

Readings in Worship hymnal at #1012

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: IS 45:8

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Savior.

READING I: MI 5:1-4A

Bethlehem, birthplace of the Shepherd-King, David, is invoked as a promise of the coming messiah who will take his place as the ideal king.

PSALM RESPONSE: PS 80

This communal lament, at a time of great national suffering, invokes the memories of God's great deeds as the basis for asking God to intervene once more to save "the vine" that is the chosen people.

READING II: HEB 10:5-10

This passage introduced into Christian thought the idea of a "first" and "second" covenant, the second based in fidelity to God's will, not in strict observance of the Torah. (In fact, "fidelity to God's will" seems to have been Jesus' own interpretation of the First Testament: It is a call to do God's will under all circumstances, with the Torah as the description of the best way to be faithful.)

GOSPEL: LK 1:39-45

Mary's visit to Elizabeth leads to a prophetic statement by the older woman that Mary is the mother of the Lord, the one who believed in the Lord's promise.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: IS 7:14

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT / YEAR C

Entrance Hymn Praise We the Lord This Day | #876 (Sun. 5 pm) O Come, O Come, Emmanuel | #386 Kyrie from Mass in Honor of Saint Ignatius | inside Worship back cover (Sun. 5 pm) from Black Mountain Liturgy | #266 Responsorial PsalmPsalm 80: Lord, make us turn to you | #1012 (Sun. 5 pm) Psalm 85: Lord, let us see your kindness | Marty Haugen your kind - ness; Lord. let us see Lord, kind - ness. let us your see Music © 1983, GIA Publications, Inc. All rights reserved. Reprinted under OneLicense.net A-701331. (Sun. 5 pm) from Storrington Mass | #258 (10 am) Song of Mary | Richard Shephard (Sun. 5 pm) My Soul in Stillness Waits | #404 (Sun. 5 pm) Holy from Storrington Mass | #260 from Mass in Honor of St. Ignatius | inside Worship back cover (Sun. 5 pm) from Storrington Mass | #261 (Sun. 5 pm) from Storrington Mass | #264 (Sun. 5 pm) Lamb of God from Storrington Mass | #265 Communion Procession Isaiah 7:14: Behold, A Virgin Shall Conceive | Russell Weismann Be - hold. a Vir-gin shall con-ceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Em-man - u - el. The English translation of the Psalm Response from the Lectionary for Mass 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved. Music © 2014 by GIA Publications, Inc. All rights reserved. Reprinted under OneLicense.net A-701331. (Sun. 5 pm) Proclaim the Greatness of God | #123

Salve Mater misericordiae, Mater Dei, et mater veniae, Mater spei et mater gratiae, Mater plena sanctae laetitiae. O Maria! Hail mother of mercy, mother of God and mother of pardon mother of hope and mother of grace, mother full of holy gladness. O Mary!

(Sun. 5 pm) Holy Is Your Name | David Haas

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:

♦ The Kotaro Ishi & Elisabetta Prat Family
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 - 12/28

While our parish school is on holiday, there will be no 11:00 am weekday Mass from Wednesday, December 26 through Friday, December 28. The regular weekday Mass schedule of 8:00 am and 11:00 am will resume Monday, December 31.

SNOW POLICY FOR WEEKDAY MASSES

If the Federal Government is closed due to inclement weather, St. Jane de Chantal will not hold either the 8:00 am nor the 11:00 am weekday Masses. Please stay safe at home, and allow our snow removal crews to clear and treat our parking lots and walkways. If the Federal Government is opening on a delayed schedule, we will hold both the 8:00 am and 11:00 am Masses.

SACRED HEART PARISH FOOD PANTRY

During the winter months the less fortunate in our area often have to choose between spending on groceries and paying their utility bills. The food pantry at Shrine of the Sacred Heart in DC serves these people. They depend on your continued generosity. Please remember to bring non-perishables to Mass and leave them in the basket in the gathering space of church. Thank you.

PILGRIMAGE WITH FR. BURNEY

Fr. Keith Burney will be leading a pilgrimage to France, "Following the Footsteps of St. Jane Frances de Chantal and St. Francis de Sales," from June 12-21, 2019. For more information, and to register for this trip, visit www.catholictravel.org/francepilgrimage2019.html. The deadline to register is January 31, 2019, and a maximum of 30 travelers can be accommodated, so register soon!

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

. . . those who are sick, and all those in our nursing homes and hospitals, especially John and Pat Krisko.

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.

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.

HOLIDAY BAND CONCERT

On Friday, December 7, the beginner and advanced bands once again wowed parents, faculty, and students alike at the winter band concert. The beginner band is comprised of students new to playing an instrument in the fourth grade. Both bands are strong in numbers and sound! Holiday favorites such as Jingle Bells and Jolly Old St. Nicholas were performed, as well as more traditional pieces such as Little Drummer Boy and Good King Wenceslas. The band brought the Christmas spirit to De Chantal with their beautiful music, talented playing, and their Christmas attire.



