



PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, June 28 - Saturday, July 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 Contemporary Ensemble, 4:15 pm, CH.
Thursday Cantors, 5:30 pm, C.
Boy Scout Troop 461, 7 pm, DCR.
Saturday Independence Day
The Parish Office is closed.

MASS INTENTIONS

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Sunday Parishioners, McCabe Family,
Dolores Murphy/D, Paul Fletcher/D.
Monday Joseph Hannan/D, Rosemary Hannan/D.
Tuesday Cecille Ernst/D, Claire Gilligan/D.
Wednesday Bruce Cunningham/D, Thomas Walsh.
Thursday Fr. Thomas Fahy, OSB/D, Ray Dondzila/D.
Friday Murray Farmer/D, Lawrence Bailey/D.
Saturday Special Intention. Maureen Boland/L.

READINGS for July 5, 2009

Reading I Ezekiel 2:2-5
Reading II 2 Corinthians 12:7-10
Gospel Mark 6:1-6

CELEBRANTS for July 5, 2009

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

IN OUR PARISH

Archbishop Wuerl has announced that Fr. Helwig will be retiring for reasons of health, effective June 30. The Archbishop has also announced that Fr. John McKay, a son of St. Jane de Chantal parish, will be in residence with the responsibility of serving Suburban Hospital and our nursing homes.

Marriage Matters® but do you know why? There's been a lot of media buzz recently about marriage. Find out what the Catholic Church teaches about it, and why it's important. The Archdiocese of Washington's new educational initiative called

Marriage Matters® is online at www.MarriageMattersDC.org. Also, from now through August 16 there will be a special insert in our bulletin.

Do you have questions about your faith? Do you want to deepen your faith? Join the **enquiry group**, which meets the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm in the Scanlan Meeting Room. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call Deacon Chester Chen at 301-530-2804.

For Fall 2009 grades 7-8 boys interested in playing basketball this summer, the St. Jane de Chantal CYO is organizing games that will afford boys an opportunity to work on their skills in the informal, enjoyable atmosphere of our own facility. Games will be held in from 7:00-9:00 pm, in Christopher Hall, on Tuesdays, for six weeks starting July 7. Registration is open to any Fall 2009 grades 7-8 boy who attends St. Jane School or whose parents/guardians are registered St. Jane parishioners. For further information (including a downloadable/printable registration form), see the **Summer Basketball** link at www.stjanecyo.com, or contact Jerry Pitts (jmktj9904@verizon.net) or Joe Aukward (josephpaukward@aol.com or joseph.aukward@navy.mil). Completed registrations are due by Wednesday, July 1.

A training session for new altar servers will be held on Saturday, July 11, from 9:30 to 10:30 am in the church. New servers who attend this abbreviated training session will serve as substitutes during the summer and will be placed on the schedule in September. They will also attend the full altar server training offered in October. Altar servers must be at least ten years old and must have received first Communion in the Catholic Church. At least one parent must attend the training along with the new server. Register by July 6 by contacting Janice Lent at jlent0322@aol.com or 202-586-6623 (days).

Do you like to sing? The **Contemporary Ensemble** is looking for new members for this next year. If you would like to try out the choir and for them to try you out this summer, join us on Sundays, July 19 and 26, at 4:00 pm in Caulfield Hall to rehearse for the 5:00 pm Mass. During the year, the Contemporary Ensembles sings for the Sunday, 5:00 pm Mass, except for the second Sunday of the month. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 8:00-9:00 pm in church. To sing with the Contemporary Ensemble one must have a love of singing and make a firm commitment to attending all scheduled rehearsals and warm-ups as well as performances. If you would like to join in July, contact Henry Bauer, the Director, at 301-530-1550, so that music may be ready for you.

Raúl Yépez, our Youth Minister, will be leaving St. Jane de Chantal Parish. **We are looking for a new Youth Minister.** If you are interested in the position, contact Sr. Sally at 301-530-1640 or sister.sally@stjanedechantal.org.

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Are you an adult Catholic who needs to be confirmed? Join the RCIA (Rite of

Christian Initiation of Adults). The RCIA is a place to learn about the Catholic faith and prepare for the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and Eucharist. If you are interested in learning more about the RCIA, contact Sr. Sally at 301-530-1640 or sister.sally@stjanedechantal.org.

