



**Our parish calendar is available
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under "Calendar & Schedules."**

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, November 22 - Saturday, November 28, 2009

*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	FOOT, 10 am, SC. Liturgical Ministers Commissioning, 10 am, C. Rite of Acceptance, 12 nn, C. Contemporary Ensemble, 4:15 pm, CH.
Monday	High School FF, 7 pm, SC. Adult FF (Biblical Spirituality), 7 pm, CH. Sung Evening Prayer, 8 pm, C.
Tuesday	Grades K-5 FF, 4:15 pm, SCH/CH. Grades 6-8 FF, 7 pm, SC/SCH. Adult FF (History), 7 pm, SC. Faith Inquiry, 7:30 pm, SMR.
Wednesday	Contemporary Ensemble, 8 pm, C.
Thursday	Thanksgiving. Contemporary Ensemble, 10:15 am, CH. Mass at 11:00 am only.
Friday	Mass at 8:00 am only. The parish office is closed.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 22 - Saturday, November 28, 2009

Sunday	Parishioners, All Souls, Camilla Skrovanek/D, John Heneghan/D.
Monday	All Souls, Mary Kahl/D.
Tuesday	All Souls, Klara Dobriansky/D.
Wednesday	All Souls, Wally/D.
Thursday	All Souls.
Friday	All Souls.
Saturday	All Souls, Duke Benson/D.

READINGS for November 29, 2009

Reading I	Jeremiah 33:14-16
Reading II	1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2
Gospel	Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

CELEBRANTS for November 29, 2009

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

IN OUR PARISH

Because the **flu season** is upon us, the following advice comes from the Worship Office of the Archdiocese of Washington: no one is under an obligation to shake hands

during the sign of peace (a statement of peace, bow or other gesture is appropriate) or receive the precious Blood. If anyone is ill, or suspects they are ill, they may also wish to receive the host in the hand rather than by mouth. If you are seriously ill, the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holydays does not apply.

The RCIA catechumens and candidates will celebrate the **Rite of Acceptance** this Sunday, November 22. Please keep our Catechumens, Herbert Bennett and Mac McCord and our Candidates, Therese Campagnone, Cynthia Colvin, Lawrence Ripley and Christine Waskiewicz in your prayers as they enter more deeply into the process of becoming Catholic.

It is time for the annual **Advent Giving Tree**, sponsored by the St. Jane de Chantal Sodality. The trees in the foyer are decorated with hundreds of gift cards. Each card represents a person's gift wish. This program is a special way for our parish to remember others at Christmas. We receive requests from expectant mothers, homeless shelters, seniors and children. Charities include the Little Sisters of the Poor, Catholic Charities Family Center, Rachael's Women's Center and some 16 other charitable organizations here in the Washington area. We also provide gifts to the retired Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill in Greensburg, Pennsylvania. These are the wonderful women who have devoted their lives to God and to us. White angel cards represent their gift wishes. Take a card from the tree and return the wrapped gift (with the card attached) by Sunday, December 13. Also, keep in mind that for many this is their only Christmas present so please purchase a new gift item. Leave your gifts under the tree in the foyer by Sunday's 5:00 pm Mass. Any questions, call Barbara Coppola (301-469-5851) or Terri Smith (301-881-1243).

This Thursday, November 26, is **Thanksgiving**. The only Mass at St. Jane de Chantal will be celebrated at 11:00 am. The offertory collection on Thanksgiving will benefit our parish St. Vincent de Paul Society.

The only **Mass on Friday, November 27**, will be celebrated at 8:00 am. The parish office will be closed.

The **CYO is selling poinsettias** to celebrate the Christmas season. Poinsettias will cost \$20 each. Place your order as soon as possible by contacting Cheryl Leahy (301-530-0145 or Cleahy@aol.com); specify red or white and number of poinsettias. Orders can be picked up Friday, December 4 from 12:00-1:20 pm in Caulfield Hall, or after any Mass the weekend of December 5/6 in Caulfield Hall. Make check payable to St. Jane de Chantal CYO.

