

Second Sunday of
ADVENT

*Welcome to
Our Lady of the Chesapeake
A Christian Community in the
Roman Catholic Tradition
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*Weekday Masses:
Tuesday—Friday, 9:00am
Weekend Masses:
Saturday 5:00pm,
Sunday 8:30am, & 10:30am
Rosary: Sundays 8:00am*



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

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Mary Mulcahy	Bereavement Ministry
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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.

December 4, 2016

2nd Sunday of Advent

Sunday:

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

Monday:

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

Tuesday:

Is 40:1-11/Ps 96/
Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday:

Is 40:25-31/Ps 103/
Mt 11:28-30

Thursday:

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

Friday:

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

Saturday:

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80/
Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday:

Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146/
Jas 5:7-10/
Mt 11:2-11

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

***New Parishioners may
register online or at our
Pastoral Office any Weekday
from 8:00AM - 3:00PM***

A Note from Donna Moran:

Last year I had the pleasure of delivering gift bags to the local nursing homes from OLC. While my intention was to focus on just one nursing home, the outpouring of gifts from OLC members was enough to do two.

So, with great joy, be donating Christmas gifts to Pear Tree Assisted Living and Oak Lodge from the OLC family.

All donations needed by 12/16 for the 12/20 delivery.

If you would like to donate a gift, please mark the wrapped item, mens or ladies. However, wrapping is not necessary, you can just place it in a bag marked "NURSING HOME GIFT DONATION or DMoran".

Here is a list of some suggestions:

Christmas cards (they loved getting the ones last year. They used last years cards to make place mats

get creative....check Pinterest, they have some awesome ideas.

small boxed candy items	card shuffler and cards
sugar free candy items	small stuffed animals
socks	walker caddy (check pinterest)
slippers	life savers
robes	chocolate mints
bath towels	small activity books with large print
mens night clothes (s, m, lg, or xl).	coloring books with simple pictures to color
womens night clothes (s, med, lg, or xlg)	coloring pencils
new bed pillows	coloring markers
Bag of home baked cookies	small stationary sets
hand lotions	small craft kits (painting ceramic or wood
chap sticks	project kits that are fairly simple)
pocket scarves	Hygiene items
lap blankets	

Also, if you have tissue paper or LARGE Christmas bags, that you will not be using yourself we could sure use some.

Along with the beautiful gifts that they received, Angel's donated lunch and drinks, and CHS performed some wonderful Christmas music.

For questions, or if you would like to help with the delivery of the gifts, please contact Donna Moran at 410-255-3677 ext 105.

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 marydcooley@gmail.com or 410 353 0079. Thank you!

**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:**

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*To contact the council please call
the church office or email
olcparishcouncil@yahoo.com*

From Sister Sally....

In today's gospel from Matthew we hear John the Baptist teach about baptism. He tells the crowd: I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." This powerful message helps me focus on the gift of my baptism and helps me focus on my responsibility to embrace that gift. I am reminded that my advent journey is not about me as an individual, but about how I engage in community.

The prevailing narrative is about how we are a divided people... nations are divided, communities are divided, families are divided. I feel so sad when I learn of people losing hope about the opportunity to live in harmony. Paul encourages us to feel hope from the scriptures.

Just as we are reminded in Isaiah, we cannot build harmony alone, we need to pray for God's grace: The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD,

I pray for the grace to live my baptismal promises to the fullest each day as I help create harmony where I least expect it.

Mary Lee Brock, Creighton University



Oplatki, the Christmas Wafer available this year once again thanks to parishioner Kathy Clifford. Anyone who wants Oplatki can contact Kathy at 410-437-1504 or 443-618-8572.

Many Polish, Slovak, Lithuanian and other Eastern European families observe the centuries-old Oplatki Christmas Tradition. The word Oplatki means "Angel Bread". The word Bethlehem means "House of Bread." The breaking of the bread is a sign of charity, unity, and friendship. Religious family traditions and customs bring the truths of Faith into the home. One of these beautiful Christmas customs is the Christmas Wafer. A Wafer bearing a simple design commemorative of Christ's birth is broken by the head of the family and distributed to each member. With a simple prayer for God's grace and the welfare of the present and absent members of the family, the head family member breaks the Wafer and distributes it, a piece to each one at the table. While doing so each member of the family is kissed and is wished a joyful feast.



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*

Founded in 1950, the Missionaries of Charity are worldwide. It includes more than 5,300 active and contemplative sisters. There are also Missionaries of Charity Fathers, and brothers. There is even an organization of lay workers. The Missionaries of Charity are dedicated to ministering, in the words of St. Teresa, "to the hungry, the naked, the homeless, the crippled, the blind, the lepers, all those people who feel unwanted, unloved, uncared for throughout society, people that have become a burden to society and are shunned by everyone." St. Teresa of Calcutta opened houses for the destitute and dying, for those with AIDS, for orphans, and for people with leprosy. She founded houses in Cuba and then the Soviet Union---countries not generally open to foreign church workers. The religious order is now in 139 countries. We have a home for dying AIDS patients here in Baltimore. In 1952 in Calcutta, Mother Teresa opened "The Pure Heart Home for the Dying." The purpose of the home is as stated by a Missionary of Charity, "a shelter where the dying poor may die in dignity." In 1985, President Ronald Reagan presented Mother Teresa with the presidential Medal of Freedom. He called her a "heroine of our times." The plaque honoring her described her as the "saint of the gutters."

