



Second Sunday of Easter

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: 1 PT 2:2

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

READING I: ACTS 2:42-47

An idealized vision of what life was like in the early communities.

The text highlights the four aspects of Christian life: formation, communal life, the “breaking of the bread” (Eucharist and other community meals), and prayer.

PSALM RESPONSE: PS 118

“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his love is everlasting.” As noted for Easter Sunday, this individual song of thanksgiving becomes for us Jesus’ own celebration of the resurrection and our assurance that the “rejected stone” of the crucified Christ has become the “cornerstone” of our faith.

READING II: 1 PT 1:3-9

The reading begins by quoting a hymn that might be called “A New Birth.” The rest of the text praises those who hold onto a faith that does not require proof.

GOSPEL: JN 20:19-31

In John's version of the Easter narrative, Jesus’ resurrection and ascension happen on that first Easter, as does the gift of the Holy Spirit sent on the apostles.

Thomas requires proof, but he is not blessed. Jesus blesses those “who have not seen and have believed.”

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: JN 20:27

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

THIS EASTER, UNLIKE ANY OTHER

(The following is an excerpt from Archbishop Wilton Gregory's “What I Have Seen and Heard” Easter 2020 column for the *Catholic Standard* newspaper and website of the Archdiocese of Washington.)

“Jesus often described the kingdom of God with images like the finding of the single sheep who had strayed from the 99, or a measure of yeast planted in a portion of unleavened dough, or the woman who lost one valuable coin and then searched the entire house until she found it. Each of those comparative stories has something to reveal about our experience of the Triduum this year as a treasure that has been removed from us and once we can reclaim it, we ought to value it even more intensely. Some people may worry that our experience of Holy Week this year with livestreamed observances or home-bound services will diminish our desire to share in the church celebrations more festively assembled together next year. I doubt that, since the treasures of the Lord's stories about God's kingdom emphasized the intense joy of rediscovering a treasure that had been misplaced. Like all of you, I long for the time when our churches will be filled with folks who gather to celebrate our faith with palms, candles, choirs, oils, incense, darkness and fire. This year, we miss those moments when we annually use ordinary human elements to enter into the very mystery of the presence of God Himself. Next year, please God, we will recover the joy of being together for those festive ceremonies.”

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

**AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION
BY ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

IN OUR PARISH

*Can't find the bulletin you brought home from church?
Want to keep up on what's happening in the parish
even when you are away on vacation or sick in bed?
Visit our parish website, www.stjanedechantal.org
to view a copy of the bulletin and for more information on
parish events and organizations.*

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

St. Jane de Chantal Parish welcomes those who have recently registered in our parish. If you attend Mass at St. Jane Frances de Chantal regularly, we encourage you to register as a member. Please complete a registration form, which can be found at www.stjanedechantal.org, scan it, and email it to parish.office@stjanedechantal.org.

OUTREACH TO OUR MAPLEWOOD PARISHIONERS

A group of eight parishioners volunteered their time over Holy Week to contact 38 Maplewood Senior Living parishioners to connect them with practical and spiritual resources. Many of the Maplewood residents cannot leave their apartments due to the quarantine. They appreciated the calls and were very happy to be able to say a prayer with another parishioner by phone. We prayed for them and their intentions, as well as guided them to where they could watch Mass online or on TV, and let them know that if they need anything to reach out to us. Please let us know if you think anyone can benefit from a phone call from one of our parishioners or priests. Contact Carol Ramirez, Pastoral Council Chair, at 301-938-8364 or carolannramirez@gmail.com.

CRS RICE BOWL: DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME

We prayed, fasted and gave alms—and now we celebrate the Risen Lord! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl challenges us as we begin the Easter season to share what we have with our global family. Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl. You may return your rice bowl donations

either by check (write Rice Bowl on the memo line, and mail to St. Jane de Chantal, 9701 Old Georgetown Rd, Bethesda MD 20814) or give directly to Catholic Relief Services online (visit <https://www.crsricebowl.org> and click the green "Donate" button at the upper right of the screen).

