Parishioners bring the Word of God and the Eucharist on a weekly basis to the sick, elderly in hospitals or care centers or those who are home-bound. If you would like to schedule someone to bring you communion, please contact Nimi Wani in the parish office at [nwani@olachurch.org](mailto:nwani@olachurch.org).

### Parish Reconciliation Services

Communal Penance Services are held two times during the year - once during Advent and again during Lent. Confessions are also heard each Saturday from 4-4:45pm in the church.

### St. Vincent de Paul For Those in Need

St. Vincent de Paul provides confidential and temporary emergency assistance to those within our parish boundaries in the form of rent, food, utilities, medicine or transportation. If you are in need of assistance, please call the Parish office at 404-261-7181 ext. 124.

### Stephen Ministry For Those in Need

Stephen Ministry is a one-to-one care giving ministry. Reach out to our Stephen Ministry if you want someone to listen and walk with you through troubled times, such as grieving from loss of a loved one, of a job, divorce, health issues, loneliness, living in a time of pain or lack of direction. **All is confidential.**

Parish Office, 404-261-7181, ext 128  
[stephenministry@olachurch.org](mailto:stephenministry@olachurch.org)

**If you would like to be a Stephen Minister, please see Christian Outreach Ministries.**

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION MINISTRIES

*Religious Education and Faith Formation Ministries are responsible for passing on the teachings of the Catholic Church.*

### BECOMING CATHOLIC

#### RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

The RCIA is the communal process of spiritual and educational formation through which adults explore the Catholic Faith and become fully initiated members of the Roman Catholic Church. RCIA is for adults wishing to become Catholic and also for Catholics who want to learn more about their faith.

Mark Dannenfelsner,  
Director of Adult Faith Formation  
[mdannenfelsner@olachurch.org](mailto:mdannenfelsner@olachurch.org)

#### RCIA Team

Volunteers may act as sponsors for candidates, assist with hospitality (see below), or be a facilitator in the process. You must be confirmed, an active member of the parish and willing to share your faith.

Mark Dannenfelsner,  
Director of Adult Faith Formation  
[mdannenfelsner@olachurch.org](mailto:mdannenfelsner@olachurch.org)

#### RCIA Hospitality

This group helps set-up, clean-up, and provide food for events celebrating those in the RCIA Program. There are several events throughout the year; however, the reception following the Easter Vigil is the main event.

Donna or Cathy Dravis,  
[dravisgirls@gmail.com](mailto:dravisgirls@gmail.com)

## FOR ADULTS

### Adult Faith Formation

The Faith Formation for Adults ministry supports growth in both human and Christian maturity, enriching the whole of life with the leaven of the Gospel, leading to a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and service to the poor and marginalized. The ministry engages all the faith dimensions of an adult life—for example, understanding and communicating the faith, skills needed for personal growth, the experience of family life, relationships, public service, and concern for the common good. Programs offered to adults include Scripture study groups, Small Christian Community discussion groups, various personal and spiritual growth courses, spiritual renewal and retreat programs, the adult conversion to Catholicism process, and many more.

The three major goals in adult faith formation are: 1. Invite and Enable Ongoing Conversion to Jesus in Holiness of Life; 2. Promote and Support Active Membership in the Christian Community; 3. Call and Prepare Adults to Act as Disciples in Mission to the World.

*\*excerpted and adapted from "Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us: A Pastoral Plan for Adult Faith Formation in the United States"*

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### Bible Study

Bible studies are offered as 6 week courses on various books of the Bible. Four 6-week courses are offered per year. Courses are offered on Sunday mornings, 10:15-11:15am in the Parish Library and Thursday mornings, 8:00-9:30 AM in the Upper Room.

Mark Dannenfelsner,  
Director of Adult Faith Formation  
[mdannenfelsner@olachurch.org](mailto:mdannenfelsner@olachurch.org)

### Confirmation Preparation Team

Adult stewards work with teen leaders to plan and lead meetings for our teen confirmation program. Adults will assist in leading small groups and should be good examples of living the faith. Teams meet in the summer for planning and classes are Wednesday evenings in the fall.

