



PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, March 29 - Saturday, April 4, 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	FOOT, 10 am, SC. Concert Series, 2 pm, C. Contemporary Ensemble, 4:15 pm, CH.
Monday	Youth Ministry FF, 7 pm, SC/C.
Tuesday	Grades K-6 FF, 4:15 pm, SCH. Grades 7 & 8 FF, 7 pm, SCH/C. History of Christianity, 7 pm, SC. Liturgy Committee, 7:30 pm, RBR.
Wednesday	Cantors, 6:30 pm, C. Contemporary Ensemble, 8 pm, C.
Thursday	Confessions, 6:30-7:30 pm, C. Adult Confirmation Class, 7 pm, SC, Boy Scout Troop 461, 7 pm, DCR. Cantors, 7:15 pm, C. Adult Choir, 8 pm, C.
Friday	Jr. Sodality, 12:30 pm, CH. Grade 4 Jr. Girl Scouts, 12:30 pm, DCR. Cub Scout Pack 461, 7 pm, DCR. Stations of the Cross, 7:30 pm, C.
Saturday	SPRED, 9 am, C. Morning of Recollection, 8:30 am, CH. RCIA Rehearsal, 10:30 am, C. CYO Coaches, 6:30 pm, CH.

MASS INTENTIONS

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Sunday	Parishioners, Martin Barylski/D, Christopher Pointer/D, Clemente Garcia/L.
Monday	Sam Daniel/D, Pierre Berthail/D.
Tuesday	Frank Hayden/D, Marie Richard/L.
Wednesday	Patricia Allen, Bruce Cunningham/D.
Thursday	Mary Horan, Bernadette Millot/L.
Friday	Ray Celada/D, Marty Durkin/D.
Saturday	Shirley Perico/D, Maureen Boland/L.

READINGS for April 5, 2009

Procession with Palms	Mark 11:1-10
Reading I	Isaiah 50:4-7
Reading II	Philippians 2:6-11
Gospel	Mark 14:1—15:47

CELEBRANTS for April 5, 2009

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

LENT IN OUR PARISH

This Lenten season, our parish will offer the opportunity for **confessions** every Thursday evening (except Holy Thursday) from 6:30-7:30 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 re-connect with Christ and His Church.

The public celebration of the **Way of the Cross** will be held on Friday, April 3, at 7:30 pm, in the church.

All Fridays of Lent are **days of abstinence** for those age 14 and above. On weekdays during Lent, there is no obligation to fast, however, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended.

In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that judgment, repentance, and dying to sin are necessary before we can truly know the joy of God's mercy, forgiveness, and new life in Christ. Jesus put it this way: "if you love your life, you must let it go...If you want to serve me, you must follow me and do what I do..." As we continue our **Operation Rice Bowl** journey let us remember in prayer that human beings are not only sacred, but also social. How we participate in our family and community, from our daily actions to our policy decisions, affects each and every person. May our fasting keep us mindful of the families and communities that are hungry. May our almsgiving assist Catholic Relief Services as we learn about education programming in Ghana. For more information on the programs and countries supported by Operation Rice Bowl, visit <http://orb.crs.org>. The site also includes interactive resources, as well as print resources for families and schools. Individual rice bowls are available in the Gathering Space. Please take one home.

Visit www.maybe-its-God.org and check out the Archdiocese of Washington's "**Maybe It's God**" blog about the faith. You can also watch Archbishop Wuerl's video invitation back to church (also on YouTube at www.youtube.com/user/WashArchdiocese), and read Archbishop Wuerl's pastoral letter, *Belonging to God's Family*.

IN OUR PARISH

Josef Spacek, a Czech violinist, will perform a concert with Audrey Andrist, pianist, as part of our **Concert and Arts Series** this Sunday, March 29, at 2:00 pm in the church. The concert is free and open to the public. A reception will follow in Caulfield Hall.

Sodality will host a **Morning of Recollection** on Saturday, April 4, from 9:00-11:00 am. The topic will be "Our Call to Holiness" moderated by Father Paul Nyugen. The morning will start with Mass at 8:00 am, followed by a light breakfast in Caulfield Hall. All parishioners and friends are welcome to attend. No reservations are required. Questions, contact Karen Salah at karensalah@comcast.net.

Those who would like to experience an adaptation of the **Passover Seder** inspired by Phillip Ratner are invited to the Seton Center on Wednesday, April 8, at 7:00 pm. This is the time of the Jewish Celebration of Passover. This experience will focus more on the prayer and scripture readings than on the traditional Seder food, which will be modified. Reservations required. Call Bro. Ed (301-530-1528) or the Seton Center (301 530-1640) on or before April 6 to see if space is still available.

If you are celebrating your **25th, 40th, or 50th wedding anniversary this year**, you are invited to a special Mass on Sunday, April 19, at 10:00 am here at St. Jane. Following Mass will be a brunch in your honor hosted by Monsignor Essex. If you would like to attend, contact Maria Pitts (301-564-1630) by April 10. This event is sponsored by the Sodality.

