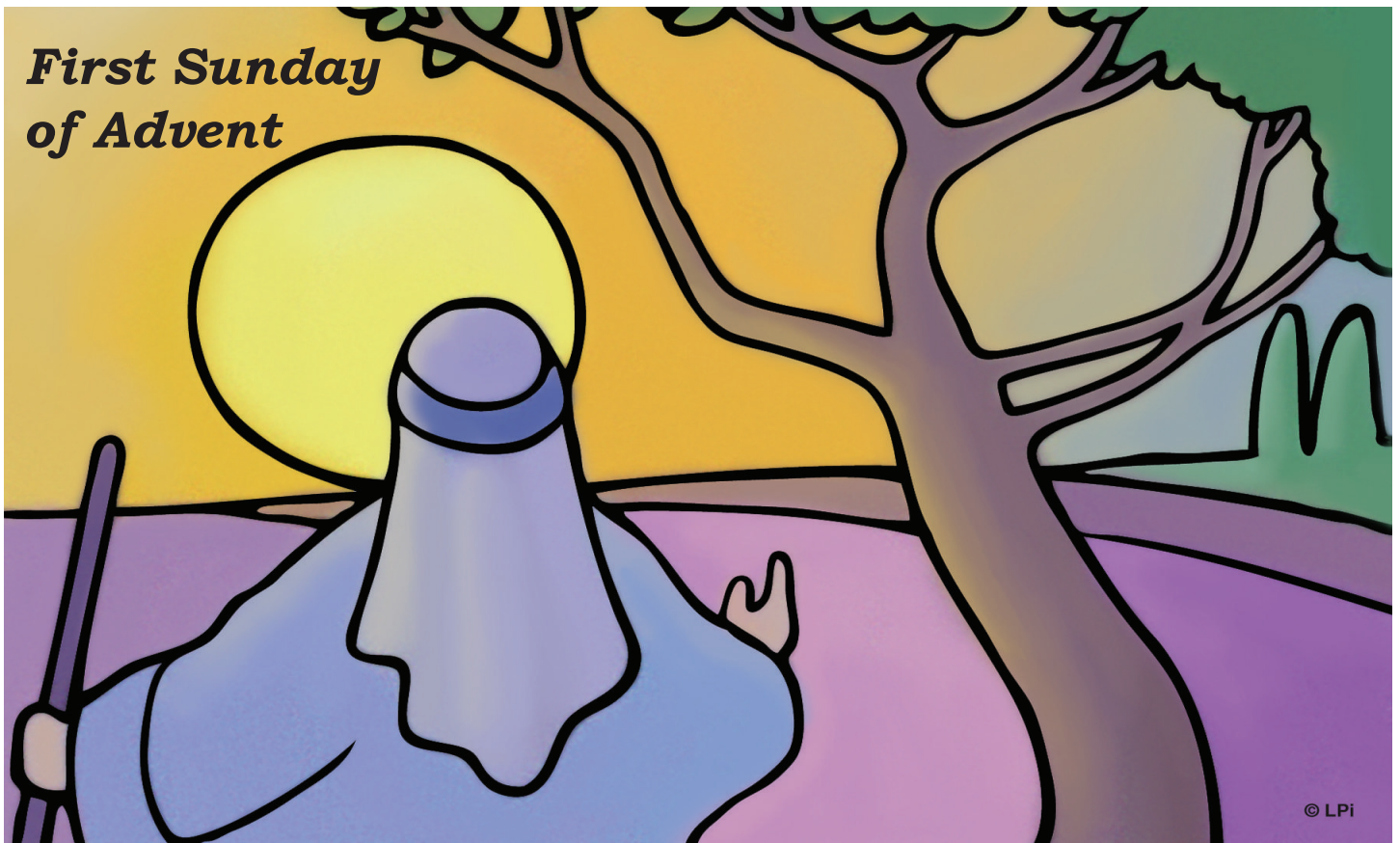


***First Sunday
of Advent***



***Welcome to
Our Lady of the Chesapeake
A Christian Community in the Roman Catholic Tradition
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***Weekday Masses: Tuesday—Friday, 9:00am
Weekend Masses:
Saturday 5:00pm,
Sunday 8:30am, & 10:30am, Rosary: Sundays 8:00am***

Holiday Schedule

December 12th : 7:30 pm Penance Services

December 23rd : 5:00 pm Mass

***Since Christmas Eve is on Sunday the 8:30 am and 10:30 am Masses will
not be celebrated. The schedule is as follows:***

December 24th: 3:30 pm Mass - Church, 3:30 pm Mass - Hall

5:30 pm Mass - Church, 7:30 pm Mass - Church, 10:00 pm Mass - Church

December 25th 10:00 am Mass - Church

January 1st 9:30 am Mass - Church

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.

