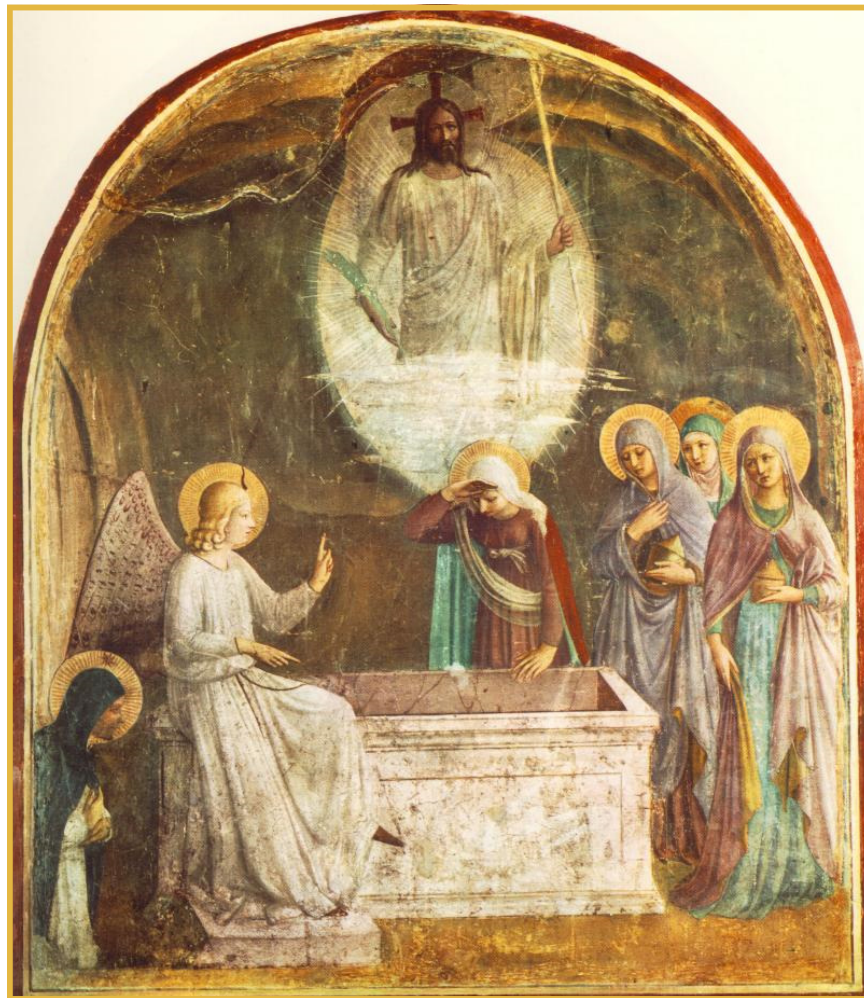


*May the light of the Risen Lord
enlighten your world
and His love illumine your life
during the Easter season
and throughout the year.*



THE CLERGY, RELIGIOUS, & STAFF
OF ST. JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL PARISH
WISH YOU A BLESSED & JOY-FILLED EASTER.

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 and drop it in the collection basket when you attend Mass.

ARCHDIOCESAN LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the archdiocesan food drive. We donated 1239 items weighing 2173 lbs to Manna Food Center. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The Sunday after Easter, April 3, is Divine Mercy Sunday. All parishioners are invited to gather in church at 3:00 pm to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

PARISH ANNIVERSARIES MASS & BRUNCH

Are you celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary of 25, 40, 50, 60+ years in 2016? If so, you are invited to a special anniversary Mass on Sunday, April 10, at 10:00 am, at St. Jane Frances de Chantal Church. Following Mass, a brunch will be held in your honor, hosted by our pastor, Father Giese. If you would like to attend, contact Leslie Donaldson (301-972-9660) by Friday, April 1. This event is sponsored by Sodality.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

An American Red Cross Blood Drive will be hosted by Sodality in Caulfield Hall on Sunday, April 24 from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm. The need is urgent. Healthy donors may be 17 years old and above. Persons may donate at 16 years of age with parental consent. Registration has been streamlined through RapidPass so that donors can complete their pre-reading and questions online on the day of the donation, but prior to the scheduled donation time. Register online at www.redcrossblood.org. Walk-ins are welcome, but it is preferable to make an appointment online so that staff can anticipate donor arrival times. Remember to bring a picture ID with birth date information. Call Maureen Wilkerson at 240-432-5752 if there are any

questions.

PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The Pastoral Council advises and assists the pastor in achieving the goals of the parish. This includes: developing and recommending parish policies; striving to represent the needs and views of parishioners as a whole; coordinating activities among the parish organizations; and, performing other tasks to promote the mission and overall good of the parish.

The Pastoral Council does not implement programs which are the responsibility of the parish staff or parish organizations, but instead addresses issues that fall outside their purview. Some current matters in which the Pastoral Council is involved include: assisting in social justice initiatives; enhancing the communication of parish activities and needs through a variety of outlets; planning for upcoming parish celebrations; and, developing our evangelization programs.

The Pastoral Council consists of 15 members, five of whom are elected each year for three-year terms. It also includes the School Principal, the Director of Faith Formation, and the heads or representatives of the Sodality, Finance Council, Home and School Association, School Board, and CYO.

Elections will be held during April to select five council members for a term running from May 2016 until May 2019. If you are 18 years of age or older and interested in serving the parish as a member of the council, or if you wish to nominate a fellow parishioner who meets these criteria, please complete the nomination form below and return it to the parish office by 5:00 pm Tuesday, April 12. For more information, call the Pastoral Council president, John Nalls, at 301-581-9452.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

... those who are sick, and all those in our nursing homes and hospitals, especially Mary Cahill, Susan Tise, Dianne

PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Education _____

Experience _____

Nominated by _____

The candidate is asked to indicate willingness to serve if elected.

Signature of candidate _____

****You must include a recent photo of the candidate.****



Fay Dickinson, and Pat Krisko.

. . . those who have died, especially Yolanda Cedamano, Jack Linden, and Thomas Smith.

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. "Like" the Saint Jane Frances de Chantal Music Ministry on Facebook, and see the list of music for Sunday and information on upcoming events.

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 APRIL EVENTS

Take a look at what youth ministry events we have in April: April 3 is Easter SMASH. Bring your friends to the dinner and enjoy the Easter egg hunt. Some eggs will have candy and others will have prizes. April 10: Do you know why we stand for the Gospel and kneel after receiving Communion? In "Mass fitness" we will learn the meaning behind words and body language at Holy Mass. April 17: "Will you go to the Prom with me?" How making thoughtful prom plans will ensure you and your friends have a fun and safe night.

YOUTH MINISTRY GLOW GOLF

Get your friends together to experience Glow Golf—the new indoor mini-golf experience in the Montrose Crossing plaza. Sign up by calling the Seton Center at 301-530-1640. We will meet at Seton Center on Saturday, April 23 at 2:15 pm and be back in time for the 5:00 pm Vigil Mass.

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Are you an adult who has never been confirmed? Classes will take place on Wednesdays, April 13, April 20, and April 27 at 7:00 pm in the Seton Center. Confirmation will take

place on Sunday, May 15 at 3:00 pm at St. Matthew's Cathedral. If you are interested in being confirmed, contact Sally Daniel at sally.daniel@stjanedechantal.org or 301-530-1640. You must attend all three classes.

IN OUR YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

For single Catholics, ages 22-35. Meet monthly for spiritual and social events. Find us on Facebook (St. Jane's Young Adult Fellowship) or email stjaneyaf@gmail.com.

YOUNG ADULT BREWERY TOUR

Who doesn't enjoy a good Flying Dog beer? Ever wondered how they make all that deliciousness? The St. Jane's YAF invites all young adults in the parish to join us for a tour of the brewery! After the tour, we will get a chance to sample some of the beer in their Tasting Room. Space is limited for this event; RSVP to stjaneyaf@gmail.com to guarantee your space. Please ensure you keep your RSVP up to date. If you find you can no longer join us for the event, let us know so we can offer your space to other group members. The tour is free, but bring money for lunch and beer tasting.

YOUNG ADULT SERIES ON THE SAINTS

What does it mean to be a saint and how does one attain sainthood? The St. Jane's YAF will be hosting a four-part saint series to study the lives of some of our modern saints. The sessions will be held at 7:00 pm at the Seton Center on the following dates: April 13 (Elisabeth Leseur); April 25 (Maximillian Kolbe), May 11 (Mother Theresa), and May 23 (Louis and Zelie Martin, parents of St. Therese of Lisieux). Come explore and discuss ways in which the lives of these holy individuals relate to our lives and how we can grow closer to God.