Mark your calendars for Friday, May 8, for the 12th Annual **CYOpen Golf Tournament**. The CYOpen is the major fundraiser for CYO. Go to www.stjanecyo.com and click on the link for "CYOpen Golf Tournament" for details on registration and sponsorship opportunities. If you have any questions, contact Steve McVearry at 301-365-5049.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

. . . **those who are sick**, especially Richard Hession, Ray Timm, Helen White, Alice Tatge, Isabelle Fitzpatrick, John Pekar, Godfrey Viegas, Fr. Helwig, Ted LeBlanc, Roger Folstrom, and all those in our nursing homes and hospitals.

. . . **those who have died**, especially Daniel Waeger.

IN OUR FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

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

Are you in high school and looking to meet other teens in high school and have fun? Come to the Easter Egg Hunt SMASH on Sunday, April 5. We will be going to 5:00 pm Mass and then meeting at the Seton Center at 6:00 pm. We will start with a Easter Egg Hunt for teens only! We will also have Popeyes Chicken and Mafia! All are welcome. Bring all your friends. For more information, contact Raúl Yépez at 301-530-1640 or RAYepez@gmail.com.

Are you an adult over 21? Are you looking for volunteer work? Do you like to work with youth? **St. Jane's Youth Group is looking for volunteers** to help with Wednesday night Drop-Ins from 7:00-9:00 pm, in the Seton Center. If you are interested, contact Raúl Yépez at 301-530-1640 or RAYepez@gmail.com.

Are you in high school and looking to learn more about your faith and grow closer to God? St Jane's Youth Group has **High School Faith Formation** every Monday from 7:00-9:00 pm at the Seton Center. There are always lots of other teens from

the area. We have fun icebreakers and team builders, and we always try to cover very interesting topics that help us learn more about our faith and grow closer to God. All are welcome. Bring your friends.

Sr. Sally is in need of **Bible Camp** catechists to teach science, or fun and games. She is also in need of junior camp counselors (7-12 graders) who will lead the children to the different stations throughout the morning, as well as br helpers for the catechists. The Bible Camp will be held June 22-26 from 9:00 am-12:00 noon. If you are interested, contact Sr. Sally at 301-530-1640 or sister.sally@stjanedechantal.org.

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.

Valerie Biggs, grade 4, is a winner of the **Smithsonian Kite Festival Poetry Contest!** Her poem, "The Stage in the Sky", compares a kite to a ballerina dancing. It was selected from hundreds of submissions. On Saturday, March 28, Valerie will read her poem on stage at the National Mall. She will receive a special ribbon and is invited to an evening reception at Smithsonian's Ripley Center. Look for Valerie's poem in *Family Magazine*.

The eighth grade traveled to Washington, DC, to visit the **Newseum**. The day started with a ride up the tallest glass elevators in the world. Throughout the day, the eighth graders saw documentaries on the topic of the media and how it is portrayed in society today. With seven levels, 15 theaters, a 4-D movie, more than a dozen galleries, two broadcast studios, and an interactive newsroom, the eighth graders clearly had a blast!

The 4th grade performed their annual patriotic show, **Tribute to America**. There was an afternoon show for the school and an evening performance for the parents. The students were decked out in their tie-dyed shirts and blue jeans. The 4th graders started their show with Neil Diamond's *America* and sang lots of patriotic songs such as *This Land Is Your Land* and *Star Spangled Banner*. Of course no 4th grade show would be complete without singing *Fifty Nifty*. It was a fabulous evening!

Channel 7's Storm Chaser and **meteorologist Adam Caskey** visited the 2nd through 5th grades. He did a wonderful presentation about the weather and being a meteorologist. He shared with the students how he makes his forecast and what being on tv is like. After his presentation everyone got to go out to see what the Storm Chaser Hummer was like.

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.

Pope Benedict XVI has named this the **Year of St. Paul** to commemorate the 2,000th anniversary of this early evangelizer. Learn more about this early saint or visit one of our archdiocesan pilgrimage churches and gain a plenary indulgence. Materials online at www.adw.org. Click on "Year of St. Paul 2009."

Stone Ridge School will hold its 41st annual **Used Book Sale** Friday, April 3 to Monday, April 6. Times: Friday, 8am to 8pm; Saturday, 9am to 6pm; Sunday, 12pm to 6pm (Half-Price Day); and Monday, 5pm to 8pm (\$10 bag-of-books Day). Venture over to Stone Ridge at 9101 Rockville Pike in Bethesda to browse their books. Why pay full price when you can get a great bargain. They have over 125,000 books sorted into 80+ categories. Free admission. Free parking. They also have recordings for connoisseurs, including books-on-tape, CDs/DVDs, LPs, and videotapes. For more information, visit www.stoneridge.org/booksale.

