

Third Sunday of
ADVENT

**Welcome to
Our Lady of the Chesapeake**

*A Christian Community in the
Roman Catholic Tradition
8325 Ventnor Road, Pasadena, MD 21122
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Weekday Masses:

Tuesday—Friday, 9:00am

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 5:00pm,

Sunday 8:30am, & 10:30am

Rosary: Sundays 8:00am

Penance Service - December 13th - 7:30pm

Christmas Eve Mass

3:30 pm - Church and Gathering Place (Hall)

5:30 pm, 7:30pm, 10pm - Church

Christmas Day 10:00 am

New Year's Eve 5:00 pm

New Year's Day 8:30 am & 10:30 am



Welcome

Rev. Brian "Raff" Rafferty, STL

Pastor

Rick Clemens	Deacon
Tim Janiszewski	Pastoral Associate/Youth Minister
Judy Glinka	Adm. Assistant/Business Manager
Stacey Beres	Dir. of Religious Ed./Admin. Assist.
Sr. Sally Russell	Dir. of Adult Faith Formation
Donna Moran	Hall Manager/Development
Macey Glinka	Facilities Manager
Rodney Armero	Director of Worship Music
Charles Alexander	Assist. Director of Worship Music

Parish Support

Jerry Mulcahy	Pastoral Council Chair
Judy Glinka	Altar Society
Janet Cogliano	Lectors
Joseph Borchetti	Eucharistic Ministers
Daria Breslin, daria.breslin@verizon.net	Altar Server Ministry
Luke Hogue	Ushers
Mary Laber	Social Justice Ministry
Mary Mulcahy	Bereavement Ministry
Mary Helen Gurney	Evangelization Ministry
Kathy Clifford, Sr. Sally Russell	R.C.I.A.
John Donnelly	Knights of Columbus
Susan Israel	Prayer Line
Paula Gentile	Respect Life
Angie Stull	Associate Accompanist
Joyce Heid	Wellness Ministry, Bulletin Web Editor

Sacraments

Baptisms: Baptisms are usually held every month on selected Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Please call to schedule.

Reconciliation: Saturday after the 5:00PM Mass; anytime by appointment.

Sacraments: Please contact the Pastoral Office for information, 410-255-3677.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: All those interested in living the faith in our Roman Catholic tradition are welcome. The program begins in September and culminates in May.

December 11, 2016

3rd Sunday of Advent

Sunday:

Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146/Jas 5:7-10/
Mt 11:2-11

Monday:

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a,
10ab/Jdt 13/Lk 1:26-38
or Lk 1:39-47

Tuesday:

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34/
Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday:

Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25/Ps 85/
Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday:

Is 54:1-10/Ps 30/
Lk 7:24-30

Friday:

Is 56:1-3a, 6-8/Ps 67/
Jn 5:33-36

Saturday:

Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72/
Mt 1:1-17

Next Sunday:

Is 7:10-14/Ps 24/Rom 1:1-7/
Mt 1:18-24

FREE nursery program for OLC children age 5 and under

10:30 am Mass in the Lauer wing of the Gathering Place.
If interested please visit the OLC Website for Tips for Parents
and a Registration Form
or contact Suzanne Keys at suzannembryant@yahoo.com

***New Parishioners may
register online or at our
Pastoral Office any Weekday
from 8:00AM - 3:00PM***

A Note from Donna Moran:

Last year I had the pleasure of delivering gift bags to the local nursing homes from OLC. While my intention was to focus on just one nursing home, the outpouring of gifts from OLC members was enough to do two.

So, with great joy, we will be donating Christmas gifts to Pear Tree Assisted Living and Oak Lodge from the OLC family.

All donations needed by 12/16 for the 12/20 delivery.

If you would like to donate a gift, please mark the wrapped item, mens or ladies. However, wrapping is not necessary, you can just place it in a bag marked "NURSING HOME GIFT DONATION or DMoran".