Widows and widowers are invited to the **Post Cana** Open House and Christmas Party, Sunday December 6, 1:00-4:00 pm, in the party room at Westlake Towers, 7420 Westlake Terrace in Bethesda, a block from Montgomery Mall. Post Cana, an organization sponsored by the Archdiocesan Office of Family Life, provides social and religious activities for widows and widowers of all ages and faiths. Come and see what we are all about, and get in the Christmas spirit! For more

information, call Sally McCarthy at 301-598-4480.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

. . . **those who are sick**, especially Ray Timm, Helen White, Isabelle Fitzpatrick, John Pekar, Godfrey Viegas, Fr. Helwig, Ted LeBlanc, Roger Folstrom, Catherine Tatge, Gertrude Peterson, Teresa Kaulius, Mary Bailey, Susan Kuhn, Al and Mary Jane Richman, Maureen Stradley, and all those in our nursing homes and hospitals.

. . . **those who have died**, especially John Bigelow.

IN OUR FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

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

Service opportunities for 8th grade or high school students (and their parents): 1) Emmaus Services for the Aging needs volunteers for their **Thanksgiving and Christmas events**: serving/delivering Thanksgiving meals on Thanksgiving Day morning (1-2 hours); and serving as kitchen/wait staff for their holiday party on December 18. If interested, contact Tricia Hughes (phughes@emmausservices.org) for details, and also Rebecca Mosca, Youth Minister, at dc.ym@stjanedechantal.org. 2) The next **SOME** day is Sunday, December 13. RSVP to Rebecca now to make sure you have a spot. We always need parents to drive! 3) **The Advent Wreath Workshop** will take place Sunday, November 29. Volunteers are definitely needed. Contact Rebecca to sign up, or contact Ann Gradowski with specific questions.

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.

FORWARD IN FAITH

The Archdiocese of Washington embarked on the Forward in Faith campaign in 2004 to raise funds to support six critical archdiocesan priorities: education, Catholic Charities, pastoral services, multi-cultural apostolates, ministry enhancement and parishes. The goal of the campaign is to raise a minimum \$135 million by December 2010 in support of these objectives. As of September 30, 2009, \$106.1 million has been received in pledge payments toward the Forward in Faith goal.

Together, through Forward in Faith, we are providing for today's needs while building a stronger foundation for the future. Every parish in the archdiocese was assigned a goal to assist with the Forward in Faith campaign. Our parish has been successful in confirming \$1,343,957.75 in total pledges to support Forward in Faith. Of which, \$1,232,639.02 had been paid as of September 30, 2009.

Our parish goal is to redeem 100% of our remaining pledges. Our parish receives a portion of the proceeds that we raise for Forward in Faith. Thus far, we have received \$246,592.00. Thank you to every donor here at St. Jane de Chantal Parish who has fulfilled or continues to fulfill their pledge to Forward in Faith.

For more information about Forward in Faith or to obtain a copy of the Forward in Faith newsletter, contact Sean Brown at 301-853-5344. For more information, visit the Forward in Faith section of the archdiocesan website at www.adw.org.

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.

All families are encouraged to apply for **tuition assistance from the Archdiocese of Washington** for the 2010-2011 school year. The deadline to apply is December 4. Families applying for archdiocesan tuition assistance need to complete just one form for all children. The archdiocese hopes to award \$4 million in tuition assistance next year. For more information and to register now online, visit www.CatholicSchoolsWork.org or call 301-853-5356.

Register your 8th grader to take the **High School Placement Test** to attend a Catholic high school next fall. The test will be held on December 5 and 12. All students must be pre-registered; no walk-ins are permitted. Note that registration can fill up early. Visit www.CatholicSchoolsWork.org for more information and to register online or call 301-853-5304.

Each month, **young adults** from the Archdiocese of Washington come together to serve those in need. Join us volunteers as we assemble 2,000 reentry kits for those newly released from prison for the Welcome Home Reentry Program on Saturday, December 5 at Centro Maria, 650 Jackson Street, NE, Washington, DC. These kits will help with immediate personal care needs so that no one begins his new life empty-handed. For more information and to RSVP, email Laura.Ferstl.yam@adw.org.

