



Sixth Sunday of Easter

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: IS 48:20

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

READING I: ACTS 8:5-8, 14-17

This reading is often quoted as the “proof-text”
for treating baptism and confirmation
as two separate sacraments.

PSALM RESPONSE: PS 66

“Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.”
Psalm 66, like Psalm 118, may be used
as a “seasonal psalm” during the Great Fifty Days.
It begins as a hymn of praise that leads into
a great thanksgiving for what God has done
personally for the psalmist.

READING II: 1 PT 3:15-18

Life in Christ has moral consequences for daily living.
The way we live our life is rooted in our faith
that Christ died “to lead us to God.”

GOSPEL: JN 14:15-21

From the “Final Discourse” in John’s version of the Last Supper,
Jesus promises “another Advocate,” the “Spirit of truth.”
Filled with the Spirit, we are able to obey the commandment
to love in imitation of the love that Jesus has shown us
and the love shared by Jesus and the Father.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: JN 14:15-16

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,
and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete,
to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

REASONS TO SHOUT OUT, “ALLELUIA”

(The following is an excerpt from
Archbishop Wilton Gregory’s “What I Have Seen and Heard”
April 30 column for the Catholic Standard newspaper
and website of the Archdiocese of Washington.)

“It’s a word that we now use repeatedly,
especially at this time of year – Alleluia! [...] As we are currently sequestered in our homes because of covid-19, we might not give much thought to all the wonderful ways that God continues to bless us. During moments like we are now experiencing, we might tend to forget that God’s goodness is still to be found in our families, in our faith – even when we cannot share personally in the ritual celebrations that mean so much to us. God is good all the time, and it is simply our responsibility to discover and to reflect upon how God’s generous love has touched our lives. [...] Drop a line to someone you know who is working to keep life going for us all. Thank a priest, deacon, or religious who continues to make themselves available for the mission of the Church. [...] There are lots of reasons to shout out “Alleluia,” not just for the great gift of the Risen Lord, but for all of His people who serve in His name. Alleluia!”

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.

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

This past Friday was Peace Officers Memorial Day, which takes place during National Police Week. The memorial honors all local, state, and federal peace officers who lost their lives or became disabled in the line of duty. We would like to take this opportunity to recognize active police officers who are part of our parish and school: Oliver Janney (Mont. Co. PD), Chris Jordan (Mont. Co. PD), Chip Kincaid (PG Co. PD), Mike Shaffer (US Capitol PD), Bill and Britta Thomas (Mont. Co. PD), Justin Tierney (Mont. Co.

PD), and Alex Waddell (Mont. Co. PD). Please know that we are grateful for your presence and dedication in our parish, school, and community during these times of challenge.

OUTREACH TO SUBURBAN HOSPITAL

With the help of live-stream technology, Catholic patients at Suburban Hospital are able to join our virtual congregation on Sundays. Fr. John McKay, Catholic chaplain to Suburban Hospital, leaves a special invitation for Catholic patients so they can find our YouTube page and join us on Sunday morning or watch later as they are able. Even when we are able to return to public Masses, we will continue to live-stream the Sunday 10:00 am Mass for those who might feel more comfortable staying "Safer at Home."

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.



PRAY THE ROSARY IN MAY

Saturdays at 1:00 pm
from St. Jane de Chantal

[Check here](#) for instructions on how to watch using your computer, smartphone, or tablet, or listen on your telephone.

[Click here](#) for instructions on how to pray the Rosary.



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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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, www.dechantal.org, and view information found in the Admissions Tab. Inquiries can be made directly to Catherine Tomscheck at ctomscheck@dechantal.org.

CLASS OF 2020

Our school has been having a virtual celebration to highlight the accomplishments and achievements of these amazing students. View their stories, and some great throwback photos, on the [school's Facebook page](#). Be sure to drive by the school to see the high schools they will be attending starting this Fall.

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.

