















You Belong Here.

OLA needs you. We need you in our worship, in our formation, in our service, and in our celebrations.

We are not complete without you.

First Corinthians tells us that the Body of Christ is not complete unless we all participate. **You have a role to play**. We cannot further the mission of shining Christ's Light into the world without your faith, your service, and your presence.

In these ministries, you'll find the places where you, your gifts, your story, and your heart belong. Come as you are, enter in, and belong here.

Our Mission

Through Worship, Education, and Service we continue to grow in our relationship with God and one another through Jesus Christ, in the spirit of Mary, our Patroness.



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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. Through their gifts and talents ministry stewards ensure that our liturgical celebrations are truly life-giving expressions of our faith.

If you have questions about an individual ministry, please contact the ministry contact listed or the Pastoral Council Commission Ministry Head, Jocelyn Ralston, at PC-Worship@olachurch.ora.

Liturgical Support MinistriesThese ministries are for those parishionrs who prefer to support our communal prayer outside of the actual liturgies.

Altar Linen Ministry

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

Altar Server Vestment Care

Members of this ministry clean and mend the vestments used by the altar servers. Joy Baljet, servervestments@olachurch.org

Butterfly Mass (For those Living with Disabilities)

It is an Indonesian legend that when a butterfly comes into one's home it means that a visitor will be coming soon. The more colorful the butterfly, the more important the visitor. We welcome everyone in the parish to join in the celebration of Mass along with our brothers and sisters of all abilities on the 4th Saturday of each month at the 5pm Mass. The Butterfly Mass features softer lighting and music, fidgets for our "busy bees" and a calmer setting. OLA's parish family fosters a welcoming, accepting, and safe environment for persons with special abilities. All are welcome to celebrate with us. Joy Baljet, butterflymass@olachurch.org

Environment and Art

This group plans and implements the decor that enhances our liturgies throughout the liturgical seasons. Team members are needed throughout the year, but most particularly during Advent, Christmas, and Easter seasons. Jocelyn Ralston, jocelynralston@comcast.net

Nursery (Sunday 9am Mass)

The Nursery is available during the 9am Sunday Mass for children 1-4 years of age throughout the school year. The Nursery is located in the OLA Preschool classrooms - follow directional signs on Sunday or stop by the Welcome Desk for more information. Laura Kleinman, nursery@olachurch.org www.olanursery.shutterfly.com

Liturgical Ministries

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

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (Adults)

Extraordinary Ministers are commissioned to serve communion at weekend and daily Masses. Added training allows you to minister to the homebound, care centers and hospitals (See Ministers of Care on the Christian Outreach Page). New Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion training is held in the spring and the fall. RaeAnn Brothers, Coordinator, rae.ann.heenan@gmail.com; Sharon Adams (Trainer), sharonfadams@bellsouth.net

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, funeralministry@olachurch.org.

Greeters and Ushers

Greeters welcome those attending liturgies and provide assistance to those in need of seating. Ushers take up the offertory collection and assist at communion. They work together to hand out bulletins and straighten up the church pews and Narthex after Mass. Carlo Pierelli, ushers@olachurch.org

Lectors

Lectors proclaim the scripture readings and Prayers of the Faithful at liturgies. Deacon Ed Patterson, epatterson@olachurch.org











Music Ministry

The Music Ministry at OLA serves at all the weekend Masses and on Holy Days of Obligation. Its mission is to create a warm, welcoming, and educational environment for any individual searching for a way to give back to the church and serve during liturgies. Through the gift of music, the members of this ministry share their talents with the congregations each weekend to create and enhance worshipful, powerful, and prayerful moments of the Mass.

Regardless of experience level, availability, or age, all are invited and encouraged to explore the different opportunities OLA's Music Ministry offers.