Here is a list of some suggestions:

Christmas cards (they loved getting the ones last year. They used last years cards to make place mats
small boxed candy items
sugar free candy items
socks
slippers
robes
bath towels
men's night clothes (s, med, lg, or xl).
women's night clothes (s, med, lg, or xlg)
new bed pillows
Bag of home baked cookies
hand lotions
chap sticks
pocket scarves

lap blankets
card shuffler and cards
small stuffed animals
walker caddy (check Pinterest)
life savers
chocolate mints
small activity books with large print
coloring books with simple pictures to color
coloring pencils
coloring markers
small stationary sets
small craft kits (painting ceramic or wood
project kits that are fairly simple)
Hygiene items

Get creative....check Pinterest, they have some awesome ideas.

Also, if you have tissue paper or LARGE Christmas bags, that you will not be using yourself, we could sure use some.

Along with the beautiful gifts that they received, Angel's donated lunch and drinks, and CHS performed some wonderful Christmas music.

For questions, or if you would like to help with the delivery of the gifts, please contact me at 410-255-3677 ext 105.

2017 OLC Winter Relief Shelter January 16-23, 2017

For the 11th year, Our Lady of the Chesapeake will host about 35 guests from the AA House of Hope for a week in January. We provide transportation, dinner, overnight shelter, breakfast, laundry, showers, and other services as well as companionship for our guests. We are in need of volunteers to make this endeavor a success. Please consider joining us this year as we minister to those less fortunate than ourselves.

For more information, contact Mary Cooley at marydcooley@gmail.com or 410 353 0079. Thank you!

Are you missing a hat?

Ben Frederick used to have 2 hats.

Now he has 3.

Call if it's yours! 410-255-3733

Our Lady of the Chesapeake Pastoral Council

Officers:

*Jerry Mulcahy – Chair Person
Carol Hall – Vice Chair Person
Mary Mulcahy– Secretary*

**Ex-officio (Non- voting)
Members:**

*Rodney Armero
Judy Glinka
Joyce Heid
Stacey Beres
Tim Janiszewski
Mary Laber
Rev. Brian Rafferty
Donna Moran*

Voting Members:

*Dominic Aiello
Cate Puglisi (Youth Rep)
John Donnelly (KOC)
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George Johnson
Suzanne Keys
Terry Puglisi
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Diane Williams
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*To contact the council please call
the church office or email
olcparishcouncil@yahoo.com*

From Sister Sally....

He Who Is To Come

From his cell in prison John the Baptist had heard stories about Jesus, and he sent some of his followers to find out if Jesus is the messiah. Are you 'He who is to come' or do we look for another? they asked Jesus.

Jesus had to reply in such a way that John would have no doubt about the genuineness of his messianic activity, and the message he sent back to John was about the blind receiving their sight, the lame walking, the lepers being cleansed, the deaf hearing, the dead being raised, and the poor having good news brought to them.

He did not say a word about people praying more or going to the synagogue or making God the center of their lives: The age of the messiah, as expressed in this report, does not concern "religion" in the traditional sense of the word.

One knows that the messiah has come because a real change has taken place in society, a change that involves the liberation of those who have always been cut off from the 'main branch' of society.

Jesus is the messiah because those who are blind, crippled, diseased, and poor have been liberated from the things which make them the victims of injustice.

We can turn the statement around to say that if the dregs of society do not experience liberation, then Jesus is not the messiah.

But Jesus is the messiah, and so the dead have come to life: those who have been unable to 'live' in a society that has written them off, are now alive with hope.

The Gospel has truly been a leaven of liberty and progress in human history, even in its temporal sphere, and always proves itself a leaven of brotherhood, of unity, and of peace. Therefore, not without cause is Christ hailed by the faithful as 'the expected of the nations, and their Savior' (Antiphon O for Dec. 23).

Vatican II, Decree on the Missionary Activity of the Church

Gerald Darring

RESPECT LIFE.....Building a Culture of Life *Respecting the Dignity of All God's people*

Saintly Quotes

"A life not lived for others is not a life."

"One of the greatest diseases is to be nobody to anybody."

"Loneliness is the leprosy of the modern world."

"Love to be real. It must cost. It must hurt. It must empty us of self."

