



*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
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
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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

September 3, 2017

22nd Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Sunday:

Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2-6, 8-9/
Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

Monday:

1 Thes 4:13-18/
Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13/
Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday:

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/
Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday:

Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10-11/
Lk 4:38-44

Thursday:

Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-6/
Lk 5:1-11

Friday:

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/
Ps 13:6/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23
or 1:18-23

Saturday:

Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8/
Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday:

Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/
Rom 13:8-10/
Mt 18:15-20

Pastor's Page

Hi Gang,

Hope you were as delighted as I with Sr. Sally's presentation this weekend with respect to Adult Education. Her expertise is readily apparent as soon as she begins speaking and we are as proud as we can be to have her on our Staff here at OLC. Each of us has benefited a great deal from either Parochial school or Religious Ed programs in our earlier years but insights and new learning are characteristic of advancement in wisdom, age and grace; just like Jesus.

Please keep a sharp eye on our weekly Bulletin to stay abreast with what we will be featuring weekly as we complete the Summer and roll our schedule for the Fall. Say a prayer for the success of this most timely and critical program we are incorporating into our Parish Ministries.

KUDOS FOR THE WATER BUCKET BRIGADE

As you may recall, Denise and Roger Cole arrange and care for the most beautiful and teeny weeny flower garden in the Dena. It is immediately to the left as you enter the Lauer Building Denise and Roger are vacationing in Dogpatch Dakota and requested a team of volunteers to tend to the watering of the garden in their absence.

Of special note is Darlene Connolly who leads the pack and all her sturdy troop of pail pushers who have tended to the garden with the meticulous care of a jeweler. We very much appreciate the TLC you all poured forth!

Congratulations to Kathy Clifford who was awarded the Catechist of the Year by Archbishop Lori!

Kathy has served in the Ministry of Catechesis for thirty years. She began with the Children's Program, moved to the Baptism Team, and presently Coordinates the RCIA Ministry. Kathy's family, Fr. Raff, and Sister Sally were present for the special event. Kathy lives the words of Pope Francis, Teach prayer by praying, announce the faith by believing; offer witness by living.

Pope Francis would like your input if you are between the ages of 16 and 29

VATICAN QUESTIONNAIRE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

To involve young people in preparations for the Synod of Bishops on youth in 2018, the Vatican has released an online, anonymous questionnaire to better understand the lives, attitudes and concerns of 16- to 29-year-olds around the world.

The survey asks young people among other things whether it is of particular urgency today for the Catholic Church to focus on the environment. The online survey also asks young people about their lives, their social media use, how they view themselves, and who influences them. It inquires into whether they trust the Church and other institutions, how much they appreciate certain aspects of the Church, and how they view God and Jesus.

Young people from all backgrounds are encouraged to take part. The questionnaire can be found on the synod's official site and is *open to any young person, regardless of faith or religious belief*:

<https://survey-synod2018.glauco.it/limesurvey/index.php/147718> (it begins in Italian, but you can select English after you enter)

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

From the Desk of Sister Sally:

Contemplative Prayer
Join us for a Contemplative Prayer!
Still your thoughts and emotions and focus on God.
Tuesday, September 12th at 9:45am and 7:00pm. Attend one

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

The Desert—The Place of God's Closeness

In her biography, *The Long Loneliness*, Dorothy Day shares how, shortly after her conversion to Catholicism, she went through a painful, desert time. She had just given birth to her daughter and her decision to have the child baptized, coupled with her profession of faith, meant the end of her relationship with a man she deeply loved. She suddenly found herself alone. All her old supports had been cut off and she was left with no money, no job, few friends, no practical dream, and no companionship from the person she loved the most deeply in this world. For a while she just stumbled on, trusting that things would soon get better. They didn't. She remained in this desert.

One day, not knowing what else to do, she took a train from New York to Washington to spend a day praying at the National Shrine of Our Lady. Her prayer there was wrenching, naked. She describes how she laid bare her helplessness, spilling out her confusion, her doubts, her fears, and her temptations to bitterness and despair. In essence, she said to God: "I have given up everything that ever supported me, in trust, to you. I have nothing left to hold on to. You need to do something for me, soon. I can't keep this up much longer!"

