



PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, April 20 - Saturday, April 26, 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

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| Sunday | FOOT, 10 am, SC. Concert Series, 2 pm, C. Contemporary Ensemble, 4:15 pm, CH. |
| Monday | Gr 7 Cadette Girl Scouts, 3 pm, NMR. Cantors, 5:30 pm, C. Youth Ministry Faith Formation, 7 pm, SC. Marriage Preparation, 7:30 pm, SC. |
| Tuesday | Priestly Luncheon, 11 am, CH. Gr 2 Brownies, 3 pm, DCR. Grs K-6 Faith Formation, 4:15 pm, SCH/C. Gr 7-8 Faith Formation, 7 pm, SC. |
| Wednesday | School Endowment Board, 7 pm, RBR. ADW Justice & Advocacy Council, 7:30 pm, SMR. Finance Council, 7:45 pm, RBR. Contemporary Ensemble, 8 pm, C. |
| Thursday | Lunch with Sr. Sally, 11 am, CH. Gr 4 Jr Girl Scouts, 3 pm, NMR. Boy Scout Troop 461, 7 pm, DCR. School Board, 7:30 pm, SMR. Adult Choir, 8 pm, C. |
| Saturday | SPRED, 9 am, SC. RCIA, 9:30 am, SC. |

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Sunday | Parishioners, Sesso Family, Edward Delaney, Richard & Evelyn Lutz/D. |
| Monday | Edith Biggs/D, Maureen Boland/L. |
| Tuesday | Robert Poch/D, John Heneghan/D. |
| Wednesday | Joseph Schlageter, Kathleen Lawton/D. |
| Thursday | Raymond Klecker/D, June Durkin/D. |
| Friday | Alice Walters/D, Roger Hassett/D. |
| Saturday | Catherine Kelly/D, Catherine Kelly/D. |

READINGS for April 27, 2008

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| Reading I | Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 |
| Reading II | 1 Peter 3:15-18 |
| Gospel | John 14:15-21 |

CELEBRANTS for April 27, 2008

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

IN OUR PARISH

From the **Little Sisters of the Poor**: "We want to express our deepest gratitude for the touching and splendid response we received at our visitation to St. Jane Frances de Chantal the weekend of April 12/13. Blessed Jeanne Jugan, our foundress and first Little Sister, would always say . . . 'If God is with us, it will be accomplished.' God truly manifested His goodness to us through your generous gifts totaling \$7,930. We have already turned to our Heavenly Father in a prayer of gratitude, asking Him to bless you for your sacrificial giving, enabling us to continue our much needed mission to the elderly poor of the Archdiocese of Washington. Please pray for vocations. God Bless You!"

Come **hear the delectable voices of Seraphim** as they perform music of the 1940's in a style similar to the Andrew sisters. Join us as we remember our men and women serving in the armed forces around the world. Invite your family and friends, especially Veterans, to this great concert. The concert is Sunday, April 20, at 2:00 pm in the church. There is no admission charge, but a free-will offering will be taken up during the concert. A reception will follow in Caulfield Hall.

The Meaning of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist will be explained by Bro. Thomas Petri, O.P., at the parish enquiry meeting Tuesday, April 22, at 7:00 pm, in the Scanlan Meeting Room. All are welcome to attend.

A long-time **CYO coach, Carl Wilkerson**, is being honored by the Catholic Business Network for his contributions to youth athletics. The luncheon will be held at Georgetown Prep, April 24, at 12:00 noon. Call Bob Sweredoski at 301-468-5600 if you would like to attend. Please congratulate Carl on this prestigious award.

St. Jane de Chantal CYO is once again sponsoring co-educational, intramural **T-ball for 1st and 2nd graders**. Games will take place at De Chantal on the side field on Friday evenings at 6:30 pm on May 2, May 16, May 30, and June 6. Emphasis will be on instruction, fun and a family atmosphere including hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, cookies, and sodas on sale. Uniforms will be provided. All De Chantal students and children of parishioners are welcome. Participation fee is \$30.00. Coaches, cooks, and spectators are also welcome. Please contact John Goetcheus at JGOETCH@AOL.COM or 301-493-4255 if you are interested.

Interested in expanding or strengthening social outreach ministries at our parish? The Archdiocese of Washington Department for Social Concerns is sponsoring an introductory workshop on the **JustFaith social ministry formation program** on May 3, 8:45 am-1:00 pm, here at St. Jane de Chantal Parish. Cost is \$10 per participant; St. Jane will cover the cost of any parishioners who wish to attend. For more information and to register, contact Anthony Bosnick, Coordinator for Parish Social Ministry, at 301-853-5340 or abosnick@adw.org.

