

The First Sunday of Lent

/ YEAR B

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: PS 91

When he calls me, I will answer him. I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

READING I: GN 9:8-15

God establishes a covenant with Noah and his descendants. The covenant between God and Noah reaches beyond humanity to embrace all living beings.

PSALM RESPONSE: PSALM 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

(R) Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

READING II: 1 PT 3:18-22

Christ going down to death (and to the realm of the dead) but coming to life in the Spirit; Noah saved through water; and baptism as an appeal to God “through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.”

GOSPEL: MK 1:12-15

After his baptism by John, Jesus is “driven” by the Spirit to a place of challenge and temptation—to the wilderness where Israel met God during the Exodus. The brief text ends with a summary of Jesus’ preaching: “The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: PS 90

The Lord will conceal you with his pinions, and under his wings you will trust.

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OPENING THE WORD: 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR B)

In her wisdom, the Church gives us this reading at the beginning of Lent because Jesus is giving us an example of what the season of Lent is meant to be for us. Lent is a time to remember the reality of our life on earth. In the way that Lent prepares us for Easter, our life on earth is meant to prepare us for heaven—the eternal Easter. We are battling against evil in the desert of this world, with the hope of the resurrection on the other side. Lent draws us into this reality and prepares us for this battle. **Listen** to Sean Dalton as he offers prayers and insights on today’s Gospel.

WHOLE 40: MAKING A SPIRITUAL PLAN FOR LENT

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent and a great day to make a plan for this holy and grace-filled season. Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. Elizabeth Klein, Professor at the Augustine Institute Graduate School, to **discuss** the purpose of the season of Lent, how to prepare for it, and why it is such a fruitful season in our life of faith. Go to formed.org/len to sign up for Daily Lenten Reflections with Dr. Tim Gray as he opens up the Scriptures throughout this holy season.

THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE BY FR. WILLIAM CASEY

Speaking on reconciliation, Fr. William Casey, Superior General of the Fathers of Mercy, reminds us that confession, the forgotten Sacrament, is the ordinary means for the forgiveness of mortal sins after baptism and a veritable treasury of graces and spiritual strength for us in our daily struggles against temptation and sin. Discover how this Sacrament can transform your life if you allow it!

1. Registering for FORMED is **FREE** to St. Jane de Chantal parishioners; go to:
formed.org
2. Click “Sign Up”
3. Select “I Belong to a Parish or Organization”
4. Find “St Jane Frances de Chantal” by parish name, address, or zip code (20814)
5. Enter your email address, and you are in!
Use your email address to sign in each time.

LENT IN OUR PARISH

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us each Friday of Lent (except Good Friday) for Stations of the Cross. February 26, March 5, 12, 19, and 26 at 7:00 pm. For Good Friday, April 2, stations will be at 12:00 pm & at 3:00 pm.

CONFESSIONS & ADORATION

Confessions will be heard at 2:00 pm every Tuesdays and Thursdays of Lent (except Holy Thursday). Also at this time, St. Jane offers the opportunity for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. If you have been reluctant to come to the sacrament of penance, 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 reconnect with Christ and His Church. Confessions are also heard at St. Jane each Saturday, 3:45-4:45 pm.

LENTEN VOCATION TREE

Please stop by the Lenten Vocations table to pick up a seminarian prayer card for our 66 seminarians at the St. John Paul II Seminary in the Archdiocese of Washington. Alternatively, you can pick up instructions on how to download and print a prayer card from a "Virtual Vocations Tree" that the seminary had created.

LENTEN ROMAN PILGRIMAGE

We invite you to join us, each Sunday of Lent from 4:00 to 4:45 pm, for a Vespers service using parishioner George Weigel's book, "Roman Pilgrimage – the Station Churches." While having a copy of "Roman Pilgrimage" is not essential for participating in the Sunday Vespers, a copy of the book will enhance your Lenten journey. The book may be obtained from Amazon as either a text or an e-book; we very much recommend the e-book, in which all the 400+ photographs are in stunning color. You may purchase a copy of George Weigel's book "Roman Pilgrimage – the Station Churches" through Amazon. Don't forget to support our St. Jane de Chantal School by using our **Amazon Smile Link**. Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases. For a link to the YouTube Vespers Services play list, click **HERE!**

LENTEN ONLINE SCRIPTURE STUDY

In addition to the Sunday Vesper service based on "Roman Pilgrimage" by George Weigel, there will be an opportunity to meet as small groups online for discussion. Meeting options are currently Sundays, 6:30 - 8:00 pm, Tuesdays 7:00 - 8:30 pm or Thursdays 9:30 - 11:00 am. For more information, or to register, please use the form located on our website by clicking **HERE**, or contact the parish office at parish.office@stjanedechantal.org.

LENTEN 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

On Saturdays of February 20 through March 27 from 9:15 am to 10:15 am (soon after our 8:30 am Mass at the Church), please join us in a prayer vigil on the public sidewalk along the white fence outside the LeRoy Carhart's late-term abortion clinic in the Wildwood Medical Center at 10401 Old Georgetown Road (the sidewalk is by the Suntrust Bank).

