

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time / YEAR A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: SIRACH 36:18

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

READING I: SIRACH 27:30—28:7

The wisdom of today's passage cuts right to the core of lived faith. If we believe in forgiveness, mercy, love, then how can we deny these to our neighbor?

PSALM RESPONSE: PSALM 103 1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12

"The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion." In light of the periscope from Sirach, we sing about more than just fixing our sins with God, but also mirroring the Lord's compassion in our relationships with one another.

READING II: ROMANS 14:7-9

There are different ways to live the gospel, yet all are rooted in the Lord. In all we do, we do it for the Lord. We are not to judge others or put stumbling blocks in their way of faith. How we praise God has a clear relationship to how we treat our sisters and brothers in love. "I give you a new commandment, says the Lord; love one another as I have loved you".

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 18:21-35

In last week's passage we heard about Christ's presence where two or three are gathered. Immediately Peter, who always seems to struggle with Jesus' new vision of the world, asks about forgiveness of one's neighbor. He is shocked by the radical message he has heard. Yet, Jesus reiterates the requirement of forgiveness – seventy-seven times. He will go on to recount a parable about forgiveness. As God has forgiven us, therefore we too must forgive generously.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: PSALM 36:8

How precious is your mercy, O God!
The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

ST. JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL CHURCH SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

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OPENING THE WORD: 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Since most of us have trouble forgiving even once or twice, the standard set in today's Gospel is hard to comprehend. To help Peter, and us, understand that we are to forgive so much because we have been forgiven so much, Jesus tells the parable of the servant who owed a great debt to his master. **LISTEN TO DR. MARK GISZCZAK** as he provides insights on today's Gospel.

FORGIVENESS

How important is it to forgive? It's critical to our faith and for restoring relationships, says Celeste Behe. If we can't forgive, we're doomed. That's why parents need to pass on this important virtue to their children.

Through storytelling, she shares **in this video** how she struggled with forgiveness and how by practicing forgiveness, she found the best way to teach it.

DRAWING STRENGTH FROM OUR LADY OF SORROWS

"A mother is only as happy as her saddest child".

For Catholics, September is the month of Our Lady of Sorrows. During this time, let us revisit our connection to Our Lady and draw strength from her sorrows. Speaker and author Kimberly Hahn, is a convert to the Catholic Faith.

In this **audio presentation**, Kimberly reflects on the joys and sorrows that Mary prayerfully experienced during her time on earth, and shares how her example leads us closer to Christ.

1. Registering for FORMED is **FREE** to St. Jane de Chantal parishioners; go to **formed.org**
2. Click "Sign Up"
3. Select "I Belong to a Parish or Organization"
4. Find "St Jane Frances de Chantal" by parish name, address, or zip code (20814)
5. Enter your email address, and you are in!
Use your email address to sign in each time.

IN OUR PARISH

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

St. Jane de Chantal Parish welcomes those who have recently registered in our parish:

Christine Marie Bauk

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.

WELCOME: OUR NEW DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND LITURGY

The parish is extremely pleased to welcome Dr. Giuliano Grisi to the Saint Jane de Chantal family as its new music and liturgy director. Dr. Grisi has an extraordinary background in music which will greatly enrich our parish worship and spirituality. Dr. Giuliano began his professional music career at the age of 15, collaborating as organist and conductor of many different choirs in Italy. He has a Ph.D. in Orchestra Conducting from the Conservatory of Music of Venice (Italy). He also earned a Master's degree in Choir Conducting and Organ at the Pontifical Institute of Sacred Music in Rome where he also worked as a teacher and choir conductor. His background also includes serving as the director of Music at the Pontifical Parish of St. Anna in Vatican City, serving as the organist and choir director of St. Marco Cathedral, Venice Italy, and organist at St. Maria Matricolare Cathedral in Verona. Dr. Grisi will relocate to the area in October and will be joined by his wife, Shiva, and son, Sebastian.

IN MEMORY OF FR. TIGHE

Fr. Philip Marian Tighe, a priest of the Raleigh diocese, had recently died of esophageal cancer this past week of August 30th. For his pastoral work, Fr. Tighe served as a deacon here at St. Jane de Chantal Parish. In your kindness, please continue to pray for the happy repose of his soul and the consolation of his family.

USED CLOTHING SHED

Due to the lasting effects of COVID-19, Turnkey (our used clothing shed provider) has made the decision to temporarily close our shed until the end markets reopen. Clothing sorting houses remain closed and Turnkey has reached storage capacity. The shed's chute will be blocked by a large sign. Please do not leave any items outside on the ground. Thank you for your cooperation.