Calling all Gardeners! Shovels at the ready! Spring has arrived at long last, and it is time once again for the annual St. Jane de Chantal Sodality Guild's **Plant Sale**, Saturday and Sunday, May 3 and 4. There will be an exciting array of new plants and old favorites, including a variety of new herbs and perennials, everyone's favorite hanging baskets, summer blooming bulbs, a beautiful selection of bedding annuals, and vegetables for the gardening cooks. They will also be selling a special item, Mother's Day potted plants. Each pot will be a unique design, hand-painted by members of the Junior Sodality! All plants will be available for purchase Friday, May 2, at carpool, until 2 pm, and Saturday and Sunday, May 3 and 4, 8:00 am - 6:00 pm. Look for the tent in the plaza between the school and church. All proceeds benefit the charitable works of the St. Jane de Chantal Sodality Guild, including the Mary Garden. Questions? Contact Maureen Thomas at maureenthomas@verizon.net or 301-564-4245.

The Archdiocesan Department for Social Concerns will host a **gathering of social concerns ministers and volunteers** serving in parishes in Montgomery County, on Thursday, May 8, from 7:30-9:00 pm, in Caulfield Hall, here at St. Jane de Chantal. The gathering will include an opening prayer and time to share about your current activities and concerns. In addition, Jay Brown and others from Catholic Charities will be there to discuss how Catholic Charities can better help parishes meet the needs we see in Montgomery County.

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, Loretta Olson, Ted LeBlanc, Enoch Dillon, Blanche Renairi, and all those in our nursing homes and hospitals.

. . . **those who have died**, especially Margaret Davis.

IN OUR SCHOOL

Check out the St. Jane de Chantal School website at www.dechantal.org to get information on admissions, visit pages posted by the individual classrooms, and more.

Our school was given a great honor. **Jennifer Sharkey**, an 8th grader, was chosen to represent the children of the Archdiocese of Washington during the Holy Father's visit. She presented Pope Benedict XVI with a bag of food to represent all the food collected in the schools. Jennifer also gave him a birthday sticker that is routinely given to De Chantal school children on their birthday.

There are still a few **openings at St. Jane De Chantal School** for the 2008-2009 school year. Please call the school office at 301-530-1221 for more information.

St. Jane students raised \$11,353.25 for the American Heart Association through the **Hoops for Heart** program. Congratulations to the top fund-raiser, Katie Tehan, for raising

\$855. Thank you to all who made this a successful event, especially Junior Coordinators, Maddie Dawson, Mary Boland, Gen Giblin and Katie Tehan.

St. Jane de Chantal School hosted a **CSI cultural program**. At this program, the school learned about forensic science. Students were able to experiment with fingerprinting, invisible inks, and chemical reactions. They also learned that forensic scientists should work to protect innocent people rather than put them in jail with insufficient evidence.

Students in grades 3 through 8 will complete the **Presidential Physical Fitness testing** in physical education class during the month of April. Students will be tested in five areas of fitness to see how physically fit they are compared to students across the country.

The **varsity girls' lacrosse club** made a winning debut at the half-time of the UVA vs. Boston College women's lacrosse game on April 5. The girls took on Braddock Road Lacrosse Limited, beating them 2-0. They also competed in the Cherry Blossom Festival Lacrosse Tournament in Washington, DC on April 12, and at the Holy Child First Annual Lacrosse Tournament on April 19.

IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

Visit 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.

Post Cana, a support group for widowed people of all ages, is hosting a Spring Social on Sunday, April 20, from 1:30 to 5:30 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 9707 Rosensteel Avenue, Silver Spring. The event includes a catered luncheon with cash bar and dancing. Cost is \$25. For reservations, call Inda Padovano at 301-929-0841 or 301-655-0013.

Camp St. Charles, a boys and girls Catholic over-night summer camp, will hold an Open House Sunday, April 20 and Sunday, May 4. Fully accredited with the American Camp Association and certified by the State of Maryland, Camp St. Charles has been run by the Salvatorian Fathers and Brothers and Lay Salvatorians for over 56 years. The camp is located two hours from Washington, DC. For more information and directions, visit www.campstcharles.com or call 301-934-8799.

Separated and Divorced Catholics of the Archdiocese of Washington will meet Sunday, April 27, at 7:30 pm, at St. Elizabeth's Church in Rockville. Father Brian Sanderfoot, St. Elizabeth's Parochial Vicar and a canon lawyer, will speak on annulments. For more information, call Jackie at 301-515-3273, or visit website at www.rc.net/washington/sdc.

Saint Peter's School in Olney, Maryland celebrates its 50th anniversary this year. All alumni of Saint Peter's School are invited to attend a celebration and reunion picnic on Saturday, May 31. Register at alumni@stpetersolney.org to receive information about this event.