She was, biblically speaking, in the desert—alone, without support, helpless before a chaos that threatened to overwhelm her—and, as was the case with Jesus, both in the desert and in Gethsemane, God "sent angels to minister to her." God steadied her in the chaos. She caught a train back to New York and, that very night, as she walked up to her apartment she saw a man sitting there. His name was Peter Maurin and the rest is history. Together they started the Catholic Worker. We should not be surprised that her prayer had such a tangible result. The desert, scripture assures us, is the place where God is specially near.

God sends his angels to minister to us when we are in the desert and in the garden of Gethsemane. The desert, as we know, is the place where, stripped of all that normally nourishes and supports us, we are exposed to chaos, raw fear, and demons of every kind. In the desert we are exposed, body and soul, made vulnerable to be overwhelmed by chaos and temptations of every kind. But, precisely because we are so stripped of everything we normally rely on, this is also a privileged moment for grace. Why? Because all the defense mechanisms, support systems, and distractions that we normally surround ourselves with so as to keep chaos and fear at bay work at the same time to keep much of God's grace at bay. What we use to buoy us up wards off both chaos and grace, demons and the divine alike. Conversely, when we are helpless we are open. That is why the desert is both the place of chaos and the place of God's closeness.

It is no accident that Dorothy Day felt God's presence so unmistakably just at that point in their lives where they had lost everything that could support them. They were in the desert. Scripture assures us that it is there that God can send angels to minister to us. *Ron Rolheiser*

Season of Creation: During the Season of Creation (September 1st - October 4th), Christians across the earth come together to pray and care for creation. Today, indifference and spiritual apathy towards God's gift of creation and the people impacted by its exploitation have led to what Pope Francis calls "an ecological crisis."

For Catholics, this crisis is "a summons to a profound interior conversion." To end the evil of environmental destruction, we must start by examining our own broken relationships with God, with one another and with creation and choosing to open our hearts to an ecological conversion.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

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



Winter Relief Dinner/Auction Planning

Help Us Get A Jump Start on Preparations!

Please help by donating a bottle of wine or liquor for the Winter Relief Dinner/Auction. Bottles of wine and liquor may be placed in the basket located in the foyer.

Thank you for your support and generosity!

From the Wellness Ministry

The destruction in Texas is a reminder that Maryland is still in hurricane season. Marylanders should prepare for hurricanes and tropical storms now, before a storm hits. Follow the tips below to prepare yourself and your family.

- Prepare an emergency kit including food, water, a flash-light, batteries, cash, first aid supplies, medication, and copies of your critical information in case you need to evacuate.
- Create a family communications plan. Get together with your family to agree on the ways to contact one another in an emergency and to identify meeting locations.
- Familiarize yourself with hurricane evacuation routes in your area and how to find higher ground. Determine where you *would go and how you would get there if you need to evacuate*.
- Consider installing an outdoor generator for emergency backup power.
- Make sure your pets are prepared. Include food and water for pets in your emergency kit.

Sign up for text or email alerts for emergency notifications. The Maryland Prepares mobile app, created by the Maryland Emergency Management Agency, gives real-time emergency alerts. Download now: <http://mema.maryland.gov/Pages/mdprepares.aspx>.

For additional information on how to prepare, visit:

<https://www.ready.gov/hurricanes>

<http://mema.maryland.gov/Pages/resources-hurricane.aspx>

<https://preparedness.health.maryland.gov/>

“Reason to Hope:

A one day retreat for young adults”

Will be held Saturday September 9th - 9:30am – 8:00pm at Holy Family. Limited spots, first come first serve! \$5 Registration fee, lunch and dinner provided. Come hear talks, participate in small groups, daily Mass, adoration, and more! Register at <http://www.holyfamilychurch.com/young-adult-retreat.html> Contact Gina Goettler with any questions - ggoettle8@gmail.com or (412) 513-9518

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

The collection for The Baltimore Station is over. We collected 15 large utility bags full of wonderful items for the homeless veterans. Thank you greatly for your generosity!