Jake Mappes, Director of Music, jmappes@olachurch.org www.olachurch.org/music-ministry

Sacristans

Sacristans assist the clergy in set-up and clean-up at daily and weekend liturgies. Dc. Ed Patterson, 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, cherifelton3@agmail.com

Worship Ministries for Children & Youth

5:30PM Sunday Mass Ministries

Our 5:30pm Sunday Mass is served exclusively by teens of our parish grades 6 and higher. Lectors, Ushers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and members of the Life Teen Band are needed. See below for details. Andrew Knuckles, Director of Youth Ministry, aknuckles@olachurch.org

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. Lynn and Bill Kester, Vyvy Vyoung, Lawrence Lee, servers@olachurch.org

Childrens' Choir (1st - 6th Grades)

Children from 1st - 6th grades are invited to join the Children's Choir. 4th - 6th graders proclaim the psalm. The Children's Choir sings twice a month during the school year and at Christmas and Easter.

Jake Mappes, Choir Director, www.olachurch.org/music-ministry

Children's Liturgy of the Word (Kindergarten and 1st Grade)

Each Sunday at the 9am Mass during the school year, children who are in kindergarten and first grade are invited to leave Mass to listen to the Liturgy of the Word for children on their own. They will have a time of reflection on the Word, then head back to Mass to join their family at the offertory. Bridgett Posey and Sarah Welch,

ChildrensLiturgy@olachurch.org

Life Teen Band (7th - 12th Grades)

All adults and teens 7th grade and up are invited to participate in the Life Teen Band and Choir that leads music at the 5:30pm Sunday Mass each week. With an emphasis on modern praise and worship music as well as contemporary arrangements of classic hymns, rehearsals begin promptly at 4:30pm, either in the upstairs music room or church. Jake Mappes, Choir Director, www.olachurch.org/music-ministry

Little Lambs

Each Sunday at the 9am Mass during the school year, independent preschool aged children are invited to receive their own Liturgy of the Word during Mass. They are led out by our community shepherd prior to the first reading, and then return to Mass at the offertory. They experience scripture and a reflection designed just for their age group. Emily DeWitt, emily13dewitt@gmail.com



WORSHIP PRAYER

Along with our Masses, OLA offers a number of opportunities throughout the year for the community to gather in prayer.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesdays from 8am - 6pm in the Daily Chapel. 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. You can drop in at any time or sign up each week as a Guardian for an hour. Betsie Greiff, adoration@olachurch.org

Daily Chapel Open Times

The Daily Chapel is open from Monday - Friday 8am - 3:30pm for private prayer. There is no access to the main church at that time.

Elijah Cup Vocations Ministry

Every other weekend at one of the 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 (Marists), the religious society that serves our parish.

Katie Schermerhorn, ktschermerhorn@gmail.com

Evening Prayer and Benediction

Evening Prayer is prayed on Wednesdays from 6-6:30pm in the Daily Chapel (except the Second Wednesday of the month when the Healing Rosary is prayed). At the end of weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Evening Prayer is prayed, led by a deacon. Evening Prayer is followed by Benediction, a final solemn blessing with special prayers, before the Blessed Sacrament is once again reposed to the tabernacle.

Healing Rosary and Benediction

The Healing Rosary is prayed on the Second Wednesday of the month from 6-6:30pm in the Daily Chapel. At the end of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the rosary healing rosary is led by a deacon. The Rosary is followed by Benediction, a final solemn blessing with special prayers, before the Blessed Sacrament is once again reposed to the tabernacle. If you would like to add someone to be prayed for, contact Deacon Ed Patterson at epatterson@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

At 7:30pm on Fridays during Lent, the Stations of the Cross are prayed in the church.



God, Our Father, we are all Your children.
Jesus, our Brother, You taught us to love.
Holy Spirit, by Your light, may our parish family grow.
Our Lady of the Assumption, pray for us.



Mass Times

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil - 5pm Sunday - 7:30am, 9am, 11:30am, 1:30pm (Indonesian), 3:30pm (Spanish), and 5:30pm

Daily Masses

Monday - Friday - 7:30am Saturday - 9am

HEALING & SUPPORT

Sacraments and Ministries of healing and support offer spiritual, emotional, and physical comfort for members of our community who are in need of assistance.

