



*Welcome to  
Our Lady of the Chesapeake  
A Christian Community in the  
Roman Catholic Tradition*

*8325 Ventnor Road, Pasadena, MD 21122*

*Phone: 410-255-3677*

*Weekday Masses:*

*Tuesday—Friday, 9:00am*

*Weekend Masses:*

*Saturday 5:00pm,*

*Sunday 8:30am, & 10:30am*

*Rosary: Sundays 8:00am*

*New Parishioners may register online or at our  
Pastoral Office any Weekday from 8:30AM - 4:00PM*

# 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, Joanna Puglisi and Cate Puglisi	Altar Server Ministry
Luke Hogue	Ushers
Mary Laber	Social Justice Ministry
Mary Mulcahy	Bereavement Ministry
Mary Helen Gurney	Evangelization Ministry
Renee Medri	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

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** All those interested in living the faith in our Roman Catholic tradition are welcome. Program begins in September and culminates at the Easter Vigil.

**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.

December 13, 2015

## Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday:

Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-6/  
Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

Monday:

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-9/  
Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday:

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7,  
17-19, 23/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday:

Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25/  
Ps 85:9-14/Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday:

Gn 49:2, 8-10/  
Ps 72:1-4, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17

Friday:

Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-  
19/Mt 1:18-25

Saturday:

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/  
Ps 71:3-6, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

Next Sunday:

Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16,  
18-19/Heb 10:5-10/  
Lk 1:39-45

## 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)

## Pastor's Page

Hi Gang,

Though I will not see you again until the 20<sup>th</sup> of December; when I do see you I am pretty sure I will speak about the Jubilee Year 2016 Pope Francis has given us. It will be the fourth and last Sunday of Advent when Mary is told, if she will open herself to God, God will dwell in her and through her, in all of us.

Think of it: just like Mary, Our Lady of the Chesapeake, we are invited most especially this Jubilee year to open up and dive into Christ life. We would do it in a minute except for that one thing that makes us hesitate to dive into the deep end of the pool of God's love. We continue to put ourselves down, don't we? We're just not good enough!

Jesus thinks we are! That's why the Jubilee Year is God-sent, via Francis. This is Francis' way of saying "Think Think Think". How could any of us mere human beings think we know more than God? No way!

Remember our Penance Service on the 22nd of December at 7:30 pm; beautiful Scriptures, a thoroughly brilliant homily and mellifluous music all combining to set you up for a truly memorable Christmas celebration. Tell all your friends who have been away for a while, for whatever reason, to feel very much at home with the rest of us sinners. Remember: the big difference between Judas and St. Peter is that Peter believed Jesus is all-forgiving!

Hope you recognize me when I get back. I will be the dude with the gorgeous savage tan. Merry Christmas

Love, Raff

### Door of Mercy

Jesus is the Door! In the words of Pope Francis, "There is only one way that opens wide the entrance into the life of communion with God: this is Jesus, the one and absolute way to salvation." Fr. James F. Keenan, a Jesuit priest, has said, "Mercy is the willingness to enter into the chaos of another." You have been living out the quote in our parish by your generosity to the various outreach programs. You are mercy, when you support the Auction! You are mercy, when you participate in the Giving Tree! You are mercy, when you support the Nursing Home Donations!

Pope Francis calls us to more, "At times we are called to gaze even more attentively on mercy so that we may become a more effective sign of the Father's action in our lives. For this reason I have proclaimed an Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy as a special time for the Church, a time when the witness of believers might grow stronger and more effective. (Bull of Indiction announcing the Jubilee of Mercy)

Sister Sally

### A Note of Thanks to OLC from Mary's Center!

Mary's Center wishes to thank all who participated in the 2015 Baby Bottle Campaign. The amount collected for Mary's Center totaled \$4,065. Your generosity to this campaign is so wonderful! The monies are put to good use to assist the women who come to Mary's Center for basic necessities for their babies and toddlers. Your kindness allows us to provide the help needed by the less fortunate among us. God will surely bless you for your generosity!

### 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  
Adam Beres (Youth Representative)  
John Donnelly (KOC)  
Rick Fahlteich  
Bill Forman  
Mary Helen Gurney  
Bob Hines  
Tom Jeffers  
George Johnson  
Suzanne Keys  
Bruce Mundie  
Terry Puglisi  
Jack Streb  
Joyce Wiesner  
Diane Williams*

*To contact the council please call  
the church office or email  
[olcparishcouncil@yahoo.com](mailto:olcparishcouncil@yahoo.com)*

**The next Parish Council meeting  
will be in January.  
ALL members of OLC are welcome  
to attend the monthly meetings. We  
welcome & need your ideas & input.**

**Free Large size Electric Wheelchair is available.** For more info please call B. Barnes at 410-255-7472.

### **New Altar Servers Needed**

Children in grade 4 or above are invited to join the Altar Server Ministry. Please contact Daria Breslin at [daria.breslin@verizon.net](mailto:daria.breslin@verizon.net) or Cate and Joanna Puglisi at [olcalterservers@gmail.com](mailto:olcalterservers@gmail.com) to discuss training and scheduling.



