

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time / YEAR A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: ROMANS 485

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will
be their Lord for ever

READING I: ISAIAH 55: 6-9

God's way is often not our way. The prophet beseeches us to align ourselves with God. Note that this passage is not a strong condemnation and call to conversion but rather a more gentle entreaty to return to and live in the Lord.

PSALM RESPONSE: PSALM 145: 2-3, 8-9, 17-18

"The Lord is near to all who call upon him."

READING II: PHILIPPIANS 1:20c – 24, 27A

Paul concludes that in both life and death we 'live' as Christians for Christ. We embrace each day in faith. How will this letter be heard in your community? Some parishioners, the elderly or those who are living with cancer, for example, may be struggling with life and death issues. Perhaps a song or intention is appropriate for them today.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 20:1-16A

The parable is also a reflection on those who see themselves as having tried to live the Gospel well and for a long time. In some people's hearts, there is a sense of earning grace, mercy and God's love. Some Christian communities have developed a belief in 'real' Christians and lesser ones. This pericope is also a confrontation and condemnation of this type of thinking. All is gift. All belong equally in the Reign of God.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: PSALM 119:4-5

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes

ST. JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL CHURCH

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OPENING THE WORD: 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In the parable of the workers in the vineyard, we are confronted with what we might consider an unfair situation. No matter what time of day the workers are hired, all get the same daily wage. Most of us will find this unfair that some had to labor all day and others got to waltz in at the last minute, but everyone got the same reward. In fact, the characters in the parable felt the same way and most likely so did Jesus' audience. **Listen to Katie Warner** as she offers prayer and insights for this Sunday's readings

PROCLAIMING THE KINGDOM: THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

On September 21st, we celebrate the feast of St. Matthew. **"Proclaiming the Kingdom"** systematically unpacks the riches of the Gospel of Matthew. Matthew was the most often quoted of the four gospels in the writings of the early Church Fathers. They are both theologically rich and eminently practical. Click to listen to the lectures by Dr. Scott Hahn, Dr. Brant Pitre, and Dr. John Bergsma.

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**
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IN OUR PARISH

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

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

Mr and Mrs Andrew and Patricia Gunther
Mr and Mrs Roberto and Patricia Montesinos

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.

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.

SUCCESSFUL FOOD DRIVE

At last Saturday's food drive, co-sponsored by Bethesda Help, SOME, and St. Martin's Cloak, the parishioners of St. Jane de Chantal brought in, via a seeming caravan of 94 cars, more than 2550 lbs of food—that's more than a metric ton! The generosity of the de Chantal community was so great that we had to add two more charities to receive the excess food we collected. Our five recipient organizations included Bethesda Help food pantry (located in our own parish neighborhood); Shrine of the Sacred Heart, our sister parish in the District; Catholic Charities of Montgomery County in Silver Spring; SOME on O Street NW; and Missionaries of Charity on Otis Street NE (order founded by Saint Mother Teresa). In addition, we received monetary donations of more than \$700, which will support parishioners in need of financial assistance with their rent and utilities. On behalf of our Pastor, Father Giese, the co-sponsoring parish organizations, and the generous parish volunteers, we wish to thank the St. Jane de Chantal parish community for the compassion and concern they showed for others in our immediate community and beyond during this economically stressful pandemic. Paul Eder, Chair, St. Martin's Cloak, 301-956-6273.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? Thinking about becoming a Catholic? Or, are you a Catholic who would like to prepare for confirmation?

St. Jane de Chantal Church's RCIA program is designed with you in mind. RCIA presents the fundamental teachings of the Catholic faith and prepares people to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church at Easter. RCIA is intended both for inquirers and for those who desire to receive one or more of the sacraments of initiation—Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist. RCIA meets weekly from early October through May. Sessions will be held either virtually (via Zoom) or in person, depending on Covid restrictions. This year's calendar of sessions, events, readings, and holidays will be available soon. We will be using Credo—a video and print resource developed by the Dominican Friars and Thomistic Institute for use in RCIA programs. Sessions include a mix of video and live presentations as well as time for discussion and questions. During the fall, the program will provide an overview of the Catholic faith and doctrine. This is a time of inquiry and exploration. Early in the new year, the focus shifts from inquiry to preparation for the sacraments at Easter. RCIA concludes with several sessions on living out the Catholic faith. For Information Ken Clansky, RCIA Coordinator: 301-922-5017 (cell), ken.clansky@gmail.com

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

... those who have died, especially Leonard Moreno

IN OUR FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

Visit the Faith Formation page at

<http://stjanedechantal.org/faith-formation/> for information

2020-2021 CCD

Registrations for our 1-8 grade CCD program will close on September 30. From now until the end of the month, any new registrants will incur a late fee and will be required to purchase any textbooks separately. Contact the Seton Center at: seton.center@stjanedechantal.org or call: 301-530-1640.