THE PARISH OFFICE

While the Stay-At-Home Order from the State of Maryland allows parish offices to remain open, the St. Jane de Chantal parish office will be closed for the time being and staff will be working from home as their jobs permit. If you have an emergency, call 301-530-1551 and the answering service will contact the priest on duty. If you have any other questions or concerns, email parish.office@stjanedechantal.org. If you know the email address for a staff member, you may email them directly.

LIVE-STREAMED MASS FROM ST. JANE CHURCH

Thank you to all who join our internet congregation on Sundays. The live-streamed liturgies are available on our parish YouTube channel, www.youtube.com/channel/UCURFx0PSNBf3HXZA5XMh-MQ. The texts of the sermons can be found on our parish website, <http://stjanedechantal.org/media/sermons>.

NATIONAL PHILHARMONIC

St. Jane's Director of Music and Liturgy, Jeffrey Porter, will be part of the pre-concert lecture for an upcoming concert of the National Philharmonic. On May 30, they will perform Beethoven's *Missa Solemnis*. The concert begins at 8:00 pm at Strathmore. The pre-concert lecture begins at 6:45 pm. St. Jane parishioners will receive a 20% discount on tickets by using the code STJANE20. Tickets are on sale at the Strathmore box office online at nationalphilharmonic.org or call 301-581-5100. This is part of our outreach to the larger community by the Evangelism Committee.

LIGHTBULB EXCHANGE

Come to the Lightbulb Exchange event rescheduled for



ST. JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL CHURCH
Live-Stream Mass
Sundays at 10:00 am

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCURFx0PSNBf3HXZA5XMh-MQ?](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCURFx0PSNBf3HXZA5XMh-MQ?view_as=subscriber)
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Sunday, May 31, from 8:00 am until 12:00 noon in Caulfield Hall. Anyone who brings in three incandescent or CFL lightbulbs will receive in exchange three LED lightbulbs. You will learn how LED bulbs can save your energy costs, and lighten your load! The St. Jane Frances de Chantal Environmental Committee has arranged for this event with the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

. . . those who are sick, and all those in our nursing homes and hospitals, especially John and Pat Krisko, Pierre Benjamin, and Leonard Moreno.

. . . those who have died, especially Peter Bainum.

IN OUR LITURGY & MUSIC MINISTRIES

Visit the Music Ministries page at www.stjanedechantal.org/ministries/music-ministry for information on the many music ensembles at St. Jane.

IN OUR FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

Visit the Faith Formation page at www.stjanedechantal.org for information on the various programs, registration forms and calendars.

IN OUR BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

Check out the St. Jane de Chantal School website at www.dechantal.org to get information on admissions, see what each classroom is studying, and more.

2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

St. Jane de Chantal School is currently accepting applications for the 2020-21 school year. There is space available in classrooms grade Pre-K to grade 8. Interested

families should visit the school website, www.dechantal.org, and view information found in the Admissions Tab. Inquiries can be made directly to Catherine Tomscheck via email at ctomscheck@dechantal.org.

IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

For more information on vocations, education, family, youth, social concerns, & other events in the Archdiocese of Washington, visit www.adw.org. The website also has a media center, which includes social media tools, a YouTube channel, and apps.

APRIL IS NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

The Archdiocese of Washington is committed to keeping children safe and to bringing healing to those harmed. You are invited to learn more about the archdiocesan Child Protection Policy and download parent guides by visiting <https://adw.org/about-us/policies-and-resources/child-protection>. If you have been a victim of child sexual abuse, contact the Office of Child and Youth Protection at 301-853-5302, so you may get the assistance you need.

BOOST SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The deadline to apply for a BOOST scholarship has been extended to Monday, June 1. The scholarships, available to qualifying low-income students, will assist parents in sending their children to a non-public school for the 2020-21 school year. This program is a great opportunity for families whose children currently attend public school, as well as those with children in a Catholic school who are struggling with tuition. For more information and to apply, visit marylandpublicschools.org/pages/boost/index.aspx.