“Take care of God’s creation. But above all, take care of people in need.”

---Pope Francis

“The best gift we can give to any child is to make that child feel wanted, loved, and cared for because that child is the greatest gift of God.”

--St Teresa of Calcutta

St. Teresa of Calcutta’s Feast Day is September 5th. St. Teresa help us to show respect and love for the poorest of the poor.



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 sandysue@cablespeed

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.

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

Middle School Youth Ministry Time to Register Please

Our Monday afternoon meetings for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders **will be underway before you know it!** Our Parent/Student Orientation meeting is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 18th at 7pm in the church (We encourage all parents and students to attend, even if you came last year. We will review this year's program, calendar, and events, so bring your questions). Our first class for the students will be Monday, Sept. 25th from 4:30-6:00pm. The tentative calendar for the year can be found on the parish website.

If you are not registered for the year yet, you can do so online at www.olchesapeake.org (look for registration under "Religious Education"). **PLEASE DO SO SOON!** Remember, we have never turned a student away for financial reasons, so if the registration fee is an issue, let us know, but we need you to register regardless please.

We look forward to seeing you soon - we're going to have a great year! 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 and Confirmation Time to Register Please

Our **2017-2018 High School Youth Ministry (HSYM) Program** will be starting before you know it; our first Sunday night class will be on September 24th from 6:30pm - 8:30pm (The tentative calendar for the year can be found on the parish website.) The beginning of our HSYM program is synonymous with the beginning of our Confirmation process. **Active participation in our HSYM program for two (2) consecutive years is part of our process before candidates are confirmed.**

First year AND Second year students need to register (even if you were registered last year). If you are not registered for the Confirmation process yet, you can do so online at www.olchesapeake.org (look for registration under "Religious Education"). **PLEASE DO SO SOON!** Remember, we have never turned a student away for financial reasons, so if the registration fee is an issue, let us know, but we need you to register regardless please.

Our Confirmation process begins with a series of Intake Sessions for the First and Second year students. **Each year, one of these sessions MUST be attended by the 'Family Team'** which includes: the interested young person (candidate) and at least one parent; second year students must also bring their sponsor (**they all need to be at the same meeting**). First year students do not need to have a sponsor until next year, but they DO need to attend the meeting with a parent. The available Intake Sessions will be held **IN THE CHURCH** on:

Tuesday, Sept. 12th from 7-9pm Saturday, Sept. 16th from 9-11am
Sunday, Sept. 17th from 5-7pm Tuesday, Sept. 19th from 7-9pm

Please register online BEFORE coming to the intake session. You are not considered part of the Confirmation Process unless you attend one of the Intake Sessions (**and are registered**).

Our HSYM went **Tubing and Hiking at Harpers Ferry** last Sunday, August 27th. We began with a rigorous hike up to Maryland Heights, and ended with a relaxing tubing trip down the Shenandoah River. The weather was perfect, and we had such a good time. A special thank you to Jamie Pett for driving/chaperoning and making the trip possible!

We look forward to seeing you soon for another great year! 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.*

While our Sunday evening meetings are on break, our **Wednesday Night meetings run all through the summer** (see below), and we encourage all our high school students to come and join us!

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...

Date Activity

Sept. 6 **Coping w/ Cobbler** School just started! Come discuss coping strategies for school while enjoying Grandma Chris' homemade Peach Cobbler with Vanilla Ice Cream.

Sept. 13 **Prayer Night w/Breakfast for Dinner** Breakfast is Mr. Tim's favorite meal of the day...but Breakfast for Dinner is a real treat! Come stuff your stomachs with food and your souls with prayer. Weather permitting, we'll even use Nate's new outdoor Prayer Labyrinth.

Sept. 20 **Current Events w/Chicken and Waffles** We want YOUR perspective on current events tonight, and how your faith impacts your perspective, while we enjoy Fried Chicken and Waffles.

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