A **Christmas dance party for persons with developmental disabilities** and their families and friends will be held Saturday, December 5, 7:00-10:00 pm, in the St. John the Evangelist School gym, 10201 Woodland Drive in Silver Spring. People of all ages and faiths are invited to this holiday celebration. There will be free refreshments, and dancing to the Ultrasound DeeJays. \$3.00 per person. For more

information, call Pat Ruppert (301-482-1119) or Peg Kolm (301-562-9573).

The **Archdiocesan Global Solidarity Committee** is recruiting new members to join in January 2010. The committee is comprised of Catholics across the archdiocese who are passionate about the Church's call to live in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world. Committee working groups are focused on parish and school outreach, advocacy, parish twinning, peace issues and fair trade. Recent activities included hosting Global Solidarity Celebration Month, which celebrated the anniversary of the Papal visit. That month featured over 30 locally-planned parish events to celebrate the universal Church, supported by the committee. The committee and the Department for Charity and Justice seek candidates who have experience with global solidarity ministry at their parishes or in their professional background, and who would like to be of service at the archdiocesan level. Interested candidates should email DSC@adw.org for an application, to be submitted by December 10.

Volunteers are needed for the 35th Annual **Christmas Dinner for the Needy at the Basilica of the National Shrine** of the Immaculate Conception, 400 Michigan Ave, NE, Washington DC, 20017. Volunteers will assist in preparing and serving meals in the Shrine cafeteria as well as delivering dinners to homes in the District and Montgomery and Prince George's Counties on Christmas Day. Volunteers may contact the Shrine at 202-526-8300 x140. If you know of someone who cannot get out and would like a Christmas dinner delivered to their home on Christmas day, call 202-526-8300 x101 by December 10.

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.

Feel called to the **Permanent Diaconate**? Learn more about the diaconate online at www.adw.org/vocations/deacons.asp. The site includes contact information, current admissions criteria for the Archdiocese of Washington's permanent deacon formation program and a brief description of a deacon's role in the Church today.

IN OUR AREA

A **retreat specially planned for men and women facing serious physical illness** will be held at the Dominican Retreat House in McLean, Virginia, December 11-13. A team of doctors, nurses, priests, sisters and helpers will be present around the clock. Scheduling allows plenty of time for rest and

reflection. This retreat is offered free of charge. Registration closes December 1. To register, call Dominican Retreat (703-356-4243) or Doug Sebek (703-860-4929).

Stewardship

Our Joyful Return to the Lord

*Today's second reading reminds us that
the sacrifice of Christ frees us from sin
and makes us a royal nation of priests
in the service of God.*

How am I using my gifts to serve God and others?

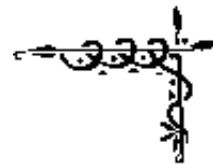
Offertory for November 15, 2009

286 Envelopes	\$13,124.00
Loose	\$ 3,359.00
Total	\$16,483.00
Attendance	2320

The **second collection** this weekend, November 21/22, is the annual collection to support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). For almost 40 years, the CCHD has offered a solution to poverty by funding low-income community groups across the United States that find lasting solutions to the root causes of poverty. CCHD supports poor and low-income people in acquiring affordable housing, fair wages, access to health care and vocational training. The leaders of CCHD-funded groups are low-income community members who want to change their situation for a lifetime. Our support of CCHD is vital to solving poverty in the United States, including our own community. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/cchd.

Thank you for your contributions of \$398.00 to Bethesda Cares. The **Poor Box** next weekend, November 28/29, will benefit Montgomery Hospice, which offers a full range of services to its patients, as well as support for those who love and care for them.

Have you been wishing you could make a contribution to St. Jane de Chantal Parish but thinking that you couldn't possibly donate during the current economic situation? The solution could be an **Archdiocese of Washington charitable gift annuity**, offering you (and your spouse) a life income at rates double or triple CD yields. The gift annuity is safe (your annual annuity is backed by the assets of the archdiocese); tax-efficient (you receive a substantial Federal income tax deduction); a fixed rate (your income will never change); and rewarding (you get the reward of supporting your parish without losing income). To request a personal gift illustration from the Archdiocesan Office of Planned Giving, contact Edward D'Antoni at 301-853-4573 or edantoni@adw.org.



