



PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, February 17 - Saturday, February 23, 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	Triduum Choir, 11 am, CH. Rite of Sending, 12 nn, C. Contemporary Ensemble, 4:15 pm, CH.
Monday	Presidents' Day. 8 am Mass only. The parish office is closed. YM Faith Formation, 7 pm, SC.
Tuesday	Gr 1 Daisies & Gr 2 Brownies, 3 pm, NMR/DCR. Grs K-6 Faith Formation, 4:15 pm, SCH. Grs 7 & 8 Faith Formation, 7 pm, SCH. 1st Eucharist Parents, 7 pm, CH. Adult Ed History Course, 7 pm, SC. Holy Hour, 7:30 pm, C.
Wednesday	Pack 461 D & B Corps, 7 pm, DCR. Evangelization Outreach, 7:15 pm, SC. St. Vincent de Paul, 7:30 pm, CH. Sodality Board, 7:45 pm, SMR. Contemporary Ensemble, 8 pm, C.
Thursday	Grade 6 Jr Girl Scouts, 3 pm, NMR. 1st Eucharist Parents, 7 pm, CH. Boy Scout Troop 461, 7 pm, DCR. Pastoral Council, 7:30 pm, SMR. Adult Choir, 8 pm, C.
Friday	Cub Scout Pack 461, 6:30 pm, DCR. Stations of the Cross, 7:30 pm, C.
Saturday	SPRED, 9 am, SC. RCIA Retreat, 9:30 am, SC.

MASS INTENTIONS

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Sunday	Parishioners, Ellen Egan/D, Susanne Matthies/D, Paul Peternell/D.
Monday	Romesha Soyza/D.
Tuesday	Brian Lyons/D, Charles Edwards/D.
Wednesday	Francis Naughten/D, Earl Bernard/D.
Thursday	Sr. Rose Elizabeth Breen, SC/D, Raymond Klecker/D.
Friday	George Peattie/D, Raymond Klecker/D.
Saturday	Anne-Diane LaFonta/D, Frances Lamb/D.

READINGS for February 24, 2008

Reading I	Exodus 17:3-7
Reading II	Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
Gospel	John 4:5-42

CELEBRANTS for February 24, 2008

5:00 pm (Vigil)	Father Alves
8:00 am	Father Alves
10:00 am	Father Kastenholz
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. (Saturday confessions at St. Jane are from 3:45-4:45 pm.)

The public celebration of the **Way of the Cross** will be held on the following Fridays: February 22 and 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. A small influx of resources can make a big difference. Hamsatou Tangare in Mali, a country in West Africa, couldn't earn enough as a tailor to support her family. With a small loan from Catholic Relief Services, she expanded her business and could ultimately purchase school supplies for her children. CRS microfinance projects work with a group dynamic—Hamsatou meets regularly with thirty other women in her village to ensure accountability and help one another during emergencies. St. Paul tells us to "bear your hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God." Hamsatou and her neighbors are bearing it together. By praying and giving with Operation Rice Bowl, you too are shouldering their burden and expressing a profound message of solidarity. Initiatives like microfinancing will someday lighten the burden of African poverty.

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.

IN OUR PARISH

This Sunday, February 17, at the noon Mass, participants in the **RCIA** program will take part in the Rite of Sending. The Church formally ratifies the readiness of catechumens and candidates for the sacraments of initiation, and they, in turn, express their will to receive these sacraments. At the conclusion of the rite, they will be sent to the Basilica of the

National Shrine, where they will be welcomed by Archbishop Wuerl, who will express the Church's approval of their commitment. The Elect will then celebrate the three scrutinies at our noon Mass on February 24, March 2 and March 9. These rites take place after the homily and are intended for self-searching and repentance. The scrutinies are powerful rituals that remind the Elect, as well as us, of the need for healing and reconciliation. We ask your prayers for the Elect, that they may receive new strength in their spiritual journey and open their hearts to the gifts of the Savior.

This **Monday, February 18, is Presidents' Day**, a federal holiday. The only Mass at St. Jane will be celebrated at 8:00 am. The parish office will be closed.

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.

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, Connie Lynch, and all those in our nursing homes and hospitals.

. . . **those who have died**, especially Robert Poch.

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 21 — *Sacraments of Service*. For more information contact Sr. Sally at 301-530-1640 or sister.sally@stjanedechantal.org.