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

December 3, 2017

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday:

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3,
15-16, 18-19 [4]/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk
13:33-37

Monday:

Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-
7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday:

Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8,
12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday:

Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a,
3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/
Mt 15:29-37

Thursday:

Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21,
25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday:

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4
[1a]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/
Lk 1:26-38

Saturday:

Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4,
5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/Mt 9:35--10:1,
5a, 6-8

Next Sunday:

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12,
13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/
Mk 1:1-8

IT'S ADVENT

. . . and yes, it still means "arrival" and "coming". But Jesus already came to us 2017 years ago and He comes to us in each other every day of our lives. So what is special about THIS Advent? Us, we are difference, we are special this year, we are not the same folks we were last year. Everyone notices it. Kids used to ask "When's Santa coming?" Now days the kids are asking "Why so much talk about abusing women"? and "You want a pedophile in Congress"?

Only a cliff dweller would be surprised that such is the case every day and every where. People are concerned about these things and thank God they are. St. Paul today assures his flock that "we know the times in which we are living" and that is especially true of us living here in the good ol' USA, the nation we love ad cherish and for which we want the best.

I want to ask you to pray with me that this Christmas, we of OLC will be able to gift our families with the message of Jesus into which they can sink their teeth of conviction, determination and down to earth practicality.

We are slipping down the hill of virtue, honor, honesty, truth and even massaging facts to fit a reality we may prefer. We are a young-ish parish and our many Moms and Dads deserve the only anchor that is the Good News in Jesus. Anything else falls short.

Pray with us that together we can support each other to arrive at Christmas with the assurance that we are as well equipped as we need be to live a life worthy of the Lord who lives along side us. Thanks. See ya soon!

A note from Donna Moran: So, with great joy, we once again will be donating Christmas gifts to both Pear Tree Assisted Living and Oak Lodge from the OLC family. All donations needed by 12/15 for the 12/19 and 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". Questions? Call Donna 410-255-3677/

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, bed pillows, lap blankets

men's or women's night clothes (s, med, lg, or xl).

hand lotions, chap sticks, hygiene items

card shuffler and cards

small stuffed animals

walker caddy (check Pinterest)

life savers, chocolate mints, homemade cookies

small activity books with large print

coloring books with simple pictures to color

coloring pencils, markers and stationary sets

small craft kits (painting ceramic or wood project kits that are fairly simple)

Our Lady of the Chesapeake Prayer Line

Available 24/7 by emailing info@olchesapeake.org

Pray for: Tina A. and Family, Stephen, Cory H., Janeen N., Shannon, Alex R., Gloria L, and Carmelina D., Malcolm, Jane, Nicole, Shawn, Samantha and Pat H., Maryanne J., Danny J., Caitlyn K., Phyllis H., Bill P. and family, Richard S., Ty P., David S. and family, Pat D., Sam, Oliver Family, Jake C., Barb, Bonnie, Jim C., Cheryl A., Dorothy P., Jim, Jeffrey S., Sharon P., Marcy P., Scott H., James C., Tom K., Carol H., Dorothy W., 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., Kay J., Jennifer, Ryan, Michael E., Ken S., Peter W., Janice H., Phyllis C., Mary Anna A., Iris A., Michael, Mark A., Barbara L., Nick B., Steve and Phyllis L., Sharon R., Ashley H., Marsha S., Helen D., Betty Y., Brian G., Lilly, the Cicero Family, Deter Family and the Matassa Families, Dave, Michael P, Ollie, Tanner C., Dave, Denise, Jim C., Carlson Family, Kevin & Janie N., Lynn C., Anita R., Kathy H., Katrina S., Ron C., Jeff A., Vernie E., Michele T., John M., Vernie E., Joanna, Betsy, Lou, Jodi, Paul R., Barb K., Ella J., Kelani W., Caleb W., Mikky, Sherry, Bonnie M., Carlos T. and family, Walter G., Kate R., Julio, Sebastian S., Michael, Nick, Leonard S. and family, Marie, Lisa W., Judy L. Pam D., August L., Rose B., Jason N., Dick C. Jenni, Matt, Jason R., Jeannie, Bob L.

