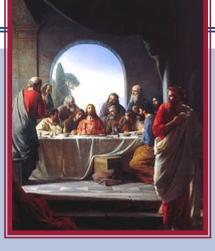
ST. FRANCES DE CHANTAL CHURCH



Fifth Sunday of Easter / YEAR A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: PS 98:1-2

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

READING I: ACTS 6:1-7

The deacons were chosen from among Greek-speaking converts to care for the needs of widows and others in the Greek-speaking section of the Christian community in Jerusalem because those people were being ignored by the majority, who were Hebrew-speaking.

PSALM RESPONSE: PS 33

"Lord, let your mecy be on us, as we place our trust in you." This hymn praises God as creator, sovereign over the nations, and savior of Israel. It is God who "preserves from famine," and so the Church must become the "incarnation" of such divine care.

READING II: 1 PT 2:4-9

Many interpreters consider this part of 1 Peter to be an ancient baptismal homily. Certainly it offers rich images to interpret Baptism as incorporation into the "living" building of the Church which has Christ for cornerstone and as incorporation into the priestly people whose prayer "in Christ" is heard by the Father.

GOSPEL: JN 14:1-12

For Christians there is one way to God—through Christ but there are many "dwelling places." Perhaps we need to think of Christ as a rainbow who reveals the pure light of the Father through a spectrum of colors.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: JN 15:1, 5

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia. MAY 10, 2020

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless all mothers, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect.



HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY

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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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.

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 Mary Hennessy.

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 in grades Pre-K to 8. Interested families should visit the school website, <u>www.dechantal.org</u>, and view information found in the Admissions Tab. Inquiries can be made directly to Catherine Tomsheck at ctomsheck@dechantal.org.

HEALTH & SUPPORT

Mrs. Hayzlett, our physical education teacher, has set up a google classroom for students called "Health and Support." Each day a prayer is posted, and Mrs. Hayzlett has information on various topics related to health, wellness, safety, and current educational topics.

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.





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

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

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MARYLAND'S PRIMARY ELECTION DAY IS JUNE 2

In this time of great crisis when we cannot gather together, we are still able to fulfill our duty as faithful citizens by voting. Maryland's primary election is Tuesday, June 2. To ensure everyone is able to safely vote, the State is conducting the election by mail. To learn more, visit elections.maryland.gov. To know where the candidates stand on important Catholic issues before you vote, the Maryland Catholic Conference has surveyed all candidates for U.S. Congress in Maryland. Read their responses at www.mdcatholic.org/elections.

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.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

The Archdiocese of Washington will offer a Natural Family Planning Introductory Class Webinar on Saturday June 27, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. Fee of \$20/ couple, materials are included. Register at <u>https://</u> <u>adwnfp101.eventbrite.com/</u>. For more information, call or email the Office for Family Life at 301-853-4546, visiblesign@adw.org.

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 22 by contacting the St. Jane parish office at 301-530-1550 or parish. office@stjanedechantal.org.

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/.

VOLUNTEERS / ITEMS NEEDED

SANDWICHES FOR SHEPHERD'S TABLE & SOME

Thanks to Fresh Baguette and Grosvenor Market, a group of 10 parishioners made baguette sandwiches, to serve with fresh apples, to almost 200 people at Shepherd's Table. Depending on the need, they are also supplying sandwiches and apples for SOME. The volunteers divide the bread to make the sandwiches at home, then bring the sandwiches for the Friday delivery by one person to either Progress Place in Silver Spring or to SOME in DC. Our volunteers are hoping to provide this service once a week, and possibly increase the numbers of people served. If you would like to help with this project, contact Edouard Motte at emotte4@gmail.com.

SANDWICHES & TRAIL MIX FOR MARTHA'S TABLE

Join the McCormick family along with other St. Jane de Chantal School families and make sandwiches and trail mix

WHILE THERE IS ONE MAJOR PIECE OF THE PUZZLE MISSING, THERE ARE STILL OTHER PIECES NEEDED TO MAKE ST. JANE DE CHANTAL A PARISH.



We are approaching two months without coming together to celebrate Mass in our church. One of the effects of suspending Mass has been that parishioners have been unable to

place their contributions in the offertory baskets. This has posed a challenge since in-pew envelope offerings and donations account for well over half of the parish's offertory income. To put it another way, the parish depends on every contribution, including those made at Mass, to conduct programs, support outreach, pay parish staff, pay utilities, and carry out maintenance.