Angela O'Donoghue, Youth Minister  
[aodonoghue@olachurch.org](mailto:aodonoghue@olachurch.org)

## FOR CHILDREN/YOUTH

### Parish School of Religion (PSR)

The Parish School of Religion (Sunday School) assists parents in handing-on the Catholic faith to their children. Volunteer catechists meet with children in a classroom setting and promote knowledge of our beliefs, full and active participation in the liturgy, moral formation, and prayer life. The classes are for children in kindergarten through ninth grade who do not attend a Catholic school during the week.

*Adult Volunteers for PSR.* Teachers, aides and substitutes are needed at all grade levels. Training is provided. No experience needed.

Robert Rivers, Director of PSR  
[rrivers@olachurch.org](mailto:rrivers@olachurch.org)

Gretchen Heath, Administration  
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## Youth Ministry

**High School (9th-12th Grades):** Our high school group meets weekly on Sundays from 7 -8:30 PM (meetings officially start at 7 PM but the door is open following 5:30 PM Mass). Each week we share our lives while exploring our faith and talking about everything from Christian themes in Disney movies to mental health! Each meeting is planned and led by a team of teen and adult leaders. During the year we serve the homeless, have coat/hygiene kit/clothing drives, go on retreats to St. Bernard Abbey in Cullman, AL, and more.

**Middle School (6th-8th Grades):** Our middle school youth group meets on Tuesday evenings from 7-8:30 PM. Our meetings are scheduled, planned and presented by a team of adult and youth leaders. The youth leaders pick the topics and issues we focus on; meetings range from Catholic Jeopardy to Human Trafficking Awareness to outdoor Stations of the Cross to Angels & Heaven. During the year we serve the homeless, have coat/hygiene kit/clothing drives, and go on a retreat to St. Bernard Abbey (Cullman, AL), and more.

**Girl Talk (6th-8th Grade Girls):** Middle school girls are invited to join us once a month (usually a Wednesday or Thursday night) for pizza and discussions on life and surviving Middle School. Girls are welcome to come when they can as we know schedules vary by month and sport season.

**Kids Club (4th and 5th Graders):** Kids Club meets one Monday a month from 6 -7:30 PM. Each meeting is usually focused on a liturgical event for the month (Lent, Christmas, All Saints, etc). Among our activities are games, arts and crafts, and trivia. We also have pizza for dinner at each meeting.

**P3: Pizza, Play, and Prayer (1st – 3rd Graders):** P3 meets one Thursday a month from 6-7 PM. We begin with pizza and prayer followed by games, crafts, and other activities. Parents are invited to stay and help with activities and games.

**College/Young Adult:** Affectionately known as “Catholic Club” this group was founded by students from Oglethorpe University. All college aged young adults are welcome! For more information on the college group, contact our Assistant Youth Minister, Joseph Hoffman at [jhoffman@olachurch.org](mailto:jhoffman@olachurch.org).

Angela O’Donoghue, Youth Minister  
[aodonoghue@olachurch.org](mailto:aodonoghue@olachurch.org)

## Spiritual Life Ministries

*Spiritual Life Ministries help foster the spiritual life of the members of our community through activities including retreats, prayer, and discussion groups.*

### FOR EVERYONE

#### Elijah Cup Vocations Ministry

Join us in our prayers for vocations! Each week at one of the Sunday Masses, a different family takes the Elijah Cup home to pray for vocations to the religious life and priesthood - especially to the Society of Mary (Marist).  
Mike Cribbs, [mcribbs1@bellsouth.net](mailto:mcribbs1@bellsouth.net).

## FOR ALL ADULTS

### Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP)

Christ Renews His Parish is a retreat experience designed to give both the individual and the parish community an opportunity for renewal and growth in the spiritual life. This annual parish weekend has been offered at OLA since 1979. It is held each February on the parish grounds and is available to any adult interested. The retreat lasts from Friday evening until Sunday afternoon. The weekend is offered to parishioners by parishioners. Participants sleep in their own homes; all meals are provided.