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.

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 BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

SCHOOL YEAR 2020-21 UPDATE

St. Jane de Chantal School opened for the 2020-21 School Year in a Hybrid format. This model was established to reduce the impact of Covid-19 on students and teachers. The size of our student enrollment and the physical limitations of our school building make the hybrid approach the most effective way to offer in-person learning to students. Parents were able to choose to send their children to school two days a week as part of the hybrid model or have their children educated through distance learning five days a week.

SHOP & SUPPORT: AMAZON FOUNDATION DONATES TO DE CHANTAL

Looking for a quick and easy way to support our school? St. Jane de Chantal School receives 0.5% from Amazon purchases you make when you use this [Amazon Link](#). This takes you directly to the Amazon site and then directs proceeds to St. Jane de Chantal School.

CURBSIDE PICKUP FROM DUKE'S DEN



Curbside pickup for purchases made online at Duke's Den will be available Friday from 7:45am to 3:15pm in the front archway entrance of the school. *Please Note: We are adding a pickup date for those who attend school on Monday/Tuesday soon!

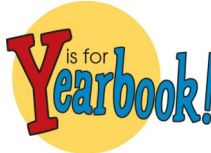
BoxTops for Education @ DeChantal

Our school is listed as: **St Jane DeChantal School**. Scanning your receipts with Box Tops purchases is an easy way to help earn cash for DeChantal. Each one is worth 10¢ for our school. This school year, our goal is to earn \$500. Last year we surpassed our goal and earned \$714.10. [SEE HOW IT WORKS!](#)



YEARBOOKS

2019 - 2020 Yearbooks are still available for purchase for \$25.00 through Duke's Den! [Click Here](#) to Purchase. *Please Note:



For those who purchased yearbooks in the spring but have not picked them up yet, Mrs. McDermitt will have yearbooks in the front office.



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

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RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Visit the Pro Life Group Ministry page at <http://stjanedechantal.org/ministries/parish-life/pro-life-group/> for more information.

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH: 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

A "40 Days for Life" prayer virgil will take place on the public sidewalk outside LeRoy Carhart's late-term abortion clinic in the Wildwood Medical Center at 10401 Old Georgetown Road during the period of 23 September 2020 through 1 November 2020. Please join fellow parishioners from St. Jane de Chantal Church in prayer outside the abortion clinic from 9:30am to 10:30am on Saturdays during this time period. Please bring face masks. For more information: Lisa and Ed Tennant, 301-897-5412.

IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

For more information on vocations, education, family, youth, social concerns, & other events in the Archdiocese of Washington, visit www.adw.org.

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 19/20, will benefit So Others Might Eat (SOME), which provides daily meals and other immediate needs for the homeless and those who are extremely poor. SOME also provides programs that address the root causes of homelessness and poverty, including a six-month job training; daily socialization for men and women suffering from mental-illness; addictions counseling; and affordable, service-enriched housing. For more information, visit www.some.org.

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 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 20

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

8:30 am..... Mass C

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

8:30 am..... Mass C

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

8:30 am..... Mass C

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

8:30 am..... Mass C

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

8:30 am..... Mass C

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

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

POPE FRANCIS

"Jesus wants to open our hearts to the logic of the Father's love which is free and generous. Human thoughts are often marked by selfishness and personal advantages, and our narrow and contorted paths are not comparable to the wide and straight streets of the Lord. He uses mercy, he forgives broadly, is filled with generosity and kindness which he pours forth on each of us. He opens for everyone the boundless territory of his love and his grace, which alone can give the human heart the fullness of joy."

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

READINGS**Sept. 27**

Reading I
EZ 18:25-28

Reading II
PHIL 2:1-11 OR 2:1-5

Gospel
MT 21:28-32

INTENTIONS**Sun., September 20 – Sat., September 26**

Sunday	8:00 am	Parishioners
	10:00 am	Helen McCarthy/D
	12:00 pm	Dep Long/D
	5:00 pm	Family Onana Mfege /L&D
Monday	8:30 am	Jeane Vass/D
Tuesday	8:30 am	Victor Barakat/D
Wednesday	8:30 am	Joseph Paquette/D
Thursday	8:30 am	Adelaide Myers/D
Friday	8:30 am	Margaret Maher/D
Saturday	8:30 am	Gary Cashman/D
	5:00 pm	Janice Zimmerman/D

ALTAR SERVERS**Mon., September 21 – Sun., September 27**

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