

Current OLGC Outreach Programs - May 2017

Outreach	Description	Responsible Organization	Leadership	Comments
1 Society of St. Vincent de Paul	Vincentian volunteers help neighbors in need via person to person interaction by providing financial assistance, referrals, and a friend to talk/walk with.	SVdP	Laurie Trainer	OLGC's Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is one of 4,000 conferences in the US and one of 10 in the Arlington Diocese. Last fiscal year, volunteers worked more than 2,000 hours and helped more than 1,100 people.
2 Adopt a Family	Christmas program provides presents to needy families, including refugee families, referred from OLGC, SVdP, Catholic Charities, Vienna public schools, and others.	SVdP/OLGC Community	Mary Gunst	Over 60 families helped Christmas 2016. Individuals, families, and groups from OLGC parish and school adopt families.
3 Christ House - meal #1	Once a month on a Sunday, all the fixings to make tacos are delivered to Christ House in Alexandria.	Women's Club	Patti Orfini	Christ House, located in Alexandria, is a Catholic Charities program. It offers transitional housing to men, meals and clothing to the poor, and more.
4 The Lamb Center - meal	2 nd Monday of every month, hot breakfast made and delivered to Lamb Center.	Women's Club	Debbie Ellis	The Lamb Center is a Christian day shelter in Fairfax. In addition to other services, breakfast and lunch are provided.
5 So Others May Eat (SOME)	Once a month, breakfast food is delivered on Saturdays to food kitchen in Washington, D.C.	Women's Club	Anna Sommers	SOME is an interfaith organization that helps the poor in Washington, D.C. Meals, clothing, healthcare, and more are provided.
6 CHO - food	Food is collected once a month at OLGC Donut Socials. Also, in June, a food collection at OLGC helps stock CHO's Vienna based food pantry for the summer months. In October, money is collected to buy food cards for CHO to distribute to help needy families buy Christmas dinner.	Women's Club	Merle Senyk	CHO stands for Community for Helping Others. It is a Vienna-based charity made up of volunteers from local churches and serving the needy in Vienna, Dunn Loring, Merrifield, and Oakton.

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7	Britepaths (formerly Our Daily Bread) - food	June food collection and delivery directly to homes of neighbors in need.	Women's Club	Peggy Loudin	Britepaths helps low-income families in Fairfax County with essential needs and financial counseling.
8	Lamb Center - clothing	Parishioners donate new and like-new underclothes.	Women's Club	Debbie Ellis	The Lamb Center is a Christian day shelter for the homeless and needy in Fairfax.
9	Christmas in July	Parishioners donate clothing, diapers, supplies and equipment for babies. Mothers referred from the diocese's Gabriel Center come to OLGc to get things they need. Left over items are donated to pro-life pregnancy centers.	Women's Club/Respect Life	Betsy Argauer	Respect Life is the name for all of the pro-life activities the Women's Club undertakes.
10	March for Life	A parishioner funds rental of a bus to transport parishioners downtown to the annual March for Life.	Women's Club/Respect Life	Betsy Argauer	Respect Life is the name for all of the pro-life activities the Women's Club undertakes.
11	Mothers Day Roses	Parishioners sell roses after Mother's Day Masses. Funds are given to pro-life causes.	Women's Club/Respect Life	Betsy Argauer	Respect life is the name for all of the pro-life activities the Women's Club undertakes.
12	Thanksgiving Bake Sale	Proceeds from the bake sale go to help OLGc's SVdP.	Women's Club	Mary Pat Egan	
13	Funeral Luncheons	Provide reception with food following funerals.	Women's Club	Ann Streb	
14	Diapers Collection	Parishioners donate diapers to CHO and other organizations.	Women's Club	Merle Senyk	
15	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Parishioners knit shawls for homebound parishioners.	Women's Club	Elizabeth Wonder	
16	Our Lady's Rosary Makers	Parishioners make rosaries that are sent to various communities in the US and overseas.	Women's Club	Anna Hallahan	
17	Blood Drive	Parishioners donate blood approximately 3 times a year after Sunday Masses.	Women's Club	Merle Senyk	
18	Money for Seminarians	Each year the Knights give \$500 to 4 seminarians. Money is raised through the sale of Christmas Cards.	Knight of Columbus	Roberto Bacalski and Tom Nassief	The Knights of Columbus Santa Maria Council in Vienna is made up of men from OLGc and St. Mark Parishes.

