



***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
Fax: 410-437-7527 www.olchesapeake.org***

***Weekday Masses:
Tuesday—Friday, 9:00am
Weekend Masses:
Saturday 5:00pm,
Sunday 8:30am, & 10:30am***

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

Welcome

Rev. Stephen Hook Pastor

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| 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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| Suzanne Keys | 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 |
| Donna Moran | 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.

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
suzannemkeys@gmail.com

February 18, 2018

Mass Intentions:

5:00 Mary Ann Garges

8:30 Parishioners

10:30 Elizabeth Hook

1st Sunday of Lent

Sunday:

Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
[cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/
Mk 1:12-15

Monday:

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15
[Jn 6:63b]/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday:

Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17,
18-19 [18b]/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday:

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

Thursday:

1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/
Mt 16:13-19

Friday:

Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4,
5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday:

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

Next Sunday:

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/
Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/
Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

Dear Friends of Our Lady of the Chesapeake,

Welcome to the Season of Lent. As the Gospel from Ash Wednesday reminded us, this Lenten journey offers us a time for prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Prayer can take on many forms in our daily and busy lives, from a quick prayer of Thanksgiving or a request for God's guidance or intercession to a more formal prayer, such as offering a Rosary or attending Mass. All prayer ought to lift our hearts to the Lord and unite us to God. Sometimes our prayer is more of us talking and God listening, but during this Lenten season, I invite you to allow God to speak to you through your prayer by trying to be less "talkative." I know the Lord loves to hear from us, but I believe He occasionally wants to get a word in edgewise, so to speak!

Many people also use the Lenten season to fast, not just the fasting the Church asks us to do on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, but also to fast by giving up something or doing something different, as a way of sacrificing or surrendering ourselves to the Lord. In my experience, fasting helps me to be more aware of what is happening during the day by making me stop and think before doing something or eating something I may have given up for Lent. Over time, fasting connects us more closely to the Lord because it helps us control or moderate our desires for the "things of the world" and instead allows us to focus our desires on Jesus.

Almsgiving is the discipline that reminds us that everything we have is a gift from God and therefore ought to be shared with others, especially those in need. The Winter Relief program we just completed last month is a great example of almsgiving but as we know, the needs are endless, and can seem at times to be overwhelming. But as I have heard others say, you can never "out give" the Lord. If we acknowledge how much the Lord has truly given to each of us, then we can never "repay" Him, but maybe we could try in some way to do so by giving to those in need as our blessings and means allows.

During this Lenten Season OLC will be offering Stations of the Cross on Friday, Feb. 23rd and Friday, Mar. 23rd at 7:00pm followed by a simple meal of Soup and Salad. I would encourage you to come and join us. Since this is something new, we are asking you to RSVP if you are planning to attend so we can know how many people are coming.

Finally, Confessions are now being offered on Saturday afternoons from 4:00m – 4:30pm. They will eventually be held in the Reconciliation Room, which will be located to the left of the sacristy, but will be in the Daily Mass Chapel for the time being.

God Bless!

Father Steve



**Lent Mass
and Services Schedule
All are welcome!!!**

**March 29th - Holy Thursday
7:30 pm**

**March 30th - Good Friday
Stations of the Cross 3:00 pm
Service 7:30 pm**

**March 31st -
Blessing of the Food - Noon
Easter Egg Hunt - 1:00 pm
Easter Vigil - 8:00pm**

**Easter Sunday:
8:30 am Church
10:30 am Church
10:30 am Hall**

**MONTHLY FIRST FRIDAY
HOLY HOUR**

**Join us for First Friday Holy Hour
from 9:30am and 10:30am in the
Daily Mass Chapel
starting 2/2/18**

TUITION ASSISTANCE

The Tuition Assistance applications for school year 2018 - 2019 to Catholic schools (including High School) are now available on the Business Office door. All applications are due by no later than April 20th.



The Knights of Columbus of Our Lady of the Chesapeake will meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 7:30 P.M. in the Gathering Place. All Knights are invited. If you have any questions, please call John Donnelly at 410-437-0116, thank you.

