
OLA PREP CATECHISTS – MONDAY PROGRAM

LEVEL 1

Barbara Koppa Gerolamo

My husband, Frank, has been a member of the OLA Parish since the 1970s when his family moved into the area. Frank and I were married at OLA in 1985 and have been members these past 34 years! Our three sons were baptized here and participated in numerous church activities, including Preschool, PREP, Vacation Bible School and Altar Serving. Frank & I serve as Lectors at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. When my children were younger, I was a PREP aide for one year and a catechist for five years, teaching Level 1. In the past, I also helped organize and run OLA's Vacation Bible School. I returned to teach Level 1 PREP eight years ago, after a five year hiatus. It is wonderful! I find it especially rewarding to talk to the young children of our parish about Jesus and his teachings.

Paula Sweeney, *Assistant*

My husband, Tim, and I, along with our four children, have been members of OLA since 1993. All four of our children have gone through PREP at OLA, receiving First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. I have been active as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and Lector. I enjoyed being part of the PREP program teaching Level 5 four years ago, and assisting in Level 1 for the past three years.

Lyn Morris, *Assistant*

My husband, Jim, and I joined OLA parish two years ago. We have four children all of whom attended Assumption Academy preschool: Drew(14), Jake(13), Will(9, Level 4 PREP), Anna (7, Level 2 PREP). I look forward to assisting the Level 1 PREP once again this school year.

LEVEL 2

Mary Ellen Smith

My name is Mary Ellen Smith, and I am teaching Level 2 once again this year. I consider it an honor and a great responsibility, to teach your children and help them to grow in their faith. As parents you share in this responsibility, because you are the first and the "best" teachers of your children. As the new school year begins, I am eager to meet your child and start an amazing faith journey with them. May the Risen Lord and His Blessed Mother bless all our efforts, as we learn and live our Catholic faith!

Soreth Soleni Stancroff, *Assistant*

My name is Soreth Stancroff. I am married to Mark and we have a daughter Marisa. I am from Colombia. Since I moved to the United State in 2009 I have been a member of OLA. After a year teaching Level 2 as a catechist, this year I am happy to be returning once again as an assistant to Ms. Mary Ellen Smith in her task of helping the students develop their faith. Being considered for this position is a great honor and responsibility. I hope God, the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary will guide us in our efforts.

LEVEL 3

Sacrament of Reconciliation Sacrament of Holy Communion

Christine Gaeto

My husband, Mark, and I and our three children became members of OLA in 1993. I began assisting at PREP when our youngest began Level 1. This is my 19th year as catechist, mostly teaching Level 3, preparing children for their First Penance and First Holy Communion. I also help in other OLA organizations, including Lectors, Festival, History Committee, and Cemetery. My experience teaching PREP has been immensely rewarding in my own faith journey, and I look forward to another fruitful year for both the children and me.

Deborah Tartaglio, Assistant

Last year I had the opportunity to assist with Level 2, and it is so nice to see the familiar faces again this year along with some new additions. I look forward to assisting Mrs. Gaeto in preparing the students to receive their First Sacraments of Penance and Holy Communion. I have a BA in Management of Information Systems from Eastern University and worked at ADP for 14 years. After I had my daughter, I decided to continue my education with a Post-BA Certification in PreK-4 with Special Education PreK-8. I currently work for the T/E School District and look forward to assisting in helping our students grow and learn the Catholic faith.

LEVEL 4

Elizabeth D'Antonio

My husband has been a lifelong OLA parishioner and our family has been attending since the Baptism of our first child in 2010. I live in Devon, and I am an advertising professional, soccer coach and member of the Devon Elementary PTO. I also have two children, Ronnie and Lulu, and I look forward to working with your children.

Monique Kolb, Assistant

I was born and raised in South Africa and came to the United States 16 years ago on a work assignment in Wisconsin, where I met my husband, Chris. We have one daughter, Madelyn (9) and a rescue Beagle, Marley. I currently work as a freelance graphic designer and illustrator. My family and I joined the OLA parish in September 2017, when we relocated here from Minnesota for my husband's job and have felt so welcomed by this church community. This year I am looking forward to helping out as a class assistant in the PREP program.

LEVEL 5

Cira Clemente

I am a five-year resident of wonderful Wayne. Formerly from NYC, I worked 23 years in one Chinatown Elementary Public School. and I was privileged to be the Bearly 3's Teacher at OLA for four years. Now I enjoy Cooking For Good and volunteering in the Read America program, and I welcome adding the Catechist Program this year. I am hopeful for a wonderful journey with students and teachers.

Sue Kincade, Assistant

My name is Sue Kincade. I have been a member of OLA since 2004. For 13 years I have been an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. Because I love to sing, I have cantored for the past two years and been in the choir for four years. I will enjoy assisting with the fifth graders. It will be rewarding not only to pass on the faith but to laugh and have fun with the young people. I am grateful Sister Rita approached me.