Usually 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

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

From the Desk of Sister Sally:**Join us for Contemplative Prayer!****Still your thoughts and emotions and focus on God's presence.****Tuesday, December 12th at 9:45am and 7:00pm.****There will be no Contemplative Prayer in Church on Tuesday, December 26th.****Anyone interested in Spiritual Direction or walking the Labyrinth, please contact Sister Sally:
srussell@olchesapeake.org or 410-255-3677 EXT. 104****Tuesday, December 5th; 7:00 - 9:00pm DREAMS****Do you ever wonder where Dreams Come From? Do you have thoughts on Dreams in General. Kristen Anderson Cardegna has a private psychotherapy practice. She engaged in Dream Analysis with Swiss Trained Jungian analyst with the focus on the unconscious via dream work.****Neglecting the Present**

Advent is a time to recognize that we are "sinful; all of us have become like unclean men, all our good deeds are like polluted rags." Our personal and social sins are many: hatred, violence, oppression, indifference, selfishness, etc.

Advent is also a time of "longing for Christ our Savior," a time in which we "wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus." We look forward to the celebration of Christmas, the commemoration of Jesus' birth, but we also look forward to the "promise and hope" of heaven, which we want God to "teach us to love."

The longing for Christ causes us to want things to change for the better. We want God to find us "blameless on the day of Our Lord Jesus Christ." With Isaiah's words in mind: "Would that you might meet us doing right, we ask God to increase our strength of will for doing good."

The message of Advent is to "be constantly on the watch!"

Advent, then, is an expression of our faith in the possibility of a better world. We don't have to be at each other's throats. We can 'do right' in the areas of race relations, family obligations, and personal responsibilities. We can 'do good' to the poor, the elderly, the homeless, and to all our brothers and sisters at home and abroad. We can become blameless, beacons of social justice, examples of faith and love, peacemakers.

The message of Advent is to "be constantly on the watch!" We base this constant watch not on fear but on hope in God's "promise of eternal life." The promise of Christmas is a joyful anticipation that "The Lord will shower his gifts, and our land will yield its fruit." *Gerald Darring*

All too often Christians are faulted with a certain indifference toward earthly projects, as if one could not fully count on us for radical social reform. The charge may be unfair, but the danger is real enough. Our hope in another life must not be allowed to seduce believers into neglecting our task in the present one.

U.S. Bishops

With the approach of Christmas, many take this time to reflect on their spiritual faith.**Do you know someone who may be interested in joining the Church or
finding out what our faith is all about?****Please tell them about our RCIA program and invite them to find out more!**

*The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) meets Wednesdays at 7:00pm
in the Maryland Suite in the Church.*

Each one is a missionary disciple by inviting persons who are not Catholic, or who have not received the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation to consider the RCIA process of becoming Catholic or completing the sacraments of initiation. Many persons observe your kindness and faithfulness. You have the grace to invite others to join us in our journey of faith. If you know of anyone who might consider the RCIA, please have a conversation with them about our faith.

Contact Sister Sally: srussell@olchesapeake.org; 410-255-3677 Ext. 104

RESPECT LIFE.....Building A Culture of Life

Respecting the Dignity of All God's People

Smile

When Mother Teresa would visit a country she said, "I might not speak their language, but I can smile."

"We shall never know all the good that a simple smile can do."

"Let us always meet each other with a smile, for the smile is the beginning of love."

St. Teresa of Calcutta

WHEN IN NEED

Pregnant Need Help?

Call the Gabriel Network 1-800-Angel-OK

Material Assistance for Babies?

Call Mary's Center 410-761-8082

Suffering Abortion Post Stress?

Call Project Rachel Baltimore 410-625-8491 or projectrachel@archbalt.org

End of Life Issues Need Advice?

Contact the National Catholic Bioethics Center at www.ncbcenter.org/consultation/submit-request/ or call 215-877-2660

**Shelter Week Planning Meeting -
Monday, December 4, 2017**

Thank you for your support of the Winter Relief Auction.

Our Lady of the Chesapeake will once again be participating in the Arundel House of Hope's rotating Winter Relief Shelter for the homeless during the week of January 15 - 22, 2018. This year we will house approximately 35 men. We provide hot meals, showers, warm beds, clothing, friendship and many other services during the week. This will be our 12th year participating in the program. We are in need of volunteers to help with duties such as shelter setup/breakdown, breakfast preparation, overnight chaperoning, weekend chaperoning and sorting of clothing.

If you would like to volunteer or find out more about our Shelter Week, please join us for our Organizational Meeting on Monday, December 4 at 7:00 PM in the Gathering Place. If you would like to volunteer but cannot attend the meeting please contact Mary Cooley at marydcooley@gmail.com or 410 353 0079.

Thank you in advance for your participation and support.



The Knights of Columbus of Our Lady of the Chesapeake will meet the first Wednesday of the month, December 6th at 7:30 P.M. in the Lauer building. All Knights are invited. There will be no second meeting in December. For more information contact John Donnelly at 410-437-0116, or sandysue@cablespeed.com.