Mark Dannenfelsner,  
Director of Adult Faith Formation  
[mdannenfelsner@olachurch.org](mailto:mdannenfelsner@olachurch.org)

### Christ Renews His Parish Second Touch (CRHP2T)

Relive the experience that awakened you at CRHP by joining us at this mini-retreat. Held each fall from Friday night through Saturday. Requirements: must have attended a CRHP weekend retreat prior.

Mark Dannenfelsner,  
Director of Adult Faith Formation  
[mdannenfelsner@olachurch.org](mailto:mdannenfelsner@olachurch.org)

### Small Christian Communities (SCC)

Small Christian Communities are faith-sharing groups of 6 - 12 people. Several groups (25-30 groups) meet at various times of the day and days of the week. Some groups have been meeting for 15 or 20 years! Small Christian Communities are powerful vehicles for adult faith formation, providing opportunities for learning, prayer, mutual support, and the shared experience of Christian living and service. These groups meet in parishioners homes and use discussion materials rooted in Scripture and Church tradition. *Currently, many groups are using the **ARISE Together In Christ** materials after a parish-wide initiative to increase participation in Small Christian Communities.* We invite you to participate in a small group or to get ideas for materials for your existing group.

Amanda Reilly, [amandareilly@comcast.net](mailto:amandareilly@comcast.net)

## FOR MEN

### Bible Study for Men – Friday Morning

The Friday Morning Men’s Bible Study attends the 7:30am Mass and then meets at Oglethorpe University for breakfast and bible study.

Pete Cabrelli, [pcabrelli@semareps.com](mailto:pcabrelli@semareps.com)

### Men’s Discipleship Group

This group meets every Saturday morning at 7:30 am in the OLA Parish Library. We discuss a variety of issues that men face and utilize both scripture and Christian teaching to guide us with the issues on our hearts. We are a very diverse group of men, at all different places in our Christian journey. We are striving to become better men, better husbands, better fathers ... Better Christians. The group is open to all men who wish to join. [www.facebook.com/groups/olasatmorningmensgroup/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/olasatmorningmensgroup/).

Declan Reilly and Ralph Williams,  
[olasatmorningmensgroup@gmail.com](mailto:olasatmorningmensgroup@gmail.com)

## That Man is You!

That Man is You! is an interactive men’s program focused upon the development of authentic male leadership. The program content harmonizes current social and medical science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive. TMIIY successively considers men in their relationships with God, their family, their careers, church, and social communities. We address the pressures and temptations men face in our modern culture. TMIIY seeks to form authentic leaders capable of transforming themselves, their homes, and greater society. It is particularly indebted to the teachings of the Second Vatican Council and Pope John Paul II.

The TMIIY! is scheduled around the school year. The program begins in the Fall and completes a 13-week “semester” before the Christmas holidays. The 13-week Spring “semester” begins in the middle of January and finishes by the end of April. Each session will include a light breakfast/social time, DVD presentation, small group discussion.

Striving to become better men, better husbands, better fathers, better community leaders... better Christians. Read more at [www.thatismansyou.org](http://www.thatismansyou.org)

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[olasatmorningmensgroup@gmail.com](mailto:olasatmorningmensgroup@gmail.com)

## FOR COUPLES

### Marriage Encounter/WEDS Group

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is the largest pro-marriage organization in the world and promotes weekend experiences for couples who want to make their good marriage even better. WEDS groups meet for the purpose of supporting each other in dialogue and to help each other live out the concepts of the Marriage Encounter Weekend. All couples who have attended a Marriage Encounter Weekend are invited to join the OLA WEDS group.

Karen Sheehan,  
[ksheehan2000@yahoo.com](mailto:ksheehan2000@yahoo.com)

### Sponsor Couple for the Engaged

Lay ministers (married couples) meet with engaged couples as part of the marriage preparation process. Training is required.

Ingrid and Max Hilsman  
[ingridhilsman@bellsouth.net](mailto:ingridhilsman@bellsouth.net)

### Wedding Guild

Wedding Guild members assist couples in pre-wedding preparations, the rehearsal, and on the day of the wedding. If you are planning to get married at OLA, please contact Nimi Wani in the parish office at [nwani@olachurch.org](mailto:nwani@olachurch.org).