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19	KOVAR	Knights sell tootsie rolls and solicit donations. Proceeds provide financial assistance through grants and loans to charitable organizations that assist Virginians with intellectual disabilities. Once a year, KOVAR is the beneficiary of a second collection taken up during Mass.	Knights of Columbus	Roberto Bacalski and Tom Nassief	KOVAR stands for Knights of Virginia Assisting Citizens with Intellectual Disabilities.
20	Christ House - meal #2	3 rd Wednesday of every other month, food is purchased, cooked and served at Christ House in Alexandria.	Knight of Columbus	Roberto Bacalski and Tom Nassief	Christ House, located in Alexandria, is a Catholic Charities program. It offers transitional housing to men, meals and clothing to the poor, and more.
21	Coats for Kids	Knights raise money through a raffle at Vienna October Fest, buy new coats with the proceeds, and donate coats to CHO's clothes closet.	Knights of Columbus	Roberto Bacalski and Tom Nassief	CHO stands for Community for Helping Others. It is a Vienna-based charity made up of volunteers from local churches and serving the needy in Vienna, Dunn Loring, Merrifield, and Oakton.
22	Bereavement Ministry	Support for those who have lost a loved one.	OLGC	Sr. Janice	
23	The Lamb Center - counseling	Provides spiritual counseling on Fridays.	OLGC	Sr. Janice	The Lamb Center is a Christian day shelter for the homeless and needy in Fairfax.
24	Annulment Case Sponsors	Help parishioners prepare petitions for annulment of marriage.	OLGC	Fr. Metzger	
25	Ministry to the Sick and Homebound	Communion is taken directly to the sick and homebound. Volunteers pray with and visit our homebound parishioners.	OLGC	Gerard Hall	
26	Counseling	Three social workers and a priest from Catholic Charities provide Christian counseling at OLGC. Counseling is available on a sliding scale for those who cannot afford to pay regular rates.	OLGC/Catholic Charities	Jean Wood (Catholic Charities)	

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27	Coat Drive	Parishioners donate coats which are then given to organizations that help the needy, like the Lamb Center and CHO's clothes closet.	OLGC Community	Teresa Paquette	
28	Stamp Drive	Parishioners donate used postage stamps to the Sisters of the Holy Cross in Notre Dame, Indiana. Sisters sort stamps and sell them to brokers and collectors. Proceeds help those in need around the world.	OLGC Community	Marge Van Lierde	
29	Medical Brigade	Parishioners donate crutches, canes, wheelchairs, and other medical supplies that are taken on medical mission trips to South America.	OLGC Community	Eugene Lambert	Medical Brigade sends doctors and other volunteers on trips to Central America to help provide health care to the needy.
30	Giving Tree	Parishioners purchase gifts and gift cards for retired nuns, various non-profit organizations, and needy people.	OLGC Community	Mike Egan	
31	CHO – furniture closet	Twice a year OLGC parishioners pick up donated furniture and take it to CHO's furniture closet.	OLGC Community	Ed Porter	CHO stands for Community for Helping Others. It is a Vienna-based charity made up of volunteers from local churches and serving the needy in Vienna, Dunn Loring, Merrifield, and Oakton.
32	DeSales Service Works	Volunteer work in Camden, NJ.	OLGC Young Adults	David Bennett	DeSales Service Works is a project of the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales that exists to help the needy in Camden, NJ, which is one of the poorest cities in the USA.
33	Ecumenical Activities	Various ecumenical activities including a Thanksgiving service, and Good Friday Stations of the Cross.	Community	Todd Hastings	

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34	Prison Ministry	Through an ecumenical program called Kairos Inside, trained volunteers work to set up Christian communities inside prisons. Children make placemats for the Kairos community.	Community	Todd Hastings	In addition, for certain Kairos weekends, OLGc parishoners help bake cookies which are used for an excersise regarding sharing the good news inside the prison.
35	Scouts	OLGC Girl Scout, Boy Scout, and Cub Scout troops conduct various outreach projects to help the community and those in need.	Community	Beth Weithman, Heidi Snyder	
36	Special Needs Respite	Care is provided at OLGc for children with special needs while their caretakers get some free time.	OLGC CCF	Amy Winkler	
37	High School Work Camp	For a week during the summer, high school parishioners travel to a location where they can help low income residents with needed house repairs, painting and other tasks.	OLGC Youth Ministry	Derek Rogers	
38	Junior High Work Camp	Junior High students preparing for Confirmation do work camp activities for needy in our area.	OLGC Youth Ministry and OLGC CCF	Derek Rogers and Amy Winkler	
39	Out of Uniform Day	OLGC Students give money to charitable causes including breast cancer research, Catholic Charities, and wounded veterans.	OLGC School	Adrienne Jewett	
40	Pumpkin Collection	OLGC Students donate pumpkins in October which Catholic Charities gives to needy families.	OLGC School	Adrienne Jewett	

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41	Household Supply Drive	OLGC Students donate bath towels, cleaning supplies, etc. for refugee families through Catholic Charities' Office of Migration and Refugee Services.	OLGC School	Adrienne Jewett	
42	International Day Project	OLGC Students collect school supplies or money for needy schools in US or overseas.	OLGC School	Adrienne Jewett	
43	School Supply Drive	OLGC Students collect backpacks and supplies for needy school children in the area.	OLGC School	Adrienne Jewett	
44	Thanksgiving Food Drive	OLGC Students collect food items for Fairfax County families in need.	OLGC School	Adrienne Jewett	
45	LaVallee Alliance	OLGC Middle School students donate money and school supplies to schools in Haiti.	OLGC School	Robin Williams	LaVallee Alliance partners with the community of La Vallee de Jacmel, Haiti to provide quality education for their children.
46	Bottles for Babies	Parishioners and students at OLGC fill bottles with coins. Proceeds are donated to pro-life pregnancy centers.	Knights of Coilumbus, Women's Club, and OLGC School	Roberto Bacalski and Tom Nassief, and Merle Senyk	