Anointing of the Sick

Catholics suffering from illness are encouraged to receive the Anointing of the Sick. The Sacrament is given after the Saturday 5pm Mass each week or by appointment. *To make an appointment, contact Karen Kotara at 404–261–7181 ext 128 or kkotara@olachurch.org.*

Healing Rosary and Benediction

The Healing Rosary is prayed on the Second Wednesday of the month from 6-6:30pm in the Daily Chapel. At the end of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament the healing rosary is led by a deacon. The Rosary is followed by Benediction. If you would like to add someone to be prayed for, contact Deacon Ed Patterson at epatterson@olachurch.org

Loaves and Fishes

Volunteers provide meals to parishioners in need (new babies, those that are sick or hospitalized, families that have experienced a death, and individuals or families experiencing other hardships). Volunteers are also occasionally asked to assist with food preparation or donation for special parish events. If you would like to schedule meals to be delivered, email Gwen Brannon and Michele Sanders, loaves-fishes@olachurch.org

Ministry of Care

Parishioners bring the Word of God and the Eucharist on a weekly basis to the sick, the elderly in hospitals or care senters, and to the homebound. If you would like to schedule someone to bring you communion, contact Karen Kotara in the parish office at kkotara@olachurch.org or 404-261-7181 ext 128.

Reconciliation (Communal Services)

Communal Penance Services are held twice during the year - in Advent and Lent. This includes a brief public prayer service followed by private confessions.

Reconciliation (Private)

Individual confessions are heard each Saturday from 4 - 4:30pm in the Church. To schedule a private confession, contact Karen Kotara in the parish office at kkotara@olachurch.org or 404-261-7181 ext. 128.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

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 404-261-7181 ext. 124 and leave a message.

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry is a one-to-one care giving ministry. Stephen Ministers are there 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**. Contact 404-261-7181, ext 128 or sministry@olachurch.org to arrange meeting with a Stephen Minister.

ADULT FORMATION AND SPIRITUAL LIFE **MINISTRIES**

OLA's Adult Formation and Spiritual Life Ministries foster continuing education on the teachings of the Catholic Church and opportunities for spiritual growth for adults.

If you have questions about an individual ministry, please contact the ministry contact listed or the Pastoral Council Commission Ministry Head, Art Keegan, at <u>PC-adult-formation@olachurch.org</u>.

Bible Studies/Courses

Throughout the year various studies are offered to the parish. Each study presented allows you to better understand sacred history and your role in this history. Elizabeth Piper, Director of Faith Formation, epiper@olachurch.org

Bible Discussion Group for Men

The group attends the 7:30am Mass and then meets for breakfast and bible study. We are in need of fresh blood and would welcome new members with open arms. Joining is easy – just show up at Mass on Friday or if you sleep late come to J. Christopher's on Dresden at 8:15am. Al Massey, almassey3394@att.net; Art Keegan, artkeegan@hotmail.com

Catholic Divorce Ministry

Catholic Divorce Ministry is a place that welcomes you during the time of healing after a divorce. This group provides topics to encourage healing, meet guest speakers and participate in socials. Elizabeth Piper, Director of Faith Formation, epiper@olachurch.org; Register. at www.olachurch.org/divorcesupport

Christ Renews His Parish Retreat (CRHP)

Christ Renews His Parish is an annual parishioner led retreat designed to give both the individual and the parish community an opportunity for renewal and growth in the spiritual life. CRHP is held early in the new year on the OLA campus and lasts from Friday evening until Sunday afternoon. The weekend is a great opportunity to get to know other members of the parish, and to see where God is calling you to serve. Participaants go home each night. Jenny and Mike Kelly, crhp@olachurch.org

Elijah Cup Vocations Ministry

Every other weekend at one of the Masses, a different family or individual takes the Elijah Cup home to pray for vocations to the religious life and priesthood - especially to the Society of Mary (Marists), the religious society that serves our parish. Katie Schermerhorn, ktscchermerhorn@gmail.com



Marriage Encounter (WEDS)

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 are couples who have attended a Marriage Encounter Weekend. They meet for to help each other live out the concepts of the Marriage Encounter Weekend. Karen Sheehan, marriageencounter@olachurch.org

Mosaic (Interfaith Couples Ministry)

The goal of this ministry is to offer support for couples who are in dual faith relationships. Parish leaders will work with our interfaith couples to determine their needs and how our parish community can best help them navigate the challenges – and joys – that an interfaith relationship can bring. Laura and Alan Berstein, mosaic@olachurch.org

