ST. JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL CHURCH



TUESDAY, APRIL 15 Living Stations of the Cross, 1:15 pm

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16 Sacrament of penance, 6:45-8:15 pm

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 17 Mass of the Lord's Supper, 8:00 pm. Visits to the Repository in Christopher Hall until 11:00 pm.

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18 The Parish Office will be closed Stations of the Cross, 12:00 pm and 3:00 pm Solemn Liturgical Service: Reading of the Passion, Veneration of the Cross, & Holy Communion, 8:00 pm.

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 19 Easter Vigil & Mass of the Resurrection, 8:00 pm. (We will gather outside the main doors of church.) There will be no 5:00 pm Mass.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20 Masses at 8:00 am, 10:00 am (church & Christopher Hall) & 12:00 noon. There will be no 5:00 pm Mass.

LENT IN OUR PARISH

FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence: only one full meal for those age 18-59, and no meat for those age 14 and above.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

In 2013, parishes, schools, faith formation programs, and other faith communities in the Archdiocese of Washington contributed \$81,611.37 to CRS Rice Bowl. This directly impacts global and local poverty, as 75% of funds support CRS's global development work and 25% remain in the archdiocese for distribution to parish food pantries to address poverty here. To read a report on the impact of the 2013 Rice Bowl, visit www.adw.org/crs-rice-bowl. Please count the money in your Rice Bowls and make a check payable to "St. Jane de Chantal Parish." Write "CRS Rice Bowl" on the memo line of the check. You may leave your Operation Rice Bowl offerings in the basket under the Operation Rice Bowl poster in the gathering space of church. Thank you for your generous response.

IN OUR PARISH

INTERNATIONAL PILGRIM STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Thank you to Dr. Willie Cruz and Fr. Cusick for arranging the visit of the International Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima to our parish.

PIZZA & DONUT SOCIALS IN APRIL

Because Easter falls on the third Sunday of April this year, our monthly pizza and donut socials will be held on the second weekend of April: Pizza Social after the 5:00 pm Mass this Saturday, April 12, and the Donut Social after the 8:00 am, 10:00 am, and 12:00 noon Masses this Sunday, April 13. The featured organizations at the donut social this month are Catholic Youth Organization (CYO). and our parish vocations committee. The CYO sponsors athletic programs for all parish (parish school, religious education, and public school) children from kindergarten through high school. It fields teams in soccer, basketball, baseball, softball, and track. They also sponsor the annual golf tournament and social events. Representatives will also be available to answer questions you might have regarding the different vocations. Do you know the difference between a transitional deacon and a permanent deacon, or between a diocesan priest and a religious priest? The Youth Group will be taking donations at the coffee to benefit a local charity.

DOMINICAN HOUSE OF STUDIES GALA

Come support the work of the Dominican brothers who serve our parish and enjoy a delightful evening in the cloister of Washington's Dominican House of Studies. The Gala takes place at 6:30 pm on Saturday, April 26, and includes light appetizers, silent and live auctions, musical entertainment by Dominican student brothers, and night prayer. Advance tickets \$125, students \$50. Proceeds benefit The Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception in its work of educating Dominicans, other religious, and laypeople. Purchase tickets at dhs.edu/gala or call (202) 495-3877.

PARISH WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES MASS & BRUNCH

If you have been married for 25, 40, 50, 51+ years and are celebrating a wedding anniversary this year, you are invited to a special Anniversary Mass on Sunday, April 27, at 10:00 am, here at St. Jane Frances de Chantal. Following Mass, a brunch will be held in your honor, hosted by our pastor, Father Giese. If you would like to attend, contact Sally Daniel (301-530-1640) by Monday, April 21. This event is sponsored by the Sodality.

WE ARE ALL SMITH ISLANDERS

The St. Jane de Chantal Green Committee will present the documentary "We are All Smith Islanders" in Caulfield Hall on Wednesday April 23, at 8:00 pm. The film documents the threat sea level rise poses to the people of Smith Island, Maryland, in the Chesapeake Bay. Many scientists link sea level rise to climate change, based on evidence that the polar ice caps and glaciers are melting due to global warming. The film discusses the science behind this and the way Smith Islanders are directly affected. The movie also provides information on alternative energy sources that pump less heat-trapping carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. There will be a brief discussion period after the movie. No reservations are required and admission is free. After the discussion period, interested people are invited to stay for a brief meeting of the Green committee. We will discuss ways the committee can continue its work and we will schedule our next meeting. For more information, contact Steve Boehm at 301-364-7168 sigboehm@aol.com.