"The poor are very great people. They can teach us so many beautiful things."

---St. Teresa of Kolkata



The Knights of Columbus will have their first meeting on the first Wednesday, December 7th, in the Lauer building. The second meeting of December will be held Thursday December 22nd, 6 P.M., at the Gallagher house. We will be giving the Men of the Gallagher house a Christmas Party.

The local Rotary Club needs your help to ensure others have happy New Year. Volunteers are needed to serve as bell ringers at the Pasadena Giant and Safeway grocery stores. Volunteers work two hour shifts ringing the bell and the donations/spare change collected in the kettles goes to the Salvation Army. Everywhere, public contributions to Salvation Army kettles enable the organization to continue its year-round efforts at helping those who would otherwise be forgotten. For more information or to volunteer, contact OLC's own Jack Streb at 410-255-0193.

Oplatki, the Christmas Wafer

available this year once again thanks to parishioner Kathy Clifford. Anyone who wants Oplatki can contact Kathy at 410-437-1504 or 443-618-8572.



Many Polish, Slovak, Lithuanian and other Eastern European families observe the centuries-old Oplatki Christmas Tradition. The word Oplatki means "Angel Bread". The word Bethlehem means "House of Bread." The breaking of the bread is a sign of charity, unity, and friendship. Religious family traditions and customs bring the truths of Faith into the home. One of these beautiful Christmas customs is the Christmas Wafer. A Wafer bearing a simple design commemorative of Christ's birth is broken by the head of the family and distributed to each member. With a simple prayer for God's grace and the welfare of the present and absent members of the family, the head family member breaks the Wafer and distributes it, a piece to each one at the table. While doing so each member of the family is kissed and is wished a joyful feast.

OLC Christmas Cards are here!

Boxed Set Includes: 16 cards/ 4 of each design

\$10 per box

Checks can be made out to Our Lady of the Chesapeake

Created by OLC's own 3rd grade students:

Collin Matthews, Tatiana Marcic, Laney Preslipsky,
& Kaitlyn Richter

The inside of each card reads:

For Children, Christmas is not a date.

It's a state of mind.

May the wonder of Christmas be with you forever.

For more information, contact Stacey Beres—
sberes@olchesapeake.org or call the church office.

All proceeds benefit the OLC religious education program.

Stewardship December 4 , 2016

Offertory Envelopes	\$13,954
Loose	\$1,755
Total Offertory	\$15,709
Deferred Maintenance Fund	2,146
Poor Box	264
Total Weekly	\$18,119
Mass Attendance	612
YTD Offertory (23 Week)	
Envelopes	\$236,309
Loose	42,915
Total Offertory	279,224
Deferred Maintenance Fund	29,740
Poor Box	5,356
Total YTD	\$314,320
Average Weekly Offertory	\$13,666
Average Weekly Budget	14,000
Avg. Weekly Surplus (Deficit)	(\$334)

FREE TRAIN GARDEN DISPLAY***The Largest Train Garden Open to the Public
in Pasadena, MD***

John (a retired Baltimore Police Officer) and June Sturgeon welcome the public to see the Train Garden that runs 11 trains through an Amusement Park, Football Stadium, Hot Dog Stand and a Winter Wonderland that includes decorated houses, skaters and skiers. Previously featured on CNN, It is truly an amazing display not to be missed!

Santa will be there so don't forget your wish lists cameras!

Address: 836 Turf Valley Drive, Pasadena

(Please park on Hunt Ridge Rd. which intersects Turf Valley Dr. Then walk to the house. Look for the flashing rail road crossing sign in the back yard)

Dates Open: 11/25 & 11/26, 12/2 & 12/3 ,12/9 & 12/10

12/16 straight through 'til 12/23, and 12/26 & 12/27.

Closed: Dec. 24 & 25,

Hours: 6-9 PM

SAVE THE DATE!! Saturday, December 17, 2016

St. Jane Frances 2nd Annual Holiday Vendor Event

from 8:00 am -2:00 pm in the school cafeteria

Vendors: LuLa Roe, Origami Owl, P. Chef, Ravens Memorabilia, Longaberger, K&L Crafts, Premier Jewelry, McAllister Plumbing/ By The Fireside Home & Yard, Thirty One Bags, and more!!!