Adult Advent Lecture Series

BIBLICAL SPIRITUALITY

Presented by Fr. Joseph F. Wimmer, O.S.A., S.T.D.,
Associate Professor of Scripture at Washington Theological Union

Monday, November 23 and 30, and December 7,
7:00–8:00 pm in Caulfield Hall,
followed by Sung Evening Prayer at 8:00 pm in church.

November 23: Faith: The Gift of Acceptance
November 30: Worship and Prayer in the Community and Home
December 7: Biblical Understanding of Justice and Love.





HOW REDEFINING MARRIAGE IMPACTS THE ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON'S SOCIAL SERVICE MINISTRIES

Recent news reports have mistakenly claimed that the Archdiocese of Washington and Catholic Charities are threatening to cease providing social services in the District of Columbia if the proposed bill to legalize same-sex marriage is passed.

Catholic Charities vows to continue its services if a same-sex marriage bill passes

Serving people who are poor and needy is essential to the practice of our faith. *"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."* (Matthew 25:40) For the last 80 years, we have heeded the Gospel call to serve those in need without regard to race, gender, creed, nationality and sexual orientation, and we always will. However, the Council's legislation, as it now reads, will diminish the resources we have to do so. If a meaningful religious exemption is not added to the bill to permit us to observe Catholic teachings on marriage, we will be forced to choose between these two beliefs. We fear the bill may render us ineligible for contracts and licenses from the city to continue providing services.

Where the legislation stands

On November 10, the D.C. Council's Committee on Public Safety and the Judiciary approved the bill (18-482), the "Religious Freedom and Marriage Equality Amendment Act," without adding the needed exemption. The bill has now advanced to the full Council and could be voted on very soon. Representatives of the Archdiocese explained in testimony before the Committee in October the need for this exemption. That testimony is available at www.marriagemattersdc.org.

What we are asking

If the Council moves forward to redefine marriage, the Archdiocese urges that the bill be amended to allow religious organizations and individuals to provide services in a manner that does not compromise their religious teachings and beliefs. The American Civil Liberties Union, the InterFaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington, and a group of nationally-recognized legal scholars also urged greater protection for religious freedom.

Why an exemption is needed

An exemption protecting religious freedom is critically important for all, but perhaps most for Catholic Charities - the largest non-governmental provider of social services in the District. For decades, Catholic Charities has been one of the most reliable and capable partners of the City in caring for its neediest residents. It is fiscally responsible, highly qualified to do the work, and deeply invested in the well-being of those in need. Catholic Charities is firmly committed to this mission, which is derived from our faith.

However, Catholic Charities observes the Catholic belief that marriage is the union of man and woman. It cannot place children with same-sex parents in foster care and adoption; it cannot promote and support same-sex marriage through payment of spousal benefits. The bill would compel Catholic Charities to do both of these. Catholic Charities cannot comply with these requirements.

The bill would affect a wide range of Gospel-driven ministries

For all contracts and grants, the District requires Catholic Charities to certify its compliance with D.C. laws, including contracts for homeless shelters, mental health services, foster care and more. Catholic Charities will not be able to comply with this bill if it becomes law as currently written. So, the City will withhold government contracts and licenses. Catholic Charities' ability to provide these services that the City has relied on for generations will be reduced by this change in the law.

Catholic Charities is not a beneficiary of government funding; instead, the beneficiaries are those whom Catholic Charities serves. Government funds are granted to accomplish a state objective and are conditioned on their use toward that end. Catholic Charities adds \$10 million in donations and thousands of hours of volunteer work to those programs supported by government funds.

This is about sincerely held religious beliefs on marriage, not discrimination. The Church simply wants to be allowed to carry out its mission to serve without abandoning its beliefs about the nature of marriage. The Council cannot require the Church to conform to a definition of marriage that violates its sincerely held religious beliefs, but the City can refuse to contract with the Church. However, it is possible for the Council to find a balance in this legislation, as other states have done. We believe the Council can amend this bill in a way that protects all interests involved.