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)

Inquirers into the Catholic Faith are invited to meet Sundays at 4pm in the Upper Room of the church. The Inquiry Group starts with time to ask questions about the Catholic church and how to become Catholic. It is the beginning of the Order of Catholic Initiation for Adults (OCIA). OCIA is also for baptized Catholics who seek to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and/or Confirmation. Elizabeth Piper, Director of Faith Formation, epiper@olachurch.org

Saturday Men's Discipleship Group

The Saturday Men's Discipleship Group welcomes all men in the community. They meet every Saturday from 7:30-9:00 am in the Parish Office Conference Room. We discuss a variety of issues that all men face, utilizing both scripture and Christian teaching to guide us through the issues on our hearts. This diverse group of men, at all different places in our Christian journey, is focused on men in their relationship with God, their spouses, their children, and in their careers. We strive to become better men, better husbands, better fathers ... Better Christians. Deacon Bill Kester and Ralph Williams, olasatmorningmensgroup@gmail.com, bkester@olachurch.org

Second Touch Retreat

Relive the experience that awakened you at CRHP by joining us at this mini-retreat that is held in the Fall from Friday night through Saturday. You must have attended a CRHP weekend retreat in order to attend this retreat. Jason Hoback, jwhoback@yahoo.com



Small Christian Communities

Small Christian Communities are faith-sharing groups of persons that meet on their own schedule to discuss materials rooted in Scripture and Church tradition. They are powerful vehicles for adult faith formation, providing opportunities for learning, prayer, mutual support, and the shared experience of Christian living and service. Elizabeth Piper, Director of Faith Formation, at epiper@olachurch.org.

SoulCore

Join SoulCore Leader Sue Soha to nourish body, mind & soul with SoulCore - a prayer experience that combines the prayers of the rosary with core strengthening, stretching and functional movement. Sue Soha, SueSoha@SpecialSettingsPT.

Sponsor Couples for the Engaged

Lay ministers/married couples meet with engaged couples as part of the marriage preparation process. Training is required. Bridgett and Lee Posey, sponsorcouple@olachurch.org.

Theology on Tap

Rooted in the conviction that Christ's ministry took place in the community to meet all of God's children where they are, Deacons Mat Mathews and Bill Kester are fostering an environment where members of our diverse community can share in fellowship, experience the Gospel in a different way, and have a safe space to ask the questions they've always wanted to about Christ, Faith, the Church, and anything else on their journey through our ever complex society. We welcome adults 18+(but you must be 21+ to order an alcoholic beverage) to join us once a month at Los Bravos Mexican Restaurant. (You must be 21+ to order an alcoholic beverage.) Deacons Mat Mathews and Bill Kester, theology-on-tap@olachurch.org

Thursday Morning Bible Study with Art Keegan

Parishioner Art Keegan presents a Bible Study each Thursday morning September - May. Classes are from 8:15 - 9:15am. in the Upper Room. Multiple books of the Bible are discussed each year - selections are chosen by the group under Art's leadership. Everyone is invited to join the group after the 7:30am Mass. Art Keegan, artkeegan@hotmail.com

Women's Small Faith Groups

Women's small groups are groups of 10-15 women who meet in each others homes to support one another in their journeys as individuals, spouses, mothers, and Christians. Part social and part reflection, these groups promote deepening friendships through faith-filled connections. Catherine Rice and Gianna Kasten, olawomensgroups@gmail.com

Young Adult Ministry

All young adults (20s and 30s) are invited to join the Young Adult Ministry! There are several ways to participate: we have a Bible/spiritual book study group that meets weekly and we also plan social events and service opportunities. For more information on ways to get involved and to receive our emails, please contact us. Angela O'Donoghue and Meghan Schmidt, youngadults@olachurch.org

FAMILY AND YOUTH FORMATION **MINISTRIES**

OLA's Family and Youth Formation Ministries foster continuing education on the teachings of the Catholic Church and opportunities for spiritual growth for the children and youth of the parish.

