



PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, February 24 - Saturday, March 1, 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. Triduum Choir, 11 am, CH. RCIA 1st Scrutiny, 12 nn, C. Contemporary Ensemble, 4:15 pm, CH.
Monday	Gr 5 Jr Girl Scouts, 3 pm, NMR. Cantors, 5:30 pm, C. YM Faith Formation, 7 pm, SC/C. Marriage Preparation, 7:30 pm, SC.
Tuesday	Gr 2 Brownies, 3 pm, DCR. Grs K-6 Faith Formation, 4:15 pm, SCH. Grs 7 & 8 Faith Formation, 7 pm, SCH/C. Confirmation Parents, 7 pm, CH. Adult Ed History Course, 7 pm, SC.
Wednesday	Contemporary Ensemble, 8 pm, C.
Thursday	Grade 4 Jr Girl Scouts, 3 pm, NMR. Confirmation Parents, 7 pm, CH. Boy Scout Troop 461, 7 pm, DCR. Adult Choir, 8 pm, C.
Friday	Family Lent Night, 6 pm, CH. Stations of the Cross, 7:30 pm, C.
Saturday	SPRED Mass, 9:15 am, C. RCIA, 9:30 am, SC.

MASS INTENTIONS

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Sunday	Parishioners, John Baumgartner, Jr./D, Brian Gray/D, Sr. Rose Elizabeth Breen, SC/D.
Monday	Alice Walters/D, John Heneghan/D.
Tuesday	Edgardo Bunuan/D, Maureen Boland/L.
Wednesday	Elizabeth King/D, Alan Manfuso/D.
Thursday	Claire Gilligan/D, Alan Manguso/D.
Friday	Elizabeth King/D, Nancy George/D.
Saturday	Rosalie Somian/D. Lawrence Bailey/D.

READINGS for March 2, 2008

Reading I 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
Reading II Ephesians 5:8-14
Gospel John 9:1-41

CELEBRANTS for March 2, 2008

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

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 29 (led by Grade 7 Faith Formation), and March 7 and 14 (led by Youth Ministry). 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. Jesus guides the Samaritan woman to a greater appreciation of the Truth—Himself. At Mass today, the homilist gave you greater insight into Scripture's message. Education is key to our lives, regardless of our age. Pailash, a young Indian boy stricken with polio, didn't have access to education. He survived by selling newspapers and slept in fear of being robbed. Finally he found safety and opportunity in a Kolkata school for orphans supported by Catholic Relief Services. Today, he eats regular meals, enjoys studying math, and is preparing to learn a useful trade. A fundamental option for the poor is a central tenet of the Church's teachings and mission. CRS helps to expand educational opportunities worldwide, giving new hope to the poor. Your participation in Operation Rice Bowl will make the dreams of young people like Pailash achievable.

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

The Elect, **those who are preparing for entrance into the Church** at Easter, will 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.

Last call for reservations for the annual **Sodality Fashion Show and Luncheon**, next Saturday, March 1, at 12:00 noon, at Columbia Country Club. Call Jeanie Blomquist (301-469-8033) for reservations, and send your check (made out to St. Jane Sodality) to: 8033 Herb Farm Drive, Bethesda, Maryland 20817. The cost is \$40 per person.

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, Robert LeBlanc, and all those in our nursing homes and hospitals.

. . . **those who have died**, especially Bert Ferguson.

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 on the last page of the bulletin 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.

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.

Joey Walsh and the Duggan family represented De Chantal at a recent meeting of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Winner of this year's **DAR Essay Contest**, "Espionage During the Revolutionary War", Joey read his award-winning entry, which impressed everyone in the audience. He received a certificate and medal. Cait Duggan's essay has been selected from all of the DAR chapters throughout the state of Maryland to go forward to the regional competition. She will be honored at a luncheon in March.

Lots of pink, red, and white hearts were floating around the **third grade** during the past weeks! The children were busy making valentines for the men and women who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan, and are now recovering from their injuries at Walter Reed Hospital. Thanks to all our American heroes!

