

OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Our Lady of the Angels (OLOA) warmly welcomes you to our parish community. OLOA enjoys a distinct and rich history. Once the home of St. Charles Seminary, OLOA functions under the pastoral care of the Sulpician Fathers. Parishioners contribute to the life of the parish in a number of ministries.

Besides our commitment to our parishioners and their spiritual needs, OLOA generously extends its resources to many outreach programs both locally and internationally.

OLOA joyfully shares our beautiful Chapel with the Charlestown United Protestant Church (CUPC). Both parishes enjoy a collaborative relationship among both staff and parishioners.

Pastoral Care is available to all the residents, whether they have joined a congregation or not.

MASS SCHEDULE

Main Chapel

Daily

3:45 PM Monday, Wednesday, Friday

9:00 AM Tuesday & Thursday

Weekend

3:45 & 7:00 PM Saturday (Vigil Mass)

11:15 AM Sunday

Wilton Overlook

2:00 PM Wednesday

Caton Woods

2:00 PM Thursday

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Private confessions are heard each Wednesday at 3:00 PM in the Jenkins Room and upon request.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Communal Anointing of the Sick occurs during Advent and Lent in the chapel as well as in Wilton Overlook and Caton Woods. Parishioners may also request this sacrament as needed.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK: Eucharistic Ministers bring Communion to residents in independent living once a week as requested.

MARRIAGE: Call the Church office to arrange a wedding in the Chapel.

FUNERAL: Call the Church office to plan a funeral in the Chapel. For the convenience of Charlestown friends, families often receive guests in the Chapel a half-hour before Mass.

CATON WOODS & WILTON OVERLOOK: OLOA is dedicated to providing pastoral services to the residents in skilled care and assisted living. Please contact the Pastoral Care Office to notify us of serious changes in health status and all requests for the sacraments at 601-8587.

INDEPENDENT LIVING: Our Lady of the Angels understands that there are times when parishioners in independent living may need a pastoral visit. Please contact the Pastoral Care Office, of all requests for sacraments, pastoral visits or serious changes in health status...

“SIXTY-MINUTES” VISITORS: An open invitation is extended to residents of the independent campus to share the gift of “self” by visiting neighbors at Caton Woods on the first and third Mondays, from 2 to 3 PM. It is the most mutually enjoyed hour of the month. Everyone is invited.

OUR DAILY BREAD: Every other month, OLOA parishioners and friends donate casseroles and various wish list items to provide food for the diocesan operated soup kitchen, located in the heart of Baltimore City

Our Lady of the Angels Chapel at Charlestown is an extraordinary edifice started in 1911, but one whose history is linked to the early days of this nation.

The Sulpician Fathers, a community of diocesan priests based in Paris, founded St. Mary's Seminary in downtown Baltimore in 1791.

In 1889, the seminary acquired a 100-acre farm in Catonsville which was used as a summer retreat for its professors. A fire in 1911 destroyed St. Charles College, which the Sulpicians had founded in Ellicott City in 1848. The college was immediately rebuilt at the site of the Catonsville farm.

In 1983, six years after the college closed, the buildings were refurbished and their apartments now house residents of the Charlestown Retirement Community. The Chapel, however, continues to be owned and operated by the Sulpicians and St. Mary's Seminary.

The Chapel was built and continues to be supported from funds donated by Maryland's prominent Jenkins family. It was dedicated in 1915 by Cardinal Gibbons. Slowed by the difficulty of importing materials during WWI, the work on its perfectly matched Carrara marble interior was not completed until the early 1920's.

Critics have said the walls of the nave and the sanctuary are second only to the Library of Congress for the precision with which the imported marble was matched and finished.

The high nave and dome convey a feeling of great spaciousness and measures 55' x 140' with a height in the nave of 48' and 68' in the dome.

Its plan is that of a basilica, with side aisles, transepts, a dome over the crossing, an ambulatory, and several apse chapels.

The walls and floor are covered entirely with marble. The altar and baldachin are carved from marble and inlaid with precious stones.

The intricate mosaics were fashioned by Bancel La Farge, whose father, John La Farge, was a very prominent American writer, painter, and stained glass artist. Charles J. Connick designed the Chapel's stained glass windows. The 3,100 pipe Casavant organ, installed in 1920, is particularly suited to Romantic music.

The Chapel's exterior construction is of rusticated stone, buff brick, limestone and terra cotta.

The Chapel is open twenty-four hours a day for prayer and meditation.

***Our Lady of the Angels Chapel
is listed in the
National Registry of Historic***

Our Lady of the Angels Catholic Community

***The Only Parish
Under the Pastoral Care of the
Sulpician Fathers***

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