ST. FRANCES DE CHANTAL CHURCH MAY 31, 2020



The Solemnity of Pentecost / YEAR A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: MASS DURING THE DAY: WIS 1:7 The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

READING I: ACTS 2:1-11

The Spirit fills the disciples and sends them out to preach to the whole world. God's Spirit, like God's love, is missionary; it impels us beyond ourselves and our own concerns.

PSALM RESPONSE: PS 104

"Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth." A hymn of praise to the Creator who also sustains the whole of creation especially through the gift of water.

READING II: 1 COR 12:3B-7, 12-13

There are different spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit; different forms of service and work, but the same God. We are all one body, though it has many parts.

GOSPEL: JN 15:26-27; 16:12-15

The Spirit will testify to Jesus, and so will the Church. In fact, the Spirit will testify through the Church.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

MASS DURING THE DAY: ACTS 2:4, 11 They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, 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.

SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

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.

UPDATE ON RELIGIOUS SERVICES IN MONT CO

In the press conference given by MOCO Executive Marc Elrich on Thursday afternoon, he said religious services can be held outdoors. The executive order defining this statement was not made available to us until Saturday morning. In the executive order, religious services are "drive -in" only, and there is to be no physical interaction with clergy, staff, or participants in other vehicles. Therefore, at this time, we are unable to plan for the resumption of public Masses as we anticipated. As this situation develops, we will let you know through our website, weekly email, Facebook page, and online bulletin.

JUNIOR SODALITY ESSAY CONTEST WINNER

The winning essay for the 2020 Junior Sodality scholarship contest has been posted to the Sodality website. <u>Click here</u> to read Jane de Chantal eighth grader Katie McCabe's response to the questions, "How can we live our Catholic faith and continue serving [others] when we can't gather in person? What creative ways have you found to serve?"

God Fills the Cupboard with the Help of Generous Hands

All parishioners are invited to participate in a

FOOD DRIVE

Saturday, June 6

to benefit Bethesda Help & Fr. McKenna Cente agencies our parish partners with for parishioner assistance & volunteer opportunities.



Bring your food items to the lower entrance of church (Caulfield Hall) between 9:30 am & 12:30 pm.

Please remain in your car & a volunteer will take your donations.

Organized by parish volunteers with St. Martin's Cloak / Sodality S.O.M.E. / Bethesda Help.

Both agencies are in need of the following food items: Green Beans (16 oz. cans), Spinach (16 oz. cans), Chicken/Tuna (6 - 16 oz. cans), White Rice (1 lb. packages), Baked Beans/Pork & Beans (16 - 28 oz. cans)





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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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.

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.

GRADE 8 GRADUATION

Congratulations to the St. Jane Frances de Chantal School Class of 2020! While it was not the graduation they had imagined, our eighth grade class still celebrated the big event with a virtual graduation ceremony on May 28. You can <u>view a recording of the ceremony</u> on our parish YouTube page. If you haven't already, look back through the years they spent at De Chantal by viewing the <u>school</u> <u>Facebook page</u>.

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.

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

Don't forget to mail in or drop off your ballot! Maryland's primary election day is this Tuesday, June 2. That's the last day to mail in your ballot or drop it off at select locations throughout the state. There is still time to learn where the candidates for U.S. House of Representatives stand on critical church issues before you return your ballot. View their responses to the Maryland Catholic Conference's election survey at <u>www.mdcatholic.org/elections</u>. You can check status of your ballot online by looking up your voter registration file. <u>Click here</u> to look up your voter registration with the State of Maryland. Once you have accessed your voter registration file, click on the bottom grey box labeled "Status of My Absentee or Provisional Ballots" to see the status of your primary ballot.

BOOST Scholarship Application Date Extended

Do you want to choose a Catholic school for your child, but you need financial assistance? Have you already chosen a Catholic school for your child but need financial assistance? Last year, the Maryland BOOST Scholarship program helped to support more than 700 students who attend schools in the Archdiocese of Washington! BOOST will provide \$7.5 million in tuition assistance for the 2020-21 school year to income-eligible Maryland families who choose a Catholic or other nonpublic school for their children. See if your child is eligible and apply today. The deadline to apply has been extended to July 15. Learn

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.

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MANAGING YOUR DEBT DURING COVID19

Catholic Charities Financial Stability Network is offering a <u>free taped webinar</u> reviewing how parishioners can best manage students loans, credit cards, mortgage debt during COVID 19.

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, contact the Office for Family Life at 301-853-4546 or visiblesign@adw.org.

ARCHDIOCESAN JUBILARIAN MASS NEW DATE

The annual ADW Jubilarian Celebration of Marriage honors couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years. The new date for this year's Mass is set for Sunday, November 22, 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 September 30 by contacting the St. Jane parish office at 301-530-1550 or parish.office@stjanedechantal.org.

VOLUNTEERS / ITEMS NEEDED

SANDWICHES FOR THOSE IN NEED

Saint Martin's Cloak and our parish's S.O.M.E. Ministry continue to prepare and donate food to organizations that assist the poor and homeless in our area. On Friday, May 29, three carloads of sandwiches and apples were delivered to SOME, Shepherd's Table, and Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless. We are planning to continue 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. Any assistance will be greatly appreciated.

VOLUNTEER LAWYERS

Catholic Charities Legal Network counsels and provides legal representation to low-income and poor residents throughout the Archdiocese of Washington 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. In the second reading today, St. Paul reminds the Corinthians, "There are different gifts, but the same Spirit; there are different ministries, but the same Lord." How am I using my gifts for the common good? (1 Cor 12:4)

CFC SPECIAL SOLICITATION # 32653

The Combined Federal Campaign is holding a special solicitation using the CFC online donation portal through

STEWARDSHIP

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 23/24, will benefit Bethesda Cares, which helps place people living unsheltered into permanent, supportive housing; eases life for those sleeping on the street; and keeps low-income tenants from eviction. Bethesda Cares also provides a meal program, clothing closet, prescription assistance, and psychiatric services. For more information, and to make a donation directly to Bethesda Cares, visit www.bethesdacares.org.



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INTENTIONS		Sun., May 31 – Sat., June 6		ALTAR SERVERS		Mon., June 1 – Sun., June 7
Sunday	8:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	Someone from the parish office		Monday Tuesday Wednesday		
Monday	8:30 am	will contact those who have		Thursday	8:30 am	
Tuesday	8:30 am	requested intentions regarding scheduling. If you have not heard from the office, call 301-530-1550.		Friday	8:30 am 7:30 pm	
Wednesday	8:30 am			Saturday	8:30 am	
Thursday	8:30 am				5:00 pm	
Friday	8:30 am			Sunday	8:00 am	
Saturday	8:30 am 5:00 pm				10:00 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	