Update about the SVDP Thanksgiving Food Boxes and Christmas donations....

Thanks to the generosity of the parish, we were able to serve **47** families for the holiday. I would like to thank everyone who helped to prepare the boxes and deliver to the families.

We need food for the pantry for our Christmas boxes. We are ok with green beans. We thank everyone for your donations.

God Bless!
Mary

***Our Lady of the Chesapeake Prayer Line -
Available 24/7 by emailing info@olchesapeake.org***

We pray for: Tina A. and Family, Andrea H., Sam R. and family, Russ C., Jim, Skip, John S., David K., Marie B., June, Sylvia, Chuck, Stephen, Rose, Kenny, Cory H., June R., Linda D., Janice T., Sylvia, Judy, Don W., Janeen N., Jeanne F., Andrew, Holly G. and Family, Paul R., Jeremiah D., Betty P., Mark H., William H., Georgia R., Kayla M., Bryan S., Kelly S., George M., Katherine, Janet, Bruce R., John O, Melanie K., Jamie P., Brian C., Stephanie, Kathy M., Crystal, Lisa, G Family, Marilyn, Barbara, Kathy, Judy, Don, Rich, Bob P. and family, Shannon, Maureen and Family, Addie H. and Family, Alex R., Gloria L, and Carmelina D., Malcolm, Jane, Nicole, Shawn, Larry B., Kim Z., Samantha and Pat H., Maryanne J., Danny J., Caitlyn K., Phyllis H., Bill P. and family, Williams family, Richard S., Ty P., David S. and family, Pat D., Rose D., Sam, Oliver Family, Jake C., Barb, Bonnie, Jim C., Cheryl A., Dorothy P., Jim, Jessica K., Jeffrey S., Sharon P., Marcy P., Scott H., James C., Tom K., Carol H., Dorothy W., David B., Frank C., JoAnn C., Bob K., Katie S., Ed & Ruth S., Beth V., Joe C., Elizabeth H., Zachary H., Mary Ann R., Michael E., Joseph D., Stan, Shelley, Diane B., Beth V., John H., Joan H., Kay J., Jennifer, Ryan, Michael E., Ken S.

Only first names are listed to ensure privacy—don't worry, when you pray God knows who you are talking about! To become a Prayer Partner contact Susan Israel at suisrael9@comcast.net or Stacey or Judy at info@olchesapeake.org



Save the Date!

OLC

Vacation Bible School

July 17th—21st, 2017

Middle School Youth Ministry

Last Monday, Dec. 5th, we continued our second session of the year entitled “**Living Your Baptism**”. This week we discovered that as baptized children of God, we have also become **PROPHETS**...at home, at school, even in sports. He wants us to speak of his great love to everyone we meet. This is known as **EVANGELIZATION**; that is the work of the Church! Sometimes we speak loudest through our actions, by the love and kindness we show others. But sometimes, God needs us to actually use our voices...to speak up for those who are weak; to speak out against injustice; to encourage others who are lost; to discourage others from doing wrong. It takes courage to be a prophet; trust in God, and He will always give you what you need to be successful. Prophets **HOLD OUT** God and His love to the world.

This Monday, Dec. 12th, we will conclude our investigation into Baptism and how we are called to be **Priests like Jesus**...and how that impacts our everyday lives. And while doing that we will continue to have a great time! Come join us from 4:30-6:00pm.

We are also collecting **Christmas presents** for other students within our community in need. We ask our students, if they can (this is voluntary), to bring in a wrapped gift for someone their own age and gender. Please label the gift (ex. “13 year old Girl”). December 12th is our deadline (to make sure the gifts are delivered on time). Thank you!

As a collective Christmas present to the parish, our Middle School students will be **CLEANING THE CHURCH** on Sunday, Dec. 18th from 1-4pm. After we clean, we'll enjoy some fresh baked cookies and hot chocolate. This event will not happen without parents who are willing and able to join us to supervise (you do not have to clean...just make sure the students are cleaning).