The students of De Chantal School have been working very hard on their **Science Fair** projects. The 7th and 8th grade students presented their individual projects to a panel of judges on Friday, February 22, and qualifying students were called back to defend their thesis' to expert judges on Saturday. The entire schools' science fair projects are on display after all Masses this Sunday, February 24 in Christopher Hall. Congratulations to all our young scientists!

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.

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.

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 26 topic is "Fighting Distraction, Boredom & Indifference." The speaker is Rob Maro, director of religious education at Blessed

Sacrament parish in Washington, DC. Must be 21 or older. No RSVP required. For more information, call 301-853-4559 or email yam@adw.org.

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.

The Federal Association of the Order of Malta cordially invites the sick, disabled and elderly of the Washington metropolitan area to a **Lourdes Anointing Mass**, Saturday, March 1, at 10:00 am, at Our Lady of Mercy Church in Potomac. There will be an anointing with Lourdes water and a special blessing for the sick, disabled and elderly in attendance. Family, friends and caregivers are also invited. A light luncheon will be offered to everyone after Mass in the parish hall. There is no charge. Members of the Order of Malta will be present to help people throughout the morning. The church is handicapped accessible and there is plenty of free parking. Those wishing to attend are asked to contact Michele Bowe at 301-951-6427 or michelebowe48@yahoo.com by February 25.

All health care workers are invited to attend the 17th annual John Carroll Society **Rose Mass and Luncheon**, Sunday, March 2, at Church of the Little Flower. Mass begins at 10:30 am. Brunch in the parish hall following Mass. The Principal Celebrant will be Archbishop Wuerl; the Homilist will be Bishop William Lori, Bishop of Bridgeport, Connecticut; the luncheon speaker will be Stephen Ray Mitchell, M.D., Dean of Georgetown University's School of Medicine. Church of the Little Flower is located at 5607 Massachusetts Avenue in Bethesda. Park next door to the parish at Westland Middle School. For more information and brunch reservations, contact Connie Mitchell at johncarrollsociety@hotmail.com or 301-229-1171.

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 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.

The Knights of Columbus, Rock Creek Council 2797, will hold

its annual **St. Patrick's Day Dance** on Saturday, March 15, from 8:00 pm to 12:00 midnight, at 5417 West Cedar Lane, Bethesda (across the NIH). Cost is \$35 per person. Traditional Irish fare. Music by the Continentals. For reservations, call Vince Bunag (301-949-6693) or Neil Dorian (301-977-3840). Mail check (payable to Rock Creek Council 2797) to 13105 Magellan Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland 20853.

Stewardship

Our Joyful Return to the Lord

*When Jesus asked the Samaritan woman
for a drink of water, He opened the door
for a life-changing relationship with Him.*

*Scripture says her testimony
drew many others to Him as well.*

*We, too, must be ready to respond whenever
and wherever the Lord speaks to us
and be prepared for it to change our lives!*

Offertory for February 17, 2008

328 Envelopes	\$12,457.00
Loose	\$ 2,472.00
Total	\$14,929.00
Attendance	2388

Thank you for your contributions of \$26,278 to the offertory collection through **Faith Direct** for the month of February. 38% of our regular contributors are currently contributing to the offertory and second collections through **Faith Direct**. Once a month your contributions to the collections you designate are either debited from your bank account or charged to your credit card (your choice). For more information on **Faith Direct**, or to enroll, visit www.faithdirect.net (our parish code is MD30) or call 866-507-8757 (toll free).

The second collection next weekend, March 1/2, is our monthly collection to **help with the repair and maintenance of our parish facilities**. Upcoming projects include directional signs throughout the property and new tables for the multipurpose building.

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 \$200.00 to Bethesda Cares. The **Poor Box** next weekend, March 1/2, will benefit the Monsignor Christopher Fund, which provides need-based scholarships to our parish school. Due to your generosity, 11 families who want a Catholic education are receiving assistance this school year.

PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Education _____

Experience _____

Nominated by _____

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

Signature of candidate _____

****You must include a recent photo of the candidate.****