ARCHDIOCESAN DEACON FORMATION PROGRAM

Permanent deacons are called to a special ministry of service through which they assist the poor, the hungry, the sick, the homeless, immigrants, and others. As ministers of God's Word, deacons proclaim the Gospel at Mass, preach,

TO GIVE OR NOT TO GIVE



THIS IS A DECISION
YOU MUST MAKE

PLEASE HELP US MAINTAIN PARISH OPERATIONS DURING THIS TIME OF WORRY

We wish to thank all parishioners and friends who have supported our parish with prayers and contributions during this health crisis. We have a number of new contributors using our online giving program, Faith Direct, and also have a quite of number of parishioners faithfully mailing their offering envelopes to the parish each week. Your generosity allows us to support you through our online live-stream liturgies, and by maintaining a clean and safe church for prayer and devotion.

Please prayerfully consider signing up with Faith Direct!

By giving electronically through Faith Direct, you can ensure that our parishioners are cared for and our church is safe, even if you are unable to be present. To enroll, visit Faith Direct's website, www.faithdirect.net, or call toll-free, 1-866-507-8757; our parish code is MD30. You can also fill out and mail a Faith Direct enrollment form, which can be found in the gathering space of church.

and teach. They also exercise various liturgical roles, including baptisms, witnessing marriages, and preside at funerals, wakes, and graveside services. The Office of Permanent Diaconate Formation of the Archdiocese of Washington will begin a new cycle of preparation of men for the diaconate in October 2020. The initial series of "Come and See" events have been cancelled. Interested men may still contact Deacon Charles Huber, Assistant Director of Formation, at 301-853-4582 or HuberC@adw.org. Qualifications and Inquirer's Information Form are available at <https://adw.org/vocations/deacons/formation-program/>.

ARCHDIOCESAN JUBILARIAN CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

The annual ADW Jubilarian Celebration of Marriage honors couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years. This year the Mass will be held on Sunday, June 28, at 2:00 pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception with his Excellency, Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory, as the celebrant. Register by May 18 by contacting the St. Jane parish office at 301-530-1550 or parish. office@stjanedechantal.org.

EXPLORE ONLINE

BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE

Explore the art and architecture of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception online. Take the 360° virtual tour that allows you to view all 80 chapels and oratories located on the basilica's upper and lower levels: <https://www.nationalshrine.org/virtual-tour>. You can also virtually hear the music of the Choir of the Basilica: <https://www.nationalshrine.org/sacred-music/see-hear>.

FRANCISCAN MONASTERY

Make a virtual pilgrimage to the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America through their virtual tour of the church and the Mount Calvary and Holy Sepulchre shrines, plus the catacombs, Purgatory Chapel and Visitation and Nativity grottoes: <https://myfranciscan.org/virtual-tour>. You can also take a virtual tour of the monastery gardens at <https://myfranciscan.org/visit/#gardens>.

VOLUNTEERS / ITEMS NEEDED

CATHOLIC CHARITIES: HOMEMADE FACE COVERINGS

Catholic Charities staff remain at essential programs such as shelters and food distribution centers. Because many supplies such as surgical masks have been unavailable for purchase, Catholic Charities is seeking to provide their staff members with three cloth face covers twice a month, as well as give residents at their area shelters and food programs a cloth face masks. With the help of the volunteer community, Catholic Charities hopes to have a steady supply for the coming months as the local community continues to combat

the coronavirus. For sewing instructions and mailing directions, visit <https://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Catholic-Charities-Cloth-Face-Coverings-1.pdf>.

HOLY CROSS HEALTH: SUPPLIES

Holy Cross Health (Montgomery County) has an online wish list of needs, such as personal protective equipment, including masks (that meet certain criteria), supplies, and food and self-care items for staff. Learn more at <https://www.holycrosshealth.org/health-and-wellness/coronavirus#help>.

STEWARDSHIP

*Jesus meets the need of each disciple.
To the fearful in the upper room, He speaks
words of peace. To doubting Thomas, He provides
the tangible proof of His resurrection. What do I need
to become His disciple? What do I have to share
that might meet someone else's need?*

OFFERTORY COLLECTION ENVELOPES

Thank you to all who have been mailing your contribution envelopes to the parish office. If you use the offering envelopes mailed to you each month, please use the white self-addressed envelope that comes with the packet to mail your contributions to the parish office. If you do not have the self-addressed envelope, mail your contributions to 9701 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, Maryland 20814.

