ST. JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL CHURCH



DECEMBER 18, 2016



IN OUR PARISH

Can't find the bulletin you brought home from church? Want to keep up on what's happening in the parish even when you are away on vacation or sick in bed? Visit our parish website, **www.stjanedechantal.org** to view a copy of the bulletin and for more information on parish events and organizations.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

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

Daniel & Mary Jo Houton & Family

◆ Andrew & Jimena Merickel ◆ Mary Ann O'Neil 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.

FIND THE PERFECT GIFT

Is there someone in your life who has been away from

Church for a while or may not have a place or loving community in which to celebrate Christmas? Why not invite them to Mass? Christmas Mass is a beautiful moment to reconnect to the Catholic faith. Take an invitation (or as many you need) from the basket at the doors of church, and address and deliver the envelope to someone waiting for a personal invitation from someone like you.

VISIT FROM ST. NICHOLAS

At the Coffee and Donuts Social after the 10:00 am Mass this 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

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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 this Tuesday, December 20 at 4:45 pm in the church.

THE GOSPEL STORY ON CHRISTMAS EVE

Children are invited to be part of the Gospel story at both of the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Masses (church and gym). We need Mary, Joseph, shepherds, angels, and possibly a cow, a donkey and some sheep. If your child would like to participate, he/she must attend a practice on Thursday, December 22 at 4:30 pm in the church. RSVP to Sally.daniel@stjanedechantal.org and indicate if you can attend either venue; if there is a sibling in St. Jane's school choir, please indicate that.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Being Catholic takes more than simply believing in God or doing what he asks of us. Jesus wants you to be more than just a believer-he wants you to be his disciple and friend. To help you answer this call to deeper friendship with Christ, St. Jane's will begin Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John on Thursday, January 26, from 9:00-11:00 am in the Seton Center. The series will run for eight nonconsecutive weeks. Cost is \$25.00 for the study Register by January 10 materials. at https:// membership.faithdirect.net/events/details/604. (If you are not registered with Faith Direct, you can register for the Bible Study as a guest.) For more information, contact Sally Daniel at sally.daniel@stjanedechantal.org or 301-530-1640. You will not only benefit personally from being part of this study; you will also help us to grow in fellowship as a parish as we grow closer to Christ together.

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 involve 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.

. . . those who have died, especially Teresa Beyer and Margaret O'Lone.

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 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.

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PLAY

On Wednesday, the pre-k through fourth grade classes performed their annual school *Christmas Play: A Child's Prayer for Christmas*. The play is a beautiful addition to the Christmas season, bringing the Nativity story to life through songs and readings. There were shepherds with their sheep, stars spreading their light, and angels and students singing clearly the good news of Jesus' birth.

SHOEBOXES FOR S.O.M.E.

Every year our school families fill shoeboxes with items for the homeless. The shoeboxes contain items such as toiletries, clothing, gift cards for food, ponchos, warm socks, hats, and gloves, and many other necessary items to survive a cold winter outdoors. Over 500 shoeboxes are donated to So Others Might Eat in the district. S.O.M.E. distributes the shoeboxes to homeless men, women, and children. This is a tangible way the children of St. Jane de Chantal can give back to our community at Christmas time.

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.

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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.

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 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, contact Deacon Jim Shanahan at jim.shanahan@catholiccharitiesdc.org.

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.

SAVE THE DATE: CATHOLIC IN ANNAPOLIS

The 33rd annual "Catholics in Annapolis" will be held on February 15, 2017 from 3:00-8:00 pm. Meet your legislators and build a positive relationship with them by sharing the great work and the Good News of the Church in Maryland lived out through the works of our ministries, charities, hospitals, schools, parishes and communities. The event and reception are free, but registration is required: www.MdCatholic.org/LobbyNight.

STEWARDSHIP

When he discovered that Mary was with child, Joseph resolved to end their engagement with as little disgrace as possible. But obedient to the voice of God, he changed those plans and became instead the protector of the child Jesus and His mother, Mary. God grant that I may be as open to the leading of the Holy Spirit!

| PARISH SUPPORT FOR DECEMBER 11, 2016 | | |
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| Offertory December 13, 2015 | \$11,551.00 <i>\$14,871.00</i> | |
| Retired Religious December 2015 | | |
| Attendance December 13, 2015 | | |

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

POOR BOX

The Poor Box next weekend, December 24/25, 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.

2016 CARDINAL'S APPEAL

As the 2016 Cardinal's Appeal is winding down, we thank everyone who has made a pledge or gift to this year's appeal. As of December 1, 2016, \$301,210.50 has been pledged, with \$275,481.00 received, toward our parish goal of \$303,365.00. We ask those who have yet to do so, to please prayerfully consider making a pledge. Anyone with an outstanding pledge may contact the archdiocesan Secretariat for Development at 301-853-4574 and they will be happy to help you with your pledge payment. To make a gift or payment by credit card, visit the archdiocesan website at https://appeal.adw.org. The help that you provide through the appeal is invaluable to our continuous growth and care for those in need, and a wonderful reminder that during the darkest time God's love is infinite.