ADULT CONFIRMATIONS

Are you an adult Catholic who has never been confirmed? Classes for confirmation will be held May 1, May 8, May 15, and May 22 at 7:00 pm in the Seton Center to prepare for confirmation on Sunday, June 1. Please contact Sally Daniel at sally.daniel@stjanedechantal.org if you are interested in preparing for confirmation.

SODALITY PLANT SALE

"April showers . . ." April is a good month to get pots and planting beds ready for planting, but May is the time to plant! The annual Sodality Plant Sale will be held May 2, 3, and 4 (Friday 10:30 am-4:30 pm, Saturday 8:00 am-6:00 pm, Sunday 8:00 am-6:00 pm). Colorful hanging baskets, annuals and perennials. Locally farmed herbs, vegetables and tomato plants. Questions/comments, contact: Karen Salah (301-530-4768; karensalah@comcast.net) or Kathy Kitzinger (301-493-6248; kitzfamily@aol.com).

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

... those who are sick, and all those in our nursing homes and hospitals, especially Hilda Kiss, Isabelle Fitzpatrick, and Fr. Stanislaw Podlewski.

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BETHESDA, MARYLAND

IN OUR LITURGY & MUSIC MINISTRIES

MUSIC AND LITURGY NOTES

Growing up in Pittsburgh, I know what it is like to be a sports fanatic. Especially when one of the teams approaches the playoffs, the entire city is bedecked in black and gold. I remember once asking my mom why we fanatic Pittsburghers seem to be so obsessed with our sports teams and its players when the Super Bowl or Stanley Cup finals approach (I've not lived long enough to experience the Pirates coming even close to entering the World Series). She replied, "Because it gives ordinary people the chance to be a part of something special and much larger than themselves." Her answer has stuck with me, and I find myself creating analogical alikeness of professional sports seasons with the liturgical seasons of the Church. Advent and Lent are our "playoff seasons" and we usually see an increase in attendance during those weeks gearing up to the big solemnities of Christmas and Easter. Christmas and Easter are the "Super Bowl games" of the liturgical year, and we find people in our pews who do not usually attend Mass (just as those for whom the Super Bowl is their only football viewing experience of the year). Now, pairing the Divine Mysteries of the Church with professional sports is not something that I want to be quoted on, but, the sociological similarities are somewhat conspicuous. Just as I am known to proudly wear a Steeler cap during the playoffs, we should all be profoundly proud of practicing our faith during Holy Week. The Triduum (Latin for "three days") liturgies are among the most beautiful depictions of our Catholic faith. Beginning with the Celebration of the Lord's Supper and Eucharistic Procession on Holy Thursday, to the veneration of the cross (an iconic symbol of our faith) at the Good Friday liturgy, and ending with the joyous celebration of the great Vigil of Easter, Catholics are all called to eagerly partake in these sacred celebrations. Of particular note, I want to emphasize the Easter Vigil. How sad that the only comments we ever receive on this liturgy are in regards to its length. Yes, the Easter Vigil is a little bit longer than one hour, but what happens during that liturgy -from the Service of Light when we enter a darkened church reminiscent of the early Christians worshiping in underground catacombs, to the scripture readings, the announcement of the "Allelluia," the baptism and reception into the Church of our new brothers and sisters, and the first Eucharistic celebration of the Resurrected Christ-is so rich with symbolism and true meaning of our Catholic faith that we should be yearning for this Mass all year long. The Easter Vigil is truly the "Super Bowl" of the liturgical year. Come, be a part of something big.

IN OUR FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

Visit the Faith Formation page at **www.stjanedechantal.org** for information on the various programs, registration forms and calendars.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Have you gotten a chance to be a part of De Chantal's active youth program? If not, why not start? It's not too late

to join and grow in faith. Join us for the following events in April: On April 15, the Stations of the Cross focuses our attention during Holy Week on the Lord's passion and death for our salvation. On April 29, discover the gift of the present moment, knowing what the "Our Father" really means. For more information, see Fr. Cusick after Mass or call Michael Ibanez at 301-530-1640, ext. 13.

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.

FUNDRAISING FUN

Fifth graders in Room 9 raised \$1,600+ dollars for this year's gala. Mr. Dugan organized several family dinner outings throughout the Fall of 2013 at locations such as Hard Times, California Pizza Kitchen, and California Tortilla. Under Armor also contributed. Room 9 thanks the dedicated St Jane de Chantal families who attended these dinners in support of the school.