Contact Tim Janiszewski if you have any questions or concerns (timjolc@verizon.net or 410-255-3677). **If you're uncertain whether or not you are on our e-mail list, please let Tim know so he can add you to it.**

High School Youth Ministry

Session 2 has begun and our theme is **Catholic Morality**...we will be investigating the theological roots and foundations of the Church's moral teachings, so that students can not only better decide **WHAT** they should morally do in a given situation, but **WHY** they should do it, and **HOW**. And, as always, it has everything to do with working your faith into your everyday lives!

Last Sunday, Dec. 4th, we investigated **CONSCIENCE AND FEELINGS**. God created us to be happy. He wants us to share in His eternal happiness, and he knows when we choose to do good, that will bring us closer to happiness, peace, and wholeness...and when we choose to do evil, that will bring us closer to sadness, chaos, and emptiness. God has gifted us with a conscience...the voice of God inside us to guide our decisions. But we need to cooperate with God's gift and form our conscience, learning about morality from trusted sources, and taking the time to reflect on our decisions beforehand, so we choose what is truly good, and not just what is convenient to us. Whether we intend it or not, our decisions can have far reaching consequences, both good and evil...and so we must take seriously our actions. Our ability to “feel” is also a gift from God, but our feelings can be powerful influences on our actions. While any feeling is neither good or evil, how we voluntarily respond to our feelings can be good or evil, and so we must take great care before we act. We even need to take the time to reflect on the decisions we have already made, and determine if we have done wrong; our conscience also helps us seek forgiveness from God and others, and bring about reconciliation. Our conscience is such a great gift! Learn to value and respect it.

This Sunday, Dec. 11th from 6:30-8:30pm, we will continue our journey into Catholic Morality...and what it has to do with your everyday life. All high school students are welcome and encouraged to join us!

We have a few **ACTIVITIES** on the near horizon...

Laser Tag and Movie Lock-in - Fri./Sat., Dec. 16th/17th from 6:30pm to 8am – We're going to see *Rogue One: A Star Wars Story*, and we've rented out the laser tag place just for OLC!!!

Making Blankets for our January Winter Relief Guests – Sun., Dec. 18th from 2pm-4pm.

HSYM Christmas Eve Mass – Sat., Dec. 24th at **7:30pm** (we need students to serve!).

Flyers and permission forms can be found in the box on the Business Office door in the church lobby and have been e-mailed to parents.

Wednesday Night Group

Our Wednesday Night Group is a **voluntary faith formation group** for high school students. If you are in 9th-12th grade and you're interested in pursuing your faith beyond what we do Sunday evening, AND in a relaxed setting, come join us please! (Note: Our Sunday evening meetings are wonderful with great content; the WNG is more relaxed, and yet deeper discussions.) While we have evenings of deep discussion on matters of faith, current events, and prayer, we also include evenings of community building, such as games, fun field trips, and service. And we've got some GREAT EATS! The schedule for the entire Fall (Sept.-Dec) has been e-mailed to parents, and we will post here in the bulletin the upcoming month's schedule. So...if you are in 9th-12th grade, come join us please Wednesday evenings from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Here's our schedule for the next month or so...

Date Activity

Dec. 14 **Plan the Winter Schedule w/Make your own Pizza** It's time to develop the WNG schedule for the Winter/Spring (January – April). We'll make mini-homemade pizza together as we plan out the WNG for the next months.

Dec. 21 Annual Christmas Party – Chinese Style! Tonight is our annual Christmas Party with fantastic Chinese Food. Bring your appetites...we'll supply the food AND the presents!

Dec. 28 **What's Going on with You? w/Baked Ziti and Garlic Bread** It's important we stay in touch with one another personally, so we're doing this again...catching up with one another's lives. And we'll enjoy fresh baked ziti with garlic bread.

If you have any questions about Youth Ministry, please contact Tim Janiszewski (410-255-3677 or timjolc@verizon.net).