If you have questions about an individual ministry, please contact the ministry contact listed or the Pastoral Council Commission Ministry Head, Maria Thomas, at <u>PC-family-youth-formation@olachurch.org.</u>

Families Forming Disciples

Families Forming Disciples (FFD) was developed by the Archdiocese of Atlanta to strengthen our families in their faith through formation, mission, and community. Each month our families come together as a large group for formation, then go home with an activity for the family to go deeper into what they learned. Small groups then meet each month to talk about what they discovered about their faith and build community. Elizabeth Piper, Director of Faith Formation, epiper@olachurch.org

Families Forming Disciples Mentor Families

Mentor Families are needed to lead FFD small groups. Elizabeth Piper, Director of Faith Formation, epiper@olachurch.org













Kid's Club (3rd - 5th Grades)

Kids Club meets one Monday a month from 6 -7:30pm. Each night starts with a pizza dinner, followed by fun and exciting games, as well as activities centered around learning about our Catholic Faith! Sydney Orr, Kids Club Coordinator, kidsclub@olachurch.org

Kids Club Adult Volunteers

Kids Club needs volunteers to help with set-up, clean-up, running games, and more!
Sydney Orr, Kids Club Coordinator, kidsclub@olachurch.org

Edge With Purpose (6th - 8th Grades)

Edge with Purpose for our middle school youth ministry combines Life Teen's middle school program, Edge, with foundational confirmation preparation provided by Purpose. Over the 3 years in this group the child will receive formation to prepare them for their next step in their faith journey of confirmation. They will have the choice to attend on Sunday night or Tuesday night. This flexibility allows for faith formation to fit into busy schedules. Sundays 6:30-8pm and Tuesdays 6:30-8pm September - May. Nick Ables, Middle School Youth Minister, nables@olachurch.org

Edge With Purpose Adult Volunteers

Adult volunteers are needed to help run our Sunday and Tuesday night Edge Meetings. We need you to help us share the faith with our young teens. Nick Ables, Middle School Youth Minister, nables@olachurch.org

Life Teen (9th - 12th Grades)

Also known as High School Youth Group, Life Teen meets weekly on Sundays from 6:30–8:30pm in the Youth Room. We start with dinner at around 6:30, but the door is open following 5:30pm Mass. Each week, we come together to grow in our faith as missionary disciples of Jesus Christ and grow closer to each other as we encounter God in conversation and in one another. Our hope is that every teen who comes through our doors finds a place that feels like home and people they feel like they belong with.

In addition to our weekly sessions, we also take students on retreats, various service opportunities, and other fun events throughout the year! Andrew Knuckles, Youth Minister, aknuckles@olachurch.org

Life Teen Adult Volunteers

Our Life Teen program could not run without the help of dedicated volunteers, called Core Members, to help with various aspects of each night. Most importantly, these individuals have the opportunity to walk with our teens as they navigate questions about life and the Catholic faith. Andrew Knuckles, Youth Minister, aknuckles@olachurch.org

CHRISTIAN 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.

If you have questions about a Christian Outreach ministry, please contact the ministry leader listed or the Commission Ministry Head, Amanda Reilly, at PC-ChristianOutreach@olachurch.org.

Adopt-A-Cop: 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 monthly note of encouragement, support, and gratitude for their service to the community. Members support the department in their community building activities, strengthening the relationship between our parish and the Brookhaven Police Department. Anne Stephens, Communications Director, astephens@olachurch.org

Body & Soul Ministry

The Body and Soul ministry organizes the parish blood drives, health fairs, and performs fundraisers for healthcare issues such as cancer and food allergy research. *Email Anne Stephens, Communications Director, at astephens@olachurch.org to be connected with the ministry leader.*



Care for Creation Ministry

Inspired by Pope Francis' encyclical Care for Our Common Home (Laudato Si'), OLA's Care for Creation Ministry's mission is to inspire the parish and surrounding community to restore and preserve all of God's creation through worship, education, and service. With the Archdiocese of Atlanta's Ladauto Si' action plan as our guide, we seek to live more sustainably in harmony with God's creation and encourage our community to do so as well. The Care for Creation team is developing a multi-faceted program of education, service and worship open to all OLA parishioners, visitors and community members. Suzanne Degnats, careforcreation@olachurch.org