IN OUR SCHOOL

Our **school Gala, March Madness**, is Saturday, March 8. Money raised from ticket sales and from the live and silent auctions will help replace the gym floor in Christopher Hall, and will go toward other school needs. Parishioners and alumni are welcome to come spend an evening with friends old and new. Look forward to fabulous food, drink, and a chance to win some wonderful auction items. Tickets are \$50. If you would like to attend, email Jenny Graham at jennifer9598@earthlink.net.

Our first *Pennies from Heaven Day* for **Operation Smile** was held on February 5. The containers were overflowing with

pennies, dimes, quarters and paper money. We can't wait to get the tally from the bank in two to three weeks. We'll let you know the results. This year, our goal is to change the lives of five children, bringing our grand total of smiles to 50 over the last ten years. Each smile costs \$750. If we reach our goal, we will have gathered \$37,500.00 over the past decade. That is truly something to smile about! Operation Smile is an organization devoted to restoring hope and dignity to needy children who were born with facial disfigurements. Anytime you have loose change you'd like to donate, please bring it to the school. We'll have a money jar waiting for you.

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 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. Questions? Contact Larry Couch, Archdiocesan Office of Social Concerns, at lcouch@adw.org or 301-853-6343.

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." 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.

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.

Archbishop Timothy Broglio, the new Archbishop for the Military Services, will give a free lecture on **Hope and Love Through the Eyes of Benedict XVI**, Thursday, February 28, at 6:30 pm, at the Cathedral of St. Matthew, the Apostle, 1725 Rhode Island Avenue, in Northwest Washington. Street and garage parking, and Farragut North Metro.

Washington Archbishop Donald W. Wuerl will speak on **The Role of Peter in the Church Today**, Sunday, March 9, at 3:00 pm, at the Church of the Little Flower, in Bethesda. Ample free parking. For more information, call 301-320-4538.

All are invited to come out for a great day of family fun and basketball at the Verizon Center on Sunday, March 2, starting at 1:30 pm. Come cheer on **DC 'Hood** (Washington priests and seminarians) as they battle Men in Black (Baltimore priests and seminarians) in a basketball game. The game

promotes vocations to the priesthood. Proceeds from ticket sales benefit the Office of Youth Ministry/CYO of the Archdiocese of Washington. The ticket price includes both the DC 'Hood game and the Wizards-Hornets game that night at 6:00 pm.

Living With Loss is a seven week program that will offer personal support, practical ideas and a spiritual perspective to help you move through the bereavement process. Spring session begins Thursday, March 6, at 7:30 pm, at St. Raphael Church in Rockville. Open to all, 18 and older. No fee, just a commitment to attend. To register, call Ursula Boesch (301-762-7134) or Caroline Huard (301-881-7456) or email livingwithloss@gmail.com.

Stewardship

Our Joyful Return to the Lord

*"Bear your share of the hardship for the Gospel,"
St. Paul tells Timothy in today's second reading.*

*What sacrifice is asked of me
for the sake of the Gospel?*

How willing am I to bear my share?

Offertory for February 10, 2008

389 Envelopes	\$14,036.00
Loose	\$ 3,327.00
Total	\$17,363.00
Attendance	2524

The second collection this 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.

If you have already made a gift or pledge to the annual **Archbishop's Appeal**, thank you. If you have not, please be generous and respond to Archbishop Wuerl's appeal to help our less fortunate brothers and sisters. Pledge forms are available in the pamphlet carousel in the gathering space in church. Gifts and pledges can be mailed to: Archdiocese of Washington, PO Box 98076, Washington, DC 20090-8076.

Thank you for your contributions of \$316.00 to Interfaith Works (formerly Community Ministries of Montgomery County). The **Poor Box** next weekend, February 23/24, will benefit our parish St. Vincent de Paul Society, which provides emergency financial and other assistance to parishioners and parish neighbors in need.



ST. JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL SODALITY FASHION SHOW & LUNCHEON

Saturday, March 1 • 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm • Columbia Country Club
7900 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD • Valet parking available

Number of tickets @ \$40.00 each: _____

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

Your Name: _____

Name(s) of your guest(s): _____

Seating Request: _____

RSVP by February 22 by sending this form and your check (made payable to "de Chantal Sodality") to:
Jeanie Blomquist, 8033 Herb Farm Drive, Bethesda, MD 20817 (301-469-8033)

Contact Tracy McCabe (301-913-9224, bcnova91@verizon.net)
or Eileen Dimond (301-493-4012, epdimond@verizon.net) with any questions.