



PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, February 10 - Saturday, February 16, 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	DCYM, 6 am, SOME. Donut Social, after 8 & 10 Masses, CH. FOOT, 10 am, SC.
Monday	Eucharistic Adoration, all day, C. Grade 5 Jr Girl Scouts, 3 pm, NMR. YM Faith Formation, 7 pm, SC. Marriage Preparation, 7:30 pm, SC. Holy Hour, 7:30 pm, C.
Tuesday	Eucharistic Adoration, all day, C. Grade 2 Brownies, 3 pm, NMR. Adult Ed History Course, 7 pm, SC. Holy Hour, 7:30 pm, C.
Wednesday	Eucharistic Adoration, all day, C. Parents' Exchange, 10 am, SC. Closing Mass, 7:30 pm, C.
Thursday	Grade 4 Jr Girl Scouts, 3 pm, NMR. Boy Scout Troop 461, 7 pm, DCR. CYO Board, 7:30 pm, SMR.
Friday	Stations of the Cross, 7:30 pm, C.

MASS INTENTIONS

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Sunday	Parishioners, Nancy George/D, Susanne Mattheis/D, Rita Giblin/D.
Monday	Sr. Rose Elizabeth Breen, SC/D. Sr. Mary Donald Cusick, SC/L.
Tuesday	Maurice Collins/D, Grace Morgan/D.
Wednesday	Nellie Lide/D, Jack Cunningham/L, Martin Pomphrey/D.
Thursday	Nellie Lide/D, Kay Brown/D.
Friday	Dodwell Soyza/D, Ray Klecker/D.
Saturday	Philip McClean/D, James Stofko/D.

READINGS for February 17, 2008

Reading I	Genesis 12:1-4a
Reading II	2 Timothy 1:8b-10
Gospel	Matthew 17:1-9

CELEBRANTS for February 17, 2008

5:00 pm (Vigil)	Father Kastenholz
8:00 am	Father Kastenholz
10:00 am	Monsignor Essex
12:00 pm	Monsignor Essex
5:00 pm	Father Helwig

LENT IN OUR PARISH

This Lenten season, each Catholic parish in the Archdiocese of Washington will have **the opportunity for confessions** every Wednesday evening from 6:30-8:00 pm. If you have been reluctant to come to the sacrament, have been away for some time or just found it difficult to get to a Saturday afternoon confession time, this is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with Christ and His Church. At St. Jane's on February 13, because of Solemn Eucharistic Adoration, the hours will be 6:30-7:20 pm.

The public celebration of the **Way of the Cross** will be held on the following Fridays: February 15, 22, 29 and March 7 and 14. All will take place in the church at 7:30 pm.

You and your family are invited to the 6th Annual **Family Lent Night** on Friday, February 29, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, in Caulfield Hall. Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm, followed by a simple teaching and craft focusing on a Lenten theme. The evening will close with Stations of the Cross, presented in a shadowed tableau, at 7:30 pm, in church. The cost for the evening is \$25.00/family. Registration forms can be found in the Gathering Space of church, or call the Seton Center at 301-530-1640.

As part of our faith community's Lenten observance, we are participating in **Operation Rice Bowl**. Operation Rice Bowl is the Lenten solidarity program of Catholic Relief Services, the official international relief and development agency of the U.S. Catholic community. Most of us have clean water whenever we want it. *Ciro* didn't have this experience. He and his neighbors in rural Guatemala had to carry water for miles to meet their village's needs. With the help of Catholic Relief Services, they were able to construct a water supply system. Disease abated as new sanitation made their village a healthier place to live. God formed *Ciro*, his neighbors and all of us and infused us with the breath of life. Your involvement in Operation Rice Bowl will help sustain that life, in ways as simple as making clean water accessible. CRS strives to be a responsible steward of creation while pursuing sustainable development. Dirty water, deforestation and pollution don't contribute to a healthier future. Individual rice bowls are available in the Gathering Space. Please take one home.

All Fridays of Lent are **days of abstinence** (no meat for those age 14 and above). Good Friday is also a day of fast (only one full meal for those age 18-59). On weekdays during Lent, there is no obligation to fast, however, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended.

The **Seton Center Library** is open 9:30 am to 12:00 noon on Sundays. It can be visited anytime during the week, just call 301-530-1640 or 610-324-0964 to be certain it is open. The season of Lent is just around the corner and the library contains many books and videos that can add to your Lenten preparation. A few videos: *The Story Behind the Cross; Pardon and Peace; God's Love, Forgiveness and Healing; The Passion of Christ*. A few books: *The Wounded Healer;*

Mornings with Thomas Merton; Guilt and the Christian; Open Mind, Open Heart; and Centering Prayer.