## FOR CHILDREN/YOUTH

### Little Lambs

Each Sunday during the 9:00am Liturgy, children (2 – 5 years old) leave the assembly to celebrate the “Good News” in their own style with age appropriate stories and lessons, then they return to Mass. Sign-up is not required.



### Liturgy of the Word for Children

Each Sunday during the 9:00 am Liturgy, children (5 years – 2nd grade), leave the congregation to celebrate the “Good News” in their own style then they return to Mass. Sign-up is not required.

### Youth Ministry

For young people in 1st grade through college. Please look under Religious Education and Faith Formation Ministries for detailed information.

## Outreach Ministries

*Christian Outreach Ministries help us to live lives of mercy and to fulfill our baptismal call as we serve others who are in need of physical, emotional, or spiritual aid.*

### WITHIN THE OLA COMMUNITY

#### Body & Soul

This group organizes the parish blood drives, health fairs, and performs fund raisers for healthcare issues such as cancer and food allergy research.

Sara Sullivan, [sara\\_sullivan@bellsouth.net](mailto:sara_sullivan@bellsouth.net)

#### Funeral Reception Ministry

The OLA Funeral Reception Ministry provides funeral reception services that include food preparation, set-up, service, and clean-up in support of family and friends as they comfort one another following a funeral Mass. Please consider sharing your time and talent by joining our ministry! We have many volunteer options available to fit your time schedule. Communication is by e-mail, and we use Sign-up Genius to request stewards for the different volunteer needs. You can pick an item or spot to fill if you are available to help.

Amy O'Donoghue, 404-816-6992  
[odonoghue88@comcast.net](mailto:odonoghue88@comcast.net)

#### Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization. Founded by Father Michael J. McGivney in New Haven, Connecticut, in 1882, it was named in honor of the mariner Christopher Columbus. This Catholic organization for men is devoted to fundraising in support of many activities in and around the parish; specific areas of activities are church, school, community, youth, and pro-life.

Bob DuPree, [r\\_dupree@bellsouth.net](mailto:r_dupree@bellsouth.net)

#### Loaves & Fishes

Volunteers provide meals, on request, to families with new babies, those that are sick or hospitalized, or families that have experienced a death.

Nancy Rogge, [nancy.d.rogge@gmail.com](mailto:nancy.d.rogge@gmail.com)

#### Meals for Marists

These volunteers provide and deliver a weekly meal (typically on Sundays) to the parish priests. In addition, food preparation as needed for special events throughout the year hosted by the pastor and/or parish priests.

Jill Pierce, [jillcpierce@hotmail.com](mailto:jillcpierce@hotmail.com)

### Ministry of Care

Parishioners bring the Word of God and the Eucharist on a weekly basis to the sick, elderly in hospitals or care centers or those who are home-bound. Special training is required in addition to being a trained Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist.

Dc. Terry Biglow,  
[terry.biglow@cdbhpartners.com](mailto:terry.biglow@cdbhpartners.com)

#### Stephen Ministry, Stewards

Stephen Ministry is a one-to-one care giving ministry. After training you will show God's mercy, care and compassion to someone who is facing difficulties in their life. We are grounded in Jesus's command to love one another.

Paul Roberts, [paul.roberts771@gmail.com](mailto:paul.roberts771@gmail.com)  
[stephenministry@olachurch.org](mailto:stephenministry@olachurch.org)

**If you would like to talk to a Stephen Minister, please see Healing/Support Ministries section.**

### TO THE LARGER COMMUNITY

#### Addiction Mass

This Mass is celebrated on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 10am in the daily chapel. Please join us if you, a loved one or anyone you know may be dealing with the struggle of addiction.

Mark Dannenfesler,  
Director of Adult Faith Formation  
[mdannenfesler@olachurch.org](mailto:mdannenfesler@olachurch.org)

#### Adopt-A-Cop: A Prayer Protection Ministry

*Serving Those Who Protect.* Adopt-A-Cop assigns law enforcement officers from the Brookhaven Police Department to a family, group, or individual who will pray daily for them and send a note of encouragement, support, and gratitude for their service to the community. Members support the department in their community building activities and the ministry strengthens the relationship between our parish and the Brookhaven Police Department.

