



*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 6, 2015

Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday:

Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-6/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

Monday:

Is 35:1-10/ Ps 85:9-14/
Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday:

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1-4/Eph 1:3-6,
11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday:

Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10/
Mt 11:28-30

Thursday:

Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1, 9-13/
Mt 11:11-15

Friday:

Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-4, 6/
Mt 11:16-19

Saturday:

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a,
10ab/Jdt 13:18-19/Lk 1:26-38
or Lk 1:39-47

Next Sunday:

Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-6/Phil 4:4-7/
Lk 3:10-18

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

*St. Nicholas, holy patron of children, Bishop of the East,
We invite you to come among us and to grant us your holy blessing
Help us in this busy, busy season not to miss the miracle of the coming
Emmanuel
In the days of preparation as well as on the feast itself.
Help us not to be blind to the gifts of getting ready.
Protect us from insincerity. May every greeting we send be signed with
love, friendship and prayer.
May our greetings, so written, be fun to open and treasures to keep.
Kind St. Nicholas, protect us from shoppers fatigue.
Show us how to take delight in the marketplace, now transformed in
beauty, lights and music.
Save us all from anxiety over what to give so that we may concentrate on
how to give.
Stand by the stepladder as we decorate our homes and trees and lives.
May our decorations not be mute but rather singing symbols, sacred signs
of the evergreen coming of the Lord of Life.
Help us to remember that mistletoe, holly, and all the ornaments of the
season, were sacred signs to ancient believers.
But, most of all, jolly saint of toys and sweets, help us to stay youthful,
humorous, playful and dream-filled as we prepare together for the coming
of Christ with Advent longing.*

*St. Nicholas, pray for us.
Amen*

OLC December Holiday Schedule

December 8th – Immaculate Conception – 9am

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

Just a reminder that in the event Anne Arundel County Schools are closed for inclement weather, Religious Education Events and Classes will also be cancelled.

If inclement weather occurs on the weekend, please visit our Facebook Page or our website www.olchesapeake.org for updates. If possible, we will also update the phone message of the church office, 410-255-3677.

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
Bill Forman
Mary Helen Gurney
Bob Hines
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.

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.



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.

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

"In our families we learn to love and recognize the dignity of all, especially of the elderly."

"The elderly pass on history, doctrine, faith, and they leave it to us as an inheritance."

---Pope Francis
"Grandparents are a treasure"

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.

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

SVDP Ministry...

For the Thanksgiving holiday we were able to work with forty-six families food for the holiday.

Thanks to all my helpers on Friday evening and Saturday morning. We have most of the tags taken from the Giving Tree.

Our pantry is low on jelly.

We will be delivering the food and gifts on December 12th. Thank you for your support.

God Bless!

Mary

DO YOU HAVE 15 MINUTES TO HELP MAKE OUR PARISH STRONGER?

Our Holy Father has called upon us to become "Missionary Disciples". In an attempt to follow his proclamation, Archbishop Lori has requested that each parish have their parishioners complete a survey to determine how our church is helping us to become a "Missionary Disciple"

In preparation for this, please read and reflect on Archbishop Lori's pastoral letter, "A light Brightly Visible", and think what being a "missionary disciple" is calling each of us and our parish to do?

The survey is now available electronically through the bemissionarydisciples.org website, the OLC website www.olchesapeake.org, or through www.archbalt.org.

Paper copies are also available here at OLC for those who prefer the old-fashioned way.

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.

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 rdmoran@olchesapeake.org

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

MONSIGNOR SLADE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Pre-K 2's through 8th Grade

Extended care available for enrolled students

Open House for Prospective Students

Sunday, January 31, 2016: 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Pre-K and Kindergarten Information Night

Thursday, February 18, 2016: 6:30 p.m.

120 Dorsey Road · Glen Burnie, MD 21061

www.msladeschool.com Admissions: 410-766-7130

mcs@mmladeschool.com

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

Help Our Marriage

Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Retrouvaille (French for Rediscovery and pronounced Re-tro-vi) is a program designed to help couples rediscover or reawaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples that have already separated or divorced. Our next weekend is January 29 - 31, 2016. All calls and inquiries are confidential. To register or obtain more information visit our website at: www.HelpOurMarriage.com, call (443) 400-7017, or email: retrojanuary@gmail.com.

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!