IN OUR PARISH

All parishioners are invited to **share coffee, donuts, and friendship** after the 8:00 am and 10:00 am Masses this Sunday, February 10. 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 next **Parents Exchange** meeting will be held this Wednesday, February 13, from 10:00-11:00 am, in the lower level of the Seton Center. They will talk about St. Valentine, and will make "Sweetheart" refrigerator magnets for St. Valentine's Day. If you would like to join them for Eucharistic Adoration, meet at 9:00 am in the cry room of church; they will pray in church from 9:00-10:00 am. For more information, call Mary Hornyak at 301-897-2992.

The District Superior of the Sisters of St. Paul of Chartres has announced the **transfer of Sr. Martha** Trinh, SPC. Sr. Martha has served us as the receptionist in the parish office for the past three years. St. Martha's last day will be February 25; she will then leave for Escanaba, Michigan where she will be a vocation director and serve in the nursing home staffed by her community. We offer Sister our thanks and our prayers. Her mailing address will be: Bishop Noa Home Convent, 2920 Third Avenue, South, Escanaba, Michigan 49829.

The St. Jane de Chantal Sodality invites you to its annual **Spring Fashion Show and Luncheon**, Saturday, March 1, at noon, at Columbia Country Club. There will be the latest styles from *Tickled Pink*, raffles, door prizes, delicious food, and fellowship. Respond by February 22 by sending your check and reservation form (available in the Gathering Space of church) to Jeanie Blomquist, 8033 Herb Farm Drive, Bethesda, Maryland 20817 (301-469-8033). Cost is \$40 per person; \$50 includes your patron donation (includes 2 complimentary raffle tickets and recognition in the program). Contact Tracy McCabe (301-913-9224, bcnova91@verizon.net) or Eileen Dimond (301-493-4012, epdimond@verizon.net) with any questions.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

. . . **those who are sick**, especially Ray Timm, Helen White, leisa Ketchum, Isabelle Fitzpatrick, Karen Fisher, John Pekar, Georgia Kolf, Mary Jane Kelly, and all those in our nursing homes and hospitals.

PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The Pastoral Council advises and assists the pastor in achieving the goals of the parish. This includes: developing and recommending parish policies; striving to represent the needs and views of parishioners as a whole; coordinating activities among the parish organizations; and, performing

other tasks to promote the mission and overall good of the parish.

The Pastoral Council does not implement programs which are the responsibility of the parish staff or parish organizations, but instead addresses issues that fall outside their purview. Some current matters in which the Pastoral Council is involved include: assisting in social justice initiatives; enhancing communication of parish activities and needs through a variety of outlets; planning for upcoming parish celebrations (such as the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner); and, supporting supplemental youth ministry programs.

The Pastoral Council consists of 15 members, five of whom are elected each year for three-year terms. It also includes the School Principal, the Director of Faith Formation, and the heads or representatives of the Sodality, Finance Council, Home and School Association, School Board, and CYO. Elections will be held during April to select five council members for a term running from May 2008 until May 2011.

If you are 18 years of age or older and interested in serving the parish as a member of the council, or if you wish to nominate a fellow parishioner who meets these criteria, please complete the nomination form below and return it to the parish office by 6:00 pm, Monday, March 31. For more information, call the Pastoral Council President Ken Clansky (301-564-4071) or Matthew Martin (301-502-1017). If you wish to observe the Pastoral Council in action on Thursday, March 13, please contact Ken Clansky in advance.

PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Education _____

Experience _____

Nominated by _____

The candidate is asked to indicate a willingness to serve if elected.

Signature of candidate _____

You must include a recent photo of the candidate.

IN OUR FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

Would you like to learn more about your Faith? Come and join us on Thursdays, at 9:00 am, in the Seton Center, to

discuss different aspects of our faith. Topics include: February 14 — *Sacraments of Healing*, and February 21 — *Sacraments of Service*. For more information contact Sr. Sally at 301-530-1640 or sister.sally@stjanedechantal.org.

IN OUR SCHOOL

On Sunday, January 27, Mr. Russell and Mrs. Theim took an 8th grade team to the **Academic Challenge** sponsored by DeMatha High School. The "It's Academic" format consisted of five games including three rounds each. The De Chantal team of Cait Duggan, Jack O'Neill, Alex Rogalski, and Athenais Lapeyre competed against teams from across the Archdiocese in categories ranging from math, science, geography, religion, history, mythology and spelling to pop culture. Results were announced at the end of the competition and our team received 2nd Runner-Up honors.

