

**MINISTRY/SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES, EXPERIENCES AND REFLECTIONS for OLV-OLS YOUTH**

**Grade 7 & 8**

Young people in Grades 7 & 8 are encouraged to complete three (3) service projects per year with at least one (1) service project per year offered by or in OLV- OLS Parish.

**Grade 9 & 10**

Young people in Grades 9 & 10 are encouraged to complete five (5) service projects per year with at least two (2) service projects per year in OLV - OLS Parish.

**A reflection sheet is to be completed after each service project.**

*Please hand in your reflection sheet to your Catechist or Mrs. Eaton*

Gr.7 & Gr.8 will be participating in the following Parish Opportunities during Sunday AM Faith Formation sessions:

**Nov.1 & Nov 8 at OLV**

*Bring in donations for Thanksgiving Baskets*

**Nov. 15 Service Day at OLV**

*Assembling Thanksgiving Baskets/Cards/Gift Bag  
OR*

**OLS Thanksgiving Food Baskets TBA**

Gr.9 & Gr.10 will be expected to participate in the following Parish Opportunities

**Nov-1 & Nov 8 at OLV**

**(During Sunday PM Sessions)**

*Bring in donations for Thanksgiving Baskets  
OR*

**OLS Thanksgiving Food Baskets TBA**

**Feb. 6 & 7 at OLV**

**(Instead of Feb.7 PM Session)**

*"Souper" Bowl of Caring Collection: before and after all Masses.  
Sign-up available in Jan.*

**OLV-OLS Parish Opportunities for All Youth & Families**

**Saturday, Dec. 5, 2-4 pm**

**Joseph Winter Walk for the Homeless**

**Donate Pledge or Walk**

**(Forms & Permission slips will be available in Nov.)**

**Joseph House Wreath Sale**

*We will be taking orders for Joseph House Wreaths in Oct.  
Help with pick up of purchased wreaths at OLV from  
10:30am- 1:30pm on Saturday, Dec. 5.  
(Sign up available in Nov.)*

**OLS Christmas Caroling for the Homebound TBA**

**OLS Christmas Gift Boxes for Caroling TBA**

**HOLY THURSDAY, March 24:**

**Attend 6pm Liturgy & help with serving/clean-up at  
OLV-OLS Parish Potluck Dinner  
(Forms & Permission slips will be available in March)**

**GRADE 9**

**Grade 9 at OLV will be presenting the Stations of the Cross on**

**\*Sunday, March 20 at 10:30 -11:45 pm**

*K-9 Family Event: Stations of the Cross in Parish Center*

**\*There will be no Gr.9 or Gr 10 Sun PM session.**

**Grade 9 will be expected to attend the following Rehearsal session as a Parish Service Opportunity:**

**Wed., March 16**

**Rehearsal: Stations of the Cross 6:-8pm in Parish Center**

**Grade 10 Parish Opportunity**

**Gr.10 is welcome to assist with two (2) "Station's Prep" sessions from 10:30 - 11:45 am on Sun 3/6 and 3/13 and the Rehearsal on Wed., 3/16. Sign-up available in April.**

**ONGOING MINISTRY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**

**Faith Formation & Prayer/Worship:**

Catechist Helper-Grade Gr.9 &10+ for Sun AM K-8

Altar Server

Greeter

**Lector -Grade 9+**

Usher - Grade 9&10+

Eucharistic Minister (Post Confirmation)

Please contact Mary Eaton at meatonolv@nycap.rr.com.

**Music Ministry:**

OLV Vocal and or Instrumental

Please contact Marjorie Voytko, OLV @ 273-7602

Please contact Michael Crandall OLS @ 279-4943

**AV Ministry**

Run the Power Point slide presentation of the mass during one of the masses 1x per month.

Please contact Maureen Cox @ 518-281-6575

## LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Contact Mary Eaton @ [meatonolv@nycap.rr.com](mailto:meatonolv@nycap.rr.com). for more information

**Youth/Adult Leadership Team (Grade 7-11+)** Meet monthly to plan YM activities and service opportunities.

**Service Action Learning Team (S.A.L.T.)** A five-day service immersion experience for youth in **grades 10-12** sponsored by the Albany Diocese, during the summer, in early August.).

**Christian Leadership Institute (CLI)** A five day leadership training experience for youth in **grades 10-12** sponsored by the Albany Diocese, during the Winter (Feb.) or and Spring (June).

**Work Camp 2016** A four-day service work camp for youth in **Grades 7-8** usually in the first week of August.

## COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Participating in school events and programs, working with the poor and needy, helping the elderly, or with children in a sports clinic or summer Camp. Other projects include participating in a Cancer Walk such as Relay for Life, March for Babies. *Please let us know ahead so some of us may join in the experience, or at least, support you!!!*

### Community Project Ideas at Joseph House:

*For more information, contact Sue Wade, Development Coordinator at 272-2544*

- **Bake cookies and make afternoon snack bags for the children.**
- **Volunteers with specific skills** (painting and housekeeping) are needed.
- **Consider you and your family donating a weekend meal to the shelter.** The meal can be prepared at the shelter or off site and delivered to the shelter.
- **Hold a neighborhood drive or community group drive.** The following items are needed year round: new and gently used towels, washcloths, blankets, twin sized sheet sets and sleeping bags; men's underwear; socks; deodorant and razors.

## WORLDWIDE COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Improving social justice awareness and social action, outreach to inner city areas, participation in national awareness events such as run/walk/bike or bowl-a-thons or meeting the needs of our brothers and sisters in third world countries.

### Some examples include:

- **Special Olympics**
- **Campaign for Human Development**
- **Feed My Starving Children**
- **Maryknoll:** [www.maryknoll.org](http://www.maryknoll.org) - working for justice on a global level
- **Catholic Relief Services:** [www.catholicrelief.org](http://www.catholicrelief.org) Find ways to get involved and work with the global community for peace, solidarity, and hope.
- **Habitat for Humanity International:** [www.habitat.org](http://www.habitat.org) – This organization provides direct service opportunities to build peace and justice through creating affordable, decent housing for families. Ages 14 and up to volunteer. Local affiliates in Rensselaer/Troy : 518-273-266

*For more information regarding service opportunities in the local or global communities, please contact the service organization directly or visit [www.volunteermatch.org](http://www.volunteermatch.org).*

Please visit our Bulletin and Youth Ministry pages at [www.olv-troy.org](http://www.olv-troy.org), and OLV Facebook business page for information on NEW youth ministry events and happenings here at OLV, OLS and in the Albany Diocese.