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 vear. Contributions by credit card or bank debit through Faith Direct are deductible in the year you make the charge. Contributions by stock delivered electronically through a financial services firm are considered to be made when the stock is delivered to our broker.

CHRISTMAS & YEAR-END GIFTS



Faith Direct, our eGiving vendor, provides several ways you can make your Christmas gift to St. Jane de Chantal Parish. 1. Scan the code with your smart phone's QR code reader function and choose "Christmas Gift" from the list of available collections and

gifts. 2. Use the Faith Direct app to make a one-time donation, update your payment information and profile, and manage recurring gifts. Download it from the App Store or Google Play. 3. You can also make a one-time year-end contribution, or catch-up on missed contributions, by credit card or bank debit, by visiting www.faithdirect.net or calling toll-free 1-866-507-8757. Our parish code is MD30.







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BETHESDA, MARYLAND

| THE SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD Saturday, December 24 4:00 pm Vigil Mass (church & Christopher Hall/Gym) 6:00 pm Vigil Mass 8:00 pm Vigil Mass in French (French Parish of St. Louis) 10:00 pm Vigil Mass (prelude music begins at 9:30 pm) 10:00 pm Vigil Mass Sunday, December 25 9:00 am Mass 11:00 am Mass 11:00 am Mass | | | | |
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| CRH = Christ MR = Must MR = Must MR = Must Sunday, December 3:30 pm. SUNDAY, DECEMBER after 8 am, 10 am, 0 10:00 am. SUNDAY, December 1:00 pm. SUNDAY, Decemper 3:30 pm. Composition (1:00 pm. Sunday, Decemper 4:00 pm. Sunday, Decemper 4:30 pm. Sunday, Decemper 3:30 pm. Sunday, Decemper 4:30 pm. Sunday, Decemper 4:30 pm. Sunday, Decemper 3:30 pm. Sunday, Decemper 4:30 pm. Sunday, Decemper 3:30 pm. | A 12 pm Masses | Chantal Room Let us learn from bard Room Let us learn from CH the Blessed Mother MR how to have CRH a humble heart CRH God's gifts. QPontifex @Pontifex NMR CRH CRH CRH CRH CRH CRH CRH CRH CRH SCH CRH SCH CRH SCH CRH SCH CRH SCH A pm Vigil/C Fr. Giese 4 pm Vigil/CRH Fr. Burney 6 pm Vigil Fr. Burney 10 pm Vigil Fr. Giese 9:00 am MR SC MR SC | | |

MASS INTENTIONS Sunday, December 18—Saturday, December 24, 2016

| Cundou | 0.00 am | Parishioners |
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| Sunday | 8:00 am | |
| | 10:00 am | Bernard Holmes/D |
| | 12:00 pm | Julie Whitmore/D |
| | 5:00 pm | Thomas & Margo Hofbauer/D |
| Monday | 8:00 am | Thomas & Margo Hofbauer/D |
| | 11:00 am | H. Keith Reinecker/D |
| Tuesday | 8:00 am | Nora Bernadette/L |
| | 11:00 am | Gerard Oneyser/D |
| Wednesday | 8:00 am | James Farrell/D |
| | 11:00 am | Peter Appollo, Jr./D |
| Thursday | 8:00 am | James Maguire/D |
| | 11:00 am | Mary, Don, & George Cahill |
| Friday | 8:00 am | Terry Sommer Voss/D |
| | 11:00 am | Raymond Timm/D |
| Saturday | 8:00 am | Rev. Pat Fincutter/D |
| | 4 & 6 pm | Intentions of our parish priests |
| | 10:00 pm | Parishioners |
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ALTAR SERVERS Monday, December 19—Sunday, December 25, 2016

| Monday | 8:00 am | J. Goldstein, T. Petersen |
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| | 11:00 am | C. Shaheen, K. Weber |
| Tuesday | 8:00 am | M. Ryan, C. Steele |
| - | 11:00 am | M. McDonald, S. Quirk |
| Wednesday | 8:00 am | T. Chalfant, B. Shaffer |
| - | 11:00 am | C. Crowley, M. Skibo |
| Thursday | 8:00 am | J. Flynn, J. Maxwell |
| - | 11:00 am | M. D'Avella, J. Morris |
| Friday | 8:00 am | I. Baldwin, K. Weber |
| - | 11:00 am | T. Petersen, M. Quirk |
| Saturday | 8:00 am | J. Cerritelli, L. Sabella-Capuano |
| - | 4:00 pm/C | M. Emerson, J. Connors, P. Emerson |
| | 4:00 pm/CRH | 2 volunteers needed |
| | 6:00 pm | C. Besche, M. Flynn, 1 vol. needed |
| | 10:00 pm | 4 volunteers needed |
| Sunday | 9:00 am | 3 volunteers needed |
| | 11:00 am | 3 volunteers needed |
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