



**Our parish calendar is available
for viewing online at www.stjanedechantal.org
under "Calendar & Schedules."**

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, December 13 - Saturday, December 19, 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. Lessons & Carols, 7:30 pm, C.
Monday	Ladies of Charity, 2:30 pm, Bethesda Health. Cub Scout Pack 461, 5:30 pm, NMR. High School FF, 7 pm, SC.
Tuesday	K-5 FF Christmas Play, 4:15 pm, C/CH. 6-8 FF Reception, 7 pm, CH. Adult FF (History), 7 pm, SC. Penance Service, 7:30 pm, C.
Wednesday	School Christmas Play, 6:30 pm, C. Cantors, 6:30 pm, SCH. Evangelization Outreach, 7:15 pm, SC. Contemporary Ensemble, 8 pm, C.
Thursday	Boys Scout Troop 461, 7 pm, DCR. Cantors, 7:15 pm, C. Adult Choir, 8 pm, C.
Saturday	RCIA, 9:30 am, SC.

MASS INTENTIONS

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Sunday	Parishioners, Baumgartner Family/D, Jerry Donlon/D, Rita Friess/D.
Monday	Jerry Donlon/D, William Bartels/D.
Tuesday	Jerry Donlon/D, Klara Dobriansky/D.
Wednesday	George Benson/D, Stanley Garbacik/D.
Thursday	John Jenuwine/L, Capt. Bradford Granum/D.
Friday	Dodwell & Romesha Soyza/D, William Bartels/D.
Saturday	Cmdr. Stephen Edson/D, Jennie Daugherty.

READINGS for December 20, 2009

Micah 5:1-4 **g** Hebrews 10:5-10 **g** Luke 1:39-45

CELEBRANTS for December 20, 2009

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

IN OUR PARISH

Delicious Treats! Mark you calendars for the St. Gianna Unit's **bake sale** after all Masses (except Sunday 5:00 pm) this weekend, December 12/13. Proceeds will be donated to Gabriel's Project to assist pregnant women who can not afford prenatal care.

Gifts are due today for the **Advent Giving Tree**. Please leave your gifts under the tree in the foyer by Sunday's 5:00 pm Mass. Volunteers will be delivering the presents this week. Thank you for your always-generous donations. The groups we serve always comment on the wonderful presents that come from St. Jane de Chantal!

The Adult and Children's Choirs will present their annual **Lessons and Carols** this Sunday, December 13, at 7:30 pm in church. Please join us.

You are cordially invited to attend the St. Jane's **Faith Formation Christmas pageant** on Tuesday, December 15, at 4:30 pm in church.

Our **Advent Penance Service** will take place Tuesday, December 15, at 7:30 pm. After a brief reflection on Scripture, several priests will be available to hear individual confessions.

The piano and organ students of Henry and the violin students of Timothy Martin will present their annual **Winter Recital** on Friday, December 18, at 8:00 pm in the church. Everyone is welcome.

Children wishing to participate in the 6:30 pm **Christmas Eve acting out the Gospel story** are invited to attend a practice on Wednesday, December 23 from 3:00-4:00 pm in church. Any child is welcome to join in. We are in need of angels and shepherds and may have various other parts needed. Lectors and offertory gift bearers are also needed. To participate, e-mail Sr. Sally (sister.sally@stjanedechantal.org) or call the Seton Center (301-530-1640).

There will be not **Inquiry Group** meeting for the month of December. The next scheduled meeting will be held January 12, 2010, at 7:30 pm, in the Scanlan Meeting Room. Contact Deacon Chester Chen (240-994-2016) for more information.

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, Gertrude Peterson, Teresa Kaulius, Mary Bailey, Al and Mary Jane Richman, Maureen Stradley, Manny and Emelia Aragon, and all those in our nursing homes and hospitals.

... **those who have died**, especially Joseph Uhrig and Marie Daly.

IN OUR FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

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

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.

The light of the **Advent season** is glowing throughout the school. First and second grade hallways display decorated pictures of Advent candles which include the goal of each student during this time of preparation for the coming of Jesus. During morning announcements each day, students explain different symbols of the Jesse Tree and all the symbols are displayed on a large tree outside the Resource Room. Students observe this special time with reverence and anticipation.

The annual **Let It Snow contest** has been in full swing with students trying to guess the date of the first significant snow of the year. Many entries are always submitted to gain a prize, but the real award is a day off school. It is difficult to determine who enjoys this more—students or teachers!

49% of our 7th and 8th graders recently qualified to participate in the **Johns Hopkins Gifted and Talented Talent Search**. They will take the SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) in January at a nearby high school. We are very proud of these students.

The entire school has collected **shoeboxes for SOME** (So Others Might Eat) this week filled with helpful items for the needy (hats, gloves, toiletries, and treats). Wonderful parents will be driving the boxes (over 500) to SOME.

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.

Fighting Poverty with Faith Interfaith Prayer Vigil will be held Tuesday, December 15, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm, at Lawyer's Mall, State House, Annapolis, MD. Please join us as we pray for vulnerable Marylanders, ask State leaders to preserve programs impacting the most vulnerable, and thank them for the actions they have already taken to preserve Maryland's safety net. Please bring a non-perishable food item that can be

donated to the Lighthouse Shelter. Sponsored by Maryland Interfaith Legislative Committee, which includes the Maryland Catholic Conference, and the Archdioceses of Baltimore and Washington. For more information contact Julie Walsh at the Maryland Catholic Conference at 401-269-1155. If you plan to attend the Interfaith Prayer Vigil, the Maryland Catholic Conference invites you to their office for lunch after the Vigil, to meet their staff, and to tour their historic building. Please RSVP by Friday, December 11 to Julie Walsh, (301-261-1979). The Maryland Catholic Conference is located at 10 Francis Street, Annapolis, MD 21401.

