



*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
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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

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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

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.

November 27, 2016

1st Sunday of Advent

Sunday:

Is 2:1-5/Ps 122/Rom 13:11-14/
Mt 24:37-44

Monday:

Is 4:2-6/Ps 122/
Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday:

Is 11:1-10/Ps 72/
Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday:

Rom 10:9-18/Ps 23/
Mt 4:18-22

Thursday:

Is 26:1-6/Ps 118/
Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27/
Mt 9:27-31

Saturday:

Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147/
Mt 9:35--10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday:

Is 11:1-10/Ps 72/
Rom 15:4-9/
Mt 3:1-12

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

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First Sunday of Advent

In Isaiah's time, wars were a constant part of life. Political intrigues and alliances divided nations and tribes. Misery seemed to be everywhere and people and nations were alienated from each other as never before. It is disheartening that so little seems to have changed since Isaiah spoke to Israel nearly three thousand years ago.

What a perfect time to begin Advent.

Isaiah's message, written in the midst of discouragement and chaos is always about calling us back to rely on God, and not our own self-reliance for salvation. Even when things appear desolate, he tells us to be filled with hope: our faithful God is here with us. During Advent, we will hear the prophet's message over and over because Isaiah is used for most of the first readings of the season.

Today, the First Sunday of Advent begins with two messages: Have hope and Prepare for God.

The first reading, which is the focus of the first part of Advent, is about a future time of unity and peace. It feels like the right message for us today. No matter what country we live in, there are divisions and a deep need for healing and reconciliation. Sometimes we can't imagine that there is any reason to have hope.

Isaiah reminds us that our God is faithful to us always and who knows about the situation we are in. Our God is always moving to bring us together. What is the coming together? What might we all "stream toward" together? Isaiah says, "that he may instruct us in his ways, and we may walk in his paths." Our only real hope of coming together is to come together in greater fidelity to our God. The closer we come to our God, the closer we will come toward each other. It will no longer be about a winning and losing – about victory over the other, by destroying the other. When this hope-filled unity comes, Isaiah says,

"They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; one nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again."

Each of us can find a desire in our hearts that sings, "Let us go rejoicing" to this kind of communion and peace. As Paul says, it is a time for us to "wake from sleep." This is a season to "throw off" many things that are all about darkness and to "put on the armor of light," to "put on the Lord Jesus Christ."

In the Gospel, Jesus offers us the central Advent theme. Because we are letting ourselves wake up and become hopeful about God's gathering us together in community, we prepare. We have to let ourselves enter a season of getting ready.

We might have been so stuck in discouragement that we are no longer attentive to signs of hope, to graces being offered us, to any light at all. Could this Advent season be one in which I give myself to more opportunities for togetherness, for bridge building? Sometimes genuine healing and reconciliation in our families, our communities and in our world need serious preparation. We prepare by letting light into places of darkness.

Concretely, can this Advent be about continuing gestures of love for a spouse who often bugs me? Can this be a time to reach out to the adult child who has disappointed me – who I might have hurt by my judgements? What nice, caring, generous things can I do that builds a bridge, without recalling a hurt or continuing my finger pointing? Is there a friend or neighbor or church community member I have recently fought with about our differing opinions about something? Could a coffee or tea together be a time to let Advent come alive by spending time saying that our relationship is more important than our differing ideas?

Advent is not about our "getting ready" to let God come to us – this season is not about saving ourselves, but recognizing God is already with us and in us. All we have to do is feel God's presence in our hearts. This wonderful season is about recognizing our own weakness yet feeling how deeply God cares for us, even in our deepest failings. We don't love that freely or with such depth, so we may not believe it, yet from Isaiah's time we have been encouraged to "walk in the light of the Lord!"

As we find these ways of preparing, we can pray, with growing desire, "Come, Lord Jesus. We await your coming. Come O Lord." by Maureen McCann Waldron

And;

Therefore, stay awake! ... be prepared.

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

Stewardship Nov 13 , 2016 Offertory

Envelopes	\$11,284
Loose	\$2,040
Total Offertory	13,324
Deferred Maintenance Fund	834
Poor Box	264
Total Weekly	<u>\$14,422</u>

Mass Attendance 639

YTD Offertory (20 Week)

Envelopes	\$205,237
Loose	36,812
Total Offertory	242,049
Deferred Maintenance Fund	25,046
Poor Box	4,801
Total YTD	<u>\$271,896</u>

Average Weekly Offertory	\$13,595
Average Weekly Budget	14,000
Avg. Weekly Surplus (Deficit)	(\$405)

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.

We will have an organizational meeting on Monday, December 5, 2016 at 7pm in the Gathering Space.

For more information, contact Mary Cooley at marycooley@gmail.com or 410 353 0079. Thank you!

OLC Year of Mercy Book Club

The Return of the Prodigal Son by: Henri J. Nouwen.

