



*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
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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 12, 2017

2nd Sunday of Lent

Sunday:

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

Monday:

Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13/
Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday:

Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17,
21, 23/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday:

Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14-16/
Mt 20:17-28

Thursday:

Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-4, 6/
Lk 16:19-31

Friday:

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps
105:16-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday:

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-4, 9-
12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday:

Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/
Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15,
19b-26, 39a, 40-42

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

Pastor's Page

Hi!

Me again - - - encouraging you not to "give up" anything for Lent; rather asking that you "take up"! Take up What? Start with gratitude; my friends in AA like to use the expression: "Attitude of Gratitude". Just think, seriously, just think of all that God has plopped into our laps. We have our homes and yards and neighbors (for the most part they are all okay though you might have a few loonies). We all know that there will always be another meal because those who love us will see that we do. Pretty much we're in good shape.

Now let's fast forward to the end of the line and think (if we dare) about our deaths. Lent is our time to reflect even about death and still come up with a smile on our face. Jesus has been there and came back for the sole purpose of teaching us that he hoodwinked even death, even a really scary death. Lent is when we reflect on that mystery of mysteries that no other religious leader in history dared to take on. Death, the last boogeyman! How's that for a gift of the Lord for us. No wonder our Protestant friends love their hymn "What a friend we have in Jesus".

I'm serious about this, folks. Think of all the big and little stuff we worry about: taxes, our looks, our pets, our jobs, our sex lives (those of you lucky enough to have one). There is no end of our worries but the biggie, the real biggie: DEATH. JESUS WANTS US TO KNOW THAT HE'S GOT THAT LICKED TOO.

Think about that from time to time during Lent! Lent is nothing but the runway up to Easter which shouts out to us that death is not the end of the line. Life with Jesus, the Father and Spirit is the end of the line, the Big Whoop! So don't let the small stuff get you down and when it comes to death, everything else is teensy weensy!

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., Betty Y., Brian G.

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

Our Lady of the Chesapeake Pastoral Council

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To contact the council please call
the church office or email
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Save the Date!

**OLC Vacation
Bible School**

**July 17th—21st,
2017**

From the Desk of Sister Sally:

Lent – the season of joyful transformation

Where does it lead?

Remember the first time riding a “two wheeler” without training wheels or a helping hand. White knuckled, mouth and eyes agape - the terrifying freedom of flying solo! Wanting to go on and on and fearing how to stop.

Remember the first time standing on an ocean shore with toes curled in ever shifting sands, looking out with wonder at the profound weight and ever undulating swell. Filled with inexpressible awe and exuberance. Dreading yet tempted to venture into the froth.

Remember the first time standing on the precipice of a mountain gazing down onto the majestic expansive earth far below. Or stars on a moonless night! A feast for the eyes that could never fully quench the thirst of the soul.

Remember the first time sitting with a dying parent, sibling, child, friend or stranger. Sharing a meal with a hungry, homeless person. Attending to the child pleading, “help me, I lost my mother.”

Witnessing a mother give birth. Holding one’s child for the first time. Poets’ words fail to capture the inexpressible.

Consecrating and offering the Eucharist for the first time. A Jesuit priest tired to describe the profound and overwhelming sense of community, oneness, wholeness that enveloped him.

Making love to your spouse for the first time - lovingly, tenderly yet cautiously reaching out to the other. An expansion of self - touching, holding the other in gentle reverence.

Experiences we hold in our hearts – of the real, tangible presence of God. These are experiences of transformation and revelation. Today’s reading from Matthew’s gospel tells of Peter, James and John being present to Jesus being “transfigured.” We are not told directly, but must know that Peter, James and John, not *transfigured*, but most definitely were *transformed* by their experience. We can only imagine.

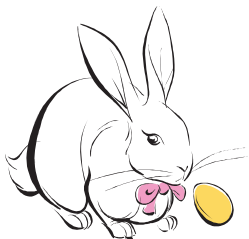
We can imagine, because in our own lives we have experienced degrees of transformation. Every day experiences provide opportunity, the possibility for transformation. It happens to us all the time! To experience the fullness of freedom – no matter the age or the actual experience, predisposes us to greater and more meaningful experiences of freedom. Genuine freedom whets our appetite for greater, richer and more intimate freedom. Experiences of awe, wonder, fascination, thrill, tenderness, caring and love – fill us with deep yearning for the fuller, richer – a deep yearning for the more. The More of God. With each experience I am transformed.