From the Desk of Sister Sally:

Join us for Contemplative Prayer!

Still your thoughts & emotions and focus on God's presence.

Next session: Tuesday, February 27th at 9:45am and **Wednesday, February 28th at 7:00p.m.

**Anyone interested in Spiritual Direction or walking the Labyrinth,
please contact Sister Sally: srussell@olchesapeake.org or 410-255-3677 EXT. 104**

Open to New Life

The story of Noah is the story of a society gone wrong. The flood was a collective event, a response to the collective evil of the time. Collective also was the covenant made by God with the survivors of the flood, and collective was the redemption by Christ, a just man for the sake of the unjust.

The challenge to reform our lives and change our lives expresses a call to change ourselves individually and to change ourselves as a society. The good news spoken of in the Gospel is the announcement of the kingdom, a world where God rules.

Jesus's victory over Satan represents a victory over the powers of evil, those forces that cause us to sin. The evil we struggle against in Lent is personal as well as social.

Gerald Darring

Pope Francis:

With its invitations to conversion, Lent comes providentially to awaken us, to rouse us from torpor [sluggish inactivity]. ... Why must we return to God? Because something is not right in us, not right in society, in the Church, and we need to change, to give it a new direction. And this is called needing to convert! Once again Lent comes to make its prophetic appeal, to remind us that it is possible to create something new within ourselves and around us, simply because God is faithful, always faithful, for he cannot deny himself, he continues to be rich in goodness and mercy, and he is always ready to forgive and start afresh. With this filial confidence, let us set out on the journey.

Mark Your Calendars!!! Tuesday, February 27th; Sister Regina Hlavac, D.C. will open Our Lenten Journey. Sister will give an overview of Pope Francis' Laudato Si On Care for Our Common Home.

Pope Francis calls the entire world to take action to embrace what he calls, "ecological conversion." The Following Tuesday evenings, March 6th; 13th and 20th we will read and discuss the encyclical. We will gather in Hall from 7:00pm -9:00pm. **Registration form can be found on the home page of olchesapeake.org and in the church vestibule.**

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) meets Wednesdays 7pm in the Maryland Suite in the Church.

Each one is a missionary disciple by inviting persons who are not Catholic, or who have not received the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation to consider the RCIA process of becoming Catholic or completing the sacraments of initiation. Many persons observe your kindness and faithfulness. You have the grace to invite others to join us in our journey of faith. If you know of anyone who might consider the RCIA, please have a conversation with them about our faith.

Contact Sister Sally: srussell@olchesapeake.org; 410-255-3677 Ext. 104

Our Lady of the Chesapeake Prayer Line Available 24/7 by emailing info@olchesapeake.org

Pray for: Tina A. and Family, Stephen, Cory H., Samantha and Pat H., Maryanne J., Danny J., Caitlyn K., Phyllis H., Bill P. and family, Richard S., Ty P., David S. and family, Pat D., Sam, Oliver Family, Jake C., Barb, Bonnie, Jim C., Cheryl A., Dorothy P., Jim, 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., Kay J., Jennifer, Ryan, Michael E., Ken S., Peter W., Janice H., Phyllis C., Iris A., Michael, Mark A., Barbara L., Nick B., Steve and Phyllis L., Sharon R., Ashley H., Marsha S., Helen D., Betty Y., Brian G., Lilly, the Cicero Family, Deter Family and the Matassa Families, Dave, Michael P, Tanner C., Dave, Denise, Jim C., Carlson Family, Kevin & Janie N., Lynn C., Anita R., Kathy H., Katrina S., Ron C., Jeff A., Vernie E., John M., Vernie E., Joanna, Betsy, Lou, Jodi, Paul R., Ella J., Kelani W., Caleb W., Bonnie M., Carlos T. and family, Walter G., Kate R., Julio, Sebastian S., Michael, Nick, Leonard S. and family, Marie, Lisa W., Judy L. Pam D., August L., Rose B., Jason N., Dick C. Jenni, Matt, Jason R., Jeannie, Bob L., Bill H., Nancy G., Pat, Sheri, the family of Baby Elena, Sheri G., Sandy's family, Angela, Ian W., Marcia, Laurretta and Family, Leona K., Sue W., Caroline S., Hannah D., Emily T., Sara M., Connor, McKenzie, Sherry.

