



## **IN OUR PARISH**

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## WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

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

- Maria Bhatti & Family
- Patrick & Erica Flynn
- ◆ Paul & Elizabeth Picciotta
  - Joel Schirding

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.

## ADVENT GIVING TREE

The Advent Giving Tree program, which distributes Christmas gifts to many area charities and nursing homes, will conclude this Sunday, December 11. Please bring your gift to church, in a gift bag with the tag attached no later than 5:00 pm this Sunday. If you have lost a tag or have any Giving Tree questions, contact Denise Sintetos (301-807-6199) or Kathy Pascale (301-706-2672).

#### CANDLELIGHT CAROLS

The next concert in our Sacred Music in a Sacred Space concert series, Candlelight Carols, will take place this Sunday evening, December 11, at 7:30 pm. This special program of holiday music features festive holiday music for the entire family. Featuring the Parish Choir, School Children's Choir, Handbell Ensemble, and the University of Maryland Brass Ensemble. Please consider bringing your family and friends to this event. Free admission.

#### **ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE**

The annual communal reconciliation service during Advent will take place this Tuesday, December 13, at 7:30 pm. After a brief Liturgy of the Word, priests will be available to hear individual confessions.

## YOUNG ADULTS: BISHOP BARRON'S NEW EVANGELIZATION

The St. Jane Young Adult Fellowship will conclude its study of Bishop Barron's New Evangelization documentary this Wednesday, December 14, at 7:00 pm in the upper room of the Seton Center. The session includes viewing of a piece of the documentary and small group discussion. Bring your dinner along with you. For more information check out their Facebook page or email stjaneyaf@gmail.com.

#### YOUNG ADULTS: CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

Join the St. Jane Young Adult Fellowship as they celebrate the best holiday of the year with food, drinks, and good company. They will host their Christmas Holiday Potluck on Saturday, December 17 at the Seton Center. RSVP to stjaneyaf@gmail.com or their Facebook page.

## VISIT FROM ST. NICHOLAS

At the Coffee and Donuts Social after the 10:00 am Mass next Sunday, December 18, we will have a visit from St. Nicholas, the one who is the model for our Santa Claus. The true story of Santa Claus begins with Nicholas. He was raised to be a devout Christian by his parents who died when he was young. Obeying Jesus' words to "sell what you own and give the money to the poor," Nicholas used his whole inheritance to assist the needy, the sick, and the suffering. He dedicated his life to serving God and was made Bishop of Myra while still a young man. Bishop Nicholas became known throughout the land for his generosity to those in need and his love for children. To read more on St. Nicholas, visit www.stnicholascenter.org/pages/who-is-st-nicholas.

#### CCD CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

All parishioners are invited to attend the CCD Christmas Pageant to be held on Tuesday, December 20 at 4:45 pm in the church.

## ST. MARTIN'S CLOAK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Over the past few months, St. Martin's Cloak Guild has been delivering bread and food from markets in Bethesda to SOME (So Others May Eat) and to local seminaries in need of these provisions. They have been making the deliveries once a week, usually on Saturday mornings, and involves a few hours of driving time. It could also be a joint social activity with family adolescents. They are seeking additional volunteers so that an individual would only work once every four to six weeks. If you would like to participate or have questions, call Edouard Motte at 301-897-3763.

## SAVE THE DATE: SODALITY FASHION SHOW & LUNCHEON

The 2017 Sodality Fashion and Luncheon will be held on Saturday, March 4, at Columbia Country Club. Tickets will be sold in February. For questions, contact Cathy Johnson (301-365-3791 / bcid97@verizon.net) or Kathy Kitzinger (kitzfamily@aol.com).

## **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

... those who are sick, and all those in our nursing homes and hospitals, especially Mary Cahill, Susan Tise, Dianne Fay Dickinson, Pat Krisko, Elton Smith, Melissa Brito, and John Melloni.

## **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.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

All high school teens are invited to join us this Sunday, December 11, for a discussion on Advent and join in the Candlelight Carols at 7:30 pm. We will also meet on Sunday, December 18 for a family Christmas dinner.

## 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.

#### **OPEN HOUSE**

The next School Open House will be held Monday, January 30, 2017. Plan to join us and visit our classrooms and meet the teachers.

## 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.

## **ATTENTION FINANCIAL PROFESSIONALS**

Catholic Charities has launched its Financial Stability Network (FSN), which consists of volunteer financial professionals offering pro bono financial education, financial coaching, and tax return preparation services for low income families and individuals in the Archdiocese of Washington. The next training session for financial coaches will be held at Catholic Charities (924 G St., NW) on Thursday, December 15 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. If you would like to attend that session, contact Don Hathway at donhathway@gmail.com. The next tax prep training session will be held Saturday, January 14 from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm at Catholic University. If you would like to attend that Shanahan session. contact Deacon Jim at jim.shanahan@catholiccharitiesdc.org.