It has long been a custom in the Catholic Church to **have a Mass offered for someone who is deceased or for a special intention** (i.e. for the recovery of one who is ill, an anniversary or birthday, for a special prayer). The priest then makes it his intention during Mass to remember the particular request made. Each week in our parish bulletin you will see the Mass requests made for that week. A Mass offered for the intentions of someone living is denoted by an "L" after their name. A Mass offered for a deceased person is denoted by a "D". If you would like to have Mass offered, you may stop by the parish office during regular business hours. Cards are provided by the church to send to the family of the deceased or to the person for whom the Mass is offered. It is also customary that a stipend or offering is made at the time of the request. The normal offering for a Mass, per Archdiocesan guidelines, is \$10.00. The priest does not normally announce the intention at Mass. The reason for this is that the intention is his prayer for the Mass but not necessarily the prayer of the entire community, since each one present brings to the Eucharist his or her own prayers or special intentions to offer to God.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

. . . **those who have died**, especially June Garland.

IN OUR FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

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

Registration is taking place for next year's Faith Formation program. Registration forms can be obtained at the Seton Center or on the parish website at www.stjanedechantal.org under the Faith Formation link. Registration fees must accompany the registration forms. For more information, contact the Seton Center (seton.center@stjanedechantal.org) or Sr. Sally (sister.sally@stjanedechantal.org).

Catechists and catechist aides are needed for next year's Faith Formation program. Catechists are needed in grades K,1, 6, 7, 8, FOOT (Faith of our Toddlers for 3 and 4 year olds) and SPRED (Special Religious Education). Adult co-catechists or catechist aides are needed in every grade. FOOT meets Sunday mornings during the 10:00 am Mass;

SPRED meets Saturday mornings from 9:00-10:30 am; grades K-5 meet Tuesday afternoons from 4:15- 5:30 pm; and grades 6-8 meet Tuesday evenings from 7:00-8:15 pm. Anyone volunteering must complete a background check and attend the archdiocesan seminar, *Protecting God's Children*. If you are interested or would like more information, contact Sr. Sally at 301-530-1640 or sister.sally@stjanedechantal.org.

Interested in becoming a catechist? The Hearts Aflame Catechist Formation Program of the Archdiocese of Washington provides both initial and comprehensive formation for parish catechists and elementary school teachers of religion. The Archdiocesan catechist certification is awarded to those who satisfy the requirements of the Hearts Aflame Program. There are several ways to fulfill the Hearts Aflame requirements to be a certified Catechist in the Archdiocese of Washington. 1) A catechist can successfully meet the needs of some requirements by taking the Online Assessment exams and potentially placing out of the requirements and receiving credit. The exams can be found at www.adw.org/education/catechist_certification.asp. 2) Hearts Aflame courses are scheduled for this summer around the Archdiocese. All courses are open to parish/school catechists and other adults interested in learning about the Catholic faith. The entire semester of course offerings can be viewed online at www.adw.org/news/default.asp. 3) There are over 40 courses available through the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Communities of Faith Formation. Visit www.vlc.udayton.edu to find out more about the courses offered and to register to take the courses online. For more information on Hearts Aflame and becoming a catechist, please feel free to contact Sr. Sally (301-530-1640) or the Archdiocesan Office for Religious Education (301-853-4506), or visit www.adw.org/education/hearts_aflame.asp.

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.

The school will be closed for the summer. Messages will be checked periodically throughout the summer (301-530-1221). Have a wonderful summer and see you September 1!

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.

Join **SOME** (So Others Might Eat) as it commemorates 40 years of service to the homeless and poor in Washington, DC, with a special benefit concert on Wednesday, July 1, at 7:30 pm, in the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine. The Georgetown Chorale will lead a choir of 100 voices in a performance of Henry Mollicone's *Beatitude Mass (for the Homeless)* as well as selections from *Les Miserables*. Mr.

Mollicone's composition is based on interviews with homeless women and men. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children and students, and are available at www.georgetownchorale.org. Concert proceeds will help SOME to continue to feed, clothe and serve the most vulnerable members of our community in these most difficult economic times. Learn more at www.some.org.

High School Young Men: Quo Vadis - Where are You Going? What is the Father's will for you? Want to learn more? Find out August 9-12. 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, please contact Fr. Rob Walsh, Assistant Director for Priest Vocations, rwalsh@adw.org and 301-853-4580.

Each year, the Archdiocese of Washington sponsors the "Run for Vocations" team for the **Marine Corps Marathon**. Consider joining us for the marathon, half-marathon and 10K race, to be held on October 25. All levels of runners and walkers are most welcome. This is a unique experience to get into the best shape of your life, accomplish an amazing goal, meet new people, and support our seminarians. For more information and to register, contact Msgr. Rob Panke at vocations@adw.org or call 301-853-4580.