LETTERS TO THE TROOPS

The fourth graders received a Certificate of Appreciation from the 3rd Squadron, 71st Cavalry Regiment serving in Afghanistan. They received this award in recognition of the students' continued support and kind notes to the troops.

BAND COMPETITION

The St. Jane de Chantal band performed along with other schools in the archdiocese during the annual Band Festival at St. John's College High School. The St. Jane de Chantal band, under the direction of Mrs. Tifford, received a rating of Excellent for its performance. Students in grades 4 through 8 are eligible to play in the band, which continues to grow each year.

IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

Visit the Archdiocese of Washington web page at **www.adw.org** for more information on education, family youth, social concerns and other events in the archdiocese. "Like" us on **Facebook** at www.facebook.com/adw.org and find out what Catholics all across the archdiocese are talking about.

New Archdiocesan Website

Recently, the Archdiocese of Washington unveiled a newlydesigned website at www.adw.org, which incorporates requested features. In addition to being more visually appealing, this new site is more user-friendly, making it easier for visitors to find the information they're looking for – as well as some they may not have thought of. Some of the new features include: 1. Searchable parish directory to allow users to search for a parish – as well as times for Mass, confession, novena, Eucharistic adoration and rosary – by keyword, location and language; 2. PrayerNet, a digital prayer network enabling users to submit prayer requests each week as well as pray for the intentions listed on the website; 3. Responsive design to allow users to easily navigate www.adw.org from their computer, tablet (iPad, etc.) or smartphone: 4. Enhanced event database with option to import events to Google Calendar and iCal; 5. Complete social media integration to allow users to share resources from the website directly to their personal social media platforms, e.g., Facebook, Twitter, etc.

WEDDING JUBILARIAN MASS

Cardinal Donald Wuerl will celebrate the annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years on Sunday, June 15, at 2:00 pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. To register, call the parish office by Monday, April 14.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

DCCatholic presents its Spring Theology on Tap series, A Church that is Poor and For the Poor. Join young adults from around the Archdiocese of Washington at Buffalo Billiards in Dupont Circle on Tuesday evenings, April 15, 22, and 29. All young adults (21-late 30s) are invited for Happy Hour specials from 6:00-7:00 pm with a talk and Q/A to follow from 7:00-8:00 pm. Must have valid 21+ ID to enter. Learn more at www.facebook.com/DCCatholic or www.adw.org/tot. or email Jonathan Lewis at DCCatholic@adw.org.

DC PADRES

The DC Padres are a unique baseball team consisting entirely of priests and seminarians. They play high school varsity baseball teams at minor league ballparks in the DC area in an effort to raise interest and awareness in the great vocation to the Catholic priesthood. Their next game will be Sunday, April 27, vs. St. Mary's Ryken at Blue Crabs Stadium. \$5.00 discounted tickets may be obtained either by presenting the coupon flyer (visit www.dcpadres.com to download coupon flyer) at the ticket window on game day, or by purchasing tickets in advance for \$6.00 through the Blue Crabs website (www.somdbluecrabs.com) and using the promotional code "dcpadres." For more information on the DC Padres, visit www.dcpadres.com.

JOHN PAUL II NATIONAL SHRINE

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has designated the Washington-based facility dedicated to Pope John Paul II as a national shrine. Beginning Sunday, April 27, the day set by Pope Francis for Pope John Paul II's canonization, the shrine will be known as the "Saint John Paul II National Shrine." The shrine will mark the occasion with liturgical celebrations, a reception, and a gathering of young people. An inspiring centerpiece of the shrine will be a relic consisting of a vial of John Paul II's blood, entrusted to the Knights of Columbus by Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz, archbishop of Kraków and longtime personal secretary to John Paul II. The shrine's lower level will feature a 16,000square-foot permanent exhibition on the pope's life and teaching slated to open later this year. The main floor will be converted into a church and the current chapel will serve as a reliquary chapel. Both will feature floor-to-ceiling mosaics. For information on special events and new exhibits, visit www.jp2shrine.org.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Let the Lord strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on May 2-4. For more information and to apply online, visit welovematrimony.org, or call 301-541-7007, or email applications@welovematrimony.org.

STEWARDSHIP

"The Lord God has given me a well-trained tongue, that I may know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them," says Isaiah in today's first reading. The gifts God has given us are likewise given for the good of others. How am I using my gifts? (See Isaiah 50:4)

> PARISH SUPPORT FOR APRIL 6, 2014 Offertory \$17,685.00 This week in 2013 \$17.263.00

Attendance 2010 This week in 2013 | 1690

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Our parish will support Christians in the Holy Land through the offertory collection on Good Friday. Many Christians there depend on the collection for their lives. Franciscans and others in the Holy Land are feeding the poor, providing religious formation and education, maintaining shrines and parishes, and conducting pastoral ministry. The Good Friday collection is requested by the Holy Father. Please support our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land by giving to this special collection. For more information, visit www.myfranciscan.org.