FINANCIAL AND FOOD ASSISTANCE DURING THE PANDEMIC

During this public health and economic crisis, many of us face financial burdens trying to keep up with mortgages, rent, and utilities. In addition, we can sometimes find monthly budgets falling short of the necessary funds even for basics such as food and medicine. But there is hope right in our community. St. Jane de Chantal parishioners are extraordinarily compassionate and generous, and through their ongoing support of the parish's St. Martin's Cloak Guild, the guild can provide support for parishioners in short-term need. If you are nearing a crisis in finances or food or medicine, or if you know of friends in the parish who are in crisis, St. Martin's Cloak can help. Please consider reaching out to Father Giese or the St. Martin's Cloak Guild whenever the need arises. All communication and services are strictly confidential. The parishioners of St. Jane de Chantal graciously support **St. Martin's Cloak**, and the guild is honored to support our parish. Reach out in confidence with a note or call to the parish office, or to the St. Martin's Cloak Chair, Paul Eder, at 301-956-6273. St. Martin's Cloak, with support from our parish, is here to help.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

... those who are sick, and all those in our nursing homes and hospitals, especially John and Pat Krisko, Leonard Moreno, Beth B, Willie S., Mary M., Alexie Longoria, Redentor Bautista and Dyann Wasilewski.

... those who have died, especially Stephen J. Boehm



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 FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

Visit the Faith Formation page at <http://stjanedechantal.org/faith-formation/> for information on the various programs, registration forms and calendars.

VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY: PAUL'S LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIANS

Join us from the comfort of your own home this fall as we take a virtual trip to the early church community in Philippi, Greece, to study St. Paul's letter to the Philippians. Paul wrote this epistle ~32 years after the resurrection to inspire the Philippians' love and understanding of Christ. Study groups will meet online once a week for 6 weeks, starting the week of October 4th, for discussion and to watch a 30 min video by Dr. Tim Gray of the Augustine Institute produced through www.Formed.org. The study will help participants expand their understanding of the New Testament and grow their spiritual life in Christ. Choose from sessions held Sunday 6:30-8:30 PM, Tuesday 7-9 PM or Thursday 9-11 AM. Study material is free online at www.Formed.org and a hardcopy is available for \$10.00, if you register by Tuesday Sept 22, 2020. To register for a link for the online meetings or for more information please contact Kim and Peter Williamson at kcprwilliamson@gmail.com or through the parish office, parish.office@stjanedechantal.org.

2020-2021 CCD

You can expect major changes due to the restrictions currently in place. We regret that one such change is that the Faith of Our Toddlers program (FOOT) will not be able to be offered this year. We fully expect that

program to resume in the future. Our plan is to have grades 1-8 meet in person once per month on Tuesday evenings from 5:30-6:45 pm in Caulfield Hall, and the Narthex or the lower level of church. Safety will be very much the priority and temperature checks will be done on adults and students before each class. Each student and adults will be required to wear a mask or face covering the entire time they are in the building. The students will be socially-distanced and only two classes will meet each week in separate spaces on a rotating basis (for example, grades 1 and 2 will meet on the the first Tuesday of the month, grades 3 and 4 will meet on the second Tuesday of the month, and so on). Please **visit the parish website to sign your children up** for our Faith Formation programs.

RELIGION TEACHERS

Adult volunteers (parents and others) are needed to teach religion to our parish children who attend public school. Volunteers are also needed assist with various protocols to ensure the safety of our children while they are here on campus. Experience is not necessary – training provided! All adult volunteers must be VIRTUS certified, no exceptions. To learn more, contact Jamie Caulfield at james.caulfield@stjanedechantal.org or 301-530-1640.

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.

RECURRING MAINTENANCE EXPENSES

Fire Protection Services	\$384.00
Pest Control	\$480.00
Cleaning Service	\$4,433.00
Total Recurring Expenses	\$5,297.00

* Recurring expenses include those billed monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, and annually.

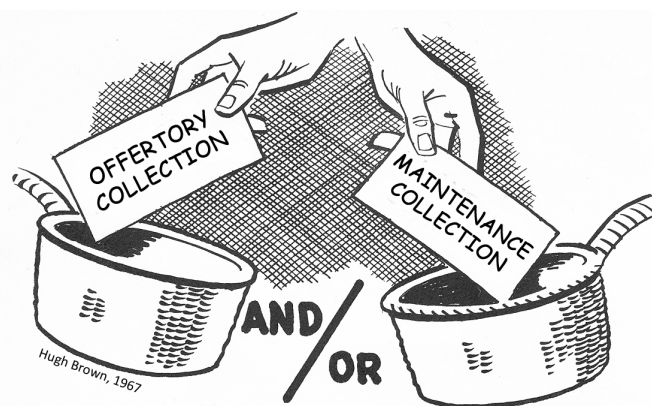
EXTRAORDINARY MAINTENANCE EXPENSES

Disinfecting Services on Sundays	\$525.00
Reception Plexiglass Installation	\$502.01
Summer Detail Cleaning of School	\$2,670.00
HVAC Repairs and Installations	\$22,375.00
Total Extraordinary Expenses	\$26,072.01

Total Expenses 7/28 - 8/31/2020.....\$31,369.01

The Maintenance Collection
in August (as of August 31st) totaled \$6,760.00
THANK YOU!

