St. Frances de Chantal Church May 3, 2020



Fourth Sunday of Easter / YEAR A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Ps 33:5-6

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

READING I: ACTS 2:14A, 36-41

Continuing the story of Peter's preaching, this reading shows the connection between powerful preaching and conversion. It also summarizes a theology of Baptism as the sacrament that incorporates us into Christ, forgives sin, and brings us the gift of the Holy Spirit.

PSALM RESPONSE: PS 23

"The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want."

This most familiar of all the psalms is a hymn in two parts.

The God of Israel is praised as a shepherd caring for the flock (verses 1–4) and as the host of a banquet (verses 5–6).

READING II: 1 PT 2:20B-25

During a time of persecution, this letter offers the example of Jesus as a model to help people deal with their suffering.

GOSPEL: JN 10:1-10

The sheep hear and recognize the voice of the shepherd.

The shepherd also lies down at night
across the opening to the sheepfold, blocking it
so the sheep will not wander off
or be attacked from outside,
and thus the shepherd becomes the "gate."

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: RM 411

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

RENEWAL OF THE CONSECRATION OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MAY 1, 2020

(This prayer of consecration was offered on behalf of the entire country by the Most Reverend José H. Gomez, Archbishop of Los Angeles and President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.)

Mary, Mother of the Church,
you are enthroned as queen
at your Son's right hand:
we ask your intercession
for the needs of our country,
that every desire for good
may be blessed and strengthened,
that faith may be revived and nourished,
hope sustained and enlightened,
charity awakened and animated; guide us,
we pray, along the path of holiness.

Mary our Mother,
bring everyone under your protection
and entrust everyone
to your beloved Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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

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.

PRAY THE ROSARY IN MAY

Pope Francis reminds us, "The month of May is approaching, a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family. The restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this 'family' aspect, also from a spiritual point of view." The Holy Father also encourages "everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. This can be done either as a group or individually; you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities. The key to doing this is always simplicity, and it is easy also on the internet to find good models of prayers to follow." For an easy to follow online rosary, with audio files and Rosary prayers you can download, visit https:// relevantradio.com/ and click on "Pray the Rosary" under the "Faith" tab. Pope Francis has also written two prayers to Our Lady to recite at the end of the Rosary, which you can read here.

MASS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

This past Saturday, April 25, was to be the celebration of the sacrament of confirmation for the eighth grade students in our religious education program and our school. Due to COVID19, the Mass has been postponed until we are back in church and a new date can be scheduled. Not to let the date pass without notice, Fr. Chip Luckett celebrated the Mass of the Holy Spirit via live-stream for the eighth students and their families.

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

The May 30 concert, in which the National Philharmonic was to perform Beethoven's *Missa Solemnis*, has been cancelled. While its 2020-2021 season has not yet been announced, we look forward to further opportunities with it as part of our outreach to the larger community.

LIGHTBULB EXCHANGE

The Lightbulb Exchange event scheduled for Sunday, May 31, as been cancelled. It will be rescheduled, again, once public Masses resume.

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 Lorraine Walsh and Ambroz Skrovanek.





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

https://www.youtube.com/channel/ UCURFx0PSNBf3HXZA5XMh-MQ? view_as=subscriber

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 Tomsheck via email at ctomsheck@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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

This Sunday, May 3, is World Day of Prayer for Vocations, also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray to

the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life, or secular institutes. You can find resources on vocations in the Archdiocese of Washington, including priesthood, permanent diaconate, and men and women in consecrated life, at www.adw.org under the "Vocations" tab. For resources on promoting a culture of vocations, visit www.usccb.org/vocations.

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, 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/.

MAINTENANCE COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND, MAY 2/3

* RECURRING MAINTENANCE EXPENSES

Private Educational Institution License	\$95.00	
Pest Control	\$100.00	
Fire Protection Service	\$299.00	
Elevator Maintenance	\$1,053.37	
Cleaning Service	\$4,433.00	
Total Recurring Expenses	\$5,980.37	
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EXTRAORDINARY MAINTENANCE EXPENSES

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Signage	\$35.00
Lock Service	\$133.00
Pest Control	\$250.00
Sprinkler System Service	\$447.50
Audio/Visual Equipment	\$684.00
Lanscaping	\$1,550.00
Total Extraordinary Expenses	\$3,099.50
Total Expenses 2/1/2020 - 3/1/2020	\$\$9,079.87



The second collection this weekend is our monthly collection to help with the repair and maintenance of our parish facilities. You may make your maintenance collection gift online at https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/30.

