



PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, January 11 - Saturday, January 17, 2009

*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** Donut Social, after 8 & 10 am Mass, CH.
FOOT, 10 am, SC.
- Monday** Ladies of Charity, 9:30 am, SMR.
Cub Scout Pack 461, 5:30 pm, NMR.
Youth Ministry Faith Formation, 7 pm, SC.
Marriage Preparation, 7:30 pm, SC.
- Tuesday** Social Concerns, 9:30 am, SMR.
Grade 3 Brownies, 3 pm, DCR.
Grades K-6 FF, 4:15 pm, SCH.
Grades 7 & 8 FF, 7 pm, SCH.
History of Christianity, 7 pm, SC.
1st Penance Parents, 7 pm, CH.
CYO Board, 7:30 pm, SMR.
- Wednesday** Evangelization Outreach, 7:15 pm, SC.
St. Vincent de Paul, 7:30 pm, CH.
School Board, 7:30 pm, SMR.
Contemporary Ensemble, 8 pm, C.
- Thursday** 1st Penance Parents, 9 am, CH.
Grade 7 Teen Girl Scouts, 3 pm, DCR.
Boy Scout Troop 461, 7 pm, DCR.
Cantors, 7:15 pm, C.
Pastoral Council, 7:30 pm, SMR.
Adult Choir, 8 pm, C.

MASS INTENTIONS

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- Sunday** Parishioners, Kristin Redman/D,
Edith Sedney/D, Joseph Landes/D.
- Monday** Ludovic Brutus/D, Christine Kallio/D.
- Tuesday** Mrs. Chen/D, Enzo d'Ofrio/D.
- Wednesday** Cecil Casey/D, Jane Darby/D.
- Thursday** Jeffrey Lewis/D, Mike Marschall/D.
- Friday** Joseph Myers/L, Chris Rasicott/D.
- Saturday** Anne Gouker/D, Luzviminda Cruz/D.

READINGS for January 18, 2009

Reading I 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19
Reading II 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20
Gospel John 1:35-42

CELEBRANTS for January 18, 2009

5:00 pm (Vigil) Father Helwig
8:00 am Father Alves
10:00 am Father Nguyen
12:00 nn Father Nguyen
5:00 pm Father Alves

IN OUR PARISH

Inserted in this weekend's bulletin is a flyer provided by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops concerning the **Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA)**. FOCA is a bill in Congress that represents the most serious threat to unborn children ever. Please read the flyer, and be prepared to join the other parishioners of churches of our Archdiocese by signing a postcard that will be sent to our Senators and Congressmen asking them to oppose FOCA. Tables will be set-up at the doors of the church next weekend, January 17/18, so please take a moment to sign a postcard. Thank you for helping to protect human life.

All parishioners are invited to **share coffee, donuts, and friendship** after the 8:00 am and 10:00 am Masses this Sunday, January 11. 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.

Thank you to all those who helped to decorate the church for Christmas.

Our choirs are beginning a new season. If you like to sing, you may join us in January. The Contemporary Ensemble rehearses on Wednesday nights from 8:00–9:30 pm in the church, and sings on Sundays for the 5:00 pm Mass. The Adult Choir rehearses on Thursday nights from 8:00–10:00 pm, and sings for the Sunday 10:00 am Mass. All voice parts are welcome. Contact Henry Bauer, Director of Liturgy and Music, at 301-530-1550 or henry.bauer@stjanedechantal.org to sign up.

Calling all chefs! St. Jane de Chantal Sodality is gathering recipes to put together a **cookbook of family favorites** to debut in time for Mother's Day 2009. During the month of January, they are collecting recipes for soups and stews, slow cooker and one dish meals, and pot pies. In addition, if you have any recipes for putting together snowbound snacks and hot chocolate or cider, please send them in. Submit your recipes to sodality.recipes@yahoo.com, or drop it in the collection box in the narthex of the church. Questions? Contact Maureen Morris at 301.365.9036.

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 Easter Vigil. The dates for Triduum are April 9-11. Each of the Liturgies begin at 8:00 pm. There will be four rehearsals, on Sundays, February 15, March 15 and 22, and April 5, 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 Sunday, February 1, so that music may be ordered in time for the first rehearsal.

St. Jane de Chantal's newly formed Chamber Ensemble will perform piano trio music as part of our **Concert and Arts Series** on Friday, February 6, at 7:30 pm in church. The concert is free and open to the public.

An opportunity for all parishioners to **participate in evangelization** is available online at www.catholicscomehome.com. This site offers easy and effective tools for welcoming former and inactive Catholics to become active members. We all know people who do not seem to be aware of their relationship with the Lord, and who could benefit from our encouragement in the friendly spirit demonstrated by this excellent website.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

. . . **those who are sick**, especially Eileen York, Teddy York, Tessa York, Richard Hession, 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.*

. . . **those who have died**, especially Sam Daniel and David Back.

IN OUR FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

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

There will be two **first penance parent meetings**, Tuesday, January 13 at 7:00 pm and Thursday, January 15 at 9:00 am, both in Caulfield Hall. Please note the time changes. All parents with a child preparing for first penance must attend one of the meetings.

IN OUR SCHOOL

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

Open House will be held Monday, February 2, from 9:00 to 11:30 am. Presentation for new families at 9:30 am. Forms and tuition agreements will be available at that time. Financial aid is available to parishioners who have a demonstrated need.

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.mdccathcon.org and click on "Legislative Action Center" 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.

