



*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 20, 2015

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday:

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

Monday:

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/
Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45

Tuesday:

1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-8/
Lk 1:46-56

Wednesday:

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5,
8-10, 14/Lk 1:57-66

Thursday:

Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a,
16/Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29/Lk 1:67-79

Friday:

Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27,
29/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25
or 1:18-25

Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-3, 11-13/
Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6,
11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20

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

Saturday:

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3-4, 6, 8,
16-17/Mt 10:17-22

Next Sunday:

1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28 or Sir 3:2-6,
12-14/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10/
1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24 or Col 3:12-21 or
3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52

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

Pastor's Page

Hi Gang!

Just a reminder our Penance Service is 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!

Merry Christmas! Love, *Raff*

Gospel Luke 1:39-45

Pope Francis uses the Gospel of the Visitation to teach us that communication begins in the family. He mentions the communication between Mary, Elizabeth, and the baby within the womb of Elizabeth. How is the Magnificat of Mary a source of dialogue and reconciliation?

Mary's greeting and the stirring of her child are a blessing for Elizabeth. ... To "visit" is to open doors, not remaining closed in our little world, but rather going out to others. So too the family comes alive as it reaches beyond itself. ... More than anywhere else, the family is where we daily experience our own limits and those of others, the problems great and small entailed in living peacefully with others. ... The family, where we keep loving one another despite our limits and sins, thus becomes a school of forgiveness.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb.

Treasures spilling over,
secrets pouring out
in sheer delight.

The women
hug and
the baby
leaps for joy.

Holy
Spirit,
fill us too
with yourself.
Teach us to love
and let us cry out in joy,
since our Lord has come to be
within us and within all humankind.

Let our spirits
jump for
joy. by Anne Osdieck

Let the practice of mercy give us patience and understanding in our families this last week of Advent!

Sister Sally

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
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Mary Helen Gurney
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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*

***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.***

OLC December Holiday Schedule

December 22nd – Penance Service – 7:30pm

December 24th – Christmas Eve

3:30, 5:30, 7:30 and 10pm

December 25th – Christmas Day - 10am

January 1 – Solemnity of Mary – 10am



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.

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.

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 or Cate and Joanna Puglisi at olcalterservers@gmail.com to discuss training and scheduling.

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

"Whenever our interior life becomes caught up in our own interests and concerns, there is no longer room for others, no place for the poor."

---Pope Francis

"To change the world we must be good to those who cannot repay us."

---Pope Francis

Fill the Boots

Thank you for your generosity, we collected \$957.28 during our "Fill the Boots" weekends and additional \$2,000 from an anonymous donor that enables us to help the veterans with a total of \$2,957.28.

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 or Stacey or Judy at info@olchesapeake.org

The Arundel House of Hope is again organizing the 3rd annual "HOMELESS MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE"

on the longest night of the year, tomorrow night December 21,, at 4:30 p.m. at Lawyer's Mall in front of the State House in Annapolis. We will be remembering mothers and fathers, sons and daughters who died while homeless in Anne Arundel County in the last year. Last year we remembered 17 individuals by name. The Lighthouse Shelter and Sarah's House - Catholic Charities will again be joining the Arundel House of Hope in sponsoring this day of remembrance. Special efforts are being made to have the men and women in the winter relief program attend the service. The County Executive's office has indicated that Steve Schue will again declare December 21, 2015 to be Homeless Memorial Day in Anne Arundel County. A representative of his office may be present at the service. The Youth Group from Joy Reigns Lutheran Church in Edgewater is bring cookies and The Lighthouse Shelter is preparing sandwiches. The HOH is providing coffee, tea or hot chocolate. Please come and join us in remembering those we have lost from the homeless community in the last year.

Our Lady of the Chesapeake Prayer Line - Available 24/7 by emailing 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., Janeen N., Jeanne F.,

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 dmoran@olchesapeake.org

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

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!

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

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.

23rd ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S EVE INTERFAITH PRAYER SERVICE

Historic St. Ignatius Church at Calvert and Madison Streets will join the Baltimore New Year's Eve scene with its Annual Interfaith Prayer Service. It will be the 23rd gathering of people of various faiths, including Jewish, Christian and Muslim, to offer thanksgiving for blessings during the past year and to pray for continued blessings in 2016. The musical program begins at 7:30 PM. The hour-long service follows, concluding at 9:30 PM, well in advance of other New Year's Eve activities. Archbishop William Lori will be the presider and Rabbi Deborah Wechsler of Chizuk Amuno Congregation will give the reflection. As in the past, the Governor, the Mayor, and the City Council President are expected to participate. A reception will follow the service. The event is free. Free parking is available at the SHA parking lot on Monument Street; the entrance is between Guilford and Calvert streets. Location: St. Ignatius Catholic Community; 740 N. Calvert Street, Baltimore, MD 21202. For more information, contact John Odean at (410) 727-3848.

Middle School Youth Ministry

Last Monday (Dec. 14th), we continued our **Second Session of the year, "Exploring the Bible."** The students explored the deep connection between the Old and New Testaments, and how Christ is revealed in the New Testament, and fulfills the Old Testament. 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. 21st) we will discover that the Bible is a book unlike any others...come see how! All 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are welcome and encouraged to join us this Monday from 4:30pm to 6:00pm. We will also have our Christmas Party and need the help of parents again to send in Christmas goodies to eat...please!

Thank you to all the students and parents who sent in **Christmas presents** for other students within our community in need. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and needed!

Our MSYM will be sponsoring a church **Clean and Shine** event on Sunday, December 20th 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). 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) and let him know your e-mail address. Thanks!

High School Youth Ministry

Last Sunday, Dec 13th, we continued **Session 2 - Advent: Disciples of Jesus**. Each week we investigate the Gospel reading from that Sunday's Mass, and discover what it has to do with being a follower of Jesus.

During our third week, the students investigated the Gospel reading (Luke 3: 10-18) and discovered that John the Baptist tells us that disciples of Jesus are baptized with the Holy Spirit...the Holy Spirit lives right INSIDE them. The Holy Spirit helps you do everything good that you do, from being alive; to praying; to forgiving; to loving others, yourself, and God.

God has work for his followers to do - helping him spread his love all over the world - and he gives you gifts to get that work done. Every gift from God comes from the Holy Spirit, and every gift from God is nothing less than God himself. With all that amazing goodness being offered to you, why would you NOT want to be in tune with the Holy Spirit? Are you taking your Advent Resolution seriously? We hope so...God is counting on you! God is also gifting you with what you need to get it done!

This Sunday, Dec. 20th from 6:30-8:30pm, we will complete our journey through Advent. We will also end with a Christmas Party, and need the help of parents to send in Christmas goodies to eat...please! 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. 18th/19th 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!!! We'll let you know next week how it went.

Making Blankets for our January Winter Relief Guests – Sun., Dec. 20th from 2pm-4pm. Again, we'll let you know next week how it went.

HSYM Christmas Eve Mass – Thurs., 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.

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. 23 **Break – No Meeting** Christmas Eve Eve is too close to Christmas to have a meeting. Stay home and enjoy time with your family tonight...Merry Christmas!

Dec. 30 **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 pizza together as we plan out the WNG for the next months.

Jan. 6, 2016 **We'll let you know the schedule from January - April after we make it on Dec. 30th...stay tuned!**

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