## YOUNG ADULTS: 270CATHOLIC'S MONTHLY HOLY HOUR

On Tuesday, December 27, young adults (20s and 30s) are invited to St. Mary's Historic Chapel (520 Viers Mill Rd., Rockville) from 7:30-8:30 for a music-infused hour of adoration (option of confession). Join them after for fellowship in the basement of the rectory. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/270Catholic/events or email 270catholic@gmail.com.

#### **MEN'S DISCERNMENT RETREAT**

From Friday, February 3 through Sunday, February 5, 2017, men in their 20s, 30s or 40s who are considering a call to the priesthood are invited to attend a discernment retreat at Saint John Paul II Seminary in Washington, DC (145 Taylor St., NE). The weekend will offer time away from your daily routine and will provide an opportunity for prayer and reflection to examine God's call. There is no fee to attend. Registration is now open at www.dcpriest.org, or email vocations@adw.org for more information.

## **STEWARDSHIP**

Each of us has his or her own role to play in the coming of the kingdom of God. John the Baptist was called to be the herald of the Messiah, preparing the way of the Lord. To what is the Lord calling me?

| PARISH SUPPORT FOR DECEMBER 4, 2016  |  |  |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| <b>Offertory</b><br>December 6, 2015 | <b>\$13,599.00</b><br><i>\$17,940.00</i> |  |
| Maintenance<br>December 2015         |  |  |
| Attendance<br>December 6, 2015       |  |  |

## SECOND COLLECTION: RETIRED RELIGIOUS

This weekend, December 10/11, the Archdiocese of Washington will take up a second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Coordinated by the National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO), the collection benefits nearly 33,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests whose communities lack retirement savings. Participation in this collection provides an opportunity to be a witness of Our Lord's love and mercy for the religious men and women who have contributed so much to faith formation in the United States.

## POOR BOX

The Poor Box next weekend, December 17/18, will benefit Rosaria Communities, an agency of the Archdiocese of Washington which provides affordable housing for persons with intellectual and physical disabilities, and works in partnership with parishes in the archdiocese, service providers and other public and private entities to provide high quality, faith-based community oriented homes. For more information, visit http://rosariacommunitiesinc.org.

#### COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN

Please remember the St. Jane de Chantal School Endowment Fund (CFC # 32653) if you participate in this charitable campaign. The campaign ends December 15.

## TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS



You can deduct your contributions to St. Jane de Chantal only in the year you actually make them. You make a contribution at the time of its unconditional delivery, e.g., in the Sunday collection basket. When a check is mailed, the IRS considers the U.S. Mail

postmark to be the delivery date [see IRS Publication 526 and U.S. Treasury Regulation 1-170A-1(b)]. Contributions for the 2016 calendar year must have a U.S. Mail postmark dated no later than December 31, 2016. The date on the check has no consequence. For example, if we receive a check dated December 31, 2016 with a U.S. Mail postmark of January 2, 2017, the contribution will be credited to the 2017 calendar year. Contributions by credit card or bank debit through Faith Direct are deductible in the year you make the charge.

