

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 8:00AM - 3:00PM

Welcome

Rev. Brian "Raff" Rafferty, STL Pastor

Rick Clemens Deacon

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Sr. Sally Russell Dir. of Adult Faith Formation
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Mary Mulcahy Bereavement Ministry
Mary Helen Gurney Evangelization Ministry

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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

<u>Baptisms:</u> 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.

<u>Sacraments:</u> 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

October 29, 2017

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday:

Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

Monday:

Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7ab, 20-21/Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday:

Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-6/ Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday:

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Thursday:

Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-6/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40

Friday:

Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/ Lk 14:1-6

Saturday:

Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18/ Lk 14:1, 7-11

Next Sunday:

Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1-3/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12



The Knights of Columbus of Our Lady of the Chesapeake will meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 7:30 P.M.

in the Lauer building. All Knights are invited. For more information contact John Donnelly at 410-437-0116, or sandy-sue@cablespeed.net.

Pastor's Page

Hi Gang,

You are cordially invited to.....

Come and walk the Labyrinth Tuesday, October 31st at 9:45am or
Thursday, November 2nd at 1:00pm
Please meet at the Labyrinth
in the Church Parking Lot.

Do you know someone interested in joining the Church? Please tell them about our RCIA program.

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; 410-255-3677Ect. 104

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

We 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, Williams 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., Joan 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., Jessica K., Ron C., Ian W., 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., Sharon W., Julio, Sebastian S., Michael, Nick, Leonard S. and family, Marie, Lisa W., Judy L. Pam D., Gwen H., August L., Rose B., Jason N.

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

Our Lady of the Chesapeake Pastoral Council

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

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From the Desk of Sister Sally:

Join us for Contemplative Prayer! Still your thoughts and emotions and focus on God. Tuesday, November 14th at 9:45am or 7:00pm, just come to one.

Anyone interested in Spiritual Direction contact Sister Sally: srussell@olchesapeake.org or 410-255-3677 EXT. 104

The Ten Commandments of Mercy

Among the Ten Commandments, one begins with the word "remember": Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day." It reminds us to recall something we already know. There are commandments of mercy written into our very DNA. We already know them, but we need to remember them more explicitly. What are they?

The Ten Commandments of Mercy:

1. Remember that mercy lies deepest in God's heart.

Few things so much approximate the essence of God as does mercy. Mercy is God's essence. Scripture uses words such as loving-kindness and compassion to try to define what constitutes God's mercy, but the central biblical concept, captured in the Hebrew concept of hesed, connotes a relationship that loves, embraces, and forgives even when, and especially when, we cannot measure up or deserve what's given us

2. Remember that mercy is the essence of all true religion.

Inside religion and spirituality, within all faiths, three things try to lay claim to what's central: proper religious practice, outreach to the poor, and compassion. Ultimately they are not in opposition, but complementary pieces of one religious whole. But for religious practice and outreach to the poor to be an extension of God's love and not of human ego, they need to be predicated upon compassion, mercy. Deepest inside of every religion is the invitation: Be compassionate, merciful, as God is compassionate.

3. Remember that we all stand forever in need of mercy.

There is more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who converts than over ninety-nine righteous persons. Does God love sinners more than the righteous? There are no righteous persons. It's rather that we feel God's love more when we admit that we're sinners. None of us ever measure up. But, as St. Paul so consolingly teaches, the whole point is that we don't have to measure up. That's what mercy means. It's undeserved, by definition.

4. Remember that, having received mercy, we must show mercy to others.

We are forever falling short at something, no matter the strength of our sincerity, good intention, and willpower.

We only receive and appropriate God's mercy and the mercy of others when we extend that same mercy to others. Mercy has to flow through us. If we don't extend it to others we become self-indulgent and too harsh on others.

5. Remember that only the practice of mercy sets us free.

Receiving and giving mercy is the only thing that frees from our congenital propensity to self-seek, self-justify, and judge others. Nothing frees us more from the tyranny of ego than does the practice of mercy.

6. Remember that mercy is not opposed to justice, but is its fulfillment.

Mercy, as Walter Kasper so aptly puts it, is not "a kind of fabric softener that undermines the dogmas and commandments and abrogates the central and fundamental meaning of truth" (Beyond Dogmatism and Innocence). That's the accusation the Pharisees made against Jesus. Mercy is where justice is meant to terminate.

7. Remember that only the practice of mercy will make God's Kingdom come.

Jesus promised us that someday the meek will inherit the earth, the poor will eat plentiful rich food, and all tears will be wiped away. That can only happen when mercy replaces self-interest.