The annual **Jubilarian Celebration of Marriage** honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 50+ years will be held Sunday, June 8, at 2:00 pm, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Archbishop Wuerl will preside at the Mass. Personalized scrolls signed by Archbishop Wuerl will be distributed to couples following the ceremony. If you cannot attend, your scroll will be mailed to you. To make your reservation, call the parish office (301-530-1550) by Monday, April 21.

The *Catholic Standard* is sponsoring a **writing contest for all high school seniors** who attend a parish within the Archdiocese. Submit your essay on the topic: *The theme of Pope Benedict XVI's visit to Washington is "Christ Our Hope," What does this phrase mean to you as a young Catholic in 2008?* You will have the opportunity to win a \$2000 college scholarship and have your work published in the *Catholic Standard*. Entry forms are available in the pamphlet carousel in the gathering space of church. Entries must be postmarked by May 1.

Separated and Divorced Catholics of the Archdiocese of Washington will hold its Memorial Day weekend, May 23-25 at Loyola Retreat House in Faulkner, MD. The retreat master will be Fr. Joe Breighner. Total cost for the retreat is \$218.00. For information, call Patty at 301-231-9412 or the Loyola Retreat House at 301-870-351.

The Academy of the Holy Cross, a Catholic college preparatory high school for girls in Kensington, MD, is currently accepting applications for its inclusion program. This is a **non-diploma program for young women with developmental delays**. For more information, contact Margaret Billy at mbilly@academyoftheholycross.org.

St. Elizabeth Parish will sponsor an 11-day escorted **trip to the breathtaking country of Iceland**. Trip departs on September 22 and returns October 3. The brochure and registration form can be found at www.StElizabethChurchMD.org; click on 'Activities'. The cost per person of \$3,653 includes round trip airfare from BWI, motorcoach transportation, all accommodations, entrance fees and tours as outlined in brochure, an experienced program manager who will accompany the group, most meals, the air taxes and fuel surcharge. Specifics are outlined on the registration form and brochure. Get your deposit in right away as space is very limited. Iceland is being touted by the travel magazines as the one of the top new destinations for tourists!

The Archdiocese of Washington is forming this year's team to "Run for Vocations" at the **Marine Corps Marathon** on October 26. All levels of runners and walkers are welcome. This is a unique experience to get into the best shape of your life, meet new people, and support our seminarians. For more information and to register, contact Carol Flannery at cflannery@adw.org or 301-853-4584.

Alpha Omega Clinic and Consultation Services is a **Catholic outpatient mental healthcare clinic in Bethesda**. The staff

specializes in marriage counseling, children's academic and psychological assessments, and psychotherapy. For more information, visit www.aoccs.org, or call at 301-767-1733.

Stewardship

Our Joyful Return to the Lord

*"Those who have faith in Me will do the works I do, and far greater than these,"
Jesus tells His disciples. That's quite an assignment for us as Christian stewards!*

Offertory for April 13, 2008

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| 360 Envelopes | \$13,450.00 |
| Loose | \$ 2,976.00 |
| Total | \$16,426.00 |
| Attendance | 2667 |

The second collection next weekend, April 26/27, will benefit **Home Missions in the United States**. Home missions are places in America—Appalachia, the Deep South, Southwest, and the Rocky Mountain states—where the Catholic Church struggles just to keep parishes open and to educate people in the faith. Some dioceses are terribly short of priests, sisters and the money needed to fund parishes. Help protect and preserve our Catholic community here in the United States by responding generously to this appeal.

Thank you for your contributions of \$27,814 to the offertory collection through **Faith Direct** for the month of April. 36% 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).

St. Jane de Chantal Parish has received the first report on our goal for this year's **Archbishop's Appeal**. As of April 7, \$266,781 dollars have been given or pledged toward our goal of \$289,470. 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 \$143 to Mission of Mercy. The **Poor Box** next weekend, April 26/27, will benefit our parish St. Vincent de Paul Society, which provides emergency financial and other assistance to parishioners and parish neighbors in need.

Focus on Evangelization



Do you ever wish you could change a few things in your life?
The Easter Season is a great time to remind others and ourselves
that Christ intercedes for us.

On the morning of His resurrection, Christ told Mary Magdalene to
"Go to my brothers and tell them:

I am ascending to my Father and your Father,
to my God and your God!" (Jn 20:17)

St. Paul assures us that Christ sits at the right hand of God the Father
and "intercedes for us." (Rom. 8:34)

Ask Christ to intercede for you and effect change
in those areas of your life where you need change.

Invite others, especially those who are away from God
and the Church, to do the same.

Tell them that Christ has the power and the will to change lives
and is on our side. His resurrection power is able to do in and for us
far more than we can ask for or imagine.