LEVEL 6

Millie Slifer

My husband, Robert (OLA usher), and I got married at Our Lady of the Assumption in 1999. We have three older sons that live in Florida, a daughter, Millie (altar-server and violin), who is a senior at Villa Maria Academy, and three grandchildren. At church I am an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, a member of Pastoral Council, a cantor and a choir member. I assisted in PREP Level 1 many years ago, and this will be my second year teaching Level 6.

Erin Farmer, *Assistant*

I am an active mother of one daughter (Level 4), as well as a musician, who has had a lifelong keen interest in Roman Catholic theology. I rejoined the OLA community after being away from it for a couple years. I am also an amateur radio operator and a tree farmer, and I am owned by four very charming cats. I previously assisted in VBS and last year was assistant catechist in Level 6. This year I am excited to be co-teaching with Millie Slifer.

PREP HALL MONITOR

Anitha Lavanya Yeddanapalli

I was born and raised in the southern part of INDIA and came to the United States 10 years ago with my husband, Anthony Kampally. We have two sons, Aarush (10) and Akhilesh (6), who all keep me busy. I currently work as an evening and weekend registrar at an art school. My family and I became members of the OLA Parish since the Baptism of our second child in 2015, after we relocated here from Maryland for my husband's job. Our elder son, Aarush, will be going into Level 5 and my younger son will be going to Level 1 this year in the PREP program. I am excited to help wherever I can with the PREP program and look forward to seeing you on Monday nights.

OLA PREP CATECHISTS – CONFIRMATION CLASS

LEVEL 7

SUNDAY CLASS

Angela Sofianos

I have been a member of OLA since 2013. It is with great pride that I am a part of such a wonderful parish community. Attending Catholic schools from grade school to college, I realize the importance of my faith every day. Having taught at various PREP programs, schools and colleges, I am excited to bring my experience of teaching to all grades and special education to the church. Sharing my love of God to the children is of great importance to me. This year I will be teaching the Sunday class of Level 7, preparing the students for their Sacrament of Confirmation. *Looking forward to a fantastic year at OLA!*

MONDAY CLASS

Rosemarie Walter

I have been an active, lifelong member of Our Lady of the Assumption Parish. My husband, Bob, and I have been married for twenty-eight years and reside in Strafford. I graduated from OLA Elementary school and Archbishop Carroll High School. I earned my teaching degree in elementary and special education and a master's degree in education from Cabrini University. After teaching for many years, including a long-term role as a PREP instructor at OLA, I am currently "retired" and keep busy with homemaker responsibilities and several community volunteer activities, faith and family at the forefront. Returning as a PREP instructor for Level 7 this year, preparing students for the Sacrament of Confirmation, I look forward to once again assisting in the spiritual development of our parish youth.

OLA PREP CATECHISTS – FAMILY CATECHESIS

LEVEL 1

Andrea Sinnamon

My name is Andrea Sinnamon and I am the catechist for Family Catechesis Level 1. My husband and I have been parishioners at OLA since we moved to this area in 2008. All three of our children were baptized at OLA and our oldest, a current 4th grader, received the sacrament of First Holy Communion last year. We also have a son in first grade and a 3 year old daughter. I am a pediatric dentist and love working with children of all ages and individuals with special needs. I also taught first grade for three months at the parochial school I attended as a child prior to dental school. I am excited to join this program as this will be my first year as a catechist. I hope to educate my students in Jesus' teachings and our Catholic faith and have fun while doing so!

LEVEL 2

Megan Kissinger

My name is Megan Kissinger. My family and I have been a part of the OLA parish for 6 years. I have two sons who are currently in the PREP program. I teach second grade at a local school and am now very happy to join the OLA teaching community. It will be an exciting year together with my students!

LEVEL 4

James Tinneny

As Deacon John would say, we're blessed! I was baptized at OLA, and my wife Jess and I joined the parish ten years ago. OLA continues to nurture our faith as a family, through PREP for our sons, and all of us through the sacraments. So we're eager to help with this exciting new Family Catechesis program. Sr. Kathleen always has reminded us that the best catechesis happens in the home. That's exactly what this program is designed to do. Can't wait to get started!

LEVEL 5

Meg Taft

Meg lives in the Deepdale section of Strafford and has been an OLA parishioner for eleven years. Meg, and her husband, Dave, have two children that both went to Assumption Academy and later through OLA's PREP Program. Meg is excited for the PREP year ahead!

LEVEL 6

Natalie Seminole

My husband, Rob, and I were married in 2005 at St. Agatha St. James Parish in Philadelphia. We joined OLA in 2013 when we moved to Wayne. We have three daughters involved at OLA. Our youngest daughter was baptized here and attends Assumption Academy. Our middle daughter is in Level 3 this year. And our oldest daughter is an Altar Server for the 8:30AM mass on Sundays. I am excited for my first year as a catechist and look forward to supporting the children in their faith journey.