



***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. Steven Hook

## 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

Suzanne Keys	Pastoral Council Chair
Judy Glinka	Altar Society
Janet Cogliano	Lectors
Joseph Borchetti	Eucharistic Ministers
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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.

January 7, 2018

## Epiphany of the Lord

### Sunday:

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

### Monday:

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]/Mk 1:7-11

### Tuesday:

1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1]/Mk 1:21-28 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1]/Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28

### Wednesday:

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/Mk 1:29-39

### Thursday:

1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25 [27b]/Mk 1:40-45

### Friday:

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19 [2]/Mk 2:1-12

### Saturday:

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mk 2:13-17

### Next Sunday:

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

## 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)

Greetings from Fr. Steve

Here I sit in my new office on my first day of work at OLC. My first official duty is to compose a letter for the bulletin as I prepare for morning Mass. I am a little overwhelmed with starting a new assignment and settling into a new home, but I know with time, things will begin to fall into place.

I am very happy and excited to be here at Our Lady of the Chesapeake as the next pastor of this community. I am very thankful to Fr. Raff for his warm welcome to me and introducing me at the Mass on New Year's Day. I look forward to meeting everyone and getting to know you and your families so that I can serve you to the best of my abilities and lead us all to a deeper relationship and love of our Savior, Jesus Christ. I am also thankful to the staff of OLC who have been working with me during this transition and helping to get me settled here. They have gone above and beyond what they needed to do so thank you very much.

As we celebrate the Epiphany this weekend, I do not necessarily arrive here with gold, frankincense, and myrrh but I do arrive with the gifts that God has graced me with to freely share with you. May Jesus continue to be born in our hearts so that we all may share our gifts with each other and continue to build the kingdom of God here at OLC.

God Bless,

*Father Steve*

**Please join us at Our Lady of the Chesapeake on February 6, 2018 at 7pm for  
"A Life Worth Taking a Risk For: The Story of One Syrian Family".**

Elias Bakhsh, from Aleppo, Syria, is the second oldest of four children. Born in 1987, he studied mechanical engineering and graduated in 2011 from Aleppo University, just as the war in Syria was erupting. After living and working in Jordan for about 18 months, he moved to Turkey and worked with Jesuit Refugee Services (JRS) providing safe water access for Syrian refugees. JRS is a CRS partner in the water projects Elias worked on through our Syria emergency response, which also includes sanitation infrastructure and hygiene promotion.

Elias' family is now scattered all over the world. His mother and one of his sisters took a tremendous risk migrating by boat to seek safety in Austria. His father and another sister are still in Syria after several attempts to get out. And his brother is in Turkey designing water access for the Syrian refugees.

In the fall of 2016, Elias moved to the United States to continue his education toward a master's degree in sustainable engineering at Villanova University.

**COME AND 'SEA' DISCERNMENT WEEKEND**

Curious about religious life? Asking what difference would this life choice make for me and the life of the world?

Come and join other women and men, ages 21-45, who are exploring these questions. At Saint Mary by-the-sea Retreat House in Cape May Point, NJ, you will have the opportunity to walk with others who have similar feelings in their hearts. Vocation directors from the Delaware Valley will lead the group in prayer and guided reflection to help each person discern God's call....no stress or pressure, just God's grace and invitation and the sea.

"Ask Jesus what he wants from you and be brave!" *Pope Francis*

Retreat is from 5pm February 2<sup>nd</sup> to 2pm February 4<sup>th</sup>.

Offering for the weekend: \$60.00 per person (\$30.00 deposit). For registration or more information: [sisterceleste@ssjphila.org](mailto:sisterceleste@ssjphila.org)



**The Knights of Columbus** of Our Lady of the Chesapeake will meet at 5:30 P.M. on Monday January 15th during the Homeless dinner.

For more information contact John Donnelly at 410-437-0116 or [sandysue@cablespeed.com](mailto:sandysue@cablespeed.com)

**From the Desk of Sister Sally:****Join us for Contemplative Prayer!****Still your thoughts and emotions and focus on God's presence.****Next session: Tuesday, January 9th at 9:45am and 7:00pm.****Anyone interested in Spiritual Direction or walking the Labyrinth,  
please contact Sister Sally: [srussell@olchesapeake.org](mailto:srussell@olchesapeake.org) or 410-255-3677 EXT. 104****FAMILY LIFE AS SACRAMENT**

The catechism from which I drew my religious instruction as a child stated that a Christian sacrament was an “outward sign instituted by Jesus Christ to give us grace.” Later on, in the seminary, the theology text we used on sacraments was written by Edward Schillebeeckx and he defined a sacrament in words to this effect: “A sacrament is anything that visibly, tangibly makes present or prolongs a saving action of God.” I prefer a more colloquial definition, one that simply defines a sacrament as “anything that gives skin to God.” What is meant by this?