Anne Stephens, [astephens@olachurch.org](mailto:astephens@olachurch.org)  
Sarah Cash, [sarahmccash@gmail.com](mailto:sarahmccash@gmail.com)

#### IOH: Interfaith Outreach Home Ministry

The IOH-Interfaith Outreach Home Ministry assists in maintaining the IOH home in all capacities and not only works to maintain the interior and exterior of the home, the ministry provides continued support to the residents and the staff. IOH allows those that have been displaced to have a place to stay, along with their families, until they are able to get back onto their feet. Please consider sharing your time and talent by joining our ministry. We have plenty of projects to fit any schedule.

Bonita Cason-Atlow, 404-538-2725  
[atlowb@bellsouth.net](mailto:atlowb@bellsouth.net)

#### Just Faith Ministry

The OLA Just Faith Ministry is open to all who have completed the Just Faith Training. The organization supports its members to put their faith in action in support of others.

We hold monthly FAIR TRADE coffee/tea/chocolate sales. Fair trade certification ensures the farming cooperatives comply with Fair Trade practices and are compensated at a

fair wage. All products are NON-GMO and ORGANIC. CRS gets a portion of the proceeds. All profit goes toward building homes in Nicaragua by Food For the Poor.

This ministry also maintains an organic (Plant A Row) garden. All produce is donated to the Suther's Center in Chamblee for local distribution. This ministry is in partnership with STAND UP FOR KIDS - a program supporting the homeless youth of Atlanta. Annual drives are conducted to provide what is needed and asked for by Stand Up for Kids.

The OLA Just Faith community actively supports each member in the work done in other Outreach Ministries (i.e. Kairos, Adult Ed programs, etc...).

Maria Massey,  
[mariamassey1950@yahoo.com](mailto:mariamassey1950@yahoo.com)

#### KAIROS Prison Ministry

Kairos is an ecumenical Christian Prison Ministry that ministers to men and women in medium and maximum security prisons. Volunteers are needed to join the team, help lead retreats, and show agape in the form of baking cookies for prisoners and prison staff.

Kevin Fitzpatrick, 404-376-1495  
[Kevin.fitzpatrick@dcbflegal.com](mailto:Kevin.fitzpatrick@dcbflegal.com)

#### Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic men's organization that is devoted to many activities in and around the parish; specific areas of activities are church, community, youth and pro-life.

Bob DuPree, [bob\\_dupree@bellsouth.net](mailto:bob_dupree@bellsouth.net)

#### Mercy Care Ministry

Mercy Care is our neighborhood clinic that provides free/low cost healthcare to families who do not have access to basic medical care. OLA's Mercy Care ministry provides volunteer support for neighborhood health fairs, collects critical essential care items to support front line street medicine teams and raises funds to support community initiatives. Opportunities are also available for medical professionals and life and health skills professionals interested in volunteering their time and talent.

Darlene Mathews,  
[joseph\\_darlene@yahoo.com](mailto:joseph_darlene@yahoo.com)

#### Middle School Missions Camp

Rising 6th – 8th graders spend a week learning how to share their time and talent through service to the OLA and local community.

Joy Baljet, [joybaljet@gmail.com](mailto:joybaljet@gmail.com)

Maria Thomas, [rmsb@outlook.com](mailto:rmsb@outlook.com)

#### Night Shelter Food Drivers (Nov. – March)

Drivers deliver food to the Central Presbyterian Night Shelter on Tuesdays, Nov. - March.

Jim Tiernan, [jimtier25@yahoo.com](mailto:jimtier25@yahoo.com)

#### Night Shelter Volunteers (Nov. – March)

Overnight volunteers serve at the Central Presbyterian Night Shelter by serving dinner to the guests (70 homeless men), cleaning up afterwards, and then staying overnight at the shelter to provide supervision of the guests. We typically have 6 overnight volunteers per night who rotate shifts of sleeping and supervising the guests. Total time on site is from 6pm to 6am. The reward



of this ministry is the direct, hands-on outreach with the homeless men. They are real people who are down on their luck. They are humble and genuinely appreciative of the warm meal and the shelter from the winter weather. Serving them in this way is a humbling and uplifting experience.