### **OLC Knights of Columbus**

The Knights of Columbus meet the first and third Wednesday of each month in a classroom of the Gathering Place at 7:30pm.

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

"When we attend to the needs of those in want, we give them what is theirs, not ours. More than performing works of mercy, we are paying a debt of justice."

---Pope St. Gregory the Great

### **DO YOU HAVE 15 MINUTES TO HELP MAKE OUR PARISH STRONGER?**

Our Holy Father has called upon us to become "Missionary Disciples". In an attempt to follow his proclamation, Archbishop Lori has requested that each parish have their parishioners complete a survey to determine how our church is helping us to become a "Missionary Disciple"

In preparation for this, please read and reflect on Archbishop Lori's pastoral letter, "A light Brightly Visible", and think what being a "missionary disciple" is calling each of us and our parish to do?

The survey is now available electronically through the [bemissionarydisciples.org](http://bemissionarydisciples.org) website, the OLC website [www.olchesapeake.org](http://www.olchesapeake.org), or through [www.archbalt.org](http://www.archbalt.org).

Paper copies are also available here at OLC for those who prefer the old-fashioned way.

### **OLC December Holiday Schedule**

*December 8<sup>th</sup> – Immaculate Conception – 9am*  
*December 22<sup>nd</sup> – Penance Service – 7:30pm*

*December 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve*  
*3:30, 5:30, 7:30 and 10pm*  
*December 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day – 10am*

*January 1 – Solemnity of Mary – 10am*

**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.

### **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.

### **OLC PRAYER LINE**

Will you consider being a Prayer Partner for the OLC Prayer Line? As a Prayer Partner you will receive emails with names of people who are requesting prayers. They might have health concerns, family concerns, job concerns, financial concerns. They might feel that they are alone – a really tough place to be. To become a Prayer Partner for the OLC Prayer Line contact Susan Israel at [suisrael9@comcast.net](mailto:suisrael9@comcast.net) or Stacey or Judy at [info@olchesapeake.org](mailto:info@olchesapeake.org)

### **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, Delores, Cheryl A, Theresa P., Andrea H., Sam R. and family, Kevin and Anita M., Russ C., Jim, Ruth C. and family, Nan E., Clark D., Marvin H., Nancy, Pete, Skip, John S., David K., Joe B., Augie L., Donnelly family, Marie B., June Rose B., Sylvia, Chuck, Stephen, Rose, Kenny, Cory H., Gwen H., June R., Linda D., Janice T., Melissa T., Joan H., Sylvia, Ruth C., Judy, Don W.*

*Only first names are listed to ensure privacy—don't worry, when you pray God knows who you are talking about!*

## Nursing Home Christmas Donations

As you may recall, last year I put together a Holiday Party for the Residents at Oak Lodge where my father was a resident. In August he went home to the lord to be at my mother side, who had passed in May. The residents were so appreciative & it was such a great day for them staff included. So on December 23rd the very talented students of Chesapeake High School Vocal Ensemble will perform, Angel's Grocery will be donating a delicious lunch, and with the help of our parish each resident will receive a gift. More importantly they will know they are loved!

The following is a list of ideas for gifts:

Hand cream  
socks  
slippers Med and Large  
Lap blankets  
puzzles  
word search books  
shaving cream, toothpaste, mouthwash, razors, box of tissues  
nail polish  
markers  
soap  
towel sets  
dry hair shampoo  
small snack size chips, pretzels, cookies, candy, fruit

Or if you would like to just send a Christmas card, they love getting mail and notes of good cheer.

As of today there are 19 residents at Oak Lodge. I will make sure that everyone get a gift and card. All extras will be sent to another retirement or senior center.

**You can drop off donations in the church office or The Gathering Place foyer. Please make sure they are marked NURSING HOME so that they do not get mixed up with the giving tree gifts in the church.**

**If you have questions or concern, please contact Donna Moran @ 410-255-3677 ext 105 or [ordmoran@olchesapeake.org](mailto:ordmoran@olchesapeake.org)**

Thank you and may you be blessed with a beautiful Christmas.

Donna

## 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: 11/27 & 11/28, 12/4 & 12/5 ,12/11 & 12/12**

**12/14 straight through 'til 12/23, and 12/26 & 12/27.**

**Closed: Dec. 24 & 25,**

**Hours: 6-9 PM**

**SNOW BIRDS:** Please let us know the month you are leaving and the month you return, so we can stop your envelopes, then have them mailed to you on your return. We have to pay for them, and if they are returned to us, we have to pay again. This will help the parish save money.