What captivates us is that God gently transforms, revealing to me more and more about myself while drawing me closer and closer to Godself. My thirst and desire for these holy consolations of God, graciously given are what keep our relationship maturing. An experience of God, an experience of who I am in the heart of God draws me closer and closer, deeper and deeper into Love and in love with all life offers.

The Goodnews: a kid on a bike, a new mom or dad, the mountain climber, the beachcomber, the lover, the dreamer, the poet and songster, the homeless, the abandoned, the orphan, the widow, the refugee, the forgotten, you and me – all of us are privy each day to being transformed into a richer, more real image of Jesus.

Where does it lead? It all leads to fuller, richer life, to Love, to God.
Lent is the season of joyful transformation.

Joan Blandin Howard, Creighton University



**Join us for our...
Annual Easter Egg Hunt**

**Saturday, April 15th
At 1:00pm at the church**

Sponsored by the OLC High School Youth Ministry!

For tiny tots through 6th grade
(different areas for different age groups)

We'll have prizes for the hunt, as well as face painting!
Lunch and snacks for a small fee provided by the KoC!



**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.



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.

Stewardship

March 5, 2017 Offertory

Envelopes	\$13,895
Loose	\$1,985
Total Offertory	15,880
Deferred Maintenance Fund	1,671
Poor Box	223
Total Weekly	\$17,774

Mass Attendance 729

YTD Offertory (36 Week)

Envelopes	\$389,001
Loose	65,396
Total Offertory	454,397
Deferred Maintenance Fund	46,504
Poor Box	8,876
Total YTD	\$509,777

Average Weekly Offertory	\$14,160
Average Weekly Budget	14,000
Avg. Weekly Surplus (Deficit)	\$160

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.

Maryland Day The Charles Carroll House

The Charles Carroll House will host a weekend of fun activities for all ages.

Saturday, March 25 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Sunday, March 26 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Come and explore the Carroll house that celebrates a history of over 300 years and learn about the Carroll Family and oldest living signer of the Declaration of Independence.

St. Mary's School 4th graders will have an art display depicting the made in Maryland theme. A fun scavenger hunt will help you discover how the Carroll family made their fortune in MD.

No charge, donations welcomed.

The Charles Carroll House is located in historic downtown Annapolis behind St.Mary's Catholic Church on Duke of Gloucester Street

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

“There is so much indifference in the face of suffering. May we overcome indifference with concrete acts of charity.”

“None of us can think we are exempt from concern for the poor and for social justice.”
--Pope Francis

“The poor must know that we love them, that they are wanted. They themselves have nothing to give but love.”
--St Teresa of Calcutta

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!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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

Last Monday, Mar. 6th, we had our special session on **Lent**, to help the students understand that Lent is a time for them to intentionally get back in tune with God through penance (loving sacrifice), so that they can prepare themselves for lives of deeper sacrifice. While this will allow them grow closer to God and to one another, it will also help them appreciate Easter even more (and God's love for us through the Paschal Mystery of Jesus suffering, death, and resurrection...remember the Kerygma), whether it is through fasting, abstaining, prayer, almsgiving, or other acts of sacrificial love. But in order for Lent to be powerful, you have to be intentional. You have to CHOOSE to pray during Lent...you have to CHOOSE to fast during Lent...and you have to CHOOSE to give alms during Lent, or do something extra. We want to encourage the students and their families this Lent to give alms by placing their extra change into "Rice Bowls", which are used by a group called "Catholic Relief Services" (run by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops). The money that is collected during Lent will be used to feed starving people around the world. We will collect these bowls at the end of Lent...please consider partaking with your family.

This Monday, Mar. 13th, we will begin our fourth and final session of the year on **Catholic Social Teaching**...and how that impacts our everyday lives. And while doing that we will continue to have a great time! All 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are welcome and encouraged to join us from 4:30-6:00pm.

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 in 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...

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>
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?!
Mar. 29	What's Going on with You? w/Chicken and Waffles 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 fried chicken and waffles while we share.

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