Edge Middle School Missions Camp

Rising 6th – 8th graders spend a week during the summer learning how to share their time and talent through service to OLA and the local community. *Nick Ables, Middle School Youth Minister, nables@olachurch.org*

Edge Middle School Missions Camp Adult Volunteers

Parent volunteers are needed to spend the week of the Edge Middle School Missions Camp serving as chaperones and drivers for our rising 6th – 8th graders who attend the camp. *Nick Ables, Middle School Youth Minister, nables@olachurch.org*

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. We have many volunteer options available to fit your time schedule. Communication is by e-mail, and we use Signup Genius to request stewards for the different volunteer needs. You can pick an item or spot to fill if you are available to help. Sharon Bowman, sharon.bowman@comcast.net

IOH: Interfaith Outreach Home Ministry

The Interfaith Outreach Home allows formerly homeless persons to have a place to stay, along with their families, until they are able to get back onto their feet. The ministry provides continued support to the residents and the staff. We support IOH in all capacities, including works to maintain the interior and exterior of the home. Please consider sharing your time and talent by joining our ministry. We have plenty of projects to fit any schedule. Amanda and Declan Reilly Family, amandareilly@gmail.com

Justice and Peace Ministry

This organization supports its members to put their faith into action in support of others. Monthly Ethical Trade coffee/tea/chocolate sales raise money toward building homes in Nicaragua through Food for the Poor. The group attends and supports interfaith outreach programs in the Atlanta area and also advocates for legislative issues in conjunction with Catholic Social Teaching. This ministry is in partnership with Stand Up for Kids - a program supporting the homeless youth of Atlanta and hosts annual drives to provide needed supplies for homeless youth. The OLA Just Faith community actively supports the work of other Outreach Ministries at OLA. Suzanne Ernst, justice-peace@olachurch.org

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, Kevin.fitzpatrick@dcbflegal.com

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. 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. Doug Susco, koc@olachurch.org

Loaves and Fishes Ministry

Volunteers provide meals to parishioners in need (new babies, those that are sick or hospitalized, families that have experienced a death, and individuals or families experiencing other hardships). Volunteers are also occasionally asked to assist with food preparation or donation for special parish events. *Gwen Brannon and Michele Sanders*,

loaves-fishes@olachurch.org

Mercy Care Ministry

Mercy Care Chamblee 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 Mercy Care sponsored events, assembles meal kit packages for Mercy Care clients semi-annually, and adopts Mercy Care families during their Christmas adopt-a-family program. Lindsey Tidwell, mercycare@olachurch.org

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. Lee Killian, ILeeKillian@gmail.com









Night Shelter Volunteers (November - 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 - 6am. The reward of this ministry is the direct, hands-on outreach with the homeless men. These men 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*

Pro-Life Ministry

The purpose of this ministry is to raise awareness and educate individuals about pro-life issues and to inform the community about upcoming events such as life chains, prayer vigils, the Annual March for Life, and various fundraisers. Our main goal is to protect the life of the unborn & their mothers. The ministry is always looking for new members to participate in events throughout the year. *Katherine Baldwin, prolife@olachurch.org*

Soupremes (November - March; Lent)

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. Teams also provide the meal for the parish Lenten Soup Suppers. *Anne Marie Shulman, annemarieshulman@mac.com. and Jill Termini, jilltermini@ups.com*

Sr. Thea Bowman Racial Justice Ministry

Our mission is to become a deep source for learning, teaching, transformation, and action to dismantle the communal sin of racism in our church, parish, and community. We learn together through group study, training, experiences, and pilgrimages, and we seek to join other Catholic and interfaith communities to become active and trustworthy fellow pilgrims in the fight against racism. We are inspired in our work by the spirit and power of Sister Thea Bowman, religious sister, educator, musician, scholar, and Servant of God, and we pray for her canonization. Beth Belden, racialjustice@olachurch.org

St. Vincent de Paul Society (Vincentians)

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, or medicine. Members make personal visits to assess and verify needs of clients. Steve Conway, steveconway63@gmail.com

If you are in need of assistance, call 404-261-7181 ext. 124 and leave a message. Please do not come to the parish office as our staff will not be able to assist you.

