

*The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid;  
for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.  
For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord.  
And this will be a sign for you:  
you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."  
(Luke 2:10-12)*



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

## 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](http://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. 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.

## NO 11 AM MASS 12/26 - 1/2

While our parish school is on holiday, there will be no 11:00 am weekday Mass from Monday, December 26 through Monday, January 2. The 11:00 am weekday Mass will resume on Tuesday, January 3.

## FIND THE PERFECT GIFT

Is today the last day of the Christmas season, or the first? While storefronts and radio stations might be ready to move on, Catholics continue to celebrate the joyful news of the birth of our Savior! Keep your tree up, the lights on, and share joy with family and friends. Continue to celebrate the Perfect Gift of God's love through the entire Christmas season (until the Baptism of the Lord on January 9.) Find inspiration and stream Christmas music from church choirs across the Archdiocese of Washington at [www.FindThePerfectGift.org](http://www.FindThePerfectGift.org).

## 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 materials. Register by January 10 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](mailto: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 &amp; 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](mailto:bcid97@verizon.net)) or Kathy Kitzinger ([kitzfamly@aol.com](mailto:kitzfamly@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 Nancy Fineran.

## IN OUR LITURGY &amp; MUSIC MINISTRIES

*Visit the Music Ministries page at  
[www.stjanedechantal.org/ministries/music-ministry](http://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](http://www.stjanedechantal.org) for information on  
the various programs, registration forms and calendars.*

## IN OUR BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

*Check out the St. Jane de Chantal School website at  
[www.dechantal.org](http://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](http://www.adw.org).  
The website also has a media center, which includes  
social media tools, a YouTube channel, and apps.*

## 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](https://www.facebook.com/270Catholic/events) or email [270catholic@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:jim.shanahan@catholiccharitiesdc.org).

**2017 NATIONAL PRAYER VIGIL FOR LIFE**

Join pilgrims from around the country for the National Prayer Vigil for Life at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Thursday, January 26. The opening Mass will be celebrated at 6:00 pm in the Great Upper Church. Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Chairman, USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities, will be the principal celebrant and homilist. This is the largest annual Shrine event with youthful crowds in excess of 8,000. Following Mass, there will be the national Rosary for Life, confessions, holy hours and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the night until the closing Mass at 7:30 am Friday morning. For the complete schedule of events, visit [www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/january-ro-e-events/national-prayer-vigil-for-life-schedule.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/january-ro-e-events/national-prayer-vigil-for-life-schedule.cfm).

**2017 ADULT AND FAMILY RALLY & MASS FOR LIFE**

The Adult and Family Rally and Mass for Life is an occasion for people of all ages to come together in prayer on the morning of the March for Life on Friday, January 27. All parishioners of the Archdiocese of Washington are invited to attend this event, which will be held at 9:00 am at St. Matthew's Cathedral (1725 Rhode Island Ave., NW). The rally will feature keynote speakers Mary and Seamus Hasson, who are pro-life advocates and defenders of religious liberty. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Mario Dorsonville, with Msgr. Bill Parent as homilist. Attendees will depart for the National March for Life around 11:30 am. For more information, email [youthrally@adw.org](mailto:youthrally@adw.org).

**MOTHER TERESA VOCATION SOCIETY DAY OF RECOLLECTION**

Parishioners of all ages are invited to attend a Day of Recollection offered by Mother Teresa Vocation Society, *Growing Vocations out of the Culture of Doubt*, on Saturday, January 28, 9:30 am to 2:00 pm, at Annunciation Church (3810 Massachusetts Ave., NW; free parking). The reflection will be given by Reverend Mark Ivany, Director of Priest Vocations and Director of Spiritual Formation, Saint John Paul II Seminary. The day will include Mass, reflection, Adoration, and confession. Lunch is provided free of charge but donations will be appreciated. The archdiocesan Office of Priest Vocations and the Mother Teresa Vocation Society sponsor the day. Contact Maris Moriarty at [moriartym@adw.org](mailto:moriartym@adw.org) or call 202-636-9020 for information and reservation for lunch.

**MEN'S DISCERNMENT RETREAT**

From Friday, February 3 through Sunday, February 5, 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) led by priests of the Archdiocese of Washington. 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. Register at [www.dcpriest.org](http://www.dcpriest.org), or email [vocations@adw.org](mailto:vocations@adw.org) for more information.

