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St. Jane de Chantal Sodality Guild

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Sodality Happenings

Welcome to our fall edition of the Chantacleer. After a busy spring, Sodality had a restful summer. Sodality has held several successful events and we have for you an event-filled winter and spring for 2016.

The Executive Board has two new members. Ellen Larsen welcomes Liz Strand as Co-President. Helen Bollwerk is Secretary. Poupee Nisos will continue as Prefect and Anne Marie Fejka as Treasurer. I am grateful for their dedication to Sodality.

First, I would like to recognize our unit chairs:

Christ Child Unit

Gail Quigley and Marcy Pekar

John Neumann Unit

Joan Weigel and Lee Malone

Regina Coeli Unit

Gina Clansky and Maureen Wilkerson

St. Monica Unit

Susie Shook

St. Gianna Unit

Celestine Kish and Kate Beers

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Unit

Mary Bender and Amanda Reinsfelder

Associates

Ellen Larsen

Junior Sodalists

Kelley Lennon

The **Christ Child unit** has offered to pray for the intentions of our Sodality members. Prayer requests can be sent to **Gail Quigley** and she will notify her unit of your prayer request. Gail can be contacted by email at gailq@verizon.net.

The **Time and Talent Fair** was held the weekend of September 19–20. **Patty Bubar**, our membership chair, and her team of volunteers were successful in bringing to Sodality several new members. They have been placed in the units of their liking. We welcome them and hope they enjoy Sodality as much as we do.

This year's first **General Meeting, Mass and Lasagna Dinner** was October 7. **Liz Strand** did an outstanding job of coordinating all the moving parts of the mass and lasagna dinner as well as being the emcee for the meeting. Everyone had good time catching up after the summer break.



On the web, see us at
www.stjanedechantal.org/Sodality

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From the Co-Presidents

Recently, the Parish Council provide a **NOVENA OF THE HOLY SPIRIT** for distribution to parishioners that we as members of the St. Jane de Chantal Parish could pray for the needs of our parish. While as Sodalists we may not be able to meet daily to pray together, having this novena can be a way for us to grow together spiritually in spite of our physical distance. We are reprinting as much as we can in this issue for your convenience in praying it in the future. For a copy of the full Novena, please visit the Sodality web page at www.stjanedechantal.org/Sodality.



First Prayer Each Day Followed By the Prayer for the Day

Heavenly Father, my Lord and my God, I adore You and humbly acknowledge here in Your sacred presence that I am nothing and can do nothing without Your working in me. Come, Holy Spirit, Father of the poor, Comforter of the blest, fulfill the promise of our Savior, Who would not leave us orphans, and anoint, saturate, and immerse me as You descended on the day of Pentecost upon Mary and upon His first disciples. Grant that I may have a part in those gifts which You did so abundantly bestowed upon them.

Take from my heart all that is not pleasing to You and make it a worthy dwelling place for Jesus. Illuminate my mind that I may see and understand the things that are for my eternal welfare. You have called me to this particular parish to be a member of Your body, and I thank You. Give me the grace to learn Your ways here on earth and the grace to work with gratitude and joy considering it an honor to minister to others in this particular fellowship and to bring You to others outside our own parish family.

Give me Your power to work with order, peace, moderation and patience without recoiling from weariness or difficulties; to work above all, with purity of intention and with detachment from self always having death before my eyes and the account which I must render of time lost, talents wasted,

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Just a few weeks later, for the **Parish Halloween Party**, Liz accepted Sodality's responsibility of decorating Christopher Hall and cleaning up the hall after the party. We are grateful to Liz.

Our **Communion Breakfast** was held on November 1, chaired by **Poupee Nisos**, our Prefect. The speaker was **Glory Darbellay** from Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center. Her talk was on Mercy in preparation for the year of Mercy declared by Pope Francis. We all enjoyed this catered event.

Our next **General Meeting** was held on Wednesday, December 2. It was a multi-unit effort with the John Neumann unit covering the responsibilities of the mass; St. Monica covered the refreshments and provided the paper goods; Regina Coeli unit lead the Christmas craft-making session. Manor Care Nursing Home was the recipient of many hanging stars which decorated the facility for their holiday festivities.

Patty Bubar, Julie MacDonald, and Liz Strand have taken on the major project of updating the Sodality Directory of 2009. It is their goal to link the directory addresses with the addresses of the *Chanticleer*. With their efforts we hope to send out the *Chanticleer* by email to those who wish to read it online.

Mary Bender, our webmaster, has been doing a great job of putting up timely event announcements and copies of our schedules on our web page which can be found in the parish website, <http://stjanedechantal.org>.

Denise Sintetos, Kathy Pascale and Gretchen Koch chaired the **Christmas Giving Tree** again this year. This is one of the largest outreach projects Sodality does each year. St. Jane's provided 907 gifts to 17 organizations. Here are just a few of the 17 charities served: the Gabriel Project, Sisters of Charity, Manor Care Nursing Home, and the Little Sisters of the Poor.

