



PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, January 6 - Saturday, January 12, 2008

*C = Church CH = Caulfield Hall GS = Gathering Space
CRH = Christopher Hall SMR = Scanlan Meeting Room
DCR = De Chantal Room NMR = Nalls Meeting Room
RBR = Rectory Board Room SCH = School
SC = Seton Center for Religious Education*

Sunday	FOOT, 10 am, SC. Sodality Mass, 10 am, C. Youth Mass, 5 pm, C. Youth Ministry, 6 pm, SC/CRH.
Monday	Grade 7 Cadette Girl Scouts, 3 pm, NMR. Youth Ministry Faith Formation, 7 pm, SC. Marriage Preparation, 7:30 pm, SC.
Tuesday	Grade 2 Brownies, 3 pm, NMR. Grades K-6 Faith Formation, 4:15 pm, SCH. Grade 7 Faith Formation, 7 pm, SCH. Grade 8 Confirmation Session, 7 pm, CH. Adult Ed History Course, 7 pm, SC.
Wednesday	Parents' Exchange, 10 am, SC. Evangelization Outreach, 7:15 pm, SC. St. Vincent de Paul, 7:30 pm, SMR. CYO Registration, 7:30 pm, DCR. CYO Board, 7:30 pm, NMR.
Thursday	Grade 4 Jr Girl Scouts, 3 pm, NMR. Boy Scout Troop 461, 7 pm, DCR.
Saturday	SPRED, 9 am, SC. RCIA, 9:30 am, SC. St. Francis de Sales, 9:30 am, RBR.

MASS INTENTIONS

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Sunday	Parishioners, Connie Tracy/D, Margaret Geoghegan/D, Ruth Ziebarth/D.
Monday	Connie Tracy/D, Patrick Culhane/D.
Tuesday	Glenn Daley/D, John McNickle/D.
Wednesday	Glenn Daley/D, Sussane Mattheis/D.
Thursday	Betty Haser/D, Bruce Gordon/D.
Friday	Connie Tracy/D, Frances Lanb/D.
Saturday	Connie Tracy/D, Frances Lamb/D.

READINGS for January 13, 2008

Reading I	Isaiah 60:1-6
Reading II	Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Gospel	Matthew 2:1-12

CELEBRANTS for January 13, 2008

5:00 pm (Vigil)	Father Alves
8:00 am	Father Alves
10:00 am	Father Alves
12:00 pm	Father Helwig
5:00 pm	Father Helwig

IN OUR PARISH

Many of our parishioners have received a letter from Archbishop Wuerl announcing the **2008 Archbishop's Appeal** and asking for their generous financial support. If you received the mailing, please review it carefully. The programs, services and ministries supported by this Appeal require financial support from each of us in order to continue to meet the challenges of our diverse and growing communities. This year's theme is: "The Lord is my Light and my Salvation" (Psalm 27:1). As you reflect on this theme, consider God's gift of salvation as well as all of the other gifts that He constantly gives us. If you received the mailing from Archbishop Wuerl, please take a moment to recognize how God has blessed you and, then, as a symbol of your gratitude for His gifts, make a generous pledge in support of the work of our Archdiocese.

The next **Parents' Exchange** meeting will be held Wednesday, January 9, from 10:00-11:00 am, in the lower level of the Seton Center. They will be planning their field trips and schedule for the rest of the year, and making "Three Kings" crowns to celebrate Epiphany. There will be toys for the children and conversation for the adults, as well as juice and cookies. As always, babies and toddlers are enthusiastically welcome. For more information, call Mary Hornyak at 301-897-2992.

Complete details regarding the registration process and fees (including the mailing address for forms/fees) for **CYO Spring 2008 Softball** (Grades 3-8 Girls), Soccer (Grades 1-2 Boys and Girls), and Track (Grades K-8 Boys and Girls) can be found under the appropriate links at www.stjanecyo.com. A session for turning in registration forms and fees for Spring 2008 softball, soccer, and track will be held Wednesday, January 9, between 7:30 and 8:30 pm, on the lower level of the multipurpose building. (Inclement Weather Note: If the Montgomery County schools cancel evening activities on January 9, the CYO form turn-in session will not be held that evening.) Late registrations for spring softball and soccer will be accepted on a space-available basis, but a \$25.00 late fee will apply to any registration not completed by Friday, February 1. Also, the CYO will offer a Winter Basketball Clinic (Grades 1-2) and Spring T-Ball (Grades 1-2) and Soccer (Kindergarten) clinics that will have separate registration processes. Questions or further information, contact Paul Bollwerk at bollwerk@erols.com, or see www.stjanecyo.com.

All parishioners are invited to **share coffee, donuts, and friendship** after the 8:00 am and 10:00 am Masses next Sunday, January 12. The Pastoral Council and Youth Group sponsor these coffees once a month as a way to deepen our sense of community within the parish and offer service to the outside community. The Youth Group will be taking donations at the coffee to benefit a local charity.