Cost: \$14.00 *Four Opportunities to attend!*

Monday, November 14th; 21st; 28th : 1:30p.m. – 3:00p.m.
in the Maryland Suite

Tuesday, November 15th, 22nd, 29th : 7:00p.m. – 8:30p.m.
in the Maryland Suite

Thursday, November 3rd, 10th; December 1st: 7:00p.m.
– 8:30p.m. in the Maryland Suite

Thursday, November 3rd, 10th, 17th: 9:45a.m. –
11:30a.m. in the Maryland Suite



The Knights of Columbus will meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month in the Lauer building at 7 :30 P.M.. All Knights are welcome.

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

Operation Fill the Boots

A most heartfelt thank you to the OLC family for their most generous contribution to the "Operation Fill the Boots" campaign. A check for \$1,332.00 will be sent to The Baltimore Station for the homeless veterans.

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

The Baltimore Station



Christmas Holiday Wreath Making
The Charles Carroll House
Friday, December 2 - 6:00 pm
Saturday, December 3 -1:00 pm

The Charles Carroll House will host 2 boxwood wreath-making workshops using boxwood from the historic Carroll Gardens. Supplies, refreshments & instruction will be provided.

Fee: \$40 – **Space is limited/register early.** Bring friends & join the holiday wreath-making fun!

Register: <http://charlescarrollhouse.org>.

Questions? Email: events@charlescarrollhouse.org

Don't have time for the workshop? You can purchase a wreath* made by the Carroll House elves! Order via our website; \$55 for single sided, \$65 for double sided. ***Wreaths do not include bow or decorations.**

Order deadline: Fri. Nov. 25th. Wreaths will be available for pick-up at Carroll House Fri. Dec. 2nd 4:30pm to 6:30pm & Sat. Dec. 3rd 12 noon to 2:30pm.

The Carroll House is located behind St. Mary's Church on Duke of Gloucester Street

Theology on Tap

Young adults, join us for our December Theology on Tap. Pro-Life, Pro-Peace speaker Aimee Murphy will share why we should be concerned with the consistent message of human rights. We will meet at the Iron Rooster (downtown Annapolis) on Tuesday, December 6th. Dinner and socializing begin at 7 p.m., the talk begins at 7:30 p.m., and time for Q&A will follow. For more information, contact Mary Lipscombe (mlipscombe@stmarysannapolis.org, 410-990-4041) or join the Anne Arundel Catholic Young Adults Facebook group.

OLC Christmas Cards are coming!

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.

Cards will be sold Nov. 19th and 20th, and Nov. 26th and 27th
after Masses, or contact Stacey Beres—
sberes@olchesapeake.org.

All proceeds benefit the
OLC religious education program.

OLC Blood Drive and Health Fair November 30th, 2:30pm to 8pm



The Wellness Ministry will be hosting a health fair during the blood drive. The Health Fair will include representatives from several local healthcare and wellness organizations, including, but not limited to Pace Wellness Pharmacy, Arbonne, Vein Center at Maryland Heart, Square Foot Gardening, Dental FX, New Life Addiction & Counseling, Severna Park Nutrition and the American Red Cross.

Flu and pneumonia shots will be available from 5pm to 7pm from Pace Wellness Pharmacy—you do not have to donate blood to receive a vaccine. Just bring your insurance card and if your insurance does not cover vaccines, \$25.

The Vein Center is also offering free vein screening.

To register for the blood drive go to www.redcrossblood.org or call the church office at 410-255-3677.

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

"Splendor of Eternal Light, Sun of Justice"

The choirs of St. Andrew By The Bay, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Our Lady of the Fields and St. Joseph Church will join together for a Lessons and Carols service on Saturday, December 3rd at 7:30pm. The service will take place at Our Lady of the Fields Catholic Church, 1070 Cecil Avenue South, Millersville MD, 21108. In addition to the traditional Advent themes, the service will focus on the tenets of Catholic social teaching rooted in the teaching of Pope Francis. Admission is free and open to all.

Our Lady of the Chesapeake Prayer Line - Available 24/7 by emailing 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., Melissa 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.

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

Middle School Youth Ministry

Last Monday, Nov. 21st we had our annual **Thanksgiving Mass and Feast**. The students brought the food, and while the teachers/parents were preparing things, Father Raff celebrated Mass just for the students. Raff did a great job and made the Mass very personal for our students. After Mass, we all headed over to the hall for a great feast, during which we gave thanks for our students. We are most grateful to all the parents for sending in food, and particularly to all the parents and siblings who came to help set up, serve, and clean up.

This Monday, Nov. 28th, we will explore **Advent** and what we can DO to intentionally prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ into the world. All 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students are welcome and encouraged to join us!

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!

Contact Tim Janiszewski if you have any questions or concerns (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 begins THIS Sunday evening, Nov. 27th, from 6:30-8:30pm. Our theme will be about **Catholic Morality**...it will have everything to do with working your faith into your everyday lives! All high school students are welcome and encouraged to join us!

Last weekend (Nov. 18-20) we (12 students and 2 adults) attended the **Baltimore Youth Catholic Conference (BYCC)** held in Ocean City, MD. We joined about 400 Catholic high school students from around the Archdiocese of Baltimore to learn about and strengthen our faith, and have a great time while we're at it! We'll let you know next week how it went.

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**

Nov. 30 **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 do.

Dec. 7 **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.

Dec. 14 **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. 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!

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