There is a marvelous story told of a four year-old girl who woke up one night frightened, convinced that there were monsters and spooks in her room. So she ran to her parents’ bedroom. Her mother, however, brought her back to her own room, put on a number of lights, showed the child that there was nothing to be afraid of, put her back to bed, calmed her, and finally left her with the words: “There is nothing to be afraid of. When I leave, you won’t be alone in the room. God will be here with you.” But the young girl replied: “I know that God will be here with me, but I need someone in the room who has some skin!”

There is wisdom, and theology, to her response. As human beings we are creatures of the senses. We need something we can grasp tangibly, physically. Thus, a God who is everywhere is, at a certain point, nowhere. God, of course, already knows this and that is why we have been given God’s presence physically in sacrament. Understood in this sense then, there are more than seven sacraments. Family life is, or at least it can be, a sacrament. Like the Eucharist, or any other sacrament, it too can give concrete flesh to God. How so?

Buckminster Fuller once said that God is not just a noun, but also a verb. That is true. God is not just a person, but also a certain flow of life, a flow of receptivity and gratitude between three persons. Inside of God there is a kind of family life going on and Jesus has assured us that when we give and receive from each other within a family, when we break open our lives and hearts and joys and frustrations and egos and agendas and finances and share these with each other, we are letting the life of God flow through us and we are giving skin to the inner life of the Trinity. In that sense, family life is a sacrament and, for many of us, the most important sacrament of all because it is the one that in fact touches our lives and transforms us the most deeply.

But all of this should not to be unduly romanticized. To say that family life is a sacrament is not to say that it will not be fraught with pettiness, frustration, anger, jealousies, selfish concern, pathology, and even at times real sin. Our families are never the holy family! I remember my mother, a truly pious and good woman, occasionally lamenting how in her idealism she dreamed of being the mother of the holy family – and she ended up getting stuck with us! Our families are never the romanticized stuff of our adolescent or pious dreams. Nor are they ever the idealized families of literature and movies, where people are still attractive, interesting, and worthy of our understanding and sympathy even when they are petty, selfish, jealous, unfaithful, and sinful. As we know, understanding and sympathy in the midst of the muck and grime of real family life is considerably harder to crank up. All of that notwithstanding, however, unless there is present the kind of abuse that violates the soul, family life remains a sacrament – sometimes indeed because of its imperfections rather than simply in spite of them. It is in forming hearts that are big enough to love and forgive within imperfection that we ready ourselves for heaven.

For many of us, coming home from the hospital to join a family will be our first baptism, our family dwelling will be our primary church, our family table our primary place of Eucharist, our living room our first sanctuary, our marriage bed our deepest experience of Eucharist, and our reconciliation with each other after the pettiness and hurts of family life our ongoing sacrament of reconciliation. It is there that the flow of the life that originates within God, and finds its perfection there, will flow through us.

*Fr. Ron Rolheiser****Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) meets Wednesdays 7pm 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](mailto:srussell@olchesapeake.org); 410-255-3677Ext. 104

**Stewardship****Dec. 24, 2017 Offertory**

Envelopes	\$16,548
Loose	2,912
Total Offertory	19,460
Deferred Maintenance Fund	1,218
Poor Box	140
Total Weekly Collection	<u>\$20,818</u>

Christmas Envelopes	\$19,307
Total Collection	<u>\$40,125</u>

Mass Attendance 2,337

YTD Offertory (26 Week)

Envelopes	\$279,422
Loose	51,485
Total Offertory	330,907
Deferred Maintenance Fund	30,634
Poor Box	6,914
Total YTD	<u>\$368,455</u>

Average Weekly Offertory	13,905
Average Weekly Budget	14,000
Avg. Weekly Surplus (Deficit)	(\$95)

**SVDP Christmas Update:** Thank you to everyone who purchased gifts for the families who had a tag on our tree. We had 240 tags on the tree.

We worked with 48 families for the Christmas holiday. Dot Shipley from St Jane Frances purchased Christmas stockings and crayons and coloring books for the children. She does this every year. I also would like to thank the SVDP members and the families from OLC who helped to prepare our boxes and deliver to the families.

Thank You and God Bless! *Mary Laber*

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

Special Thanks to OLC from Mary's Center!

Thank you to all who participated in the 2017 Baby Bottle Campaign! Mary's Center received \$5178. Your on-going generosity to this campaign is overwhelming! All donations to Mary's Center are used to assist the women who come to us for necessities for their babies and toddlers. Your kindness allows us to remain an important resource to the less fortunate among us. May God abundantly bless you as you have blessed others!

