



*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
Janet Cogliano	Lectors
Joseph Borchetti	Eucharistic Ministers
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.

March 5, 2017

1st Sunday of Lent

Sunday:

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-6, 12-13,
17/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/
Mt 4:1-11

Monday:

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8-10, 15/
Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday:

Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-7, 16-19/
Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday:

Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-
19/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday:

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/
Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12

Friday:

Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-8/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday:

Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/
Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday:

Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22/2
Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

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

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

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Our Lady of the Chesapeake Pastoral Council

Officers:

Jerry Mulcahy – Chair Person
Tina Zahorcak – Vice Chair
Mary Mulcahy – Secretary

Ex-officio (Non-voting)

Members:

Rodney Armero
Judy Glinka
Joyce Heid
Stacey Beres
Tim Janiszewski
Mary Laber
Rev. Brian Rafferty
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George Johnson
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Joyce Wiesner
Diane Williams

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

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., 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., Gwen H., Sharon R., Ashley H., Marsha S., Helen D.

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

From the Desk of Sister Sally:

Pope Francis' Seventh Secret for Happiness: Respect and Take Care of Nature

Beyond Giving Up Chocolate: Going Deeper in Lent

From the time we were children, our first question for Lent was often, "What are you giving up for Lent?" Giving something up for these 40 days is a custom that, when we were younger, helped us enter into the season with a sense of purpose and a greater awareness.

As adults, we might want to consider looking at Lent in a deeper way. We are probably much more settled into our behaviors and patterns of life and sometimes giving up something is where we begin -- and end -- our reflections on Lent. It can be tempting to say "I am giving up chocolate" or beer or even all sweets and all alcohol. But without more reflection, it can become simply a way I show God how strong I am. It is more about me than any conversation with God. Lent isn't simply about us "giving up" something. The real grace is when we recognize that Lent is a season in which God wants to give us something. God wants to help us transform our lives and make us more free as people -- not just freer with God, but in the way we live our lives and love our families.

But this year we might reflect and ask the deeper question: What is God inviting me to change this Lent? How do I know what God might be stirring in me? I begin by listening to the movements in my heart. Where am I feeling uncomfortable with the choices I am making? With the things I have done? With the habitual ways I respond? The Lord will be speaking to me in those small nagging moments of discomfort in my heart. Asking what we would like to change about ourselves this Lent requires a little reflection. What pattern of behavior in my life needs changing? What do I need more of in my life? Patience? Unselfishness? More loving behavior toward my spouse or children?

We can imagine a Lenten practice in which each of us would tell members of our family -- those whom we have most offended in these ways -- that we are sorry and ask them to help us to work with us to bring more unity and peace to our family life.

We can ask: What would it cost me to change this behavior? What would it mean if I didn't walk around my family acting crabby all the time? What if I decided to be much more loving and patient with my spouse this Lent? As I reflect, I might realize that changing a particular way I live is coming to me as a call from God and I don't have to do it alone. God is moving my heart to reflect on these changes and God will remain faithful and help me to stay open to the grace being offered to me for change. I need help. It may be something that I don't want to change or acknowledge. I don't think I can change it. But that's where talking to God can make the difference. I am not doing this alone; I am doing it with God.

Where do we need a breakthrough? What is the barrier that keeps us from asking for healing? In our own lives, we need to break through our denials, defensiveness and our unwillingness to look at ourselves. Discovering what the barrier is in my life is critical. If we don't know what the barrier is, these weeks of Lent are a great time to reflect upon it. When we identify the barrier, we have made the breakthrough. That's when Jesus can heal us of it. Why is this a good Lenten penance? Because it gets my attention where I live every day. It allows God's grace into my soul and into the place where my real life exists.

Upcoming Adult Faith Formation: *The Joy of Love* by Pope Francis Please Join us!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Tuesday Evenings: March 7th; 14th; 21st; 28; Guest Presenter: Msgr. David Fulton, from St. Mary's Seminary will speak on *Conscience Formation*, Tuesday, March 14th. Please plan to attend for this informative Session.