Usually 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

Stewardship

February 11th Offertory

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| Envelopes | \$10,884 |
| Loose | <u>1,630</u> |
| Total Offertory | 12,514 |
| Deferred Maintenance Fund | 887 |
| Poor Box | <u>157</u> |
| Total Weekly Collection | <u>\$13,558</u> |

Mass Attendance 529

YTD Offertory (30 Week)

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| Envelopes | \$353,389 |
| Loose | <u>62,313</u> |
| Total Offertory | 415,702 |
| Deferred Maintenance Fund | 38,469 |
| Poor Box | <u>8,548</u> |
| Total YTD | <u>\$449,665</u> |

Average Weekly Offertory 13,763

Average Weekly Budget 14,000

Avg. Weekly Surplus (Deficit) (\$237)

Average Weekly Offertory per person \$23

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

“The hungry nations of the world cry out to the peoples blessed with abundance. And the Church, cut to the quick by this cry, asks each and every man to hear his brother’s plea and answer it lovingly.”

--Pope Paul VI

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 2018 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.

An online application, full details for applying for the scholarship, and requirements may be referenced at www.olchesapeake.org. Applications and the essay are due by May 1, 2018 and will be awarded in June 2018 by the Scholarship Committee. Questions may be addressed via E-Mail to olcscholarshipapp@gmail.com.

STEM Scholarships

Our Lady of the Chesapeake will be awarding three 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.

An online application, full details for applying for the scholarship, and requirements may be referenced at www.olchesapeake.org. Applications and the essay are due by May 1, 2018 and will be awarded in June 2018 by the Scholarship Committee. Questions may be addressed via E-Mail to olcscholarshipapp@gmail.com.

Students are eligible to apply for both scholarships.

OLC Coffee House at The Gathering Place

Come check out the OLC talent!!!!

WHEN: Saturday, February 24, 7-10PM

Please bring a non-perishable food item for admission.
Interested in performing?

Please contact Rodney Armero (443) 853-0327 or
Charles Alexander (443)-510-7311

SVDP Pantry Update:

We are in need of can goods for our pantry. We are good with soup and vegetables. Easter comes early this year and we will need food for the food boxes. We also work with families during the year with food. We will be collecting candy and Easter treats for the children. in February. I will give you dates for Easter project soon.

Thank You for your support!

God Bless, Mary

Confirmation: On Sunday, Feb. 25th at the 10:30am Mass, we will have our **Confirmation Rite of Enrollment Mass**. Our 2nd Year Confirmation students have been deliberately forming their faith for the past year and a half, and are preparing for Confirmation in May. Since Confirmation and Faith are also about Community, we wanted to involve our OLC family. The Confirmandi and their Sponsors are a special part of the Mass and will have a role to fill during Mass. Most importantly, we need you to pray for them as they continue their preparations for Confirmation. You'll notice their pictures and brief bio's in the courtyard in the coming months. Thanks!

Middle School Youth Ministry: On Monday, Feb. 12th, we had our third Special Session of the year entitled "**Lent**." Once again, the students got to compete against one another in an "It's Academic" style group competition, where they learned while they played. They discovered that the purpose of Lent is to prepare us to celebrate Easter, as we try to become more like Jesus, who is our model. Traditionally during Lent, Catholics practice prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, but it is a deliberate effort to confirm ourselves to Christ. By living more in tune with Jesus, we can more successfully love and care for everyone we come into contact with: family, friends, strangers, even enemies. This is what really gets us ready to celebrate Easter, and helps us continue that celebration all throughout the year!

This upcoming Monday, Feb. 19th, we will **BE ON BREAK**. The following Monday, Feb. 25th, we will conclude our session on Sexuality with a video from the renowned Catholic chastity speakers Jason and Crystalina Evert. All 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students **AND THEIR PARENTS** are welcome and encouraged to join us from 4:30pm to 6:00pm (we're hoping parents will come and watch too!)

