



PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, January 10 - Saturday, January 16, 2010

C = Church CH = Caulfield Hall CGS = 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	Donut Social, 9 & 11 am, CH. FOOT, 10 am, SC.
Monday	Ladies of Charity, 9:30 am, SMR. Take down Christmas decorations, 12 nn, C. Cut Scout Pack 461, 5:30 pm, NMR. High School FF, 7 pm, SC. Liturgy Committee, 7:30 pm, RBR. Marriage Preparation, 7:30 pm, SC.
Tuesday	Grades K-5 FF, 4:15 pm, SCH/CH. Grades 6-8 FF, SC/SCH. Adult FF (History), 7 pm, SC. 1st Penance Parents, 7 pm, CH.
Wednesday	Parents' Exchange, 10 am, SC. Cantors, 6:30 pm, C. Evangelization Outreach, 7:15 pm, SC. St. Vincent de Paul, 7:30 pm, SMR. Contemporary Ensemble, 8 pm, C.
Thursday	1st Penance Parents, 9:15 am, CH. Boy Scout Troop 461, 7 pm, DCR. Cantors, 7:15 pm, C. School Board, 7:30 pm, SMR. Adult Choir, 8 pm, C.

MASS INTENTIONS

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Sunday	Parishioners, France Walton/D, Fr. Helwig/L, Jacqueline Ponsot/D.
Monday	Betty Haser/D, Guadalupe Giron/D.
Tuesday	Janet Kovalcik/D, Klara Dobriansky/D.
Wednesday	Cecil Casey/D, Jerry Donlon/D.
Thursday	Edward Sebastian/D, Constancia de Frias/D.
Friday	Diane Klocke/D, Dennis Murphy/L.
Saturday	Jack Drescher, Jr./D, Mark Ryan/D.

READINGS for January 17, 2010

Reading I	Isaiah 62:1-5
Reading II	1 Corinthians 12:4-11
Gospel	John 2:1-11

CELEBRANTS for January 17, 2010

5:00 pm (Vigil)	Father Alves
8:00 am	Monsignor Essex
10:00 am	Father Alves
12:00 nn	Father Nguyen
5:00 pm	Father McKay

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, January 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.

Volunteers are needed to help take down the Christmas decorations this Monday, January 11, starting at 12:00 noon. Thank you to all those who helped decorate the church for Christmas. Everything was beautiful.

The **Contemporary Ensemble** is in need of tenors, but all voice parts are welcome. Rehearsal are held Wednesdays from 8:00-9:30 pm in church. The choir sings for the Sunday 5:00 pm Mass, except for the second Sunday of each month. Requirements to join are to have a pleasant singing voice, and a regular commitment to attending rehearsals and Masses. To sign up, contact Henry Bauer, the Director, at 301-530-1550 or henry.bauer@stjanedechantal.org.

The **Adult Choir** is looking for more basses, but all voice parts are welcome. Rehearsals are held Thursdays from 8:00-0:00 pm in church. The choir sings for the Sunday 10:00 am Mass, except for the first Sunday of the month. Requirements to join are to have a pleasant singing voice, and a regular commitment to attending rehearsals and Masses. To sign up, contact Henry Bauer, the Director, at 301-530-1550 or henry.bauer@stjanedechantal.org.

The next scheduled meeting of the **Inquiry Group** will take place January 12, at 7:30 pm, in the Scanlan Meeting Room. Contact Deacon Chester Chen (240-994-2016) for more information.

Next Sunday, January 17, at 11:00 am, in Caulfield Hall, there will be a **visual presentation entitled: The Beauty of Faith Overview**. For centuries Christian art was a powerful means of communicating, expressing and spreading the Gospel. In this presentation, Dr. Jem Sullivan will reflect on the beauty of faith as it is expressed in works of Christian art. The audience is invited to consider how Christian art might once again serve to evangelize and form children, youth and adults in the visual culture in which we live today.

There will be a **Holy Hour**, followed by Benediction, on Thursday, January 21, at 6:30 pm, to pray for the success of the March for Life and an end to abortion.

Start the new year with a **weekend retreat for men** on January 22-24, 2010 at Dominican Retreat in McLean, Virginia. Rev. Bart Karwacki, OFM Conv, will be the retreat director, with the theme "Nothing can separate us from the love of God." For reservations or information, contact Steve Roth (301-530-0707) or the Retreat House (703-356-4253), or visit

www.dominicanretreat.org.