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.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Eighth grade students submitted essays to the Catholic



St. Jane de Chantal Summer Bible Camp
June 20—24 ♦ 9:00 am—12:15 pm

**Point Your
Kids to Jesus!**

by helping them find
TRUE PEACE ♦ TRUE RICHES ♦ TRUE POWER
TRUE LOVE ♦ TRUE HOPE

For children completing
kindergarten—2nd Grade.
Register at
[https://membership.faihdirect.net/
events/details/257](https://membership.faihdirect.net/events/details/257).
For more information,
contact the Seton Center
at 301-530-1640 or
seton.center@stjanedechantal.org.

Business Network scholarship competition. The CBN supports Catholic education and honors students who are entering Catholic high schools in the Fall. The topic this year centered on the words of Pope Francis regarding the small acts of service and kindness that mean so much today. Mary Daniels has been awarded one of the scholarships and she was recognized by the CBN at their annual awards luncheon on March 18.

FEELING GROOVY

Grab your love beads, your old 45s, dust off your bell bottoms, for a party that jives! Join faculty and parents at the 2016 St Jane de Chantal Gala and Auction on Saturday, April 16, beginning at 6:30 pm. The theme is Feeling Groovy and money raised from the event will go towards a much needed field and playground improvement fund. Tickets are on sale now and more information can be found at <https://dechantal.ejoinme.org/2016Gala>. Hope to see you there!

IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

For more information on 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.

UPCOMING QUO VADIS EVENTS

On Sunday, April 10, there will be an all-day excursion to Sugarloaf Mountain in upper Montgomery County, and the annual Quo Vadis Camp will be from June 26-29 at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD. These events are for young men in high school who may be considering a vocation to the priesthood. For more information, visit www.dcpriest.org or email vocations@adw.org.

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL 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 19 at 2:00 pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Please call the parish office to register by Friday, April 15.

AFFORDING A CATHOLIC EDUCATION

The Archdiocese of Washington Catholic Schools Office is hosting a free financial planning session, *Affording a Catholic Education: Budgeting Strategies for Families*, for parents and guardians of Catholic school students and prospective students, on Tuesday, April 19, from 6:00-8:00 pm at Father Andrew White School (22850 Washington St., Leonardtown). To register, call 301-853-4518.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL FAIR

The Archdiocese of Washington will host a Catholic High School Fair on Saturday, April 30 from 11:00 am-2:00 pm at the College Park Marriott Hotel (3501 University Blvd., Hyattsville). The fair features exhibits from all of the Catholic high schools in the archdiocese. A learning center fair and information sessions about financial aid and

placement testing are also featured in the event. Registration is free. To reserve your space, email the following information to Wendi Williams at wwilliams@adw.org: student's name, current school, current grade level.

MEN'S DISCERNMENT MASS & DINNER

Single Catholic men, college age and up, are invited to discuss the possibility of priesthood with priests, seminarians, and other men from the Washington D.C. area on Sunday, May 15, 5:00-8:30 pm, at Saint John Paul II Seminary (145 Taylor St NE). Holy Mass will be celebrated in the seminary chapel, followed by dinner and discussion. RSVP to Traci O'Neill at oneillt@adw.org. You must RSVP to attend. For more information, visit www.dcpriest.org, email vocations@adw.org or call 202-636-9020.

HELP FOR PEOPLE WITH NEURODEGENERATIVE DISORDERS

Catholic Charities is excited to announce its newest program, the St. Jude's Project, which provides counseling and community supports for the patients and their families diagnosed with a life-limiting illness, including Huntington's disease, Parkinson's, Lou Gehrig's disease (ALS), Multiple Sclerosis (MS). The Catholic Charities staff works to coordinate medical care along with emotional support for both patients and their caregivers, tapping into the expertise of Georgetown Hospital's Huntington Disease Care, Education, and Research Center. For more information, visit www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/StJude, call 202-635-5951, or email St.JudeProject@catholiccharitiesdc.org.