MARYLAND'S PRIMARY ELECTION DAY IS JUNE 2

Pope Francis said we need to overcome apathy and offer a Christian response to the social and political anxieties around us. Don't miss your chance in this tumultuous time to make your voice heard by voting for those who will represent you in our U.S. House of Representatives. Primary Election Day is Tuesday, June 2, the last day to return your ballot and make your voice heard. To know the positions of the candidates running in your district before you vote, visit the Maryland Catholic Conference at www.mdccatholic.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 <https://adwnfp101.eventbrite.com/>. 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 has been postponed until the Fall. More information will be coming in the following weeks.

**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 <https://membership.faithdirect.net/MD30>, or call toll-free, 1-866-507-8757; our parish code is MD30.

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 Archdiocese of Washington will begin a new cycle of preparation of men for the permanent diaconate in October 2020. Interested men may 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 THOSE IN NEED**

Saint Martin's Cloak and our parish's S.O.M.E. Ministry are presently combining their efforts to prepare and donate food to organizations that assist the poor and homeless in Rockville, Silver Spring, and DC. This past Friday, three carloads of sandwiches and apples were delivered to Shepherd's Table, SOME, and Dorothy Day Place. Parishioners, along with friends and neighbors, prepared the sandwiches at their own home under careful sanitary protection, and brought them to St. Jane de Chantal on Friday morning for delivery. We are planning to repeat this weekly distribution as long as there is a need in our community. We are looking for additional parish volunteers to prepare sandwiches and bring them to St. Jane De Chantal on Friday mornings, or to deliver to one of these locations. If you are interested, contact Edouard Motte (301-897-3763). In addition, to offset some of the costs, you can [make a donation to St. Martin's Cloak online](#), or send a check, made payable to "Saint Martin's Cloak," to the parish office at 9701 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, MD 20814. Any assistance will be greatly appreciated.

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. [Click this link](#) to sign up and for sewing instructions.

STEWARDSHIP

*Those who obey the commandments,
Jesus says in today's Gospel,
are the ones who really love Him.
Does my stewardship reveal my love for Jesus?*

SECOND COLLECTION

The second collection this 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 www.usccb.org/catholic-relief. To contribute to Catholic Relief Services online, visit https://church.faithdirect.net/org/appeal_order/30/givenow.

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 16/17, will benefit St. Martin's Cloak. In the spirit of St. Martin, who tore his military cloak in half to share with a beggar, St. Martin's Cloak provides financial and other assistance to those in need, particularly those in our parish. Financial assistance is completely confidential. St. Martin's Cloak partners with various religious and civic organizations in Montgomery County to provide this emergency support. For more information and/or to join this ministry of assistance, contact the Chair, Paul Eder, at 301-956-6273. You may make your gift online at <https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/30>.

6**WAYS TO
GIVE****to St. Jane de Chantal Parish & School:****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**NON-CASH**STOCK TRANSFERS, DONOR-ADVISED FUNDS, & IRA CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS;
CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO DESIGNATE INTENTION

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, MAY 17

10:00 am..... Mass ONLINE

MONDAY, MAY 18**TUESDAY, MAY 19****WEDNESDAY, MAY 20****THURSDAY, MAY 21****FRIDAY, MAY 22****SATURDAY, MAY 23**

3:45 pm..... Confessions C

POPE FRANCIS

"Jesus says in today's Gospel: 'He who has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me; and he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him' (v. 21). So, love introduces us to the knowledge of Jesus, thanks to the action of this 'Advocate' that Jesus sent, that is, the Holy Spirit. [...] The Lord today calls us to respond generously to the Gospel's call to love, placing God at the centre of our lives and dedicating ourselves to the service of our brothers and sisters, especially those most in need of support and consolation."

*Regina caeli, Pope Francis,
 Saint Peter's Square,
 Sixth Sunday of Easter,
 21 May 2017.*

READINGS**May 24**

Reading I
 Acts 1:1-11

Reading II
 Eph 1:17-23

Gospel
 Mt 28:16-20

INTENTIONS**Sun., May 17 – Sat., May 23**

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., May 18 – Sun., May 24**

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