MAINTENANCE COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND, SEPTEMBER 12/13



The second collection this weekend, September 12/13 is our monthly collection to help with the repair and maintenance of our parish facilities. While we have continued to access our maintenance expenses, we have increased the cleaning and sanitation of the church on the weekends for the safety of our parishioners.

You may make your maintenance collection gift online at <https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/30>.

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.

TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR SY 2021-2022

St. Jane de Chantal School offers Financial Aid Tuition assistance programs for Grades PreK-12 through the Archdiocese of Washington. Application period for the school year 2021-22 begins on October 1, 2020. Information and Forms are available at <http://www.dechantal.org/admissions/financial-aid/>

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.

ELECTION UPDATE

As the pandemic continues to affect our communities, we encourage you to plan ahead for the November elections. If you are concerned about voting in person on November 3, you have two options. Request a **mail-in ballot** by Oct. 22. Vote in-person during the early voting period, Oct. 22-29, 2020. If you haven't registered to vote or aren't sure if you are registered, **check here**. The Maryland Catholic Conference election **webpage** also has key dates and links. The Conference has sent Congressional candidates a candidate survey and will post the results by October.

ARCHDIOCESAN JUBILARIAN MASS — CANCELLED

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the 2020 Archdiocesan Jubilarian Mass on November 22 has been cancelled. We are still accepting registrations of couples who are celebrating milestone-wedding anniversaries (25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50+ years) and each couple will be provided an anniversary certificate. Couples who wish to receive a certificate should contact the parish office by September 30: parish.office@stjanedechantal.org or 301-530-1550.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) has cancelled all in-person weekends for this year. However, there is a way for couples to join a virtual WWME experience from the comfort of your home. The virtual Restore, Rekindle, Renew Experience will be held in seven sessions, Mondays and Thursdays from 7:00 – 9:30 pm, beginning October 5 and ending October 26. The content of the sessions will be the same as given on in-person weekends. Check wwme.org and moments4marriage.org for more information.

END OF LIFE CARE

The archdiocesan Department of Life Issues has compiled a series of four **guides as an aid for reflection on end of life issues**. Advances in medicine and technology have led to more and more complex decision-making. As a Catholic, what are the key issues and facts? What questions should you ask before making any decisions or signing any documents? What is an Advanced Medical Directive and what kind is most appropriate – a Durable Power of Attorney? The Department of Life issues also provides **links to resources to help give you the answers**.

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. We are planning to continue this weekly distribution as long as there is a need. 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**.

STEWARDSHIP

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

We accept donations of Donor Advised Fund grants for all funds at St. Jane de Chantal Parish (e.g., offertory, maintenance, St. Martin's Cloak, Msgr. Christopher Scholarship Fund, unrestricted donation)! Please have your donor advised fund provider include a note that includes your name and what you want the grant to support.

CARES ACT

Did you know that, with the passage of the CARES Act, you can receive a federal tax deduction for charitable giving up to \$300 in 2020 – *even if you don't itemize your tax return?* Visit <https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/30> to learn about the many ways you can support St. Jane de Chantal parish and school.

POOR BOX

The Poor Box this weekend, September 12/13, 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:

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, SEPTEMBER 13

8:00 am..... Mass C
 10:00 am..... Mass Live-streamed / C
 12:00 pm..... Mass C
 5:00 pm..... Mass C

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

8:30 am..... Mass C

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

8:30 am..... Mass C

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

8:30 am..... Mass C

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

8:30 am..... Mass C

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

8:30 am..... Mass C

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

5:00 pm..... Mass C
 3:45 pm..... Confessions C
 5:00 pm..... Mass C

POPE FRANCIS

"When we are tempted to close our heart to those who have offended us and tell us they are sorry, let us remember our Heavenly Father's words to the wicked servant: "I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?" Anyone who has experienced the joy, peace and inner freedom which come from being forgiven should open him or herself up to the possibility of forgiving in turn."

Pope Francis, *Angelus*,
 Saint Peter's Square,
 17 September 2017.

READINGS **Sept. 20**

Reading I
 IS 55:6-9

Reading II
 PHIL1:20C-24, 27A

Gospel
 MT 20:1-16A

INTENTIONS **Sun., September 13 – Sat., September 19**

Sunday	8:00 am	Parishioners
	10:00 am	Ayten Atabek/D
	12:00 pm	Morgan Wooten/D
	5:00 pm	Ricky Coleman/D
Monday	8:30 am	Special Intentions
Tuesday	8:30 am	Terence Nolan/D
Wednesday	8:30 am	Patricia Macker/D
Thursday	8:30 am	Ralph and Catherine Brandely/D
Friday	8:30 am	Laura Esther Johnson/D
Saturday	8:30 am	Scott Hess/D
	5:00 pm	Adele Myers/D

ALTAR SERVERS **Mon., September 14 – Sun., September 20**

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