**HOPE AFTER ABORTION: DAY OF HEALING FOR MEN**

Have you been impacted by abortion or do you know a man who lost a child through abortion? Did you pressure someone or were you both pressured to abort? Were you against the abortion? On Saturday, February 4 from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm, Project Rachel Ministry of the Archdiocese of Washington is sponsoring an *Entering Canaan Men's Day of Prayer and Healing: Addressing Issues Unique to Men*. For more information, call Project Rachel Ministry at 301-982-2008 or email [hope@adw.org](mailto:hope@adw.org). Location and contacts are confidential due to the personal nature of this experience.

**CATHOLICS IN ANNAPOLIS**

The 33rd annual "Catholics in Annapolis" will be held on February 15, from 3:00-8:00 pm. The event begins at St. John Neumann Mission Church (620 N. Bestgate Rd.) from 3:00-4:30 pm with briefings from the Maryland Catholic Conference lobbyists on the relevant issues considered by the General Assembly from a faith perspective. Shuttles will be provided to take you to downtown Annapolis where you can meet your legislators from 5:00-6:30 pm. Then, join us at a 6:30-8:00 pm reception (catered by the Iron Rooster) in the Miller Office Building on Rowe Blvd. for all the members of the General Assembly, the Maryland bishops, and other Church leaders. The event and reception are free, but registration is required: [www.MdCatholic.org/LobbyNight](http://www.MdCatholic.org/LobbyNight). (If you cannot make the 3:00 pm briefing, you are still welcome to come in time to visit legislators' offices or just to attend the 6:30 pm reception.)

**THE SUNDAY TV MASS**

Do you know someone who can't get to Mass? Since 1952, the Archdiocese of Washington has produced a weekly televised Mass for those who are homebound, broadcast from the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. It is a wonderful ministry for those members of our Catholic family who are unable to physically attend Sunday Mass. The Mass airs every Sunday at 10:30 am on WDCW-50: Dish or DIRECTV subscribers: Ch. 50; Comcast: Ch. 23 in Montgomery County; Verizon: Ch. 3.

**TEMPORARY EXHIBITION ON SAINT THOMAS MORE**

In a new landmark exhibition, *God's Servant First: The Life and Legacy of Thomas More*, the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, D.C. presents the life, martyrdom, and legacy of the 16th century English philosopher-statesman whom Pope John Paul II named the heavenly Patron of Statesmen and Politicians. The exhibition also explores the connection between Thomas



More, the Carroll Family of Maryland, and the foundations of religious liberty in America. It features over 60 artifacts from England and the United States, including numerous period objects from Stonyhurst College in the United Kingdom that have never been exhibited in the United States. The exhibition runs through March 31, 2017 and is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and The Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst. The Saint John Paul II Shrine is located at 3900 Harewood Road, NE, Washington, D.C. Additional information can be found at [www.jp2shrine.org](http://www.jp2shrine.org).

## IN OUR AREA

### RETRouvaille: A LIFELINE FOR MARRIAGES IN TROUBLE

Many marriages may experience four stages: (1) romance, (2) disillusionment, (3) misery, and (4) awakening. Marriages that end in divorce never make it to the fourth Stage of Awakening. Don't give up without learning about the fourth Stage of Awakening. If your marriage suffers from disillusionment or misery, contact Retrouvaille (pronounced "retro-vie" with a long "i"). The next Retrouvaille weekend is January 27-29. To register or obtain more information, visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com), call 443-400-7017, or email [3015@Retrouvaille.org](mailto:3015@Retrouvaille.org). All calls and inquiries are confidential.

## STEWARDSHIP

*For unto us is born this day a Savior!  
In response to so great a love,  
only the gift of my whole self will do.  
You have given us yourself, dear Lord;  
in love and thanksgiving, I commit myself afresh to you.*

### PARISH SUPPORT FOR DECEMBER 18, 2016

<b>Offertory</b>	<b>\$13,995.00</b>
<i>December 20, 2015</i>	<i>\$13,678.00</i>
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>1636</b>
<i>December 20, 2015</i>	<i>1812</i>

### SECOND COLLECTION: MAINTENANCE

The second collection next weekend, December 31/January 1, is our monthly collection to help with the repair and maintenance of our parish facilities.