The OLC Knights of Columbus will meet the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 7:30 P.M.. We meet in the Lauer building next to the Church. All KOC are invited to attend.



Save the Date!
The next OLC
Red Cross Blood Drive
is on March 22nd from 2:30pm to 8pm.

Register by calling 1-800-RED CROSS

Or visit www.redcrossblood.org.

Stewardship

February 26, 2017 Offertory

Envelopes	\$9,088
Loose	\$2,024
Total Offertory	11,112
Deferred Maintenance Fund	1,339
Poor Box	345

Total Weekly \$12,796

Mass Attendance 658

YTD Offertory (35 Week)

Envelopes	\$375,106
Loose	63,411
Total Offertory	438,517
Deferred Maintenance Fund	44,833
Poor Box	8,653
Total YTD	\$492,003

Average Weekly Offertory	\$14,057
Average Weekly Budget	\$14,000
Avg. Weekly Surplus (Deficit)	\$57

TUITION ASSISTANCE

The Tuition Assistance applications for school year 2017 - 2018 to Catholic schools (including High School) are now available on the Business Office door. All applications are due by no later than April 20th.

SVDP OLC Pantry—Collecting for Easter Baskets

We are now collecting Easter candy and treats. In addition, we need gift cards for local fast food such as McDonald's, Wendy's, Burger King, and Subway.

Our pantry is also in need of non-perishable items such as canned soups, pasta, sauces, condiments, cereal – everything except vegetables.

Items can be left in the red wagon in the church vestibule.

Donations are used to feed families in need in our local area. Thank you!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

From the Wellness Ministry:

We are in the peak of FLU season. Please remember to wash hands and use hand sanitizer frequently. Drink plenty of fluids and keep up on your vitamin C and vitamin D to boost your immune system.

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

St. Katherine Drexel: From Wealth to Poverty

Katherine Drexel (1858-1955) was one of America's greatest heiresses. She came from a Philadelphia family of great distinction. She gave up all her wealth to serve in the United States mission fields working with African and Native Americans.

Sister Mary Katherine Drexel was professed as the first sister of a new missionary congregation, The Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. Sister Mary Katherine believed that the best way to help the African and Native American children was to give them a Christian education. To these children who were the victims of discrimination, she taught them that they were the children of God, equal in dignity to all.

St Katherine Drexel's feast day is March 3. St. Katherine Drexel pray for us.

The Father Walter J. Paulits Memorial Scholarship

Our Lady of the Chesapeake has established a scholarship fund in memory of Father Walter Paulits to benefit graduating high school seniors attending college. Two scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each will be awarded. The beneficiaries of the scholarships must be a member of the parish of Our Lady of the Chesapeake, be active in the church community, be a high school senior graduating in 2017 and complete an application and essay. The scholarship funds can be applied to tuition, books, and/or fees and will be paid in the name of the student directly to the college by Our Lady of the Chesapeake.

Our Lady of the Chesapeake will also be awarding six scholarships to students pursuing degrees in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) related field of study.

The recipients will receive a one-time \$500 scholarship award and must be enrolled with a declared major in a STEM field of study at any junior college or university. The beneficiaries of the scholarships must be a member of the parish of Our Lady of the Chesapeake, be a graduating high school senior or currently enrolled in college, have at least a 3.0 GPA and complete an application and essay. The scholarship funds can be applied to tuition, books, and/or fees and will be paid in the name of the student directly to the college by Our Lady of the Chesapeake.

Online applications, and full details for applying for the scholarships, and requirements may be referenced at www.olchesapeake.org. Applications and the essays are due by May 1, 2017 and will be awarded in June 2017 by the Scholarship Committee. Questions may be addressed via E-Mail to olcscholarshipapp@gmail.com.

Middle School Youth Ministry

Session 3 has finished and our theme was **Catholic Morality**...we investigated 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 had everything to do with working your faith into your everyday lives!