Stephen Ministry

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. Tom Dunn, sministry@olachurch.org



PARISH LIFE MINISTRIES

Parish Life Ministries provide welcoming and social activities for our parishioners of all ages. These ministries help our parishioners grow in relationship with one another.

If you have questions about a Parish Life ministry, please contact the ministry leader listed or the Commission Ministry Head, Kevin O'Toole, at PC-ParishLife@olachurch.org.

Parish Life Ministries for Everyone

Doughnut Sunday

Doughnuts, coffee, and juice are served once a month after the 9am Mass (September through May). Sara Pilling, jacksonsara@hotmail.com

Lenten Fish Fries

Come join your fellow parishioners for FRYdays during Lent. Good food and fellowship for all ages. Volunteers also welcome for all aspects of the ministry. *Nick Maddox, fishfry@olachurch.org*

OLA Hospitality Ministry

This ministry helps with food preparation, set-up, service and clean-up for special events throughout the year hosted by the pastor and/or parish priests. This is a great opportunity to give back and provide support to the Marists at our parish. Volunteers are added to an email list and are able to sign up for opportunities to help according to their own availability. Cindy Posta, olahospitality@olachurch.org

OLA One Ministry

OLA One invites you to join together, integrating our community more than ever, making it stronger, while enjoying the diversity and the good things that our different cultures can give to each other. Our members participate in scheduled parish events, and host diverse events throughout the year - all aimed at bringing our entire community together! Adriana Moreno, oneola@olachurch.org

Parish Life Group

All are invited to gather during the school year for various activities and service projects. Events are designed for both family participation and adults only. Our events are open to singles, married couples, couples without children, single parent families – everyone! Volunteer opportunities exist at all levels for events. Emily Schroll, parishlife@olachurch.org

Parish Life Ministries for Adults

Athletics Adult Volunteers

OLA Parish sponsors elementary school teams during the Catholic Metro League season along with adult athletics. Adult volunteers are what makes this ministry a success. Rob Aldrich, Catholic Metro Sports, raldrich@catholicmetrosports.com, www.catholicmetrosports.com

Book Club

The OLA Book Club for adults meets on the second Thursday of each month at 10 a.m. in the Upper Room. The group reads a variety of current and classic books which then leads to a lively and thought-provoking discussion in an informal and friendly setting. Consult the parish bulletin for each month's book and come to the meeting if you are interested in discussing it with other readers. No rsvp required! Sharon Bowman: sharon.bowman@comcast.net

Bridge Club

All skill levels are welcome to this dynamic group that meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month October thru June, 4 - 7pm in Moylan Hall. Mary Anne, maryannegrady2016@gmail.com | C#404-509-4939 or Charlie Grady, charliegrady@att.net | C#770-401-4086

New Member Welcome and Orientation Ministry

This team organizes quarterly welcome events (4 breakfasts) 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. Lynn Sedki and Amber Stewart, newmember@olachurch.org









Prime Timers

The Prime Timers Ministry welcomes all parishioners 65 and older who enjoy cultivating faith, friendship, and service. We host monthly Friday Lunch & Learns and other events throughout the year. Email us for more information, to receive our monthly email, and/or to become a part of Prime Timers. Betsie Greiff, primetimers@olachurch.org

St. Anne's Circle

The St. Anne's Circle is a ministry for women in our Parish who are in the "middle" season of life. It will provide opportunities to grow in faith and friendship through monthly fellowships at members homes. *Jen Murphy, stannecircle@olachurch.org*

Women'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. Malloree Barry, Katie Rice, and Alicia Stemper, olawomenscircle@gmail.com





Parish Life Ministries for Children and Youth

Athletics

OLA's Recreation Ministry sponsors elementary aged school teams during the Catholic Metro League season. There are also special events for the family throughout the year. Rob Aldrich, Catholic Metro Sports, raldrich@catholicmetrosports.com, www.catholicmetrosports.com

Boy Scouts

The boy scouts provide a program for young boys that builds character, trains them in the responsibilities of participating in citizenship, and develops personal fitness. Peter Baljet, pbaljet@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 more. Jason Lang and Misha Sulpovar, cubmaster@cubpack2latl.org

Girl Scouts

Girl Scout troops from K through grade 12. The Ministry assists in troop formation and support. All girls of the parish are welcome to join! Sarah Walker, sarahwalker1212@yahoo.com

Youth Ministry

See pages 8 – 9 for formation opportunities for children and youth.





