



*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 27, 2015

Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Sunday:

1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28 or Sir 3:2-6,
12-14/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10/
1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24 or Col 3:12-21
or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52

Monday:

1 Jn 1:5--2:2/Ps 124:2-5, 7-8/
Mt 2:13-18

Tuesday:

1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-3, 5-6/
Lk 2:22-35

Wednesday:

1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-10/
Lk 2:36-40

Thursday:

1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-13/
Jn 1:1-18

Friday:

Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/
Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Saturday:

1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1-4/
Jn 1:19-28

Next Sunday:

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

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

Pastor's Page

A few eloquent words for the Christmas season penned by Bishop McManus of Massachusetts that were shared this month in the Catholic Free Press...

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Imagine the joy that quickened Mary's heart when on Christmas, in the humble surroundings of the stable, she first gazed on her son's face!

That night the glory of the Lord shone down on shepherds. The light of the Star guided the Magi. It led them all to Bethlehem. There they saw, in the light of His face, the light of the world, for they truly gazed on the face of God.

As we begin this Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis reminds us that "Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's mercy." Out of love, God created the world. Out of love and mercy, He sent His Son to save it. We can truly look upon the birth of Christ as the birth of Mercy. As the Holy Father says, mercy became living and visible in Christ and in Him mercy reaches its culmination.

This Christmas, may we all know the gift of God, His very Son, born to us. No matter what our circumstances or those of the world, we can find great joy and renewed hope in the inexhaustible font of God's love and mercy for each one of us. This is the meaning of Christmas. This is the power of Christmas to renew our lives and our world. Like the shepherds and Magi, may we bow before Him in our worship, seek His face in our prayer and reflect His love and mercy in our lives.

I pray too that throughout the Jubilee of Mercy, you may also feel Jesus' compassionate gaze as He looks with love upon you. He came for each one of us and He calls each one of us. May that awareness be a light that guides us through the darkness of our lives and draws us closer to Him and one another. May this Jubilee of Mercy be the occasion for a deep renewal of our Church that all may see her as a loving mother who looks with love and mercy on all her children.

*With every prayerful best wish for a Blessed and Merry Christmas, I remain
Sincerely yours in Christ,*

*Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester, MA*

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.**

January 1 – Solemnity of Mary – 10am

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.

RESPECT LIFE...Building a Culture of Life

Respecting the Dignity of All God's People

"The fight for the right to life is not the cause of a special few, but the cause of every man, woman, and child who cares not only about his or her own family, but the whole family of man."

---Dr. Mildred Jefferson, Pro-life Physician

Fill the Boots

Thank you for your generosity, we collected \$957.28 during our "Fill the Boots" weekends and additional \$2,000 from an anonymous donor that enables us to help the veterans with a total of \$2,957.28.

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

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., Janeen N., Jeanne F., Andrew, Holly G. and Family

Only first names are listed to ensure privacy—don't worry, when you pray God knows who you are talking about!



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.

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!

EAST BALTIMORE CHURCH TOUR

East Baltimore Church Tour The parishes of the Harbor East Cluster are hosting a tour of their churches entitled, "Our House is Your House – Oh Come let us Adore Him" All churches are located in the vicinity of Fells Point, Canton, Highlandtown and Little Italy. The tour takes place on **January 2nd**, 2016 beginning a 9am. Host Parishes and times for each stop are as follows. Sacred Heart of Jesus at 9 am Our Lady of Pompei at 10 am Holy Rosary at 11 am St. Elizabeth at Noon, with Lunch St. Patrick at 1 pm St. Casimir at 2 pm St. Brigid at 3 pm St. Leo the Great at 4 pm There will be a 30 minute presentation at each church which will include its history, mission and heritage. Transportation is being planned by reservation only. For more information please contact Bette Brocato at St. Brigid, 410-563-1717 or sbrigid@archbalt.org. Our Lady of Pompei at 10 am Holy Rosary at 11 am St. Elizabeth at Noon, with Lunch St. Patrick at 1 pm St. Casimir at 2 pm St. Brigid at 3 pm St. Leo the Great at 4 pm There will be a 30 minute presentation at each church which will include its history, mission and heritage. Transportation is being planned by reservation only. For more information please contact Bette Brocato at St. Brigid, 410-563-1717 or sbrigid@archbalt.org.

A LIFELINE FOR MARRIAGE

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. 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.

Youth Ministry

Middle School Youth Ministry

Last Monday (Dec. 21st), we completed our **Second Session of the year, "Exploring the Bible."** The students learned that we are made in God's image so that we can share in the goodness, love, joy, and wholeness that IS God. God wants to share this with us because he loves us. But just like the people in the Old Testament, we keep messing up over and over again. The Messiah that was prophesied about so long ago came in the form of Jesus, and he came not just for some far off people, but for YOU...and for ME! Jesus came to save us from slavery to sin, which results in suffering, and he came to save us from death. But Jesus accomplished his mission in a very unexpected way...he shared in our suffering and death, so that he could actually transform suffering and death themselves! When we then share in Jesus' suffering and death through our own, we also get to share in his resurrection...a resurrection to eternal life. But eternal life is not just living forever...it is being in relationship with God...Father, Son, and Spirit...and it starts NOW! Why does Jesus do all this for us? Because he loves us!