Twelve teams, totaling 60 students from grades 4-8, are participating in the **Stock Market Game**. The Stock Market Game offers students the chance to invest a hypothetical \$100,000.00, striving to create the best performing stock portfolio. In building a portfolio, students research and evaluate stocks, and make savvy investor decisions based on what they have learned. Our teams will be competing against teams from elementary and high school throughout the Maryland, Washington, D.C. region.

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 current **Theology on Tap** "six pack" will be held Tuesdays, through March 11, at Ireland's Four Fields, 4312 Connecticut Avenue in Northwest Washington (1 1/2 blocks from Cleveland Park Metro, Red Line). The evening begins with a "happy half-hour" at 7:00 pm, followed by a short reflection on a particular aspect of Catholic life. The theme for this six-pack is "Fight the Good Fight." The February 12 topic is "Fighting for One's Faith in a Secular World." The speaker is Fr. Bill Byrne, the pastor of St. Peter's Church on Capitol Hill. Join Archbishop Donald Wuerl on February 19 for a talk on the papacy, "Who is Peter?" Must be 21 or older. No RSVP required. For more information, call 301-853-4559 or email yam@adw.org.

The faithful of the Archdiocese of Washington are invited to commemorate the **150th Jubilee of the Apparition of Our Lady of Lourdes**, with Solemn Liturgy for the World Day of the Sick, Monday, February 11, at 11:00 am, at the Basilica of the National Shrine. The sacrament of the anointing of the sick will be administered during the Solemn Liturgy to those who are eligible. To be eligible to receive the sacrament, a person must be "seriously impaired by sickness or old age" or "before surgery whenever a serious illness is the reason for the surgery." (cf. *Pastoral Care of the Sick*, 8-12). Sponsored by the Basilica and the Knights of Malta. For more information,

call 202-526-8300. 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, 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's (MCC) annual "**Lobby Night in Annapolis**" will be held on Presidents' Day, February 18. To learn more about Lobby Night and to register, go to <http://mdcathcon.org> or call Chris Santo of MCC at 301-261-1979. The Archdiocese will arrange bus transportation for Lobby Night for persons in Montgomery County. To register for bus transportation, contact Helen Douglas at hdouglas@adw.org or 301-853-4547. Questions? Contact Larry Couch, Archdiocesan Office of Social Concerns, at lcouch@adw.org or 301-853-6343.

Separated and Divorced Catholics (SDC) of the Archdiocese of Washington will meet Sunday February 24, at 7:30 pm, at St. Elizabeth's Church, 917 Montrose Road in Rockville. Dr. David Rose will speak on relationships. For more information, call Jackie at 301-515-3273.

Stewardship

Our Joyful Return to the Lord

*In the first reading, Isaiah urges us
in the name of the Lord to feed the hungry,
shelter the homeless, and clothe the naked.
If we do so, he assures us, the Lord will hear
and answer our cries for help in time of need.*

Offertory for February 3, 2008

381 Envelopes	\$17,408.00
Loose	\$ 2,109.00
Total	\$19,517.00
Attendance	2573

The second collection next weekend, February 16/17, is the annual **Collection to Aid the Church in Central and Eastern Europe**. Your generous donation will support seminaries, social service programs, youth ministry, pastoral centers, schools, church construction and renovation, and the spreading of the Gospel message through the mass media. In all, this collection directly assists the Church in 28 countries, including Belarus, Russia, Kazakhstan and Moldova.

Thank you for your contributions of \$696.00 to Msgr. Christopher Scholarship Fund. The **Poor Box** next weekend, February 16/17, will benefit Bethesda Helps, which provides food, transportation, clothing referrals, emergency financial assistance, and information on other county resources to residents of greater Bethesda.

**SOLEMN EUCHARISTIC ADORATION (40 HOURS)
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.

There will be several opportunities for public prayer during the day, such as recitation of the rosary and Midday Prayer.

Monday, February 11, at 7:30 pm, sung Evening Prayer

Tuesday, February 12, at 7:30 pm, Holy Hour for Peace

Wednesday, February 13, at 7:30 pm, Votive Mass for the Holy Eucharist and a Eucharistic Procession with the Blessed Sacrament throughout the church.

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 is a poster board in the Gathering Space for individuals to sign up to be in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament at all times during those three days. 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.