STEWARDSHIP

*In the second reading today, St. Paul reminds the Colossians that they have been raised with Christ, exhorting them to "think about the things above rather than things of earth."
"We, too, have been raised with Christ.
Let us rejoice and be glad! (See Colossians 3:2)*

PARISH SUPPORT FOR MARCH 20, 2016

Offertory	\$13,068.00
March 22, 2015	\$13,911.00
Attendance	2059
March 22, 2015	1698

QR CODE FOR EASTER CONTRIBUTIONS



Scan this code with your smart phone's QR code reader function 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. Gifts will be processed through Faith Direct, our eGiving provider.

POOR BOX

The Poor Box next weekend, April 2/3, will benefit the Monsignor Christopher Scholarship Fund, which provides need-based scholarships to our parish school.

Remember that Easter is a Season, not simply a day. So, season it up!

Make sure you celebrate the entire Easter Season before you go back to "business as usual." After all the Lenten fasting, do some Easter feasting! Invite family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers to an Easter brunch or get-together and celebrate Christ's resurrection and promise of eternal life. Let them know "the reason for the season." Send someone an Easter card and express your desire to see them experience the fullness of new life that Christ has won for us by His death and resurrection. Speak to them of the life and light Christ freely offers us all. It's not over till it's over—on the Solemnity of Pentecost (May 15), when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit. That gives us another 50 days to speak of Christ to others! Use them well.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, March 27—Saturday, April 2, 2016

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, MARCH 27

11:00 amFamily Choir MR

MONDAY, MARCH 28

TUESDAY, MARCH 29

4:30 pmGrades K-5 CCD SCH

7:00 pmGrades 6-8 CCD SCH

7:00 pmChurch History Class..... SC

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

THURSDAY, MARCH 31

6:00 pmBoy Scout Troop 461..... DCR

7:00 pmCentering Prayer..... SC

7:00 pmHandbell Ensemble..... MR

8:00 pmParish Choir..... MR

FRIDAY, APRIL 1

12:00 pmSt. Louis de France Parish Seniors' Mass C

12:30 pmSt. Louis de France Parish Seniors' Luncheon CH

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

9:00 amSPRED SC

For all upcoming events & dates, visit www.stjanedechantal.org & click on "Complete Parish Calendar."

POPE FRANCIS

“Christ is risen!

Christ is alive

and journeys

with us!”

@Pontifex

LITURGY OF THE WORD April 3, 2016

Reading I
Acts 5:12-16

Reading II
Rev 1:9-11a,
12-13, 17-19

Gospel
Jn 20:19-31

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 27—Saturday, April 2, 2016

Sunday	8:00 am	Parishioners
	10:00 am/C	Sr. Mary Donald Cusick/D
	10:00 am/CRH	
Monday	12:00 pm	Brady Nelson/D
	8:00 am	Jacek Jarzynski/D
	11:00 am	Leo Woerner/D
Tuesday	8:00 am	Brady Nelson/D
	11:00 am	Yolanda Cedamanos Funeral
Wednesday	8:00 am	Stanley Pedzich/D
	11:00 am	James Boylan/D
Thursday	8:00 am	Anne Kane/D
	11:00 am	Helena Dias/L
Friday	8:00 am	Joseph Park/D
	11:00 am	Sonia Dias/L
Saturday	8:00 pm	Maria Guth/L
	5:00 pm	Fr. Alan Helwig/D

ALTAR SERVERS

Monday, March 28—Sunday, April 3, 2016

Monday	8:00 am	B. Shaffer, T. Shaheen
	11:00 am	C. Shaheen, M. Western
Tuesday	8:00 am	M. D'Avella, R. Dimond
	11:00 am	P. Stamos, N. Varanelli
Wednesday	8:00 am	I. Baldwin, N. Wolanin
	11:00 am	J. Morris, I. Steadman
Thursday	8:00 am	K. McConnell, 1 volunteer needed
	11:00 am	J. Thistle, S. Wolanin
Friday	8:00 am	J. Brunier, M. Kish
	11:00 am	B. Carlsen, E. Priest
Saturday	8:00 am	I. Baldwin, C. Shaheen
	12:00 pm	2 volunteers needed
	5:00 pm	T. Aquino, M. Bailey, J. Connors
Sunday	8:00 am	R. Dimond, N. Gray, G. LaCount
	10:00 am	M. D'Avella, C. Stroud, M. Stroud
	12:00 pm	B. McCabe, P. Stamos, N. Varanelli
	5:00 pm	O. Michael, B. Shaffer, C. Smithdeal