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 <u>https://membership.faithdirect.net/MD30</u>, or call toll-free, 1-866-507-8757; our parish code is MD30. bags for Martha's Table. Email Ann Marie McCormick at mcboole@yahoo.com for more information. Drop off Dates: Thursday, May 14, Wednesday, May 20, Thursday, May 28. Drop off Times: 5:30-9:00 pm. Drop off Location: 6100 Dunleer Court, Bethesda. <u>Click here</u> for special instructions!

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. <u>Click here</u> if you would like to contribute to the virtual food drive.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES: HOMEMADE FACE COVERINGS

Catholic Charities is on a mission to collect 1,500 sewn face covers, so each of their staff members who are working directly with vulnerable people will have least three face coverings: one to wear, one to wear the next day, and one to wash. Completed face coverings can be mailed to Catholic Charities, 924 G Street NW Washington DC 20001. <u>Click this link</u> to sign up and for sewing instructions.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Catholic Charities is engaging adults in a few on-site and virtual volunteer activities, too. <u>Click here</u> to learn about Catholic Charities COVID Volunteer Opportunities and sign up.

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.

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.

STEWARDSHIP

"Those who have faith in Me will do the works I do, and far greater than these," Jesus tells His disciples. That's quite an assignment for us as Christian stewards! (John 14:12)

SECOND COLLECTION

The second collection next weekend, May 16/17, will be the annual collection for Catholic Relief Services. This collection provides funding for Catholic Relief Services, the USCCB Offices of International Justice and Peace, Migration and Refugee Services, and Pastoral Care for Migrants and Refugees, relief work of the Holy Father, and the Catholic Legal Immigration Network. Learn more about the collection at <u>www.usccb.org/catholic-relief</u>. To contribute to Catholic Relief Services online, visit <u>https://</u>church.faithdirect.net/org/appeal order/30/givenow.

CFC SPECIAL SOLICITATION # 32653

The Combined Federal Campaign is holding a special solicitation using the <u>CFC online donation portal</u> 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.

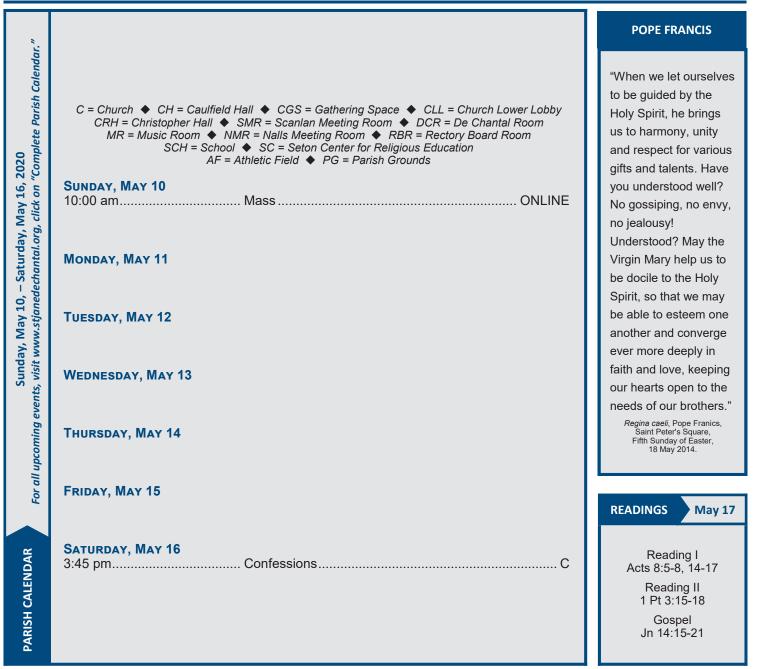
Poor Box

The Poor Box this weekend, May 9/10, will benefit Catholic Charities' Sanctuaries for Life as they assist qualifying pregnant women receive affordable prenatal and labor/delivery services. If needed, they also connect women who are pregnant to additional services, including housing, food, maternity and infant clothing, spiritual support and guidance, educational programs, and rental and utility assistance. Visit www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/sfl/ for more information.



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BETHESDA, MARYLAND



INTENTIONS		Sun., May 10 – Sat., May 16		ALTAR SERVERS		Mon., May 11 – Sun., May 17
Sunday	8:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	Someone from the parish office		Monday Tuesday Wednesday		
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riday saturday	8:30 am 8:30 am 5:00 pm	from the office, call 301-530-1550.		Sunday	8:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	