### POOR BOX

The Poor Box next weekend, December 31/January 1, will benefit the Monsignor Christopher Fund, which provides need-based scholarships to our parish school.

### 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 year. 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](http://www.faithdirect.net) or calling toll-free 1-866-507-8757. Our parish code is MD30.

### ATTENTION "SNOWBIRDS"

As you head south for the winter, we hope your pre-trip to-do lists include something beyond packing shorts and golf clubs. At the top of your list should be signing up for Faith Direct. Join the many parishioners who have already enrolled in Faith Direct for automated giving to St. Jane Frances de Chantal Parish. Faith Direct is secure and convenient, and requires very little lead-time if you need to adjust your contribution amounts. There is no cost to you, and the program ensures a consistent source of donations for our parish. Sign up today by visiting [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net). Our parish code is MD30. You can also pick up an enrollment form the pamphlet carousel in the gathering space of church, or call, toll-free, 1-866-507-8757, for more information. As we begin a new year, please consider taking advantage of this way of giving. Your generosity means a great deal to our parish family.



# THE SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

Saturday, December 31	5:00 pm Vigil Mass
Sunday, January 1	8:00 am Mass
	10:00 am Mass
	12:00 pm Mass
	5:00 pm Mass

**PARISH CALENDAR**  
Sunday, December 25—Saturday, December 31, 2016  
For upcoming events & dates, visit [www.stjanedechantal.org](http://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  
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, DECEMBER 25: THE SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 26

3:30 pm.....CYO Basketball.....CRH

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27

4:30 pm.....CYO Basketball.....CRH

7:00 pm.....Adult Ed: History and the Church.....SC

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28

4:30 pm.....CYO Basketball.....CRH

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29

3:30 pm.....CYO Basketball.....CRH

6:00 pm.....Boy Scout Troop 461.....DCR

7:00 pm.....Centering Prayer.....SC

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30

3:30 pm.....CYO Basketball.....CRH

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31 (see schedule above)

## POPE FRANCIS

"On this day, Jesus, the Saviour is born of the Virgin Mary. The Crib makes us see the 'sign' which God has given us: 'a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger' (Lk 2:12). Like the shepherds of Bethlehem, may we too set out to see this sign, this event which is renewed yearly in the Church. Christmas is an event which is renewed in every family, parish and community which receives the love of God made incarnate in Jesus Christ."

Pope Francis, *Urbi et Orbi* Message, Christmas 2015

## LITURGY OF THE WORD January 1, 2017

Reading I  
Nm 6:22-27

Reading II  
Gal 4:4-7

Gospel  
Lk 2:16-21

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 25—Saturday, December 31, 2016

Sunday	9:00 am	Intentions of our parish priests
	11:00 am	Intentions of our parish priests
Monday	8:00 am	Ana Amy/D
	11:00 am	No Mass
Tuesday	8:00 am	Anne Marie Snyder/D
	11:00 am	No Mass
Wednesday	8:00 am	Maria Nieto/D
	11:00 am	No Mass
Thursday	8:00 am	Roger & Colette Laffly
	11:00 am	No Mass
Friday	8:00 am	Joan O'Reilly/L
	11:00 am	No Mass
Saturday	8:00 am	Florent Agueh/D
	5:00 pm	Cecil Casey/D

## ALTAR SERVERS

Monday, Dec. 26, 2016—Sunday, Jan. 1, 2017

Monday	8:00 am	T. McKinnon, K. Weber
	11:00 am	No Mass
Tuesday	8:00 am	M. Quirk, C. Shaheen
	11:00 am	No Mass
Wednesday	8:00 am	B. Shaffer, T. Shaheen
	11:00 am	No Mass
Thursday	8:00 am	J. Morris, S. Pimenta
	11:00 am	No Mass
Friday	8:00 am	S. Ryan, K. Weber
	11:00 am	No Mass
Saturday	8:00 am	I. Baldwin, T. Petersen
	5:00 pm	C. Besche, G. Kish, S. Kish
Sunday	8:00 am	1 vol. needed, G. LaCount, M. Ryan
	10:00 am	O. Michael, M. Kish, S. Kish
	12:00 pm	J. Cerritelli, B. Harman, L. Sabella-Capuanano
	5:00 pm	1 vol. needed, M. McDonald, B. Shaffer