Christ in the City is a ministry of the Office of Young Adult Ministry that specifically focuses on spiritual growth and provides an opportunity to establish a relationship with Christ truly present in the Eucharist. On the second Thursday of each month, young adults from across the city congregate at St. Patrick's Church to pray and worship. Stop in for a few minutes or join them for the entire service. 7:00 pm Rosary; 7:30-8:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration, Sermon, Praise and Worship, and Confession. Upcoming date: January 15. St. Patrick's is Metro accessible (Metro Center 11th Street exit or Chinatown 9th street exit). Free parking is available at the parking garage on 10th Street between G and H. Bring your ticket to the sacristy for validation. For more information or to be put on the email list, contact Fr. Robert Panke at 301-853-4580 or rpanke@adw.org.

The Archdiocese of Washington will hold its annual liturgy to **celebrate the legacy of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.** on Friday, January 16, at 7:30 pm, at St. Joseph Church, 2020 St. Joseph Drive in Largo, Maryland. Prelude activities begin at 7:00 pm. For more information, contact the Archdiocesan Office of Black Catholics at 301-853-4579 or obc@adw.org.

Join pilgrims from around the country for the **National Prayer Vigil for Life** at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Wednesday, January 21. The opening Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 pm in the Great Upper Church. Cardinal Justin Rigali, 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.

The Archdiocese of Washington is hosting its annual **Youth Rally and Mass for Life** on Thursday, January 22, 7:30-11:30 am. The event will be held at the Verizon Center (formerly the MCI Center), 601 F Street, NW, Washington, DC. The rally will feature Steve Angrisano, Matt Maher and Band, Jessica Marie Tous and the Who Do You Say I Am band. Mass, celebrated by Washington Archbishop Donald W. Wuerl and other bishops from around the country, will start at 10:00 am. Priests will be available for confession from 8:00-9:30 am. Doors open at 7:00 am. Get there early to be sure to get a seat. Please

allow extra time to allow for security (only small backpacks are allowed inside). Following the Youth Mass, join thousands of others on the National Mall for the noon National Rally for Life and the March for Life. For more information, call the Archdiocesan Life Issues Department at 301-853-4555, or visit www.adw.org/service/jan22.asp.

Mount St. Mary's University's merit-based Archbishop Donald W. Wuerl Scholarship provides \$17,000 each year to a first-year (2009-10) student from the Archdiocese of Washington. The Mount St. Mary's University Bishop's Scholarship is awarded by the bishops of designated dioceses to recognize Catholic students who have had distinctive academic achievement and have used their talents to enhance their parish, school and community. Applications for the Bishop's Scholarship must be submitted by February 1 to the Mount St. Mary's University Office of Admissions. For more information and to download an application, visit www.msmary.edu/admissions/scholarships-aid/undergraduates/scholarships-grants/bishops.html.

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, Friday evening, February 6 through Sunday, February 8 at noon. The retreat will allow men time away from the daily grind and provide 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 Maryland Catholic Conference's annual **Lobby Night**, which brings together hundreds of Catholics to meet with their state lawmakers, will be held on President's Day, Monday, February 16 in Annapolis. Lobby Night 2009 will allow you to speak with your legislators on public policy issues concerning Catholic schools, poverty, immigration, support for pregnant women in crisis, the death penalty, and marriage. For more information, or to register for Lobby Night, visit www.mdccathcon.org or call 410-269-1155 or 301-261-1979. To prepare for Lobby Night, the Maryland Catholic Conference will conduct a briefing session at St. Camillus on Saturday, January 31, 8:30 am-noon. At the briefing, Maryland Catholic Conference staff will discuss issues that will be considered by legislators in Annapolis during the coming session. Questions, contact Larry Couch, Legislative Policy Coordinator for the Archdiocesan Department for Social Concerns at lcouch@adw.org or 301-853-5343.

Each year the Maryland State Council of the Knights of Columbus awards several four year **college scholarships** to sons and daughters of members of the Knights of Columbus and to Catholic students in general, and several scholarships for students entering Catholic high schools. Interested parents and students may obtain specific information and application by writing to: Maryland State Council, Knights of Columbus, 10815 Stang Road, Owings Mills, Maryland 21117, or by

visiting www.kofc-md.org/state/committees/scholarships.htm. The deadline for receipt of applications is March 1, 2009.

Stewardship

Our Joyful Return to the Lord

The U.S. bishops' pastoral on stewardship reminds us that baptism gives all of the Lord's disciples a share in his priestly work and calls them "to offer up the world and all that is in it—especially themselves—to the Lord of all."

Offertory for December 28, 2008

270 Envelopes	\$14,649.00
Loose	\$ 3,386.00
Total	\$18,035.00
Attendance	1869

Offertory for January 4, 2009

326 Envelopes	\$17,087.00
Loose	\$ 2,691.00
Total	\$19,778.00
Attendance	2266

Thank you for your contributions of \$70,512 at Christmas.

The second collection this weekend, January 10/11, will be 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, from the inner cities of the rural South to the cold Alaskan wilderness. 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.

Thank you for your contributions of \$327 to the Prison Ministry Program of St. Mary's, Barnesville, and \$1,458 to the Msgr. Christopher Scholarship Fund. The **Poor Box** next weekend, January 17/18, 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:

- U** People who volunteer may also strengthen their overall health and longevity.
- U** Older people who volunteer reduce their risk of dying prematurely by nearly 60% compared to peers who do not volunteer.
- U** The main organization for which a majority of volunteers served was either religious or educational/youth service related.
- U** 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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