On Saturday, Feb. 24th, our MSYM is going **Snow Tubing at Liberty** Resort as part of a regional Anne Arundel County Youth Ministry trip. We're planning to visit either the Seton Shrine (where St. Elizabeth Ann Seton is buried) or the Grotto at Mount Saint Mary's, both in Emmitsburg, before stopping at Pizza Hut for lunch. Flyers and permission forms have been e-mailed to parents and are available in the box on the Business Office door in the church lobby.

The Middle School students are also collecting candy each week to help make **Easter Baskets** for the children through our own St. Vincent de Paul Society. If you can afford it, please bring a **bag of candy to donate** each week.

High School Youth Ministry: We have just completed **Session 3** entitled "**Pressures**." Each week we explored a different source of stress, and then looked at the sources of our pressure associated with it – from parents, peers, self...and even from God.

Feb. 11th, we finalized our investigation by looking into **Spiritual Pressures**. The students discussed the spiritual pressures they experience from parents, peers, themselves, the Church, and God: to get Confirmed; to be involved in HSYM; to go to church; to NOT go to church; to "take it seriously"; being ridiculed for being spiritual/religious/Catholic; to try to live up to someone else's expectations; doubts and questions about faith/church/bible; to be involved; to do service; to give money; to pay attention;...even to believe in God. We took a look at the story of Thomas doubting Jesus' resurrection (John 20: 24-31), and discovered there are spiritual pressures coming from all over the place. God made us in his image so that we could be in relationship with Him. Jesus died on the cross and rose again in order to remove the barriers that keep us from having that relationship with God. And Jesus is pursuing us...constantly tapping us on the shoulder saying "let me in." But we must choose to "let him in." Your spirit will not rest until it rests in God. It's okay and normal to have doubts and questions. Seek out answers and perspectives to your doubts and questions. Sometimes you'll find them, sometimes you won't, and you'll develop more along the way; it's the seeking that is important – faith is a journey, enjoy it! As you search for answers, keep God in the loop. And keep Church in the loop too – we are a community and we are all in this together. When you say you are ready to be Confirmed, that doesn't mean you now have all the answers and are totally confident about everything. It means you want to be more like Jesus so that your faith can grow and his love can spread! It means you have personally decided that your continued relationship with God and with Church is important to you.

We ended our evening by reflecting on Pressures. Our basic definition of pressure is "a compelling force on the mind or will." The key word here is "compelling;" this is a strong force, but not an irresistible force. None of the pressures we face force us to do anything; we still maintain our free will, even when dealing with pressure from God. So, our session on Pressures has really been about "Making Decisions." These compelling forces, which can be positive, but they can also be negative, are trying to influence the decisions that we make. When it comes down to it, these decisions we make are all about "Who am I trying to serve?"...God or myself? Jesus tells us, "If you love me, you will obey my commands," and his commands are simple - love God and love others. But how do we love others? Jesus set the example for us too; he loved us so much that he was willing to die for us. Jesus loved us so much that he took all our sins on himself, all for us, all so that we could share in the wonderful life of God. So God IS pressuring us still, pressuring us to make a decision - to accept his Son's amazing gift. If we accept it, however, it means we have to stop just thinking of ourselves; we have to start thinking of others, caring for others, loving others. But that's how God designed us to be, so if we choose to follow God, it means to choose to fulfill our design. And that will fill you with the consuming peace, and wholeness, and joy that IS God. It is your decision.

We will be on break until March 18th, when we begin **Session 4: The Holy Spirit**.

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! 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

Feb. 21 **Spa Night w/ Herbal Tea and Scones** Come practice some yoga and meditation, and sample some hot herbal tea to warm us in February...and don't forget the scones.

Feb. 28 **Old Testament Patriarchs and Matriarchs (Part 2 of 4)** The legendary Mary Pat Tighlman, campus minister and theology teacher at Maryvale Prep, will be enlightening us about the Old Testament Patriarchs and Matriarchs and what they have to do with Jesus. Students will be given recipes the week before and we will dine on amazing Old Testament food!

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