Last Monday, Feb. 27th, we examined **Sin and Mercy**. We've discovered over the past few weeks that God has eternally chosen to be a community of love. God created human beings to share in that eternal happiness by making us in His image. Sin is when we choose to live outside the boundaries of loving community; instead of happiness, sin leads to pain, suffering, chaos, emptiness...and death. God loves us and wants us to avoid sin, so he graces us with a conscience to know good from evil, and he graces us with virtues to help us live holy lives.

Even when we do sin, God loves us so much and wants us to spend eternity with Him in happiness, so He offers us mercy through the loving sacrifice of Jesus, God's Son. God values our free will though, so our forgiveness must have meaning. We must first acknowledge that we have sinned...and then we have to want to be forgiven and ask for it. Once we ask for forgiveness, Jesus replies to us, "I died on the cross 2,000 years ago for you. In a sense, I forgave you before you did anything wrong. All you have to do is ask to come home so I know it is your choice...we're good...welcome back!" What a great God we have!

This Monday, March 6th, we investigate the pillars of **Lent**: almsgiving, prayer, and fasting...and what they have to do with our everyday lives. All 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are welcome and encouraged to join us from 4:30-6:00pm. On Saturday, Feb. 25th, our MSYM did NOT go **Snow Tubing at Liberty** Resort; the weather did not cooperate with us. Thank you to the students and parents who were ready to go!

We will be participating in a regional **Summer Madness** program this summer from July 31st – Aug. 4th. It is an opportunity for Middle School students (current 6th-8th graders in the 2016/2017 school year) to take part in service activities, meet students from other parishes (make new friends), and have fun. Each day (Monday - Thursday) the students will go to a different service site in the morning and help serve. They will return for lunch together, and then we'll all go have fun in the afternoon (bowling, laser-tag, mini-golf, etc.). On Friday, Aug. 4th, we'll all go to Hershey Park for the day (the Hershey Park trip is ONLY open to students who are participating in Summer Madness). Summer Madness can not happen without parents helping (Child Protection trained and cleared parents). Flyers with more details and permission forms have been e-mailed to parents, and are also available in the box on the Business Office door in the church lobby. Space is limited, and is first come, first serve.

High School Youth Ministry

Our Sunday evening faith formation meetings will be on break until March 19th, when we begin Session 4: Preparing for Easter. All high school students AND THEIR PARENTS are welcome and encouraged to join us from 6:30-8:30pm. (**Note: We will continue to invite Parents to join us Sunday evenings during our youth meetings for Session 4. When the students break out into their small groups, parents will form their own small group and have an adult level discussion on the same topic as the students. PLEASE join us!**)

We have our annual **Service Lock-in** scheduled for March 24th – 25th. Students will have opportunities throughout the lock-in to serve others (globally, locally, and even our parish), while having fun. Some of the service will be performed off-site, so we'll need Child Protection trained adult chaperones/drivers. It's too early for flyers and permission forms, but mark your calendars to save the date. We take the first 20 students!

Our HSYM will be joining other high school students from all over Anne Arundel County for our first ever **Annapolis Pilgrimage on Saturday, April 8th**. Pilgrims will walk from place to place thru our state capital, visiting religious and historical sites, learning a little more about our faith as we witness to our faith with each step: our Catholic faith in Maryland's roots and our current daily lives. Amidst the physical challenges of the walk, it is hoped the Pilgrims experience an internal change in their souls as we reflect on the **Mighty** things God has done (Lk 1:49) and the **Mighty** things we can do in His name (Phil 4:13)! Flyers and permission forms have been e-mailed to parents, and are also in the box on the Business Office door in the church lobby.

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 Winter/Spring (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 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

Mar. 8 **Service Night w/ Chicken and Dumplings** We'll be helping Mrs. Stacey prepare for this upcoming summer's Vacation Bible School, and we'll enjoy Marie's famous chicken and dumplings while we work.

Mar. 15 **WWJD? Game w/ Old School Lunch** Come play our fun and thought-provoking WWJD? game. It's a WNG classic! Even better when we're feasting on brown bag lunches of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, juice boxes, and individual bagged chips.

Mar. 22 **Karaoke Night w/ Tacos** If you love singing, you'll love tonight. And if you don't, that's okay...who doesn't love tacos?!

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