The **Christmas TV Mass** will air Friday, December 25, 7:00-8:00 am, on WDCW-50 (“The CW”). The actual channel varies by TV provider. Antenna and satellite television: channel 50; Comcast and Verizon: channel 3 or 23; and RCN: channel 15. If you have difficulty finding the right channel or would like to have the free Celebrate newsletter sent to someone who is homebound, call the Archdiocese of Washington Office of Communications at 301-853-4517. The TV Mass also airs Sundays on WDCW-50 at 10:30 a.m.

Catholics in the Archdiocese of Washington may participate in **adult faith formation courses over the Internet**. The next cycle of courses begins January 10 and includes *Catholic Beliefs, Church History 1, Conscience, Ecclesiology: The Beginnings of the Church, Introduction to Liturgy, Introduction to Practical Morality, Introduction to Prayer, Letters of Paul, Poverty in the U.S. and Around the World, Sacraments, Scripture: Introduction*, and *Survey of Catholic Doctrine*. Registration for this cycle closes January 6. Courses run four to six weeks, and individual classes are capped at 12 participants. Seminars run for three weeks. Through a partnership between the University of Dayton and the Archdiocesan Office for Religious Education, the courses cost \$40 and seminars cost \$30. For more information, visit www.udayton.edu/~vlc. Certain courses may be eligible for credit towards the Archdiocesan Hearts Aflame Faith and Ministry Formation Program. For details, call the Archdiocesan Office of Religious Education at 301-953-5387, or consult Sr. Sally at the Seton Center.

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. Recipients of the Bishop's Scholarship must be accepted applicants to the university, have a 3.0 GPA and an 1100 SAT (Critical Reading and Math combined), and write a 500-word essay (instructions are on the application). 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, 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. This is an opportunity for spiritual and intellectual formation in Catholic social teaching and ministry, and for fellowship with many from across the country involved in social ministry. 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.

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, 2010.

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 lifeline for marriage, **Retrouvaille** (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It offers the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped thousands of couples experiencing marital difficulty. For more (confidential) information or to register for a program contact 301-468-6764 or 410-647-0350, TomnCarol@comcast.net or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com. The next retreat will be January 15-17, 2010.

Need a break? Some time for spiritual reflection? Start the new year with a weekend **retreat for men** on January 22-24, 2010 at the Dominican Retreat House in McLean, VA. Rev. Bart Karwacki, OFM Conv, will be the retreat director, with a theme of "Nothing can separate us from the love of God" (Romans 8:39). For reservations or information, contact Steve Roth

(301-530-0707), or the Retreat House (703-356-4253), or visit www.dominicanretreat.org.

Stewardship

Our Joyful Return to the Lord

Today's Gospel provides a blueprint for good stewardship:

"Let the man who has two coats give to him who has none.

The man who has food should to the same.

(See Luke 3:11)

Offertory for November 29, 2009

284 Envelopes	\$10,707.00
Loose	\$ 3,028.00
Total	\$13,735.00
Attendance	2284

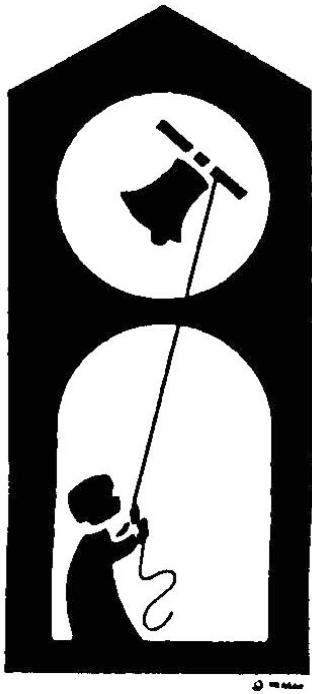
Offertory for December 6, 2009

311 Envelopes	\$17,138.00
Loose	\$ 3,236.00
Total	\$20,374.00
Attendance	2091

The second collection this weekend, December 12/13, is the annual collection for the **Retirement Fund for Religious**, which helps defray the retirement and health care costs of religious sisters and brothers. Data submitted to the National Religious Retirement Office reveals that the average annual cost of care for women and men religious age 70 and over has more than doubled since 1989. Current statistics put this figure at \$35,077 per person annually, with skilled care reaching nearly \$55,000. Your donation to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides critical support to religious institutes in meeting the escalating costs of elder care. Please pray for all religious and give generously to today's second collection. For more information, visit www.retiredreligious.org.

Thank you for your contributions of \$305.00 to Montgomery Hospice and \$1,002.00 to the Monsignor Christopher Scholarship Fund. The **Poor Box** next weekend, December 19/20, will benefit St. Mary's, Barnesville, Prison Ministry Program at the Montgomery County jail in Clarksburg.

Your Church has been there for you throughout your lifetime; you can be there for your Church's future. **Leaving a bequest in your will to St. Jane** de Chantal Parish or School allows you to leave your legacy to an institution that has meant so much to you and thousands of others. For more information, contact Edward D'Antoni, Director, Archdiocesan Office of Planned Giving, at 301-853-4573 or dantonie@adw.org.



THE SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Thursday, December 24

Vigil Masses at 4:00 pm (church & Caulfield Hall) & 6:30 pm
(for families with young children),
and 10:30 pm (prelude music begins at 10:00 pm)

Friday, December 25

Masses at 9:30 and 11:30 am

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Thursday, December 31

Vigil Mass at 5:00 pm

Friday, January 1

Masses at 9:30 and 11:00 am