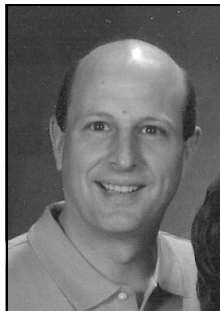

MEET THE OLA PREP CATECHISTS



LEVEL 6

Sacrament of Confirmation



Drew Bilotta

My family and I have been members of the OLA community for almost twenty years. We have been blessed to serve in the community in a variety of ministries. I was fortunate enough to have been “volunteered” by my wife to participate in PREP as a catechist more than ten years ago. In PREP and Pre-Cana we have come to grow and learn through sharing our faith with those to whom we minister, making the involvement both enriching and satisfying.



Mary Murphy

I have been a member of OLA for 32 years and have had the privilege of serving in several ministries. I am currently a lector and a member of the Pastoral Council. I am a retired Emergency Physician who taught in high school and college for 11 years before going to medical school. This will be my first year in the PREP program at OLA. I also love to travel and cook, and have been a docent at the Philadelphia Zoo for 29 years.

LEVEL 5

Rosemary Ise

I was born and raised in Berwyn. I started teaching CCD at St. Monica's under the mentoring of Sister Bernetta, IHM, from 1972 through 1980. I joined OLA with my husband, Richard, in 1994. At OLA, I resumed teaching, and have been in the PREP program from 1995 or 1996 to the present. Life and my Catholic faith are the greatest gifts I have been blessed to receive, and I want to pass on my love for both.



Pam DiMartini

I have been coming to OLA for 15 years. After raising three boys in the Catholic faith, I too became a full member four years ago. I have been helping in Level 5 PREP class for five years and truly love working with your children. They are often the highlight of my week. Thank you for sharing them with us.





LEVEL 4



Barbara Morosse

Barbara has taught Level 4 PREP at OLA since September 2005 and is looking forward to an exciting new year. Prior to becoming a stay-at-home mom, Barbara worked in the Human Resource fields of benefits and employee training. She received a B.A. and an MBA during her college years. Barbara is a member of the OLA Pastoral Council and an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion with her husband, Ron. Their son, Ben, a junior at Conestoga High School, is an altar server and lector. Barbara's favorite pastimes include gardening, cooking and baking.



Sister Jeanne Patricia Crowe, IHM

I was a teacher of sixth, seventh, and eighth grades for ten years until I was asked by my community to study pharmacy. After I completed my pharmacy degrees I opened a pharmacy in Camilla Hall, the infirmary for the sick and elderly IHM sisters. I then ran the pharmacy for seventeen years and wrote drug-related articles and books. I have also lectured in pharmacology at Immaculata University and continue to lecture about food-medication interactions for dietician associations. I am now living with and caring for my elderly mother. I am thrilled to have the opportunity to teach religion at the elementary level again.

LEVEL 3

Sacrament of Reconciliation *Sacrament of Holy Eucharist*

Kathryn Geckle

My name is Mrs. Kathryn Geckle. I have had the joy of teaching third-grade PREP for five years! Teaching in this environment is such a wonderful experience; it is a way to give back to this amazing parish. My husband and I came to this parish through our friends and found out that he had a family lineage here at OLA. We immediately felt at home with the warmth and kindness of the parish family. We were married here in 2007. I taught at the OLA Preschool for two years as a pre-K teacher before becoming a substitute teacher for the Upper Merion and T/E school districts. My husband and I helped with the OLA Youth Group. We currently are extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion and bring the Eucharist to a homebound parishioner. We decided to begin our family, in March, with an adorably huge English Mastiff pup named Michaela! Our favorite things now consist of frisbee, walks and training :)



Christine Gaeto

Our family joined the OLA family in 1993. I began my PREP involvement as a substitute catechist in 1996 when the first of our three children began attending the program. As a full-time catechist, this will be my ninth year with PREP. After six years of teaching Level 2, this year I will be teaching one of the two Level 3 classes. A catechist's role is deeply rewarding. As I tell parents every year, in the process of instructing their children I am strengthening my own faith as well. I look forward to another fruitful year.





LEVEL 2



Diana DiNenna

I live in King of Prussia with my husband, David. We have four children: three boys, David, Gavin, and Mason; and one daughter, Giselle. Some of the things I enjoy when I have time are playing with my children, reading, painting and drawing, taking pictures, cooking, playing tennis, and travelling. I graduated from University of North Florida with a BFA in Graphic Design/Fine Arts and a degree from Moore College of Art and Design in Art Education. I work for Achievement House Cyber Charter School in Exton, PA, as a teacher. I look forward to working with the Level 2 class at Our Lady of the Assumption.



Alley Thomas (Aide)

I'm a sophomore at Conestoga High School. I was an aide to Mrs. Gaeto and will be an aide to Mrs. Dinenna this year. I am very excited about this year and can't wait to meet all the new kids!

LEVEL 1

Maureen Preston

I moved to Wayne three years ago to be close to my daughter and grandchildren. Last year was my second year in the OLA PREP program, teaching Level 1. I have been an elementary school teacher for 20 years. Seventeen of those years were in Catholic schools, and the last 13 years were at Saint Eugene School. I have five grown children and four grandchildren. We are expecting another grandchild in January. I continue to make knot rosaries for the homeless, the sick, and anyone who needs them. I have been making them for more than ten years. I enjoy teaching the children. They are an inspiration to me.



Chelsea Hartsock (Aide)

I am a sophomore at Conestoga High School. I am an alter server and attended Youth Group. I have made both Communion and Confirmation at OLA. This will be my fourth year helping with the PREP program.





Substitute Catechists



Susan Gruschow

I grew up in Nazareth, PA, and my family belonged to Holy Family Church. After going to Penn State, where I met my husband, Nick, we moved to New England. I have two children, Gregg and Lizzy. Our family moved to Strafford and joined OLA in 2000. Gregg is now a freshman at PSU, and Lizzy is a junior at Conestoga High School. I taught second-grade PREP while in Massachusetts, and when we moved here, I continued in the PREP program at OLA, teaching the third-grade Holy Communion class from 2000 to 2006. I decided to return to teaching PREP because I thoroughly enjoy it. I thank you for letting me engage your child in a meaningful and thoughtful classroom experience.



Christine Meyer

I became a member of OLA five years ago when I relocated to the area. I was raised at Saint John Vianney in Gladwyne and Saint Thomas of Villanova before moving away for college. I love OLA because of the people here and the warmth shared. For the past several years, I have served as an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, a position which has brought me great joy and allowed me to meet many of our homebound families. I also have led a Bible study here in the parish. In my daily life, I am a Latin teacher at Downingtown East and West High Schools. I have a sister and two brothers in the area. I love to spoil a dog and two cats and take painting classes.

