

Fourth 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*

**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, <a href="mailto:daria.breslin@verizon.net">daria.breslin@verizon.net</a>	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 18, 2016

## 4th Sunday of Advent

Sunday:

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

Monday:

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71/Lk 1:5-25

Tuesday:

Is 7:10-14/Ps 24/  
Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday:

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33/  
Lk 1:39-45

Thursday:

1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2/Lk 1:46-56

Friday:

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25/Lk 1:57-66

Saturday:

Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a,  
16/Ps 89/Lk 1:67-79

Next Sunday:

Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89/Acts 13:16-17,  
22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Night:

Is 9:1-6/Ps 96/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

Dawn:

Is 62:11-12/Ps 97/  
i 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20

Day:

Is 52:7-10/Ps 98/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-  
18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

## 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](mailto:suzannembryant@yahoo.com)

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

## From the desk of Sister Sally....

*When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home."*

*Matthew*

At this time of year, we are so focused on Mary and the Baby Jesus that we often overlook what a remarkably courageous figure Joseph was in responding to his mysterious call in a dream to take the pregnant Mary into his home as his wife.

I suspect that if I had a dream where an angel commanded me to do something similar that I would wake up thanking heaven that the message was only a dream. Yet the Christmas story would have had a very different outcome if St. Joseph had done the first century equivalent of taking two aspirin and moving on because Mary's explanation of her situation was crazy. Joseph obviously had a lot more faith than most of us.

Take a few minutes to reflect on your life to identify a time when God has called you to do something that has made all the difference. You just have to listen and act in faith when this happens even if the meaning is unclear.

What great gifts we have already received – and it's still a week before we plow into the presents under our trees! Have a blessed Christmas and say a prayer thanking St. Joseph for showing us how to respond to calls from God. Eileen Wirth

### **Pope Francis: Advent thought**

*And the reason for our hope is this: God is with us and God still trusts us! Think well on this: God is with us and God still trusts us. God the Father is generous. He comes to abide with humankind, he chooses earth as his dwelling place to remain with people and to be found where humans pass their days in joy or in sorrow. Therefore, earth is no longer only "a valley of tears"; rather, it is the place where God himself has pitched his tent, it is the meeting place of God with man, of God's solidarity with men.*

*... He is God-with-us. Jesus is God-with-us. ... Jesus is God with us always and forever with us in history's suffering and sorrow.*

## **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!

## **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)  
Rick Fahlteich  
Bill Forman  
Mary Helen Gurney  
Tom Jeffers  
George Johnson  
Suzanne Keys  
Terry Puglisi  
Joyce Wiesner  
Diane Williams  
Tina Zahorcak*

*To contact the council please call  
the church office or email  
**olcparishcouncil@yahoo.com***

## ***Tis the Season of Giving, Sharing & Kindness!***

*The AAMC's Community Wellbeing Committee is proud to sponsor a sock, hat, gloves and undergarment collection to support the wellbeing of our children and youth in Annapolis.*

*Donations may be delivered:*

*Wednesday, December 21, 2016*

*10:00am – 12:00pm*

*Rotary Room, Clatanoff Pavilion, level 1*

*Contact:*

Charlotte Wallace [cwallace@aahs.org](mailto:cwallace@aahs.org) or  
Eve Sage [esage@aahs.org](mailto:esage@aahs.org) with questions.

*Thank you for your support and generosity!*

*The Community Wellbeing Committee of AAMC*

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

In his encyclical The Gospel of Life (no.77), Pope Saint John Paul II described the "culture of life" as the "fruit of the culture of truth and of love."

"Do we build the culture of life by living in truth and in love? Are we the kind of people whom a woman could and would come to if she found out she were pregnant and needed loving support and encouragement?"

---A statement from the USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)

## **A LIFELINE FOR MARRIAGE**

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. Our next local weekend is **January 27 - 29, 2017**. All calls and inquiries are confidential. To register or obtain more information visit our website at: [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com), call (443) 400-7017, or email: [3015@Retrouvaille.org](mailto:3015@Retrouvaille.org).



**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	<u>\$1,755</u>
Total Offertory	\$15,709
Deferred Maintenance Fund	2,146
Poor Box	<u>264</u>
Total Weekly	\$18,119

Mass Attendance 612

YTD Offertory (23 Week)	
Envelopes	\$236,309
Loose	<u>42,915</u>
Total Offertory	279,224
Deferred Maintenance Fund	29,740
Poor Box	<u>5,356</u>
Total YTD	\$314,320

Average Weekly Offertory	\$13,666
Average Weekly Budget	<u>14,000</u>
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

**Monsignor Slade Catholic School**

Seeking a caring, compassionate, creative, Catholic academic environment for your child? Monsignor Slade Catholic School welcomes children in Pre-K2 through 8th grade. Our next Open House will be Sunday, January 29, 2016 from 11 AM - 1 PM.

If you would like more information please visit:  
www.msladeschool.com or call 410-766-7130.

**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



**Save the Date!**

**OLC**

**Vacation Bible School**

**July 17th—21st, 2017**

***Our Lady of the Chesapeake Prayer Line - Available 24/7 by emailing [info@olchesapeake.org](mailto: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., Peter W., Janice H., Phyllis C., Mary Anna A.*

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](mailto:suisrael9@comcast.net) or Stacey or Judy at [info@olchesapeake.org](mailto:info@olchesapeake.org)

**Middle School Youth Ministry**

Last Monday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>, we completed our second session of the year entitled “**Living Your Baptism**”. This week we discovered that Jesus is the King of the universe, and as baptized children of God, we too are called to be kings. Firstly, we are called to be kings of our own selves, not ruled by sin. And secondly, as kings, we are called by Jesus to put the care of others before ourselves and serve them, as a shepherd would his sheep. Kings are called to HOLD ONTO themselves, others, and the world. This Monday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>, we will watch a great movie while having our **Christmas Party**. We will need the help of parents again to send in Christmas goodies to eat...please! Come join us from 4:30-6:30pm (an extra half hour).

Thank you for sending in **Christmas presents** for other students within our community in need. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

As a collective Christmas present to the parish, our Middle School students will be **CLEANING THE CHURCH** on Sunday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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. 11<sup>th</sup>, we investigated **GRACE AND VIRTUES**. We discovered that God so desires for us to share in His happiness, that he helps us to live as His Image. God gives us grace, in the form of the virtues, which we can tap into each and every day. The students reflected on the theological virtues (faith, hope, and love), and the cardinal virtues (wisdom, justice, courage, and self-control), and what their lives would be like if they did NOT have each virtue; we would be miserable and lost without them. God really loves us!

This Sunday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30pm, we will conclude our journey into Catholic Morality...and what it has to do with your everyday life. We will also have our **Christmas Party** near the end of the meeting, and we would love for parents to send in delicious Christmas treats and food for the students to enjoy. All high school students are welcome and encouraged to join us! If you have any questions, please contact Tim Janiszewski (410-255-3677).

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

Laser Tag and Movie Lock-in - Fri./Sat., Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> 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!!! We'll let you know next week how it went.

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

HSYM Christmas Eve Mass – Sat., Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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. 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](mailto:timjolc@verizon.net)).**