St. Elizabeth Bereavement Ministry will offer an eight week **bereavement support** group series for adults who have experienced the death of a parent, spouse or significant other. The spring series will meet at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, 917 Montrose Road in Rockville on Wednesday evenings, 7:00-8:30 pm, from April 8 through May 27. There is no fee but registration is required. Space is strictly limited, so call early. To register, call Deacon Kevin Byrne (301-279-5962) or Claudia McAuliffe (301-881-1457).

Make Good Friday a full day of prayerful reflection on the sacrifice and passion of Jesus Christ. In addition to Good Friday services here at the parish, you are invited to prayerfully remember deceased loved ones by walking the **Stations of the Cross at a Catholic cemetery** of the Archdiocese at 12:00 noon on Good Friday, April 10. For more information on Good Friday Stations, contact the Catholic cemetery manager at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, 13801 Georgia Avenue in Silver Spring, or, visit www.ccaw.org for information.

The Ladies Auxiliary of Rock Creek Council Knights of Columbus invites you to its annual benefit **Spring Dessert Card Party**, Saturday, April 18, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm, at Rock Creek Council 2797, 5417 West Cedar Lane in Bethesda (across from NIH). Cost is \$10 per person for an afternoon of cards and an array of taste-tempting desserts, plus lots of door prizes! For further information and to reserve your table, call Jennie Morris (301-530-0210) or Anne Murphy (301-762-2418).

Friends of the Little Sisters of the Poor cordially invite you to the 4th Annual Tea & Tulips, Sunday, April 19, from 3:00 to 5:00 pm at Columbia Country Club, Chevy Chase, Maryland. Come for a lovely Spring tea, raffle, and friend-raising to help the Little Sisters. Sit with ladies from St. Jane or form your own table. Hurry tickets go fast. \$55 person. Contact Genevieve Murphy (301- 602-1980) for more information.

Drop in during one of **Camp St. Charles'** open houses, April 19 and May 17, 11:00 am-4:00 pm, to learn about their

two-week summer camps for boys and girls. Campers will enjoy making friends, learning to work together and develop an appreciation for Creation while camping out, riding horses, working their way through a challenge course, trying archery, petting snakes, making ceramics and enjoying lots of other activities in beautiful Southern Maryland. This Catholic camp is fully accredited with the American Camp Association and is certified by the State of Maryland. Camp St. Charles is operated by the Salvatorian Fathers and Brothers. They also offer a get acquainted weekend and volunteer weekend. For more information and directions, visit www.campstcharles.com or call 301-934-8799.

The annual **jubilant celebration of marriage** honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 50+ years will be held Sunday, June 7, at 2:00 pm, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Archbishop Wuerl will be celebrant. To register, call the parish office by Monday, April 20.

High School Young Men: Quo Vadis - Where are You Going? Legend tells us St. Peter asked Jesus this question on the outskirts of Rome. We know where Jesus went in response to His Father's will. He knew that only by doing what the Father asked of him would there be true joy and fulfillment in this life. Where are you going? What is the Father's will for you? Want to learn more? Quo Vadis Days will give you the opportunity to learn more about discernment of your vocation. A five-day camp for high school young men, activities will include prayer, hiking, games, sports, talks and lots of great food. Sign-up now as space is limited. For more information, contact Fr. Rob Walsh, assistant director for priest vocations, at rwalsh@adw.org or 301-853-4580.

Fr. Kyle Ingels of the Catholic Student Center at UMD, is inviting you to join him on a **pilgrimage to Italy**, January 3-13, 2010. This 11-day trip includes an audience with our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI. Visit the cities and sites of St. Francis of Assisi, St. Clare, St. Benedict, St. Catherine of Siena and more. Airfare, accommodations, transportation, tourism trips, most meals are all included in the price of \$3693. Reservations can be made now at www.catholictrips.com or call 1-877-463-8747. For additional information, contact Ann Gradowski at ann@catholictrips.org.

Stewardship

Our Joyful Return to the Lord

*"If anyone would serve me," says Jesus
in today's Gospel, "let him follow me;
where I am, there will my servant be."
In what way is Jesus inviting me to follow Him?
What service is He asking of me?
(See John 12:26)*

The **Poor Box** next weekend, April 4/5 will benefit the Monsignor Christopher Fund, which provides need-based scholarships to our parish school.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

Living Stations of the Cross, 1:15 pm.

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 9

Mass of the Lord's Supper, 8:00 pm.
Sung Night Prayer, 10:50 pm.
Visits to the Repository until 11:00 pm.

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 10

The Parish Office will be closed
Stations of the Cross, 3:00 pm,
followed by Sacrament of Penance.
Solemn Liturgical Service: Reading of the Passion,
Veneration of the Cross
& Holy Communion, 8:00 pm.

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 11

Sacrament of Penance, 3:45-4:45 pm.
Easter Vigil & Mass of the Resurrection, 8:00 pm.
We will gather outside in the area
between the school and the church
before entering the church.
There will be no 5:00 pm Mass.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 12

Masses at 8:00 am,
10:00 am (church & Caulfield Hall) &
12:00 noon (church & Caulfield Hall)
There will be no 5:00 pm Mass.