All parishioners are invited to participate in an Ecumenical Service in observance of the **Week of Christian Unity**, Sunday, January 24, at 2:00 pm, here, at St. Jane Church.

A **retreat for the women** of St. Jane de Chantal Parish will be held January 29-31, 2010, at Dominican Retreat in McLean, Virginia. Fr. Kevin Kennedy will be the director. The theme will be: "Nothing can separate us from the love of God." To register, or for more information, call Ann Roth (301-530-0707) or the retreat house (703-356-4243), or visit www.dominicanretreat.org. Space is limited, so register soon.

January 30, the night of the **school's biennial Gala and Auction**, Back in the Saddle Again, is fast-approaching! This year, tickets will be \$60 per person and include a buffet dinner, beverages, and a chance to ride a mechanical bull. We thank you for your many kind contributions to this event, and we want to remind you that we are still accepting donations for the Live and Silent Auctions. In addition there are still ad spaces and sponsorship opportunities available. Remember, the more that we underwrite before the event, the more that goes to the bottom line of purchasing a number of new SMART Boards for the special purpose classrooms, and contributing to the Monsignor Christopher Scholarship Fund for families that need financial help with tuition. For more information, visit our website, www.dechantalgala.com.

Come hear the delightful voices of *Seraphim*, a women's vocal ensemble, as they perform music of the Renaissance. Seraphim has performed as part of the Maryland Renaissance Festival and at the White House and Constitution Hall. This concert is part of our **Concert and Arts Series**. The performance will take place on Sunday, January 31, at 2:00 pm in church. Everyone is welcome. A free-will offering will be taken up during the concert and a reception will follow.

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 the Easter Vigil. The dates for the Triduum are April 1-3. Each of the liturgies begin at 8:00 pm. There will be four rehearsals, on Sundays, February 21, February 28, March 21, and March 28, from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm in Caulfield Hall. Breakfast will be served before rehearsal, from 11:00-11:30 am. Attendance at all four rehearsals is mandatory in order to sing for the Triduum. 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 an 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 or henry.bauer@stjanedechantal.org by Monday, January 25, so that music may be ordered in time for the first rehearsal.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

. . . **those who are sick**, especially Patricia Rowson, Pat Krisko, John Hill, and all those in our nursing homes and hospitals. *As we begin a new year, we also begin a new sick list. If you would like a name added to the list, call the parish office at 301-530-1550.*

IN OUR FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

Visit the Faith Formation page at www.stjanedechantal.org for information on the various programs, registration forms and calendars.

DCYM promotes life! We will be attending the Teen Rally and March for Life on Friday, January 22. We will also be attending one of the night-before concerts at a nearby parish. Space is limited; contact Rebecca for a permission slip. A signed, returned permission slip will reserve your spot. Chaperones are also needed. Check your email for more details.

IN OUR SCHOOL

Check out the St. Jane de Chantal School website at www.dechantal.org to get information on admissions, see what each classroom is studying, and more.

The school is offering an **"Early Bird Special"** for parishioners who have a child attending kindergarten next year (Fall 2010). Please send a letter with your child's name and birth date and we will save a spot. Open House will be held February 1, 2010. We will have forms and tuition agreements at that time. A \$475 Registration Fee is required to hold a space for our registered parishioners.

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.

The General Assembly of the State of Maryland is in session each year for only three months (mid-January to mid-April). During that time, thousands of bills are presented for discussion and enactment. Many are of interest to us as Catholics. They cover areas such as education, family life and social concerns. If you would like to receive emails from the Maryland Catholic Conference about issues that impact us, visit www.mdcathcon.org and click on **"Catholic Advocacy Network"** to sign up to receive legislative action alerts. You will then have the opportunity to add your voice of faith to the public square. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

On the second Thursday of each month, **young adults from across the Archdiocese of Washington** congregate at St. Patrick's Catholic Church to pray and worship. Stop in for a few minutes or join us for the entire service! 7:00 pm Rosary; 7:30-8:30 pm Adoration of the Eucharist, praise and worship,

Sermon, Confessions. New to Christ in the City? Join us afterward at Gordon Biersch at 9th and F Streets NW just around the corner! Metro: St. Patrick's is accessible via Metro Center's 11th Street Exit or Chinatown's 9th Street Exit. Parking: Free parking is available at the parking garage on Tenth Street between G and H. Bring your ticket to the sacristy for validation. For more information, contact Laura Ferstl at 301-853-4559 or yam@adw.org.