**OLC Winter Relief**

OLC will be hosting 35 men from the House of Hope for the week of 1/15 to 1/22/2018. We set up the shelter in our Gathering Space and provide hot meals, warm beds, clothing and many other services during the week. We still have opportunities available for OLC parishioners to join us. You can view our schedule for the week and sign up for volunteer spots at [signup.com/go/WYzakOU](http://signup.com/go/WYzakOU) or by contacting Mary Cooley at [marydcooley@gmail.com](mailto:marydcooley@gmail.com) or 410 353 0079.

We are also in need of some donations. The House of Hope has asked us to limit our collection to the following items:

*Men's blue jeans and t-shirts*

*Men's coats, Men's socks (tube and wool)*

*Men's long underwear*

*Twin size blankets and sheets*

*Zippered pillow covers, New pillows*

*Travel sized deodorant and toiletries, Disposable razors*

*Small denomination gift cards (McDonalds, Burger King, Food Lion, Dollar Tree, Cell phone cards)*

**You may bring items to OLC after January 1st. Thank you in advance for you help with this much needed ministry.**

***Our Lady of the Chesapeake Prayer Line Available 24/7 by emailing [info@olchesapeake.org](mailto:info@olchesapeake.org)***

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, 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., 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., Ron C., 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., Julio, Sebastian S., Michael, Nick, Leonard S. and family, Marie, Lisa W., Judy L. Pam D., August L., Rose B., Jason N., Dick C. Jenni, Matt, Jason R., Jeannie, Bob L., Bill H.

*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](mailto:suisrael9@comcast.net) or Stacey or Judy at [info@olchesapeake.org](mailto:info@olchesapeake.org)*

# Youth Ministry

## Middle School Youth Ministry

**We did not have class last week.** Our Monday afternoon religious education/faith formation meetings **begin again on Monday, Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018**, when we will begin our third session of the year on **Sexuality**. All 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are welcome and encouraged to join us!

## High School Youth Ministry

**Our Sunday evening faith formation meetings resume THIS Sunday, Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>, when we begin Session 3 entitled "Pressures"**. All 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome and encouraged to join us!

We had our rescheduled **Lazer Tag and Star Wars Lock-in** on Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup>. We took 30 students and 6 adults and had a GREAT time. Many thanks to our adult drivers and chaperones who made the trip possible.

On Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, we are going to Washington, D.C. to take part in the **Rally and March for Life**. At the Rally before the March, we join close to 20,000 other catholic high school students at the Verizon Center for a Rally with great music, talks, and a Mass. We then march to the Mall and up to the Supreme Court building in support of Life. Flyers and permission forms will soon be e-mailed to parents, and will be available in the box on the Business Office door in the church lobby.

Friday evening, January 26<sup>th</sup>, the high school students will host their annual **Game Night for the Winter Relief** – come and play cards, board games, watch television, and spend some quality time with our guests. In order for the students to attend, one of their own parents must attend with them. It's a great evening; please consider joining us. Flyers are available SOON in the box on the Business Office door in the church lobby and will be e-mailed to parents. RSVP is required in advance (we are limited in the number of students that can participate).

Also on Friday evening, January 26<sup>th</sup>, the HSYM is making and serving **Dessert for the Winter Relief** guests. In order for the students to attend this year, one of their own parents must attend with them. But students don't need to attend if they just want to make a dessert (individually wrapped). Please consider serving.

## 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 Winter (Jan. - April) 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...

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>
<b>Jan. 10</b>	<b>Debate Night w/ Milkshakes, Onion Rings, and French Fries</b> This is a WNG Classic activity. We'll present a topic, split into teams, develop a defense, and then debate our positions. Enjoy milkshakes, onion rings, and French fries while we debate (dipping is optional).
<b>Jan. 17</b>	<b>Theology Night w/ Grilled Cheese and Soup</b> We'll have an in-depth discussion tonight on theological topics, and enjoy Tim's famous grilled cheese and soup (tomato and chicken)! Come stuff your stomachs, heads, and hearts.
<b>Jan. 24</b>	<b>Movie Night (in house) w/ Popcorn and Candy</b> It's been tough at school with the end of the first half of the year for many students, so we're keeping it light tonight...come de-stress at WNG with a fun movie and enjoy popcorn and candy.
<b>Jan. 31</b>	<b>Old Testament Patriarchs and Matriarchs (Part 1 of 4)</b> The legendary Mary Pat Tighlman, campus minister and theology teacher at Maryvale Prep, will be enlightening us about the Old Testament Patriarchs and Matriarchs and what they have to do with Jesus. Students will be given recipes the week before and we will dine on amazing Old Testament food!

**If you have any questions about Youth Ministry, please contact Tim Janiszewski (410-255-3677 or [timjolic@verizon.net](mailto:timjolic@verizon.net)).**