

August 2018,

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Blessings to all, WOW the summer is flying by! We have been working hard over the past months to bring you a wonderful faith formation program for the 2018-2019 Catechetical year. We are looking forward to welcoming you back and are excited to be offering a variety of opportunities for you to grow in faith together as family and community.

**Registration:** If you haven't already registered your child/children, we ask that you please do so by Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup>! You can easily register **and pay on-line with a credit/debit card**. Simply go to <http://www.olv-troy.org/Faith-Formation-Registration-2018-19>. There is a \$5 processing that will be applied if you use this convenient option. We will accept **credit cards ONLY FOR ON-LINE registration**. Or, you can register your family by filling out the 2018-19 Registration Form/Photo Release enclosed and returning it to the Faith Formation Office **along with the payment**. Fees are the same as last year: \$50 per child (max \$100 per family) and an additional \$25 dollars if you youth is making a Sacrament (Gr. 2 and Gr10 fees are \$75)

In an effort to meet the needs of our families we are constantly reviewing our schedule, curriculum and methods of communication.

**PARISH APP:** If you haven't already, we encourage you to download **MyParish App** to your smart phone or android device by simply texting the word 'App' to 88202 then choosing Our Lady of Victory-Mission Our Lady of the Snow as your parish. We will be going over the App at our Parent Meetings. Feel free to check out the home page of our website [olv-troy.org](http://www.olv-troy.org) for more details.

**Class Schedules:** (are enclosed and also can easily be accessed on our website by clicking the Faith Formation Tab.) **All K-10 Sessions are held on Sundays, September 2018 – April 2019 in the Ed. Center.**

**Gr. K-6** will meet from 10:30 – 11:45am.

**Gr. 7 & 8** Please choose either Gr.7/8 AM Session (10:30- 11:45) **or** Gr.7/8 PM Session (6:30 7:45).

**Gr. 9** will meet from 6:30 - 7:45 pm.

**Grade 10** will meet from 6:30 - 7:45 pm Sept – Dec. and from 6:30 - 8:00 pm January –April.

**Opening Day: Sunday September 16!**

**-Gr. K-10 will celebrate the start of the new catechetical year at the 9:15 Family Mass**

**-K-6 CLASSES WILL BEGIN THAT DAY. SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION ALSO BEGINS THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS!**

**-7-10 PARENT & YOUTH MEETINGS WILL BE IN THE PARISH CENTER: 7/8 AM at 10:30am, 7/8 PM @ 6:00 pm & Grade 9 & 10 at 7 pm.**

We do ask that you please make every effort to join us for the 9:15 Mass as we kickoff our new Catechetical Year and recognize the Catechists. ☺

**October 28: Gr.6-8 Diocese of Albany Youth Rally: 12:00 -6:00pm at St. Clement's Church, Saratoga Springs.** All 6-8 youth will be attending this youth-oriented and fun event as part of their formation. All Parents, Guardians and Families are invited to the closing Mass at 5:00 pm. **Please have your child meet at OLV Parking Lot by 11 am. We will leave by bus @ 11. We will attend Rally from 12 pm – 6 and return to OLV approximately 7 pm for parent pick-up. More information and Permission slips will be given out at the Parent Meetings.**

**DATES TO REMEMBER:** (See Faith Formation/ Youth Ministry Calendars)

## **PARENT MEETINGS:**

**Sunday, September 16 - *Please make every effort to attend for important information.***

**-Grade 7/8AM** Parents & Youths, 10:30-11:30 am.

**-Grade 7/8 PM** Parents & Youths, 6 -7pm - **Grade 9 &10** Parents & Youths, 7-8 pm

**Sunday, September 30 - *Please make every effort to attend for important information.***

**Grades K-6** Parent Meeting after the Family Mass, 10:30-11:15 in the Parish Center

**PARENTS WITH CHILDREN IN GRADE 2, and making the Sacrament of First Reconciliation in November, are asked to stay longer where additional information about Sacrament preparation will be shared. Please plan on staying until 11:45 when your child is dismissed from session.**

**Eucharistic Congress Family Event: Saturday, September 22: Shrine of the North American Martyrs, Auriesville - 9 am-3 pm (NO Sunday Session). Please fill out the enclosed registration form and return to the Parish Office by September 4<sup>th</sup> if your family is able to attend this wonderful FREE diocesan event. OR visit the home page of our website, [olv-troy.org](http://olv-troy.org), and follow the Eucharistic Congress link to register on-line. We hope to see you all there!**

**HOST FOR HAITI – Free Will FAMILY Breakfast (No formal K-8 sessions – FAMILY to attend breakfast). Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> 8:00 – 12:00 (Special presentations – Haitian Story Teller & Cenat giving updates on the Children of SFX Orphanage– 10:30-11:30)  
Gr 9 and 10 will still hold PM sessions**

**2018 Safe Environment Sessions: (see separate letter included for information)**

**Gr.7-10 – September 30 @ 6:30-8:00 PM – Mandatory Session (NO AM session)**

**Gr. K-6 – November 4 @ 10:30-11:45**

*Please note:*

**2018-19 Youth Ministry Grade 7-10+ Service Opportunities and Reflections** will be distributed at the Parent/Youth Meeting

**FIRST RECONCILIATION/EUCHARIST & Gr. 10 CONFIRMATION: *If your child is making a sacrament this year, if you haven't already, we need you to provide the office with a copy of his/her baptismal record. PLEASE REVIEW THE CALENDAR PROVIDED FOR IMPORTANT DATES OF THE RETREATS, REHERSALS AND PARENT MEETINGS!***

**We encourage you all to continue to access the FAMILY LIFE Section on the website. This section of our website includes wonderful resources for all of our families!**

Additional Catechist Assistant's, Substitute Catechists and Gatekeepers are always welcomed. If you are interested in one of these ministries please let us know as soon as possible. We may be reached via phone at 518-274-6269 or email Vici Armsby, [FaithFormation@olvols.org](mailto:FaithFormation@olvols.org) or Mary Eaton, [YouthMinistry@olvols.org](mailto:YouthMinistry@olvols.org)

***If your child has any medical needs/allergies, please let us know in writing so that we may make necessary accommodations.***

May God continually bless all of us as we strive to deepen the faith of our children and our relationships with each other.

Peace and blessings,

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