The music ministry is looking for singers to join the **Triduum Choir**, which will lead the singing for the three Liturgies of Holy Week: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil. The dates for Triduum are March 20-22. Each of the Liturgies begins at

8:00 pm. There will be four rehearsals, on Sundays, January 27, February 17 and 24, and March 16, from 11:30 am–2:00 pm in Caulfield Hall. Breakfast will be served before rehearsal from 11:00–11:30 am. You need to attend all four rehearsals and be able to sing for the three nights of Holy Week. If you have always wanted to join one of the parish choirs but could not make a regular commitment to weekly rehearsals and Masses, here is the opportunity to sing for a limited engagement. Interested persons should have a pleasant singing voice. All voice parts are needed. Each person will receive a CD to practice their parts between rehearsals. To sign-up, contact Henry Bauer, Director of Liturgy and Music, at 301-530-1550 by Friday, January 18, so that music may be ordered in time for the first rehearsal.

The next concert of the **Concert and Arts Series** will be Sunday, February 3, at 2:00 pm, in the church. The Georgetown Girls Preparatory School's choir, under the direction of David Nastal, will sing. A reception will follow the concert in Caulfield Hall. Everyone is invited to bring their favorite cookies and copies of the recipe to share for the reception.

This year's **Solemn Eucharistic Adoration**, formerly known as Forty Hours, will take place February 11-13. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed following the 8:00 am Mass until the evening Liturgy, which begins at 7:30 pm. Our former Parochial Vicar, Fr. Kyle Ingels, will be our homilist for the Monday and Tuesday evening Liturgies and Msgr. Essex will be the celebrant and homilist for the Closing Mass on Wednesday. There will be several opportunities for public prayer during the day, such as recitation of the rosary and Midday Prayer. On Monday, February 11, at 7:30 pm, we will have sung Evening Prayer; on Tuesday, February 12, at 7:30 pm, we will have a Holy Hour for Peace; and then on Wednesday, February 13, at 7:30 pm, we will conclude with a Votive Mass for the Holy Eucharist and a Eucharistic Procession with the Blessed Sacrament throughout the church. Please come and join us for these three special days in the life of our parish. We will need people to be in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament at all times during those three days. Starting the weekend of February 2 and 3, there will be a poster board in the Gathering Space for individuals to sign up. If you cannot sign up for a specific time during one of the days, you are invited to come whenever you can to pray in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

The **Adult Choir** is looking for more tenors and basses, but all voice parts are welcome. Rehearsals are on Thursday nights from 8:00–10:00 pm in the church. The choir sings each Sunday during the 10:00 am Mass, except for the first Sunday of the month. A trained voice is not required, but a pleasing sound and a commitment to attending rehearsals and Sunday Masses. Contact Henry Bauer, Director of the Adult Choir, at 301-530-1550 for more details.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

. . . **those who are sick**, especially all those in our nursing

homes and hospitals. As we begin a New Year, we will begin a new list. If you have names of family members or friends who are ill and are in need of prayers, please call the parish office. Thank you.

IN OUR FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

There will be a **confirmation session** for all 8th graders (those in Faith Formation and private Catholic schools) this Tuesday, January 8, at 7:00 pm, in Caulfield Hall.

IN OUR SCHOOL

There is an **early bird special registration for Kindergarten 2008**. Any parishioner who is registered and contributes weekly or monthly is invited to send a letter to the school with your 2008 kindergarten child's name and birthday. Formal registration will be February 4, 2008. The school would like to honor the registered parishioners and save those families a space.

Adriana Mack, Gen Giblin & Emma McVeary are encouraging De Chantal students to raise money to **support breast cancer research**. All students who bring in \$5 by January 18 will happily give up their school uniform and wear jeans for "Denim Day."

The first "Pennies from Heaven Day" for **Operation Smile** will be mid-January. Throughout the year, we will be collecting pennies we find on the floor of our cars, under the sofa cushions, pennies our parents don't want to carry in pockets or purses, pennies we find and pennies we get back as change. Operation Smile is an organization devoted to restoring hope and dignity to needy children around the world who are born with facial disfigurements. Our goal is to change the lives of three children this year. Over the past ten years, the students of St. Jane De Chantal School have put smiles on the faces of 47 children. Now that is something to smile about! Please bring coins to school. There is a collection container in the front hallway of school. We also accept silver and paper money, if you insist!

IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

Check out the Archdiocese of Washington web page at www.adw.org for more information on education, family, youth, social concerns and other events in the archdiocese.

The annual Archdiocesan **Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Mass** will be held Saturday, January, 19, at 5:00 p.m. at St. Augustine, Washington, DC. The prelude begins at 4:00 pm; reception to follow Mass. For more information, contact the Office of Black Catholics at 301-853-4579 or obc@adw.org.

Join pilgrims from around the country for the **National Prayer Vigil for Life** at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Monday, January 21, at 7:00 pm. 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, Holy Hours and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the night until morning.

The Archdiocese of Washington will host the annual **Rally for Life and Youth Mass** on Tuesday, January 22, from 8:45-11:30 am at the Verizon Center. Doors open at 7:00 am; opportunities for confession begin at 8:00 am, a rally featuring popular Catholic recording artists is at 8:45 am, and Mass begins at 10:00 am. Admission is free. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Please allow extra time for security (only small backpacks are allowed inside). The program will end in time for the March for Life. For more information, call the Archdiocesan Life Issues Department at 301-853-4555.