"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 Tavior 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 AND STAFF OF ST. JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL PARISH WISH YOU A BLESSED AND JOY-FILLED CHRISTMAS.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR CONCERT

The De Chantal Children's Choir joined with the Maplewood choir to present a Christmas concert to students, faculty, and Maplewood residents on Friday, December 14. Choir members sang holiday tunes from around the world, including a song in German and a traditional Spanish song. Students played ukuleles to accompany many of the more modern Christmas songs. Dressed in Santa hats, red scarves, and red sweaters, the choirs beautiful voices helped to put everyone in an excellent Christmas spirit!

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PLAY

On Monday, December 17, the lower school performed their annual Christmas Play for the students and families of De Chantal. Pre-kindergarten through fourth grade performed their special parts in the play based on the Nativity Christmas story. Songs sung by the children reminded us all to create peace in the world and live out our mission as Catholics. Christmas comes from the heart!

CONGRATULATIONS TO PIPER TRENT

Congratulations to our very own first grader, Piper Trent, for placing third in an area chess tournament. Piper is part of our active and competitive De Chantal Chess Club that meets every Monday throughout the school year. Way to go Piper!

COAT DRIVE

St. Jane de Chantal school will host a Catholic Charities Coat Drive from January 7-18. Clear out your closets and drop coats off in the front office of the school. Thank you for your donations to help keep our community warm this winter.

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Plan to attend the annual Catholic Schools Week Open House on Monday, January 28, 2019 from 9:00-11:00 am. Visiting St. Jane de Chantal School during an Open House is the best way to discover what makes our vibrant school community a "Best of Bethesda" school for the third year in a row. All classrooms, Pre-K to Grade 8, will be open to visitors, who will have the opportunity to meet teachers, and learn about our academic curriculum and extra-curricular programs in Fine Arts, Science and Athletics. Application materials for the 2019-20 school year will be available. Application deadline is March 1, 2019.

IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

For more information on vocations, 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.

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? Christmas Mass is a beautiful moment to reconnect to the Catholic

faith and many people are waiting for a personal invitation from someone like you! Visit FindthePerfectGift.org to find Christmas resources and Christmas Mass times across the Archdiocese of Washington.

CELEBRATING HOLIDAYS WITH PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

The Archdiocese of Washington Department of Special Needs has provided a video and a list of resources with strategies for parents, grandparents, and friends to use while supporting persons with disabilities through Advent, Christmas, and the New Year. To view the video and to download the "Strategies for Celebrating Advent, Christmas, and New Year for Children and Adults Living with Disabilities," visit https://findtheperfectgift.org/parish-resources.

JOIN THE CATHOLIC ADVOCACY NETWORK

Maryland's General Assembly session starts on January 9, and the Maryland Catholic Conference is encouraging anyone who wants to stay informed and get involved on important Catholic issues to sign up for the Catholic Advocacy Network. A constitutional amendment on abortion will be introduced in 2019, as well as other important bills on physician-assisted suicide, fetal homicide, immigration, human trafficking, education funding. The Advocacy Network uses email and a simple online system to alert you when action is needed and give you the tools to quickly and easily send a message directly to your legislators. To join, visit www.mdcathcon.org/joincan.

2019 NATIONAL PRAYER VIGIL FOR LIFE

The National Prayer Vigil for Life will take place Friday, January 18, at the Basilica of the National Shrine. The opening Mass will be celebrated at 5:30 pm in the Great Upper Church. 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-roe-events.

WORLD YOUTH DAY IN DC

Join thousands of college students and young adults (ages 18-39) on Saturday, January 26, 2019 for a one-day Catholic festival at The Catholic University of America. Experience World Youth Day in Panama, including world-renowned speakers, live music, simultaneous streaming of Pope Francis in Panama, and authentic Panamanian culture! To register, visit www.wyddc.org.

QUO VADIS SHADOW DAY

Juniors and seniors in high school are invited to Saint John Paul II Seminary on Friday, February 15. High school men will eat three meals, attend class, Mass, and Adoration with seminarians, and have an opportunity to ask questions. In addition, the attendees will be able to engage with others who may also be considering the seminary as an option for college. For more information, and to register, visit www.dcpriest.org/quo-vadis-shadow-day.

STEWARDSHIP

The Gospel today tells of the Virgin Mary, pregnant herself, hurrying off to help her cousin Elizabeth.

The model of good stewardship, she who had given herself to bear the Savior gave her time and love to others as well.

| PARISH SUPPORT FOR DECEMBER 16, 2018 (* not including Faith Direct) | | |
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| * Offertory * December 17, 2017 | | |
| Attendance December 17, 2017 | _ | |

MISSION COOPERATIVE PLAN

During the weekend of July 28/29, our parish had a collection for the Diocese of Hyderabad, India, and Fr. Thumma Velangini told us about the experiences of his important mission work. His visit was part of the Archdiocese of Washington's Mission Cooperative Plan, whereby a missionary is sent to each parish every three years to enable missionaries to share their experiences directly with parishioners and ask for our help in supporting their mission work. Please know that the Diocese of Hyderabad will benefit greatly from our collection of \$11,098. Please continue to pray for the missionaries and their work, especially in the difficulties and sufferings they encounter in spreading the Gospel.