Nick Meyer, [nickgmeyer@gmail.com](mailto:nickgmeyer@gmail.com)

### **Pro-Life Committee**

The primary goal of this committee is to educate people about Pro-Life issues, increase awareness and raise funds for pro-life causes.

Mike Cribbs, [mcribbs1@bellsouth.net](mailto:mcribbs1@bellsouth.net)

### **Souppremes (Nov. - March)**

Teams of chefs prepare meals to be served at the Central Night Shelter Teams cook on a rotating schedule. Meals are prepared in the Marist Hall Kitchen each Monday of the Month and delivered the next day by the Night Shelter Drivers Ministry.

Anne Marie Shulman, [annemarieshulman@mac.com](mailto:annemarieshulman@mac.com)

Jill Termini, [jilltermini@ups.com](mailto:jilltermini@ups.com)

### **St. Vincent de Paul Society**

The purpose of this group is to provide confidential and temporary emergency assistance to those within our parish boundaries in the form of rent, food, utilities, medicine or transportation. Members make personal visits to assess and verify needs of clients.

Mike Cribbs, [mcribbs1@bellsouth.net](mailto:mcribbs1@bellsouth.net)

## **Social Ministries**

*OLA has a number of ministries that provide welcoming and social activities for our parishioners of all ages. These ministries help our community grow in relationship with one another.*

### **FOR ADULTS**

#### **Athletics**

OLA Parish sponsors elementary school teams during the Catholic Metro League season along with adult athletics. Adult volunteers are what make this ministry a success.

Rob Aldrich, Director [raldrich.atl@gmail.com](mailto:raldrich.atl@gmail.com)

Andy Powell, Communications [nd998powell@gmail.com](mailto:nd998powell@gmail.com)

Tim Binder, Basketball [tbinder@coca-cola.com](mailto:tbinder@coca-cola.com)

Karen Sheehan, Cross Country [ksheehan2000@yahoo.com](mailto:ksheehan2000@yahoo.com)

Jeremy Daniels, Golf [jd@completepolymers.com](mailto:jd@completepolymers.com)

Trey Prophater, Soccer [soccer@olabobcats.com](mailto:soccer@olabobcats.com)

Cathy Pitchford, Volleyball [c.pitchford@att.net](mailto:c.pitchford@att.net)

#### **Book Club**

The book club for adults meets every 2nd Thursday of the month at 10:00am in the Parish Library. The group is facilitated by Rita O'Brien and selects a book relevant to the spiritual life to be discussed in an informal and friendly setting. Consult the parish bulletin for each month's book and just show up for the discussion!

Rita O'Brien, 404-231-9611

#### **Bridge Club**

All skill levels are welcome to this dynamic group. Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues of the month October thru June, 6:30-9:30pm in Moylan Hall. Proceeds support bereavement receptions at OLA.

Mary Anne Grady, [maryannegrady@yahoo.com](mailto:maryannegrady@yahoo.com)

Charlie Grady, [charliegrady@att.net](mailto:charliegrady@att.net)

#### **New Member Welcome and Orientation**

This team organizes quarterly (3 breakfasts and 1 dinner) welcome events in Moylan Hall. We invite and greet new member families at these events. Activities include organizing events, greeting and hosting new member families, informing new member families of ministry opportunities, new member gift assembly, and help with setup and cleanup.

Steve Snyder, [snyde1@hotmail.com](mailto:snyde1@hotmail.com)

#### **OLA Strings**

A ministry of Classical Music and "Songs from Long Ago" in String Quartet form. We play the music of Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert, Strauss, Gershwin and others for our own enjoyment and for the pleasure of others at OLA. We support other ministries at OLA with background music when needed. We practice and learn new music in the choir room on Wednesday nights from 7:30 until 9:45. If you play Violin, Viola, or Cello, WE NEED YOU! Just basic playing skill are needed. We learn together.