## ST. JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL CHURCH

PARISH CALENDAR Sunday, December 11—Saturday, December 17, 2016

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|   | $I = School \Leftrightarrow SC = Seton Center for Religious Education$   |        | The "condition t                       |
|   | $\blacklozenge$ AF = Athletic Field $\blacklozenge$ PG = Parish Grounds  |        | become part of                         |
|   |  |        |  |
| SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11                                 |  |        | kingdom [of God] i                     |
|   | Sodality Giving Tree Committee   |        | make a change in                       |
|   | Faith of Our Toddlers  |        | life, that is to repe                  |
|   | CYO Basketball   |        |  |
|   | Family Choir   |        | It is to leave the                     |
|   | Youth Ministry Life Teen   |        | streets, convenie                      |
|   | Candlelight Carols   | C      | but misleading, t                      |
| MONDAY, DECEMBER 12                                 |  |        |  |
|   | Sodality Giving Tree Committee   |        | idols of this world:                   |
|   | School Christmas Play Rehearsal  |        | success at all cos                     |
|   | CYO Basketball   |        | the power at the                       |
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|   | French International School Holiday Concert  | C      | expense of the we                      |
| TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13                                |  |        | the thirst for weal                    |
|   | Sodality Giving Tree Committee   |        | pleasure at any pl                     |
|   | School Christmas Play Rehearsal  |        |  |
|   | CYO Basketball   |        | and instead to op                      |
|   | CCD Christmas Play Rehearsal   |        | the way for the Lo                     |
| 4:30 pm   | CCD Grades K-5   | SCH    | who comes. With                        |
|   | Brownie Troop 4922   |        | birth of Jesus in                      |
|   | Cub Scouts Jr. Webelos Den   |        |  |
| 7:00 pm   | CCD Grades 6-8   | SCH    | Bethlehem, it is G                     |
| 7:00 pm   | Adult Ed: History and the Church   | SC     | himself who has co                     |
|   | Advent Penance Liturgy   | C      |  |
| WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14                              |  |        | to dwell among us                      |
|   | School Christmas Play Rehearsal  |        | free us from                           |
|   | CYO Basketball   |        | selfishness, from                      |
|   | Cub Scouts Wolves Den  |        | and corruption.                        |
| 6:30 pm   | Cub Scouts Sr Webelos  | NMR    |  |
| 7:00 pm   | RCIA   | SC     | Pope Francis, Angelu                   |
| 7:00 pm   | Young Adult Fellowship   | SC     | 4 December 2016,<br>Piazza San Pietro. |
| 7:00 pm   | School Christmas Play  | C      | Flazza Sali Fletto.                    |
| 7:30 pm   | St. Martin's Cloak   | SMR    |  |
| THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15                               |  |        |  |
| 1:00 pm   | School Christmas Play  | C      | LITURGY OF                             |
| 3:30 pm   | CYO Basketball   | CRH    |  |
| 6:00 pm   | Boy Scout Troop 461  | DCR    | THE WORD                               |
|   | French International School Holiday Concert  |        | December 18, 2                         |
|   | Handbell Ensemble  |        | ,                                      |
|   | Centering Prayer   |        |  |
|   | Parish Choir   |        | Reading I                              |
| FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16                                 |  |        | ls 7:10-14                             |
|   | Jr Sodality  | CH/SMR | 13 1.10-14                             |
|   | Brownie Troop 3613   |        | Reading II                             |
|   | CYO Basketball   |        | Rom 1:1-7                              |
| SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17                               |  |        | NUIT 1.1-7                             |
|   | CYO Basketball   | CRH    | Gospel                                 |
|   | Young Adult Fellowship   |        | Mt 1:18-24                             |

# MASS INTENTIONS Sunday, December 11—Saturday, December 17, 2016

| Sunday    | 8:00 am<br>10:00 am | Parishioners<br>Allen Peters/D |
|-----------|---------------------|--------------------------------|
|           | 12:00 pm            | Desmond Carron/D               |
|           | 5:00 pm             | Mitchel Perrizo/D              |
| Monday    | 8:00 am             | Allen Peters/D                 |
|           | 11:00 am            | Teresa Beyer Funeral           |
| Tuesday   | 8:00 am             | Frederick Wunder, Jr./D        |
|           | 11:00 am            | Augusto Arabelli/D             |
| Wednesday | 8:00 am             | Anna Kayani/D                  |
|           | 11:00 am            | Paul Gravel/D                  |
| Thursday  | 8:00 am             | Helen Griffin/D                |
|           | 11:00 am            | William Bell/D                 |
| Friday    | 8:00 am             | Joseph Seng/D                  |
|           | 11:00 am            | Maria Spalice/D                |
| Saturday  | 8:00 pm             | Joseph Park/D                  |
|           | 5:00 pm             | Annette Parco/D                |

## ALTAR SERVERS

| monday, I           | Jecember | 12—Sunday, December 18, 2016           |
|---------------------|----------|--|
| Monday              | 8:00 am  | C. Gotzman, M. Gotzman                 |
| wonday              | 11:00 am |  |
| Tuesday             | 8:00 am  |  |
| Tuesuay             | 11:00 am | M. McDonald, K. Weber                  |
| VA/ a dia a a dia . |          | ,                                      |
| Wednesday           |          | J. Flynn, E. Priest                    |
| <u> </u>            | 11:00 am | G. Merola, M. Merola                   |
| Thursday            | 8:00 am  | I. Baldwin, C. Rhea                    |
|                     | 11:00 am | C. Crowley, S. Michael                 |
| Friday              | 8:00 am  | C. Gotzman, M. Gotzman                 |
|                     | 11:00 am | M. D'Avella, R. Dimond                 |
| Saturday            | 8:00 am  | N. Kaproth, M. Quirk                   |
| -                   | 5:00 pm  | C. Besche, G. Kish, S. Kish            |
| Sunday              | 8:00 am  | J. Rhea, G. LaCount, A. Rohatgi        |
|                     | 10:00 am | O. Michael, J. Flynn, J. Maxwell       |
|                     | 12:00 pm | S. Kish, B. Herman, L. Sabella-Capuano |
|                     | 5:00 pm  | J. Cerritelli, E. Priest, J. Smithdeal |
|                     |          |  |