Maureen George and Kathy Kitzinger are our **Fashion Show Co-Chairs**. The date is March 5 and will be held at Columbia Country Club. The fashion show is one of two fundraisers that Sodality holds every year and lots of volunteers are needed.

The **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Unit** will be once again chairing the anniversary brunch which will be held in April.

Colleen Hadigan has again volunteered to chair the plant sale, which is the weekend of May 6, 7 and 8. She will need a number of women to help in the planning and execution of this lovely event.

Here is an appeal to all unit members: when you receive an email from your unit chair, please read it and respond if necessary. She is your liaison with the Board. All reminders about our events and volunteer needs come through them.

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Update: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Unit

The St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Unit aims to bring female professionals — single and married together for faith, fellowship, and fun, and for deepening its devotion to the Blessed Mother. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was the first nativeborn citizen of the United States to be canonized a saint.

The leadership of the Unit has changed this year, as Liz Strand took on the new role as Sodality Co-President with Ellen Larsen. Mary Bender and Amanda Reinsfelder are the Co-Chairs of the Unit.

The group has become active with a variety of activities, to include monthly discussions around a book to help grow spiritually together. This year's selection is "God Help Me! These People are Driving Me Nuts! Making Peace with Difficult People" by Gregory K Popcak. Previous book selections included *Rediscovering Catholicism* and *Breaking Through: Catholic Women Speaking for Themselves*.

Future plans include organizing a clothing drive to support Dress for Success to help local women get back on their feet with proper business attire. We are starting to discuss additional service projects to support the local community. The Unit is planning to visit the Shrine of Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg in honor of whom the Unit is named. For the past two years, the unit has organized the Anniversary Mass and hosted the Anniversary Brunch. We have been honored to host so many loving couples who continue to be an example to the rest of us.

— Amanda Reinsfelder, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Co-Leader

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In addition, to all the wonderful events we attend, please join us at our 10:00 am **Sodality Mass** which is the first Sunday of every month through May. Sodality is not a club but are prayerful women who gather to pray as well as to help the unfortunate in our community. Thank you and God bless you.

— Ellen Larsen, Co-President



If you have a sewing machine and are interested in helping with baptismal bibs, please contact

Ellen Larsen at (301) 530-8393, ellenlarsen2000@yahoo.com.

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good works omitted, of vain complacency in success so fatal to Your work. Glorious Father, grant to me and all of the members of St. Jane Frances de Chantal parish the intentions of this novena of prayer. May Your will be done in me and through me, and may You be praised and glorified forever and ever. Amen.

Prayer for the Day — Day One to Day Nine (Day One included below)

Daily Prayer — Day One

Our Father . . . Hail Mary . . .

O God, Who at this time did teach the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit, grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things and to rejoice forever in His holy comfort. Lord, we pray for all the members of this parish family that they may come to know our Savior Jesus Christ in a very personal way. Take up in all of us a dwelling place and make it Your temple. Make us live by grace as adopted sons and daughters of God, encompass all the energies of our souls and create in us a fountain of living water springing up into life everlasting. Amen.

Concluding Prayer Each Day Following the Prayer for the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, Who governs all things in heaven and earth, mercifully hear these prayers of us, Your servants, and grant to Your parish, all things that are needed for its spiritual welfare; enlighten and guide our priest and deacons; strengthen and increase the faithful; visit and relieve the sick; soften the wicked; rouse the careless; recover the fallen; restore the penitent; remove all hindrances to the advancement of the truth; bring all to be of one heart and mind within the fold of Your Holy Church, to the honor and glory of Your name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.



In Memoriam

Catherine (Tattie) Baker
Margaret de Bettencourt
Ann O'Connell
Carolyn O'Connor

Mary Pazdur
Joan Reilly
Jean Seeback
Pat Siemien
Catherine Williamson



With Gratitude

The Executive Board is grateful to the estate of **Jean Seeback** for the donation to St. Jane's Sodality.

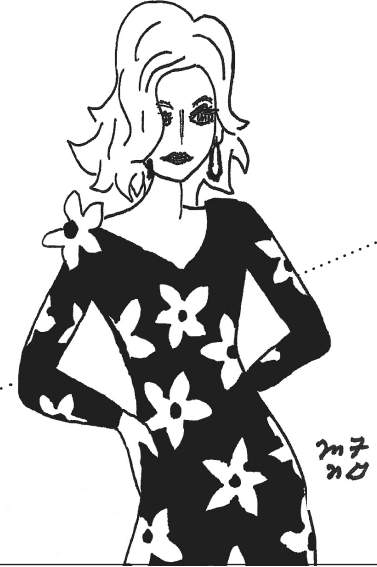


2016

Fashion Show and Luncheon

SATURDAY | MARCH 5 | TWELVE NOON

Join us! Look for an invitation at the back of church
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for the invitation flyer and details



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