QR CODE FOR EASTER & MAINTENANCE COLLECTIONS

Scan this code with your smart phone's QR reader function (or visit 🔽 code www.faithdirect.net) to make your Easter gift to St. Jane de Chantal Parish by credit card. Choose "Easter One Time Gift" from the list of available collections and gifts. If you



missed last weekend's special collection to cover snow removal expenses, you can also make a one-time contribution to the maintenance collection by using the QR code or going to www.faithdirect.net. Gifts will be processed through Faith Direct, our eGiving provider.

POOR BOX

Thank you for you contributions of \$1,270.00 to the Msgr. Christopher Scholarship Fund. The Poor Box for next weekend, April 20/21, 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. Long term problems are referred to community resources.

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PARISH CALENDAR Sunday, April 13—Saturday, April 19, 2014

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For upcoming events & dates, visit www.stjanedechantal.org.	C = Church ◆ CH = Caulfield Hall ◆ CGS = Gathering Space ◆ CLL = Church Lower Lobby CRH = Christopher Hall ◆ SMR = Scanlan Meeting Room ◆ DCR = De Chantal Room NMR = Nalls Meeting Room ◆ RBR = Rectory Board Room ◆ SCH = School SC = Seton Center for Religious Education ◆ AF = Athletic Field ◆ PG = Parish Grounds		How good it is for us when the Lord unsettles our lukewarm and superficial lives.
	SUNDAY, APRIL 13 after 8 am, 10 am, & 12 pm Masses Donut Social CH		@Pontifex
	11:30 am Cantor Warm-up CH		
	4:00 pm Chantal Ensemble Rehearsal CLL		
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	Wednesday, April 16		Reading II Col 3:1-4
	6:45 pmConfessionsC		Gospel
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upcoming eve	7:30 pmSC	[]	
	THURSDAY, APRIL 17 8:00 pmC 9:00-11:00 pmCRH		CELEBRANTS April 20, 2014
For	9.00-11.00 pm		8:00 pm Vigil
	FRIDAY, APRIL 18		Father Cusick
	12:00 pmC		8:00 am
	3:00 pmC		Father McKay
	8:00 pmC SATURDAY, APRIL 19		10:00 am/C Father Giese
	8:00 pmC		10:00 am/CRH Father Cusick
			12:00 pm Father Giese

MASS INTENTIONS Sunday, April 13—Saturday, April 19, 2014

Sunday	8:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	Parishioners Joseph & Angela Spadaro/D John Condon/D Dodwell & Romesha Soyza/D
Monday	8:00 am	Thomas Schneider/D
	11:00 am	Theresa Shvodian/D
Tuesday	8:00 am	Barbara Bennett/D
	11:00 am	John Condon/D
Wednesday	8:00 am	John Brennan/D
-	11:00 am	George & Eleanor Kokiko/D
Thursday	8:00 pm	Rajkumar Ramroopsingh/D
Friday		No Masses
Friday		INU MASSES
Saturday	8:00 pm	Parishioners
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ALTAR SERVERS Monday, April 14—Sunday, April 20, 2014

Monday	8:00 am	A. Myers, T. Shaheen
-	11:00 am	M. Gurierrez, A. McLoughlin
Tuesday	8:00 am	A. Ramsayer, J. Ramsayer
	11:00 am	L. Kane, M. Suttora
Wednesday	8:00 am	R. Cardoni, E. Dimond
	11:00 am	M. King, C. Shaheen
Thursday	8:00 pm	C. Burkart, Ma. Dimond, Mi. Dimond,
		L. Kane, C. Shaheen, T. Shaheen
Friday	12:00 pm	J. Cerritelli, N. Gray, K. Kaproth
	3:00 pm	
	8:00 pm	G. Carlsen, R. Kramer, A. Thomas
Saturday	8:00 pm	R. Cardoni, K. Guechler, L. Kane,
-		M. Linder
Sunday	8:00 am	P. James, R. Kramer, P. O'Neill
-	10:00 am/C	S. Kiss, O. Michael, A. Myers
	10:00 am/CRH	A. Masison, C. Stroud, M. Stroud
	12:00 pm	J. Cerritelli, N. Lynch, B. McCabe