KOMUNITAS KATOLIC INDONESIA

Komunitas Katolic Indonesia (KKI-Atlanta) serves Indonesian Catholics from 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 of their members, they continue to integrate into their local community as they grow in faith and understanding of American culture.

If you have questions about our Indonesian Community, please contact Robert Susanto, Coordinator, robertsusanto@gmail.com

Mass: Sunday @ 1:30pm

Currently the community gathers for Mass in Indonesian on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month. They plan to resumweekly Mass in 2024.

Family Prayer Meeting

Second Saturday of the month

Bi-Weekly Rosary

May and October

Yearly Chinese New Year Celebration

Badminton / Volley Ball

Every second and fourth Sunday of the month after Mass in the Gym (To resume in 2024)

Food / Cultural Festival:

Summer / Fall Immigration and Good Citizenship

Homeless Service:

Provide Indonesian meals / gifts /children's performances

Community Retreat Charismatic Renewal Program











COMUNIDAD LATINA **MINISTRIES**

¡Nuestra comunidad latina es una comunidad católica vibrante! Nuestras vidas están centradas en nuestro devoción a Cristo que celebra nuestra fe compartida y honra nuestra historia cultural. ¡Te invitamos a unirte a nosotros!

Si tiene preguntas sobre la comunidad latina de OLA, comuníquese con Enrique López, Coordinador, en elopez@olachurch.org.

MISA: DOMINGOS 3:30PM | CONFESIÓN: DOMINGOS 2:30PM

PADRE | Fray Roberto Pérez, ofm cap. DIÁCONO | Eduardo Patterson epatterson@olachurch.org

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VOLUNTEERS & SAFE **ENVIRONMENT**

The mission of the Safe Environment Office of the Archdiocese of Atlanta is to insure that children, young people, and vulnerable individuals who worship, study, or participate in activities sponsored therein can do so in the safest and most secure setting possible. All volunteers who work with vulnerable individuals MUST complete Safe Environment Training and be cleared by the Archdiocese PRIOR to any volunteer activity by completing all the following steps:

- Read all Safe Environment Policies,
- o Attend a live VIRTUS Protecting God's Children Training, and
- o Complete and Submit the required paperwork to Benny Strozier (bstrozier@olachurch.org) in the parish office:
 - Volunteer Application,
 - Sterling Background Consent Form, and
 - Safe Environment Acknowledgement Standards of Conduct.

All of these steps must be completed before you can volunteer with our children, youth, or other vulerable persons.







ACTIVE PARISHIONER STATUS FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

The Archdiocese of Atlanta requires all families to submit a Parish Verification form to their Catholic School to verify that the family is registered and active in the parish.

The Archdiocese 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,
- o Consistent financial support of the parish, 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. Also, active status in the parish *does not include volunteering in the school or other non-parish service.*

While we encourage children to be active in ministry to the parish, status is dependent on the involvement of the parents. Financial Support and Volunteer Involvement is only considered for the CURRENT SCHOOL CALENDAR YEAR, not previous years.

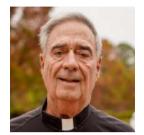
Families must adhere to the requirements above to receive "active parishioner" status. For detailed information go to www.olachurch.org/parish-verifications.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

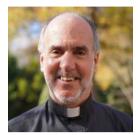
Our mission is to engage and inspire our community to do the work of Christ. We are a consultative group of parish volunteers, led by our Pastor, charged with prayerfully discerning parish needs, setting pastoral priorities, and empowering people to participate in the mission of Christ. We work closely with the finance council to make solid recommendations to our Pastor. Father Jim often engages us in shared decision-making for our church, and we are honored to serve our parish community.

The Pastoral Council Members are your voice in the parish. Contact the appropriate member below with your ideas, celebrations, and concerns.

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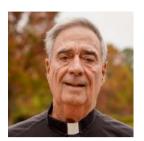


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