Spiritual growth is a hope for most of us who are serious about our relationship with God. To respond to this desire, the Washington Theological Union trains students in the art of Christian Spiritual Direction for women and men, lay and religious. If you feel called to be a spiritual director, the WTU **Spiritual Direction Studies Program** may be the place to start. If interested in pursuing this training, contact Sr. Carol Ries at ries@wtu.edu or 202-541-5220. If you would like to receive spiritual direction for your own spiritual growth, you can request a list of local directors from Sr. Carol.

St. Mary's School in Rockville, Maryland is looking for alumni from the classes of 1953-2009. Visit www.stmarysrockville.org/school/alumni.htm to update your contact information. Questions? Contact Kelly Barrett '99 at 301-762-4179 or SaintMarysAlumni@gmail.com.

IN OUR AREA

The **Shady Grove Pregnancy Center** is experiencing an increased demand for material assistance in this economic downturn. Their clients are greatly in need of the basics: baby clothing (gently used, sizes new born to 18 months), diapers (sizes 3, 4 and 5), baby wipes and formula (milk and soy based with an expiration date of one year beyond the purchase date). The Center is located at 16220 South Frederick Avenue, Suite 118, in Gaithersburg. For more items on the "Baby's Wish List" and to learn more about other ways you can help, visit <http://pregnancy-options.org/index.shtml>. For more information, call Mary Anne at 301-963-6223.

Stewardship

Our Joyful Return to the Lord

*Today's reading from St. Paul explains the "divine economy" of stewardship—
"The relief of others ought not to impoverish you;
there should be a certain equality.
Your plenty at the present time
should supply their need so that their surplus
may in turn one day supply your need."
(see 2 Corinthians 8:13-14)*

Offertory for June 21, 2009	
279 Envelopes	\$13,078.00
Loose	\$ 3,048.00
Total	\$16,126.00
Attendance	1864

The second collection this weekend, June 27/28, will be the annual **Peter's Pence Collection**. Each year, this collection is taken up in parishes around the world to assist the works of the Holy Father and provide emergency funds to those who suffer from oppression, disease, war or natural disaster. Through the Peter's Pence Collection, we have the opportunity to be beacons of hope to those of our brothers and sisters who are most in need and to answer the call to cast the light of Christ upon the world. Thank you for your generosity this weekend.

The second collection next weekend, July 4/5, is our monthly collection to **help with the repair and maintenance of our parish facilities**. Upcoming projects include parking lot repairs.

St. Jane de Chantal Parish has received another report on our goal for this year's **Archbishop's Appeal**. As of June 1, \$274,044 dollars have been given or pledged toward our goal of \$279,467. 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. Forms for gifts and pledges by check, credit card and debit card 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. For information on making a gift or pledge online or by stock, visit www.adw.org/giving/appeal.

Thank you for your contributions of \$682.00 to our parish St. Vincent de Paul Society. The **Poor Box** next weekend, July 4/5, will benefit the Msgr. Christopher Fund, which provides need-based scholarships to our parish school.



When you go on vacation this summer, please remember that your parish expenses still continue and that we need your offerings in order to meet these expenses. If you will miss using your envelopes while you are away, please bring your contributions up to date.

An easy way to support our parish offertory and second collections is to enroll in *Faith Direct*.

Your contributions can be debited from your bank account or charged to your credit card. You can enroll online at www.faithdirect.net or call 866-507-8757 (toll free). Our parish code is MD30.



Why Should I Marry in the Church?

One of a series • Archdiocese of Washington

Why should I have a Catholic wedding – and why should I get married in a church? I feel close to God when I'm outside, and I love the beach so why

Marriage in the Bible

- ◆ On your wedding day you invite the Lord into your married life. He will be with you throughout your marriage to help you fulfill your vows. He intends the best for us and is always with us (Jeremiah 29: 11–14)
- ◆ Just as our Lord attended the wedding feast at Cana (John 2), He attends all marriages in the Lord. It is fitting to go before him in Church and receive His blessing.

Kid Talk

- ◆ Have you ever been to a wedding in a church?
- ◆ Ask your Mom or Dad to tell you about a special wedding they've attended – maybe it was their own!

should it matter? Or for that matter, why marry at all? Who's going to judge us these days if we just live together? In Hollywood they never seem to get married, or at least not until they have kids. And doesn't everyone just wind up divorced anyway? Or miserable? Does marriage really matter?