The Maintenance Collection in March (as of 4/26) totaled \$8,406. **THANK YOU!**

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.

VOLUNTEERS / ITEMS NEEDED

VOLUNTEER LAWYERS

Catholic Charities Legal Network counsels and provides legal representation to low-income and poor residents throughout the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. and relies heavily on volunteer lawyers to fulfill its mission. If you are a lawyer in active status who wants to make a real difference in the lives of families and individuals struggling in our community, contact Dan Collopy at (301-615-0949 or daniel.collopy@cc-dc.org. The Legal Network handles most civil practice areas and criminal expungements.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES VIRTUAL FOOD DRIVE

The coronavirus public health crisis is increasing the needs of the vulnerable and adding to the number of people requiring help. Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington is diligently working to ensure that it can continue to meet the basic food needs of families and individuals in crisis throughout the archdiocese. Catholic Charities provides hot meals, distributes food to food pantries, and enables the purchase of affordable, nutritious groceries through the SHARE Food Network. Our parish Sodality has made a gift of \$5,000.00 to the Catholic Charities Virtual Food Drive to help provide food assistance to those at risk. Click here if you would like to contribute to the virtual food drive. Click here to learn about other ways you can help Catholic Charities during these challenging times.

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 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 www.holycrosshealth.org/health-and-wellness/coronavirus#help.

STEWARDSHIP

Jesus says, "I came that they may have life, and have it to the full." Good stewards are grateful for the gift of life and joyfully share their abundance with others. (John 10:10)

CFC SPECIAL SOLICITATION # 32653

The Combined Federal Campaign is holding a special solicitation using the CFC online donation portal through June 30, 2020. This special solicitation provides an opportunity for Federal employees, members of the military, postal workers, and retirees to create a new gift or an extra gift to support the St. Jane Frances de Chantal School Endowment Fund. The School Endowment Fund has contributed to capital improvements, such as the construction of a second Pre-K classroom; has supported the school budget; and has made a contribution to the Forever De Chantal Campaign for a new turf field. Thank you to all our parishioners that have participated in the CFC. We hope to continue growing our school endowment fund through this support.

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.

Poor Box

The Poor Box this weekend, May 2/3, will benefit the Monsignor Christopher Fund. Our parish school may be closed due to COVID-19 health concerns, but our students are learning just as much and our teachers are working just as hard from home. Our school families value Catholic education, but with current economy uncertainty, some may need help paying tuition. The Monsignor Christopher Fund provides need-based scholarships to our parish school. You can help support students in our "Best of Bethesda" school by making a gift online at https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/30.



MONDAY, MAY 4

TUESDAY, MAY 5

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

THURSDAY, MAY 7

FRIDAY, MAY 8

POPE FRANCIS

"There is a dimension of the Christian experience, that perhaps we leave somewhat in the shadows: the spiritual and affective dimension. Feeling connected to the Lord by a special bond, as sheep to their shepherd. At times we rationalize faith too much and we run the risk of losing the perception of the timbre of that voice, of the voice of Jesus the Good Shepherd, which motivates and fascinates. This is what happened to the two disciples of Emmaus, whose hearts burned as the Risen One spoke along the way. It is the wondrous experience of feeling loved by Jesus. "

Regina caeli, Pope Franics, Saint Peter's Square, Fourth Sunday of Easter, 7 May 2017.

READINGS

May 10

Reading I Acts 6:1-7 Reading II 1 Pt 2:4-9

Gospel Jn 14:1-12

INTENTIO	vs	Sun., May 3 – Sat., May 9
Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday	8:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm 8:30 am 8:30 am 8:30 am 8:30 am 8:30 am 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 SEF	RVERS	Mon., May 4 – Sun., May 10
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	