"...to be able to love the poor and know the poor, we must be poor ourselves."

--St. Teresa of Calcutta pray for us!

OLC Christmas Cards are here!

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 Preslippy,
& 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 after Masses, or contact Stacey Beres—
sberes@olchesapeake.org or call the church office.

All proceeds benefit the OLC religious education program.

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

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.



SAVE THE DATE!! Saturday, December 17, 2016

St. Jane Frances 2nd Annual Holiday Vendor Event

from 8:00 am -2:00 pm in the school cafeteria
(8513 St. Jane Drive)

Vendors: LuLa Roe, Origami Owl, P. Chef, Ravens Memorabilia, Longaberger, K&L Crafts, Premier Jewelry, McAllister Plumbing/By The Fireside Home & Yard, Thirty One Bags, and more!!!

Hope to see you there!

Update about the SVDP Thanksgiving Food Boxes and Christmas donations....

Thanks to the generosity of the parish, we were able to serve **47** families for the holiday. I would like to thank everyone who helped to prepare the boxes and deliver to the families.

We need food for the pantry for our Christmas boxes. We are ok with green beans. We thank everyone for your donations.

God Bless!
Mary

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., 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



Save the Date!

OLC

Vacation Bible School

July 17th—21st, 2017

Middle School Youth Ministry

Last Monday, Nov. 28th we had our special session on **Advent**. The students learned that Advent is about preparing for Jesus' coming; celebrating his coming in the Past, reminding ourselves that he will return in the Future, and making him present NOW...every day...to everyone we meet through our love for them. Advent is a wonderful season in the Church that will totally pass you by without notice if you do not remind yourself every day. None of us is perfect; we all have work to do so that we can make Jesus present NOW, by how we love others. What do you need to work on to love others better? Is it your parents...your siblings...your teachers...your teammates...your friends...your neighbors...strangers...even your enemies? Advent is also the start of the Church's new calendar for the year...it is our New Years. People often make New Year's resolutions to improve themselves. So the students made Advent Resolutions...what they need to work on to better love others...every day!

This Monday, Dec. 5th, we will resume our investigation into Baptism and how we are called to be **Prophets like Jesus**...and how that impacts our everyday lives. And while doing that we will continue to have a great time! Come join us from 4:30-6:00pm.

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 12th is our deadline (to make sure the gifts are delivered on time). Thank you!

High School Youth Ministry

Session 2 has begun and our theme is **Catholic Morality**...we will be investigating the theological roots and foundations of the Church's moral teachings, so that students can not only better decide WHAT they should morally do in a given situation, but WHY they should do it, and HOW. And, as always, it has everything to do with working your faith into your everyday lives!

Last Sunday, Nov. 27th, we started with the theological roots of **Image of God and Freedom**. Because of God's infinite wisdom, God has eternally chosen to be love. The eternal certainty of that choice and God's infinite power is the source of His being Trinity...three in one... Father, Son, and Spirit...an eternal community of love. God found eternal happiness in his being a freely chosen community of love, and wanted to share that happiness with others...and so human beings were created. We were made by God in His image, which means we were made out of love...for love...to be loved...and to be loving. We were made by God in His image, which also means our lives have meaning, and we have the power to choose how we are to BE...even if that choice takes us away from how God made us to be. We were made by God in His image, which means if we live up to how God made us...as beings of love...then we too will share in eternal happiness. The root of Catholic Moral Teaching is not learning about right and wrong - it is learning the Trinity's dance of love; it is getting in tune with the Trinitarian God of Love. Then you will KNOW right and wrong...and desire more to choose what is right and GOOD. To act morally good, you must not only remember WHO you are, but also WHO'S you are...you belong to God.

This Sunday, Dec. 4th from 6:30-8:30pm, we will continue our journey into Catholic Morality...and what it has to do with your everyday life. All high school students are welcome and encouraged to join us!

On 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! It was a fantastic trip and the students had an amazing experience. We'll let you know next week how it went.

We have a few **ACTIVITIES** on the horizon...Flyers and permission forms can be found in the box on the Business Office door in the church lobby and have been e-mailed to parents.

Laser Tag and Movie Lock-in - Fri./Sat., Dec. 16th/17th from 6:30pm to 8am – We're going to see *Rogue One: A Star Wars Story*, and we've rented out the laser tag place just for OLC!!!

Making Blankets for our January Winter Relief Guests – Sun., Dec. 18th from 2pm-4pm.

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

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

Dec. 7 **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. 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!

Dec. 28 **What's Going on with You? w/Baked Ziti and Garlic Bread** It's important we stay in touch with one another personally, so we're doing this again...catching up with one another's lives. And we'll enjoy fresh baked ziti with garlic bread.

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