POOR BOX: CHRISTMAS

The Poor Box on Christmas and next weekend, December 29/30, 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. St. Martin's Cloak partners with various religious and civic organizations in Montgomery County to provide this emergency support.

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 2018 calendar year must have a U.S. Mail postmark dated no later than December 31, 2018. The date on the check has no consequence. For example, if we receive a check dated December 31, 2018 with a U.S. Mail postmark of January 2, 2019, the contribution will be credited to the 2019 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, makes it easy to make your Christmas gift and year-end contributions, as well as catch-up on missed contributions to St. Jane de Chantal Parish by credit card or bank debit. Scan the code with your smart phone's QR code

reader function or visit https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/30.



Do you plan to do any traveling during the Christmas season?

Did you know that with our secure giving program, Faith Direct, your gifts to the parish can be there even when you are away? By supporting St. Jane de Chantal Parish through Faith Direct, both you and our parish can more easily project future contributions.

To sign up with Faith Direct through their simple and secure online enrollment process, visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code, MD30.



Please remember the

St. Jane de Chantal School Endowment Fund (CFC # 32653)

if you participate in this charitable campaign. The campaign season ends January 11, 2019.



CALENDAR

PARISH



THE SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Monday, 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

Tuesday, December 25 | 9:00 am Mass

11:00 am Mass

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26
3:30 pmCYO Basketball......CRH

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27

| 3:30 pm | CYO Basketball | CRH |
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| 7:00 pm | Boy Scout Troop 461 | NMR |
| 7:00 pm | Centering Prayer | SC |

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28

3:30 pmCYO Basketball.....CRH

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29

| 8:00 amCYO Basketball | CRH |
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POPE FRANCIS

"It is only with the heart of Mary, the humble and poor daughter of Zion, who became the Mother of the Son of the Most High, that it is possible to rejoice and be glad for the great gift of God and for his unpredictable surprise."

Pope Francis, *Angelus*, St. Peter's Square, Fourth Sunday of Advent, 20 December 2015

READINGS

12/30

Reading I Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1Sm 1:20-22, 24-28

Reading II Col 3:12-21 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24

> Gospel Lk 2:41-52

Sun., Dec. 23 – Sat., Dec. 29 Sunday 8:00 am Parishioners 10:00 am Karen Atabek/l

| Sunday | 8:00 am | Parishioners |
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| | 10:00 am | Karen Atabek/L |
| | 12:00 pm | Cecil Casey/D |
| | 5:00 pm | Donald & Mary Cahill/D |
| Monday | 8:00 am | Special Intention |
| | 11:00 am | No Mass |
| 4, 6 | 3 & 10 pm | Intentions of our parish priests |
| Tuesday 9 | 9 & 11 am | Intentions of our parish priests |
| Wednesday | 8:00 am | Ana Amy/D |
| | 11:00 am | No Mass |
| Thursday | 8:00 am | Special Intentions |
| | 11:00 am | No Mass |
| Friday | 8:00 am | Denise Brutus/D |
| • | 11:00 am | No Mass |
| Saturday | 8:00 am | Joan McCabe/D |
| • | 5:00 pm | Sandra Haynes/D |
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ALTAR SERVERS Mon., Dec. 24 – Sun., Dec. 30

| Monday | 8:00 am | M. Matelis, S. Townsend |
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| Williay | 11:00 am | No Mass |
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| | 4 pm/C | A. McCormick, S. Pimenta, K. Weber |
| | 4 pm/CRH | L. Matelis, G. Woolis |
| | 6:00 pm | M. Flynn, J. Flynn, S. Flynn |
| | 10:00 pm | K. McCabe, J. Morris, R. Pablo |
| Tuesday | 9:00 am | C. Johnson, 2 volunteers needed |
| | 11:00 am | B. Harman, D. McGuire, S. Townsend |
| Wednesday | 8:00 am | J. Broome, C. McCord |
| | 11:00 am | No Mass |
| Thursday | 8:00 am | L. Jana, R. Pablo |
| | 11:00 am | No Mass |
| Friday | 8:00 am | L. Owens, N. Sissoko |
| | 11:00 am | No Mass |
| Saturday | 8:00 am | R. Hutko, C. McCord |
| | 5:00 pm | T. Kuta, K. McCabe, J. Morris |
| Sunday | 8:00 am | G. LaCount, N. LaCount, S. Townsend |
| , | 10:00 am | M. Bailey, F. Hoag, L. Matelis |
| | 12:00 pm | B. Harman, M. Kish, S. Kish |
| | 5:00 pm | J. Broome, S. Pimenta, G. Woolis |
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