8. Remember that mercy needs too to be practiced collectively.

It is not enough for us to be merciful in our own lives. Mercy is marginalized in a society that doesn't sufficiently attend to those who are weak or needy, just as it is marginalized in a church that is judgmental. We must create a society that is merciful and a church that is merciful. Mercy, alone, enables the survival of the weakest.

9. Remember that mercy calls us to do works both spiritual and physical.

Our Christian faith challenges us to perform mercy in a double way, corporeally and spiritually. The classic corporal works of mercy are: Feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, shelter the homeless, cloth the naked, visit the sick, visit the imprisoned, and bury the dead. The classic spiritual works of mercy are: instruct the ignorant, counsel the doubtful, comfort the afflicted, admonish the sinner, forgive offenses, bear wrongs patiently, and pray for the living and the dead. God has given us different gifts and all of us are better at some of these than at others, but mercy is manifest in all of them.

10. Remember that our lives are a dialogue between God's mercy and our weaknesses.

The only thing at which we are adequate is being inadequate. We are forever falling short at something, no matter the strength of our sincerity, good intention, and willpower. Only mercy, receiving it and giving it, can lead us out of the choppy waters of our own anxieties, worry, and joylessness. Only in knowing mercy do we know gratitude.

In the year 2016 Pope Francis asked us all to live a year of mercy, to contemplate the mystery of mercy "as a wellspring of joy, serenity, and peace." Mercy, he believes, is the secret to putting a credible face to God, to putting a credible face to our churches, and to walking with steadiness inside our own lives. *Ron Rolheiser*

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Bereavement Ministry

The OLC Bereavement Ministry serves meals in The Gathering Place after funerals here at OLC. It is a volunteer group—one that could use some additional help. Some people volunteer to serve, while others volunteer to drop off food (usually a salad, side dish, or dessert.) This ministry provides much needed comfort when a family has lost a loved one. If you can spare time either to serve or just drop off an occasional dish, please contact Tina Zahorcak at vmz@cablespeed.com or Donna Moran at dmoran@olchesapeake.org or call 410-255-3677 and ask for Donna.

Altar Servers Needed

Any children 4th grade or older interested in joining the altar server ministry to contact Daria Breslin at email address daria.breslin@verizon.net

Training is conducted at weekly Masses and each altar server is typically scheduled for two Masses monthly. We especially need servers who attend 5:00 Mass or 10:30 Mass.

SVDP Update:

We am now working with the Dept. of Social Service Holiday Sharing Program preparing for the holidays. We are always in need of food for the pantry, especially with the holidays approaching. We are in need of spaghetti and spaghetti sauce. Thank You for your support.

God Bless, Mary Laber

News from St. Jane Frances....October 29, 2017 - St. Jane Frances will have its annual **Trunk or Treat** from 1:30-4:00pm on the school parking lot. Food, treats, raffles and fun. Bring the kids in costume and have some fun!!

Winter Relief Dinner/Auction

Tickets for the November 4, 2017 dinner/auction are now on sale.

Tickets are \$40 a piece and include a buffet dinner, catered by Two Rivers Restaurant, beer, wine and sodas. Tickets are available after all Masses in the office.

NEW DATES FOR " Miracle on 34th street - A musical" Toby's dinner theatre in Columbia.

Our Lady of the Chesapeake and the Knights of Columbus are planning a trip to Tobys' dinner theatre on Saturday, January 6th (buffet starts at 6 P.M.) We want to sell 15 tickets to get the great price of \$55. each. If there is enough interest in a car pool, we will try to arrange one. For more information or tickets, please call Paul Reinke at 410-255-6579 or 410-977-3971 by November 12th.

RESPECT LIFE.....Building a Culture of Life

Respecting the Dignity of All God's people

In Remembrance of Veterans Day

The OLC family would like to honor our homeless Veterans by remembering them with a special project called **OPERA-TION FILL THE BOOTS**. On the weekends of November 4th and 5th and 11th and 12th there will be 2 pairs of boots on two tables out in the foyer of church. We are asking you to "fill the boots" with change or whatever. The contributions will go to helping **The Baltimore Station**, an organization for homeless veterans.

"Every dollar directly impacts the residents in our program who are working hard every day to turn their lives around and lead a life of recovery." The Baltimore Station

THANK-YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

***Checks may be made out to Our Lady of the Chesapeake

OLC Baby Bottle Campaign

Filled Baby Bottles are due this weekend! The donations will help the many women who seek assistance for their babies at Mary's Center in Glen Burnie and the Severna Park Pregnancy Clinic. If you forgot your bottle today, please bring it with you next week. Thank you for participating!