Middle School Youth Ministry: Last Monday (Nov. 30th) we began our **Second Session of the year, "Exploring the Bible."** The students had the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the Bible. We also explored the structure of the Bible, and had the opportunity meet some of its most famous characters. The Bible was written over many centuries, by many people, using many different styles of writing, all of which was guided by God and inspired by the Holy Spirit. The Bible is a book of Truth – it is really a love story – about how God loves his people...about how often his people reject him...and the lengths to which God will go to bring his people back to himself... because he loves them so much. 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. This Monday, December 7th, we will explore how to navigate through the Bible. All 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students are welcome and encouraged to join us from 4:30pm to 6:00pm.

We are also collecting **Christmas presents** for other students within our community in need. We ask our students, if they can (this is voluntary), to bring in a wrapped gift for someone their own age and gender. Please label the gift (ex. "13 year old Girl"). December 14th is our deadline (to make sure the gifts are delivered on time). Thank you!

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!

High School Youth Ministry: Last Sunday, Nov. 29th, we began **Session 2 - Advent: Disciples of Jesus.** Each week we will investigate the Gospel reading from that Sunday's Mass, and discover what it has to do with being a follower of Jesus.

During our first week, the students began by sharing about their families' Advent and Christmas preparations. We then got to the reading (Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36), and it sounded scary! But let's face it, this world in which we live is often scary and crazy...filled with chaos, pain, sorrow, and death. That is NOT how God intends for things to be. God is counting on us to help make this a beautiful world filled with peace, joy, and life. As disciples, Jesus is our Master...Do you try your best to live in tune with his teachings...to love those around you and forgive those who hurt you...to pray to him daily and stay in tune with him and his teachings? Advent is about Jesus coming. We Christians have a responsibility to make Jesus present to everyone we meet...to incarnate him ourselves! That's how we make ourselves READY...and we do this ALL THE TIME. Perhaps you have had a tough year; if so, try to really make Advent a restart to your new year. Like a restart button on a computer wipes the slate clean, let Advent be your restart button for this upcoming year's faith journey. There's a big contrast between spiritually preparing DURING Advent, and materially preparing FOR Christmas. Be deliberate about **MAKING ADVENT MATTER.** What will YOU do?! What will you DO? (And consider doing it as a family!) Finally, we Catholics recognize that when we receive the Eucharist it helps to transform us into who God made us to be...the image of Jesus...the best YOU that YOU can be. And it does this powerfully, mysteriously, and in a way that nothing else can. What else can you DO to be ready this Advent?...come to Mass every week! This Sunday, Dec. 6th from 6:30-8:30pm, we will continue our journey through Advent. All high school students are welcome and encouraged to join us! If you have any questions, please contact Tim Janiszewski (410-255-3677).

Two weeks ago we (6 students and 1 adult) attended the **National Catholic Youth Conference** (NCYC) held in Indianapolis, IN. We joined over 23,000 Catholic high school students from around the United States to learn about and strengthen our faith, and have a great time while we were at it! The students learned about their faith, experienced the larger Church in the United States, worshipped and sang with tens of thousands every day, and encountered the Holy Spirit. What an amazing experience it was! But faith is not based on experience, but RELATIONSHIP, so the students need to continue to develop their relationship with Christ...always.

We have a few **ACTIVITIES** on the near horizon. Flyers & permission forms can be found on the Business Office door in the church lobby.

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!!!

Making Blankets for our Winter Relief Guests – Sun., Dec. 20th from 2pm-4pm.

HSYM Christmas Eve Mass – Thurs., Dec. 24th at **7:30pm** (we need students to serve!).

Wednesday Night Group: 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...

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>
Dec. 9	Gingerbread House Making and Meditation w/Pulled Pork Come and make Gingerbread Houses tonight while enjoying Pulled Pork sandwiches. Why Pulled Pork...why not?! We'll end the evening with meaningful Meditation.
Dec. 16	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!
Dec. 23	Break – No Meeting Christmas Eve Eve is too close to Christmas to have a meeting. Stay home and 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 homemade pizza together as we plan out the WNG for the next months.

Two Wednesdays ago, Nov. 25th, we had our **Annual WNG Thanksgiving Feast**...Mexican style! Thanks to all the students who attended, and for Marie Janiszewski who did all the delicious cooking! We had a great evening!

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