Please give Stacey Beres a call in the church office, 410-255-3677. Thanks!

## **MONSIGNOR SLADE CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

Pre-K 2's through 8th Grade

Extended care available for enrolled students

Open House for Prospective Students

Sunday, January 31, 2016: 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Pre-K and Kindergarten Information Night

Thursday, February 18, 2016: 6:30 p.m.

120 Dorsey Road · Glen Burnie, MD 21061

[www.msladeschool.com](http://www.msladeschool.com) Admissions: 410-766-7130

[mssc@msladeschool.com](mailto:mssc@msladeschool.com)

**Just a reminder that in the event Anne Arundel County Schools are closed for inclement weather, Religious Education Events and Classes will also be cancelled.**

If inclement weather occurs on the weekend, please visit our Facebook Page or our website [www.olchesapeake.org](http://www.olchesapeake.org) for updates. If possible, we will also update the phone message of the church office, 410-255-3677.

Middle School Youth Ministry

Last Monday (Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>) we continued our **Second Session of the year, "Exploring the Bible."** The students explored how to navigate through the Bible. The Word of God is one of God's greatest gifts to us...why would you NOT want to be more familiar with it? God loves us and will communicate that to us through His Word.

Next Monday (Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>) we will explore the deep connection between the Old and New Testaments, and how Christ is revealed in the New Testament, and fulfills the Old Testament. All 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome and encouraged to join us this Monday from 4:30pm to 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> from 1-4pm. The students will be helping to make the inside of OLC look beautiful for Christmas. It's their gift to the parish! We need STAND trained parents to help PLEASE!

We have **homework** every week (just a few minutes worth). The students will not only bring a copy home with them, but we will also **e-mail** the homework to parents this year, and it is usually on our website ([www.olchesapeake.org](http://www.olchesapeake.org)). If you are not receiving an e-mailed copy of the homework, then we probably don't have your e-mail address; please e-mail Tim ([tjaniszewski@olchesapeake.org](mailto:tjaniszewski@olchesapeake.org)) and let him know your e-mail address. Thanks!

High School Youth Ministry

Last Sunday, Dec 6<sup>th</sup>, we began **Session 2 - Advent: Disciples of Jesus**. Each week we will investigate the Gospel reading from that Sunday's Mass, and discover what it has to do with being a follower of Jesus.

During our second week, the students began by writing personal letters to Jesus, letting him know how they plan to change their hearts and lives. Then they discovered that it was the feast of St. Nicholas, and the students learned about his history. After they got into their small groups, the students placed their letters to Jesus in pie pans, and placed them outside their doors. Wouldn't you know it, St. Nicholas visited us and left gifts of pizza, cookies, and candy to enjoy during their meeting. The students also discussed the **Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy**.

From the Gospel reading (Luke 3: 1-6), the students discovered that we have a God who hears our cry from the desert that life can often be, and he says, "I love you, and I come to make you NEW." And then God says, "I have made you new, now help me make the rest of the world new too." And so we are to prepare the way for the Lord. That's what the corporal and spiritual works of mercy are all about... we are to physically and spiritually love others...we are to be people of mercy. We ended our evening around the fire pit, offering up our letters to Jesus and a prayer to St. Nicholas; students took home prayers cards to St. Nick and are encouraged to pray with it every day during Advent. AND...Pope Francis has declared a Year of Mercy starting December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015. He wants our Church to be more merciful, and image our God who is a God of Mercy. **Students were given "Year of Mercy" bracelets to wear all year; the bracelets are in the church lobby and available to ALL parishioners and guests.**

This Sunday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30pm, we will continue our journey through Advent. 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. 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm to 8am – We're going to see *Star Wars: The Force Awakens* (hopefully...if we can get tickets on opening night) and we've rented out the laser tag place just for OLC!!!

Making Blankets for our January Winter Relief Guests – Sun., Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> from 2pm-4pm.

HSYM Christmas Eve Mass – Thurs., 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.

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...

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>
Dec. 16	<b>Annual Christmas Party – Chinese Style!</b> Tonight is our annual Christmas Party with fantastic Chinese Food. Bring your appetites...we'll supply the food AND the presents!
Dec. 23	<b>Break – No Meeting</b> Christmas Eve is too close to Christmas to have a meeting. Stay home and enjoy time with your family tonight...Merry Christmas!
Dec. 30	<b>Plan the Winter Schedule w/Make your own Pizza</b> It's time to develop the WNG schedule for the Winter/Spring (January – April). We'll make pizza together as we plan out the WNG for the next months.
Jan. 6, 2016	<b>We'll let you know the schedule from January - April after we make it on Dec. 30th...stay tuned!</b>

If you have any questions about Youth Ministry, please contact Tim Janiszewski (410-255-3677 or [tjaniszewski@olchesapeake.org](mailto:tjaniszewski@olchesapeake.org)).