VESPERS for Families who have experienced a

Miscarriage: 25% of all pregnancies end in a miscarriage. Many of these occur in the first months of pregnancy. The life of their child is always remembered by the child's parents. November is the month of All Souls; the Office of Cemeteries and the Office of Respect Life are hosting a Vespers to remember these children who died before they were born. The Vespers will be on Monday, November 6, 2017 at 6:00 pm at St Mary's Seminary & University Chapel (5400 Roland Avenue, 21210). Please join Bishop Parker who is presiding as well as the Offices of Cemeteries and Respect Life as the lives of these children are remembered and their parents comforted. For further information, please contact Father Patrick Carrion (410-547-5437 ** pcarrion@archbalt.org)

Monsignor Slade Catholic School will host a fall Open House on November 10, 2017 from 8:30 - 10:30 AM. Come for a tour and to visit our new STEM Lab. Explore our school to discover how our students innovate to create their future! For more information visit www.msladeschool.com or call 410-766-7130.

Middle School Youth Ministry

We just finished our first four-week session of the year entitled "The Trinity and the Church." We got to know our God better (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit), and discovered what that has to do with the Church...with us (hint: everything!). AND, we had a great time while we did it!

This past Monday, Oct. 23rd, we discussed **the Church**. We, the Church, are the People of God (the Father), the Body of Christ, and the Temple of the Holy Spirit. So the Church's identity is founded in Trinity...God the Father, Christ the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Why is this important? Because we need to know that as members of the Church, we are on a mission of love. And that mission is the mission of Christ, and the mission of the Holy Spirit - we are to share with the world that we are being invited into the communion of the Holy Trinity... into communion with God! This realization should impact everything that we do!

Last Monday we also had our Halloween party at the end of class. Thank you to all the parents who sent in special treats!

This Monday, Oct. 30th, we will have our first Special Session of the Year entitled "All Saints and All Souls Days". All 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are welcome and encouraged to join us from 4:30pm to 6:00pm.

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 (timjolc@verizon.net) and let him know your e-mail address. Thanks!

On Friday, Oct. 27th our 6th-8th graders went on our **annual Halloween Trip**. We went to play lazer-tag in Columbia, and then back to OLC for a fun Halloween movie with movie snacks and treats. We'll let you know next week how it went!

High School Youth Ministry

Our **Sunday Evening Faith Formation Meetings** for Session 1 have ended. The theme for the five weeks was "**Relationships**." Healthy relationships have both giving and receiving, and are <u>centered on love and respect</u>. Therefore, learning about relationships is really learning how to love!

Last Sunday (Oct. 22nd) we looked at our **Relationship with our Enemies**. After discussing the challenges they face regarding their enemies, the students looked at Luke 6: 27-36 to see what Jesus had to say about how we should treat our enemies. God wants us to love all people, even our enemies. This is tough and challenging! Christianity is not for wimps! Hating our enemies is easy and is the weak way out. We need to give love and forgiveness the opportunity to grow instead of hate and vengeance. Loving our enemies can often lead to dialogue/communication with them, which can lead to better understanding and respect, which can lead to you no longer being enemies, and maybe even becoming friends! Thus, loving our enemies can be world changing stuff!

We will be on break Sunday evenings until Nov. 26th when we begin Session 2, which is all about "Advent."

Our **Fall Retreat** is approaching – November 3rd-5th. We are heading to the Hashawha Environmental Center in Westminster, MD...we turn it into a spiritual center! Our theme will be "**Forgiveness – You Get What You Give**"...it will be fun, relaxing, AND inspirational! **Permission forms were due last Sunday, Oct. 22nd.**

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. 1 No Regular Meeting Retreat Run-Through Meeting for Peers Our Fall Retreat is the approaching weekend, so there's no regular WNG meeting this week as the Peer Ministers are meeting tonight to help them prepare...
- Nov. 8 WWJD? Game w/ Chili and Corn Bread Come play our fun and thought- provoking WWJD? game. It's a WNG classic! Even better when we're feasting on Chili (red and white) and Corn Bread.
- **Nov. 15** Service Night w/Wings We'll be helping Mrs. Stacey prepare for next Summer's Vacation Bible School again, and we'll enjoy a variety of styles of delicious wings while we work.
- **Nov. 22** Annual Thanksgiving Feast Mexican Style! Our Thanksgiving Feast is always the day before Thanksgiving. Since you're having Turkey, mashed potatoes, and stuffing the next day, we're having a homemade Mexican feast the night before. Come hungry as we welcome back our college students on break too.

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