

Please support our positive efforts by sharing your blessings of time and talent!

Greeters

For the Junior High program, it is essential to have greeters at the door. Greeters welcome the teens at the door and watch the parking lot/bathrooms for any disturbances. It is important for teens and parents alike to know that Junior High participants are coming to a safe, welcoming environment. Greeters help to create this atmosphere.

Group Leaders and Assistants

At each session, we spend 30 minutes in small groups discussing the large group activity and the topic for the day. We need nurturing, faith-filled adults to encourage healthy, productive discussion with our teens. We also need adults to assist the main group leader or fill in for an absent adult. Very little preparation is needed. In the spirit of stewardship, group leaders and assistants pay no fee for the Religious Education of their children.

I would like to help out by being: A Group Leader _____ A Group Assistant _____ A Greeter _____

Additional Safety Rules

PLEASE READ BEFORE SIGNING

- * Students should enter Youth Group through the Gathering Space doors ONLY. Doors open at **3:30p.m.** There is NO SUPERVISION present before **3:30 p.m.** on class days. Students who arrive early are on church grounds at their own risk.
- * Dismissal is promptly at 5:15 p.m. Any student who needs to leave Youth Group earlier than 5:15 p.m. **MUST BRING A SIGNED NOTE FROM THE PARENT!** If a note is not provided, a parent must pick up the child in the Gathering Space.
- * Students who exhibit behavioral problems will be referred to the Youth Minister for a warning. If subsequent disrespectful or dangerous behavior occurs, the parent will be called and the student may be asked to leave the program.
- * Due to limited space and safety regulations, ONLY **registered students** are permitted to attend the program.

Parent Signature

Date

DUE 6/30/16 After that date, we cannot guarantee your choice of day. PLEASE ask if available.

Fees: \$60 per child. (\$30 for Home Study)

Please make check payable to ***Our Lady of Mercy.***

(This fee is separate from the K-6 Religious Education program.)

Mail to: OLM Religious Education, 50 Pascack Rd., Park Ridge, NJ 07656

What to Know About Junior High Youth Group

Junior High Youth Group is the name we give to seventh and eighth grade religious education. The format is different from K-6 RE. We meet in a large group for object lessons and activities and then break into small groups for discussion of the day's topics. We then conclude each session in church with a prayer service. We also meet only on the SECOND and FOURTH weeks of the month. A fee of \$60 per child is separate from the RE fee. The Home Study fee has been reduced to \$30.

When and Where are the Sessions?

We meet the SECOND and FOURTH FULL weeks of the month. You can choose to come on Monday, Tuesday, *or* Wednesday. The sessions are from 3:45 p.m. until 5:15 p.m. in the Youth Room (downstairs of Church). The Gathering Space doors open for class at 3:45 p.m. Students should enter there and go downstairs to the Youth Room. A calendar of our meetings and topics will be on the website. OLMYouthMinistry.com

Volunteers are always needed!

A Junior High Youth Group volunteer will help lead discussion for the 30-minute small group sections of each class. For each topic there is a section to read together. Group leaders then facilitate discussion on several questions we give you. There is almost no preparation needed! You don't have to be a scholar to lead discussion – just be a good listener. Volunteers pay no fee for their own children to attend. If you would like to volunteer, please call Jenn Kavanagh in the Youth Ministry Office at 201-802-1771.

Attendance

Regular attendance is expected, along with respectful behavior. Please note that, by law, your child cannot be penalized by coaches or teachers for having to attend religious education classes. More than 3 absences result in an incomplete year. Make-up work is available for missed classes. Junior High Youth Group completion is required for the reception of the sacrament of Confirmation in High School.

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