Archbishop Wuerl will lead a **vocation retreat for men** in their twenties, thirties and forties who are open to considering a vocation to the priesthood, from the evening of Friday, February 1 to noon on Sunday, February 3, at Theological College. The retreat will allow men time away from the daily grind and provide an opportunity for prayer and reflection to examine God's call. If you feel Jesus may be calling you, why not give Him a weekend? For more information, contact Msgr. Rob Panke, Director of Priest Vocation (301-853-4580 or vocations@adw.org) or one of our parish priests.

The Vocations Office of the Archdiocese of Washington is offering an opportunity for high school boys to attend the Mount 2008 retreat at Mount Saint Mary's University in Emmitsburg, Maryland, February 8-10. Cost is \$55 and registration must be received by January 10. Mount 2008 is an annual Eucharistic-centered **retreat designed for high school- and college-age Catholics**. With the theme, Seek the Face of Christ, Mount 2008 will encourage participants to come to know Jesus as a friend, and to encounter His love and mercy in prayer, the Word of God, and the sacraments of the Catholic Church. The speakers for this year's retreat include Fr. Peter Mitchell and Todd Lemieux. For more information and to register, contact Fr. Mark Smith, Associate Director of Vocations, at msmith@adwparish.org, or visit <http://mount2008.com>.

Is your marriage in trouble? If your relationship has grown cold and distant, if you are separated or thinking about separation or divorce, **Retrouvaille** (French for Rediscovery and pronounced Re-tro-vi) can help. Retrouvaille is a Catholic program designed to help hurting couples mend and heal their brokenness. The next Retrouvaille weekend will be held February 8-10. For more information, call 410-647-0350 or 301-468-6764, or visit www.retrouvaille.org. All calls and inquires are confidential.

The faithful of the Archdiocese of Washington are invited to commemorate the 150th Jubilee of the Apparition of Our Lady of Lourdes, which will occur on February 11, 2008. Through graciousness of the Holy See, parishioners who visit one of the 11 Archdiocesan pilgrimage churches (including Our Lady of Lourdes in Bethesda) before or on February 11, 2008, and fulfill certain conditions, will have the opportunity to receive a **plenary indulgence**. For more information, see the flyers

available in the pamphlet carousel in the gathering space of church, or visit www.adw.org/prayer/lourdes150.asp.

The **Maryland Catholic Conference**, the public policy arm of the Church in the state of Maryland, has launched a redesign of its website, www.mdccathcon.org. The updated site features expanded educational and interactive materials about public policy issues in marriage, immigration, poverty, stem cell research and Catholic schools. The site is also home to the Legislative Action Center, an online tool that easily connects Marylanders with their lawmakers. The regular session of the Maryland General Assembly begins January 9, 2008, and runs through April 2008.

Stewardship

Our Joyful Return to the Lord

Today we remember the three wise men from the East who came to pay homage to the infant Jesus, bringing Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

The gifts we bring—our time, service, and some share of what we earn for the work we do—are equally precious in His sight.

Offertory for December 23, 2007

284 Envelopes	\$18,104.00
Loose	\$ 2,748.00
Total	\$20,852.00

The second collection this weekend, January 5/6, is our monthly collection to **help with the repair and maintenance of our parish facilities**. Current projects include gutter and downspout replacement, and new doors for the old main entrance of the church.

The second collection next weekend, January 12/13, will be the annual National Collection for the Black and Indian Missions. This collection has assisted missionaries, priests, sisters, catechists and devoted faithful working side-by-side in parishes and missions among the African American and Native American people, sharing the Gospel. Many churches and schools depend on the annual grants to continue their local programs and pastoral activities. Last year's collection provided support to some of the neediest people in 134 dioceses across the United States, from the inner cities of the rural South to the cold Alaskan wilderness. Please consider joining in the important work of evangelization by giving generously to this collection and bringing Christ's Gospel of love and redemption to people across our nation.

Thank you for your contributions of \$267 to Anchor Mental Health, and \$398 to our parish St. Vincent de Paul Society. The **Poor Box** next weekend, January 12/13, will benefit Montgomery County Right to Life.

The Maryland Catholic Conference is sponsoring a letter writing campaign to support state funding for crisis pregnancy centers, maternity homes and adoption agencies that do not provide abortions.

Programs that support women dealing with unplanned pregnancies are struggling to meet the demand, and they are not supported with the kind of state funding that goes to abortion and family-service clinics. Help from the state would allow crisis pregnancy centers to serve more women.

St. Jane de Chantal Parish will participate in this campaign which will take place after all Masses during the weekend of January 12/13, 2008.

You can participate in this campaign by simply signing a letter to your Maryland representative which urges the support of a bill to establish and fund a program that assists pregnant women in need.

There will be sign-up tables at each of the Masses during that weekend.

It will only take a few minutes of your time to support a very worthy cause.

For more information on the program, contact Nancy Paltell, MCC associate director for respect for life, at 410-269-1155 or 301-261-1979, or visit www.realalternatives.org, a model pregnancy and parenting support services program funded by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.