SECOND COLLECTION: CHURCH MISSION WITHIN THE US

The second collection next weekend, April 25/26, will be the annual collection for Church Missions within the United States. This collection supports mission dioceses in this country that are unable to offer their people the basic pastoral ministries of word, worship, and service without outside help. It may also give grants to other dioceses in the U.S. for particular projects, and to organizations and religious communities engaged in missionary work. Second, it provides vulnerable Black and Native American communities with funds for supporting and strengthening evangelization programs that would otherwise be in danger of disappearing among these communities. Thank you for your generosity.

POOR BOX

The Poor Box this weekend, April 18/19, will benefit Shepherd's Table, a resource center for the homeless and needy in Montgomery County, providing showers, counseling, homeless information, referrals and advocacy services, a clothes closet and an eye clinic, as well as other visiting professional services. For more information, visit www.shepherdstable.org.

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GIVE

to St. Jane de Chantal Parish & School:

NON-CASH

STOCK TRANSFERS, DONOR-ADVISED FUNDS, & IRA CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS;
CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO DESIGNATE INTENTION

ENVELOPES

CALL THE PARISH OFFICE
TO REQUEST ENVELOPES

ONLINE

VISIT FAITHDIRECT.NET
TO MAKE A ONE-TIME GIFT

TEXT-TO-GIVE

TEXT \$ AMOUNT
TO 301-485-5127

MAIL

9701 OLD GEORGETOWN RD
BETHESDA MD 20814-1795

RECURRING

THROUGH FAITHDIRECT.NET
OR YOUR BANK'S BILL PAY

Sunday, April 19, – Saturday, April 25, 2020
For all upcoming events, visit www.stjanedechantal.org, click on "Complete Parish Calendar."

PARISH CALENDAR

C = Church ♦ CH = Caulfield Hall ♦ CGS = Gathering Space ♦ CLL = Church Lower Lobby
 CRH = Christopher Hall ♦ SMR = Scanlan Meeting Room ♦ DCR = De Chantal Room
 MR = Music Room ♦ NMR = Nalls Meeting Room ♦ RBR = Rectory Board Room
 SCH = School ♦ SC = Seton Center for Religious Education
 AF = Athletic Field ♦ PG = Parish Grounds

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

10:00 am..... Mass ONLINE

MONDAY, APRIL 20

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

3:45 pm..... Confessions C

POPE FRANCIS

Today's Gospel is the account of the Apparition of the Risen Christ to the disciples gathered in the Upper Room. Saint John writes that after greeting his disciples, Jesus says to them: "As the Father has sent me, even so I send you". After saying this, he makes the gesture of breathing on them and adds: "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven." This is the meaning of the mercy that is presented on the very day of Jesus' Resurrection as the forgiveness of sins. [...] This visible sign of his mercy brings with it peace of heart and joy of the renewed encounter with the Lord.

Regina caeli, Pope Francis, Saint Peter's Square, Divine Mercy Sunday, 23 April 2017

READINGS **Apr. 26**

Reading I
 Acts 2:14, 22-33
 Reading II
 1 Pt 1:17-21
 Gospel
 Lk 24:13-35

INTENTIONS

Sun., April 19 – Sat., April 25

Sunday 8:00 am
 10:00 am
 12:00 pm
 5:00 pm
 Monday 8:30 am
 Tuesday 8:30 am
 Wednesday 8:30 am
 Thursday 8:30 am
 Friday 8:30 am
 Saturday 8:30 am
 5:00 pm

*Someone from the parish office will contact those who have requested intentions regarding scheduling.
 If you have not heard from the office, call 301-530-1550.*

ALTAR SERVERS

Mon., April 20 – Sun., April 26

Monday 8:30 am
 Tuesday 8:30 am
 Wednesday 8:30 am
 Thursday 8:30 am
 Friday 8:30 am
 7:30 pm
 Saturday 8:30 am
 5:00 pm
 Sunday 8:00 am
 10:00 am
 12:00 pm
 5:00 pm