The Bible is a book unlike any other book. It is the only story you ever read where you are invited to become part of the story...so it is ALIVE! The history of creation and God's people is not just their history, but yours too. The story of salvation is not just about these people who lived long ago in a far away place, but it is YOUR VERY OWN story of salvation. You are not just being invited into this story, but you are being invited into a deep and loving relationship with the very real, all-powerful, and loving God of the universe. God loves you, and he wants you to love him back. To recognize the Bible as such a book of Truth, one must read it with the eyes and heart of faith, which are gifts from the Holy Spirit. Obtaining the eyes and heart of faith requires being in tune with the Holy Spirit...it requires prayer. Through the Bible, you not only learn about God, but you learn about how you are supposed to be in relationship with God, and with one another. You also learn who God has truly designed you to be. Spend time in God's word!

We also had our **Christmas party** this past Monday, and we thank all the parents who sent in such good treats for the students!

Thank you to all the students and parents who sent in **Christmas presents** for other students within our community in need. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and needed!

We will be on break this Monday (Dec. 28th). The following Monday, Jan. 4th, we will begin **Session 3 entitled "Growing Up Sexually."** All 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are welcome and encouraged to join us from 4:30-6:00pm.

The Junior High also has their annual **Ski Trip to Whitetail** on Monday, January 25th. Flyers are available SOON in the box on the Business Office door in the church lobby and will be e-mailed to parents. We are NOT taking a bus this year, but will rely on Archdiocesan Child Protection trained parents to drive and chaperone...and have a great time with us too. Parents who are willing and able to come along with us who are NOT yet trained and cleared at OLC, please do so ASAP at our website www.olchesapeake.org (do not wait until the week before or it will probably be too late).

Our MSYM sponsored a church **Clean and Shine** event on Sunday, December 20th. The students helped make the inside of OLC look beautiful for Christmas. It was their gift to the parish...thank you! And thank you to the parents who came and helped too!

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 (tjaniszewski@olchesapeake.org) and let him know your e-mail address. Thanks!

High School Youth Ministry

Last Sunday, Dec 20th, we completed **Session 2 - Advent: Disciples of Jesus.** Each week we investigated the Gospel reading from that Sunday's Mass, and discovered what it has to do with being a follower of Jesus.

During our fourth and final week, the students investigated the Gospel reading (Luke 1: 39-45). As we've seen all Advent, John the Baptist was just being who God made him to be...people saw that in him and said, "Hey, that guy's different. What does that guy got that I don't? I want some of that...I better go check him out," and they came to him. What did John have...that we see in today's Gospel...even as a baby in his mother's womb? JOY! His solid faith in Jesus radiated from him for others to see and experience through his natural joy! Joy is attractive and contagious...joy is the best way for we Christians to evangelize about the love that God has for us through Jesus. Joy is a gift from God, but it has to be cultivated by us. If we focus on all life's pains and sorrows, our joy can't grow. But if we remind ourselves that God is madly in love with us, and all life's pains and sorrows do NOT have the last word, but God's love for us does, then our joy can overwhelm us, just like John the Baptist. Do people ever see the joy in you and wonder, "What does she/he have that makes her/him different...special? I want some of that"? If not...what's holding you back? God loves you...nothing is greater than his love for you, and nothing can defeat it...you got it made! Let your joy shine! Like John, may you "jump for joy" this Christmas...and ever after!

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We will also ended our meeting with a **Christmas Party**...thank you to everyone who brought in holiday treats to share!

Our Sunday evening faith formation meetings will be on break until Sunday, February 14th, when we begin **Session 3 entitled "Troubles."** However, our Wednesday evening faith formation meetings run year round (see below), so come join us please! If you have any questions, please contact Tim Janiszewski (410-255-3677).

We had a few **ACTIVITIES** recently...

Lazer Tag and Movie Lock-in - Fri./Sat., Dec. 18th/19th – The Star Wars movie was awesome and the lazer tag amazing!

Making Blankets for the Homeless – Sun., Dec. 20th. The students did a great job, as always!

HSYM Christmas Eve Mass – Thurs., Dec. 24th at 7:30pm. Our students were terrific!

Thank you to all the students who participated and served, and to all the parents who volunteered and chaperoned...we can't do this without you!

On Friday, January 22nd, we are heading to Washington, D.C. to take part in the **Rally and March for Life**. At the Rally before the March, we will join 20,000 other catholic high school students at the Verizon Center for a Rally with great music, talks, and a Mass. This is a most worthy cause and a great experience. Flyers are available SOON in the box on the Business Office door in the church lobby and will be e-mailed to parents.

Friday evening, January 22nd, 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 this year, one of their 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 22nd, the HSYM is making and serving **Dessert for the Winter Relief** guests. In order for the students to attend this year, one of their 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.

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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 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

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.

Jan. 6, 2016 **We'll let you know the schedule from January - April after we make it on Dec. 30th...stay tuned!**

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