Richard Hood, 770-630-1861

#### **OLA Young Adults**

OLA Young Adults is a group of 25 to 35+ year-old members of OLA Parish in Atlanta who have an interest in being involved, exploring our faith and making new friends. Much like the three tenets of Stewardship, (time, talent, and treasure) we consider the three aspects of our group to be Spiritual, Service and Social. We meet regularly for Group Bible Study, provide service to our community and gather for dinners or other fun events.

Steven and Caroline Savor, [ola.youngadults.atl@gmail.com](mailto:ola.youngadults.atl@gmail.com)

#### **Super Club**

A great way to meet members of the parish. This group meets for dinner on a monthly basis in each other's homes, in groups of four couples or pairs. They rotate from home to home. A "Dinner of Dinners" is held annually.

Sara Cicero, [stutzes@cisco.com](mailto:stutzes@cisco.com)

#### **Woman's Circle**

The purpose of Women's Circle at OLA is to offer women of all ages quality opportunities for personal growth and service to others. Monthly meetings offer speakers, activities, community outreach and social gathering.

Meredith Mouledous and Yvette Litchfield, [olawomenscircle@gmail.com](mailto:olawomenscircle@gmail.com)

### **FOR CHILDREN/YOUTH**

#### **Athletics**

OLA Parish sponsors elementary school teams during the Catholic Metro League season.

Rob Aldrich, Director [raldrich.atl@gmail.com](mailto:raldrich.atl@gmail.com)

See additional Contact information under "For Adults."

#### **Boy Scouts**

The boy scouts provide a program for young boys that builds character, trains them in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and develops personal fitness.

Peter Baljet, [bpaljet@gmail.com](mailto:bpaljet@gmail.com)

#### **Cub Scouts**

All local boys in 1st - 5th grades are invited to join OLA's **Cub Scout Pack 21**. Pack 21 is over 100 boys strong, coming from Montgomery, Ashford Park, OLA, and several other schools. We are a nationally-recognized, Gold Award-winning pack. Cub Scout principles include character development, spiritual growth, good citizenship, sportsmanship, and service. Pack 21 aims to teach those principles through fun and exciting activities: family camping trips, the Pinewood Derby, Space Camp, the Raingutter Regatta, biking, a model rocket launch, hiking in the Smoky Mountains, games, skits, worship, and much more.

Kevin O'Toole, [kotpack21@gmail.com](mailto:kotpack21@gmail.com)

#### **Girl Scouts**

The Girl Scouts ministry strives to serve each girl in the school and parish community through service, commitment, and personal responsibility. With the help of dedicated volunteer leaders and the guidance of the Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta, we are building strong women of character and leadership. OLA Girl Scouts are part of the Dunwoody Service Unit allowing us to participate in events such as S'Mores Fest, Ornament Extravaganza, Super Swap Saturday, Cadette Skate Night and High Harbour Weekends. Troops are individually run at each grade level and usually meet right after school.

Joy Baljet, [joybaljet@gmail.com](mailto:joybaljet@gmail.com)  
678-427-2110

#### **Youth Ministry**

For young people in 1st grade through college. Please look under Religious Education and Faith Formation Ministries for detailed information.



## FOR EVERYONE

These are for everyone. Adult stewards are needed to serve events.

### Doughnut Sunday

Doughnuts, coffee, and juice are served twice a month after the 9am Mass, September through May.

Joy Baljet, joybaljet@gmail.com

### Lenten Fish Fries

On Fridays in Lent, you can gather with other great parish cooks to help prepare this wonderful Lenten meal.

Jimmy Heath, jhheath@aol.com  
404-723-9494

### Parish Life Group

Families of the parish gather monthly during the school year for various activities and service projects. Events are designed for both family participation and adult only. Open to married couples or couples without children and single parent families. Volunteer opportunities exist at all levels for events.