Each year more than 1,600 couples marry in local Catholic parishes. Getting married in the Church certainly isn't easy – just ask the couples – there's documentation, marriage preparation classes, meetings with the celebrant. And it takes time. There's a required waiting period of at least six months.

Then why a Catholic wedding? Catholics see marriage through a decidedly non-worldly lens. For us, it isn't a case of "what's in it for me?" It's about believing in something so in-

credible that the answer is why wouldn't I? For a lot of couples, marriage may start off with satin and diamonds and maybe a good dance band. But marriage is more than a party or a stroll in the park together. It's closer to running a lifelong marathon: exhilarating, but challenging and not always easy. The Church offers us preparation and training to sustain us on this marathon of giving. And throughout the race God brings us friendship and the replenishing waters of the faith.

Is God calling me to marry? Say you've dated a number of different people over the years, some more seriously than others. Now there's someone extra special. Different. And you're wondering if this is "the one." These stirrings may well be from God, who had a plan for each of us even before we were created, and the feelings may well be His way of suggesting that you give some thought and prayer to the idea of marriage. The Church might say that what you're feeling is the prompting of the Holy Spirit – a call to discern whether God wants you to live out your Christian life as the spouse of this person.

Discerning any call takes time, and in the months leading up to marriage, the Church will help you distinguish your everyday fears from serious warning signs, and help you separate excitement over the idea of a wedding from the essential peace and consolation that tell you this is a true call. Living together before marriage or having intercourse before marriage, cloud the process, with couples often "sliding into marriage" simply because they are living that way already, but without really stepping back and making sure this is their lifetime vocation.

Obey? If we marry after careful listening and praying, we see our decisions as obeying God's call and marriage as being completely open to our spouse. So even when our own needs "aren't met," it is not a cause for breakup, but for staying focused and committed.





There's no room for growing apart. This is like any other Christian call to service, but obviously, so challenging it's hard to imagine it possible without the Lord's help.

Which brings us to the sacrament of marriage.

Our human relationships have moments of absolute and utter joy, don't they? And even though these moments may be rare, the memory of them sustains us through many a bad day. So, too, with the sacraments, when the Lord comes particularly close to us, bringing us massive quantities of love and grace.

With that grace, He infuses us with everything we need to live out our call with essential peace and joy. He bolsters us to live sometimes difficult lives of service to one another and our children. He fortifies us to resist the temptations to break apart. What's more He enables us, through prayer, to tap this grace throughout our lives, in times of great challenge and great joy.

OK, I get that, but why does it matter where I get married? When we make that commitment to marry, we become a single entity in the eyes of society, not just in the eyes of God. As the nuptial blessing reads, "Father...You gave man the constant help of woman so that man and woman should no longer be two, but one flesh, and you teach us that what you have united may never be divided."

We step into roles that have significance in the larger social and civic worlds. We become open to parenthood and leaders of a family. This is a public event, thus the need for witnesses. And in the Catholic Church, the witnesses – by their very presence – assume a unique

responsibility to bless this new family, and signal their willingness to help the couple live out their marriage vows. The priest or deacon represents the Church witnessing and blessing your marriage. Together these witnesses become a source of grace to the marriage. In fact, community is so important that the Marriage Rite begins, "You have come together in this church so that the Lord may seal and strengthen your love in the presence

of the Church's minister and this community."

Why the church? Because the parish church is a special place that has been set aside and dedicated as a place of prayer to nourish our spiritual lives together as a community. It is where we go to Mass and celebrate baptisms and special events throughout our lives. It only makes sense to celebrate

one of the most important sacraments in our lives – our vocational sacrament to marriage, this covenant to each other before God – in this sacred space.

Couples aren't necessarily articulating all of this when they start out to marry at a Catholic wedding. But they know, intuitively, that having God in their marriage will somehow make it better. And in our experience, when couples pray regularly and go to weekly Mass (together, when they can) the rate of divorce plummets.

No wonder so many want to be married in the church. You can always have the reception in the backyard.

For Catholics, marriage is the exclusive union of a man and a woman, for life, for the good of each other and their children. It's loving, faithful, freely-chosen, exclusive and open to children, and it's a path that makes spouses holy as we work with God in His ongoing act of creation. So much does God join us on this journey that marriage itself is worthy of a sacrament – a sign that God is right there, in the midst of their lives, filling it with His love. This is why family life is often called a domestic church, Christ present in their midst.

For More Reading..

- ◆ United States Catholic Catechism for Adults, Chapter 21
- ◆ Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1640 and 1644