The Archdiocesan Office of Priest Vocations and Blessed Teresa Vocation Society invite you to a **Day of Recollection**, Saturday, January 16, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm, Church of the Annunciation, 3810 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC (free parking). *Reflections on the Life and Spirituality of St. John Vianney, Patron of Priests* will be offered by Monsignor Rob Panke, Archdiocesan Director of Priest Vocations and Formation. The day will include Mass, reflection, Adoration and confession. Lunch is provided free of charge. Contact Maris Moriarty (mmoriarty@adw.org or 301-853-4584) for information and lunch reservation.

Join pilgrims from around the country for the **National Prayer Vigil for Life** at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Thursday, January 21. The opening Mass will be celebrated at 6:30 pm in the Great Upper Church. Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo, Chairman, USCCB Committee for Pro-Life Activities, will be the principal celebrant and homilist. Following Mass, there will be the National Rosary for Life, Confessions, Holy Hours and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the night until the closing Mass at 7:30 am Thursday morning. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/prolife/prayervigil.

Archbishop Wuerl is sponsoring a retreat for men in their 20's-40's who are considering a **call to the priesthood**. The retreat will be held at Theological College, from the evening of Friday, February 5 through Sunday, February 7 at noon. The retreat will allow men time away from the daily grind and 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? It will cost you nothing more than your time. To register or for more information, contact Msgr. Rob Panke, Director of Priest Vocations, at 301-853-4580 or vocations@adw.org.

The 2010 **National Catholic Social Ministry Gathering**, "Charity in Truth: Seeking the Common Ground," will be held February 7-10, 2010, at the Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill. For further information about the program and speakers, visit www.usccb.org/jphd/csmg; to register online, email csmg@usccb.org, or call 1-877-247-0449.

Calling all MD and DC attorneys! The Archdiocesan Legal Network (ALN) of Catholic Charities is seeking attorney volunteers to take *pro bono* cases or conduct law-related community seminars on civil law topics. ALN services low-income individuals in the District of Columbia and Maryland who otherwise would not have access to legal representation.

We provide assistance in a variety of legal areas, including consumer debts, employment disputes, family law, landlord/tenant and housing, public entitlements and wills/probate. We will provide you with training and mentoring as needed. Spanish-speaking attorneys are welcome. If interested, please contact ALN Senior Program Manager, James D. Bishop, at 202-772-1201 or james.bishop@catholiccharitiesdc.org.

Stewardship

Our Joyful Return to the Lord

Jesus, whom God called "my beloved Son," is also the "servant" of whom Isaiah speaks in the first reading. We who are baptized in Christ must follow His example and use our time and resources in the service of God and neighbor.

Offertory for December 27-31, 2009

Envelopes	\$20,100.00
Loose	\$ 3,524.00
Total	\$23,624.00
Attendance	1800

Offertory for January 3, 2010

292 Envelopes	\$14,424.00
Loose	\$ 3,084.00
Total	\$17,508.00
Attendance	2144

The second collection this weekend, January 9/10, is 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 diocese across the United States. 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. For more information, visit www.blackandindianmission.org.

Thank you for your contributions of \$1,091.00 to our parish St. Vincent de Paul Society, and \$1,120.00 to the Msgr. Christopher Scholarship Fund. The **Poor Box** next weekend, January 16/17, will benefit the Senior Connection, which helps adults ages 62 and up in Montgomery County to maintain their independence, primarily by providing them transportation services. They also help care givers, relatives and friends of seniors, along with organization dedicated to their well-being. For more information, visit www.seniorconnectionmc.org.

THE SECRET TO A GOOD RESOLUTION

Lots of New Year's resolutions have to do with exercising more and eating less - all in the quest to live longer and healthier lives. If it is a healthier, longer life you are seeking in this New Year, resolve to become a volunteer.

Here are some statistics about volunteering reported at a conference at Harvard University:

- ✓ People who volunteer may also strengthen their overall health and longevity.
- ✓ Older people who volunteer reduce their risk of dying prematurely by nearly 60% compared to peers who do not volunteer.
- ✓ The main organization for which a majority of volunteers served was either religious or educational/youth service related.
- ✓ Adult 35-54 were most likely to volunteer, with 1 in 3 donating 52.5 hours per year.

So, as you plan your new year, invest in your own life by investing in our parish and community. Do you want to cook, mentor, teach, sing, garden, or simply befriend a lonely person? What is it that will leave you fulfilled at the end of the day? Our parish directory contains information on nine categories of volunteer opportunities. Volunteers are not paid, not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless. Resolve today to become a volunteer and be healthier, live longer and grow richer.

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