Ashlyn Gioia, Betsie Grieff, and Laura Belatti  
olaparishlifegroup@gmail.com

# Indonesian Community Ministry

**Komunitas Katolik Indonesia (KKI-Atlanta)** serves Indonesian Catholic families and friends around the metropolitan Atlanta area. This active OLA community provides Mass in Indonesian and a variety of programs for children and adults. While preserving the Indonesian culture and tradition for their members, they are integrating to the local community as they grow in faith and understanding of American culture.

**Indonesian Community Coordinator:** Robert Susanto, robertsusanto@gmail.com

- Mass: Sunday @ 1:30pm
- Fellowship Potluck Luncheon: Every first Sunday of the month after mass in Moylan Hall / Marist Hall
- Family Prayer Meeting: Third Saturday of the month
- Indonesian Food Sales (to raise funds for an Indonesian Orphanage House / Seminary): Every third Sunday of the month
- Pray & Lunch on 2nd Friday of the month
- Badminton / Volley Ball: Every second and fourth Sunday of the month after mass in the Gym
- Annual Food / Cultural Festival: Summer / Fall
- Immigration and Good Citizenship Workshop / Seminar
- Indonesian Consular Services (by Indonesian Consular General or Indonesian Embassy)
- Christmas Eve Homeless Shelter Service: provide Indonesian meals / gifts / children performance
- Community Retreat
- Charismatic Renewal Program

“All are Welcome” to join and support our programs - as we all speak the language of solidarity: “LOVE” (KASIH).

Visit our webpage [www.kki-atlanta.org](http://www.kki-atlanta.org) or Facebook (KKI Atlanta).

# Latino Community Ministry

### Latino Community Coordinator

Carlos Vizcaino, cvizcaino@olachurch.org

**MISA:** Domingos 3:30pm.

**CONFESIONES:** Domingos 2:30pm

**HORAS DE OFICINA:** Sábado 3-7pm,  
Domingos de 10am a 5pm

### Sacristán

Sr. Moisés Alvares,  
678-206-3773  
Elifas Escalante,  
770-728-2509  
Sergio Escalante Hernandez, 404-549-1118

### Ministros de Bienvenida

Dan una cálida bienvenida a quienes llegan a la iglesia.

Gerardo Lopez, 678-992-3592

### Proclamadores de la Palabra

Leen las lecturas y el salmo en la misa dominical.

Mario Roblero, 404-551-6645

### Ministros de Eucaristía

Son especialmente entrenados para administrar la sagrada Comunión, cuando el sacerdote lo requiera, en las misas dominicales.

Fredy Berduo, 678-481-4960

### Monaguillos

Sra. Gloria Bartolon, 404-207-2119

### Ujieres

El grupo de ujieres ayuda con la organización de las misas. Dirigen a las personas que entran a la iglesia, se encargan de las coleccionas y reparten información al final de la misa.

Blas Ramos, 678-268-8017

### Quinceañeras y Bodas

Ayudan a coordinar las ceremonias siguiendo el ritual y catequizando a los participantes.

Cheri Felton, cherifelton@bellsouth.net

### Programa de preparación para tomar el examen GED en español

Las clases de GED ayudan a personas adultas a prepararse para tomar el examen de equivalencia al High School. El examen consta de cinco partes: Lenguaje-Escritura, Lenguaje-Lectura, Ciencias Sociales, Ciencias Naturales y Matemáticas.

Dra. Leticia Valencia, 770-742-9099

### Charlas de Preparación para Bautizos

Yesenia Garcia, 404-819-8389

### Renovación Católica Carismática

Augusto Lopez, 678-927-5279

### RCIA

Es el proceso de preparación para adultos que no han sido bautizados o adultos bautizados que no han recibido los sacramentos de la Eucaristía (Primera Comunión) y/o Confirmación.

Sra. Elizabeth Pérez, 678-206-3773

### Apóstoles de la Palabra

El grupo de Misioneros Apóstoles de la Palabra se reúnen los domingos a las 5:00pm para un estudio bíblico que les permite afianzar y defender la Fe Católica.

Adelso Perez, 678-791-6272

### Grupo de Jovenes

Santos R. Churunel, 404-819-8389

### Coro

Victor Ortiz, 678-508-0797

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