Stewardship
Nov 26, 2017 Offertory

Envelopes	\$8,785
Loose	\$1,678
Total Offertory	10,463
Deferred Maintenance Fund	1,170
Poor Box	193
Total Weekly	<u>\$11,826</u>

Mass Attendance 611

YTD Offertory (22 Week)	
Envelopes	\$223,035
Loose	37,736
Total Offertory	260,771
Deferred Maintenance Fund	24,564
Poor Box	5,774
Total YTD	\$291,108
Average Weekly Offertory	\$12,970
Average Weekly Budget	14,000
Avg. Weekly Surplus (Deficit)	(\$1,030)

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.

FREE TRAIN GARDEN DISPLAY—FINAL YEAR!

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)

John 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.

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

Fri. 12/1 & Sat. 12/2, Fri. 12/8 & Sat. 12/9, Fri. 12/15 THROUGH Saturday, 12/23.

Closed Xmas Eve & Xmas Day.

Will be open Tues. 12/26 & Weds. 12/27.

Hours are 6 to 8:30pm. Questions? Call 410- 349-6627.

Youth Ministry

Middle School Youth Ministry

Last Monday, Nov. 27th, we began our second Session of the year entitled "Prayer." We learned that prayer IS our relationship with God. Just like the Samaritan woman in John's Gospel, when we come to the well thirsting for God, Jesus is always there first, waiting for us. And Jesus thirsts too – his asking us for a drink arises from God's desire for us; God is madly in love with us! Prayer is the encounter of God's thirst with ours! Our prayer is always inspired by the Holy Spirit, so our desire to pray is a gift from God. When we pray, we enter into communion with the Holy Trinity (the Holy Spirit inspires us, and Jesus teaches us and makes prayer possible before God the Father). And such a communion always leads to action...leads us to DO something. Prayer is not just something we do...but part of who we are! Through our discussion, the students realized that they are already a praying people.

This Monday, Dec. 4th from 4:30pm to 6:00pm, we will continue our investigation into Prayer.

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 11th is our deadline (to make sure the gifts are delivered on time). Thank you!

Our MSYM will be sponsoring a church Clean and Shine event on Sunday, December 17th from 1-4pm. The students will be helping to make the inside of OLC look beautiful for Christmas. We need Archdiocesan Child Protection trained parents to help PLEASE!

High School Youth Ministry

Last Sunday, Nov. 26th, we began **Session 2 - Advent**. The students shared about their families' Advent and Christmas preparations. They talked about how this is a crazy world in which we live...filled with chaos, pain, sorrow, and death. But it is also a beautiful world filled with peace, joy, and life. In the midst of your chaos...do you hope for peace? In the moments of your pain and sorrow...do you hope for joy? When you are surrounded by death...do you hope for life? Jesus IS the master of all things...he came and conquered chaos, pain, sorrow, and death...and offers us peace, and joy, and life. Do you place your hope in him? Jesus IS the Master...and he IS coming again. Do you try your best to live in tune with his teachings...to love those around you and forgive those who hurt you...to pray to him daily and stay in tune with him and his teachings? Do you believe that Jesus is madly in love with you, and wants nothing more than for you to love him back? Do you love him back? Jesus said if you love him back, you will do as he taught you...do you try? Jesus said if you really love God, you will show him by loving your neighbors...even your enemies...especially your enemies. Do you try? Advent is an amazing time for us to recommit ourselves to get back in tune with God... or to get in tune with God if you've never been there. Make the most of Christmas this year by making the most of Advent...what will you DO?! And...**consider doing it as a family!**

The focus for the first week of Advent is HOPE. This Sunday, Dec. 3rd from 6:30-8:30pm, we will continue our journey through Advent as we focus on **PEACE**. 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. 15th/16th from 8pm to 8am – We're going to see *Star Wars: The Last Jedi*, and we've rented out the laser tag place just for OLC!!!
- Making Blankets for our January Winter Relief Guests – Sun., Dec. 17th from 2pm-4pm.
- HSYM Christmas Eve Mass – Sat., Dec. 24th at **3:30pm in the Hall** (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.

If you should have any questions or concerns, please contact Tim Janiszewski (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.**

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...

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>
Nov. 29	Happy New Year's Party w/Pie

The beginning of Advent is the beginning of the new year in the Church's calendar. Come ring in the new year with us as we enjoy fresh pie (NOT apple or pumpkin), reflect together, make our own Advent Calendars, and have a special toast (non-alcoholic of course).

Dec. 6 Story Night w/Christmas Cookie Bake and Hot Cocoa

Stories to make you think, and share your thoughts, while we bake and eat Christmas cookies. And fresh baked cookies go great with Hot Cocoa. AND...it's also the Feast of St. Nicholas, so there'll be a surprise!!!

Dec. 13 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. 20 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!

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