IN OUR PARISH

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

St. Jane de Chantal Parish welcomes those who have recently registered in our parish:

Mrs. Pauline L. Kuta

If you attend Mass at St. Jane Frances de Chantal regularly, we encourage you to register as a member. Please complete a registration form, which can be found at www.stjanedechantal.org, scan it, and email it to parish.office@stjanedechantal.org.

CALLS TO THE LONELY AND ISOLATED

Getting a friendly call can be a real boost for someone who is lonely. Do you know an elderly who is alone, isolated or needs emotional or spiritual interaction? In the spirit of love and compassion, we would like to reach out and make calls to offer support, and help build morale. If you know someone who needs this, please email the parish office at parish.office@stjanedechantal.org.

SNOW POLICY FOR WEEKDAY MASSES

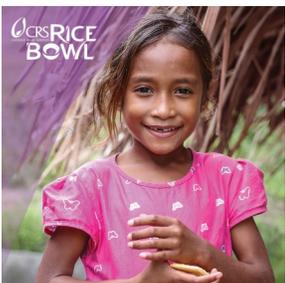
If the Federal Government is closed due to inclement weather, St. Jane de Chantal will not hold the 8:30 am weekday Mass. Please stay safe at home, and allow our snow removal crews to clear and treat our parking lots and walkways. If the Federal Government is opening on a delayed schedule, we will hold the 8:30 am Mass.

2020 TAX STATEMENTS

2020 Tax Letters have been mailed on February 3, 2021. If you do not receive one in the upcoming weeks or have any questions about your statement, please email Mae Villa-Agustin at mae.villaagustin@stjanedechantal.org.

THE GRANDE-SYNTHÉ DECISION WEBINAR

The Parish Environmental Committee invites you to join a webinar hosted by Yale Law School on Wednesday, February 24 from noon to 1:30 pm EST. Their topic is The Grande-Synthe Decision: A Conversation about National Climate Commitments, Accountability, and the Role of Courts. Pope Francis' Encyclical Laudato Si issued almost six years ago calls Catholics to care for our common home, and to help protect its resources, and the less fortunate



THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES—RICE BOWL

Jesus teaches us that when we help our sisters and brothers around the world, we are helping him, too. Over the 40 days of Lent, we'll learn how families and communities discover ways to lead healthier lives and remind ourselves how we can do our part through CRS Rice Bowl. Join our parish community—and more than 12,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's rice bowl from the Gathering Space of church beginning Ash Wednesday.

Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more, or click **HERE**—and come fly with us!

who are especially vulnerable to its degradations. This ruling from the Conseil d'Etats in France gives hope to parties who would aspire to hold governments accountable for their agreements concerning the air and resources of the earth. You can register without charge at https://yale.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_LvwZhpP9ReuaWo_RE_kJVg.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

. . . those who are sick, and all those in our nursing homes and hospitals, especially especially Beth B, Alexie Longoria, Redentor Bautista, Lisa D., Dyann Wasilewski and Gia Yunker.

. . . those who have died, Mary Thorne, Marilyn Flynn, Andrew Duymovic, Mary Ann Fake, William Rooney, Willie S., Mary Lynch Turner, Pat Krisko, John Krisko III, Ruth O'Reilly, Jennie Peterzell-Morris, Richard Kolf, and Sandra Frattali.

IN OUR LITURGY & MUSIC MINISTRIES

Visit the Music Ministries page at www.stjanedechantal.org/ministries/music-ministry for information on the many music ensembles at St. Jane.

IN OUR FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

Visit the Faith Formation page at <http://stjanedechantal.org/faith-formation/> for information on the various programs, registration forms and calendars.

CCD FIRST PENANCE

Our CCD 2nd Grader's First Penance will take place this Tuesday, February 23rd. 2nd Grader's will first go to class for preparations and will come up to the church thereafter for their First Penance. 2 parents/ guardian are allowed to attend.

Uncontrollable events can bring our world to a standstill – **but our ministries to those in need must keep going.**

Many in our parish have given up envelopes and made the switch to eGiving through Faith Direct.

Recurring gifts have sustained out ministries throughout COVID-19, and are needed now as our parish and community continue to face the uncertainty caused by the pandemic.

To answer the call and sign up now, visit <https://membership.faithdirect.net/enroll/MD30>

or scan the QR code using your smart phone camera.



IN OUR AREA

THANK YOU FOR THE SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Sodality Unit kindly thanks all our parishioners for so generously sending school supplies at the end of last year to the religious education program for the children at our sister parish Shrine of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Washington, DC. The Seton Unit is most grateful for your continued generosity in this annual program these past six years.

IN OUR BLUE RIBBON 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

BEST OF BETHESDA 2021

The teachers, students and families of St. Jane de Chantal School were honored by Bethesda Magazine in January 2021. De Chantal was featured for receiving the most votes for "Best Job In Distance Learning – Private Schools". This well deserved recognition and award are the result of hard work by our school community. Over the last nine months, teachers spent countless hours learning how to teach remotely, integrating traditional teaching methods with new digital methods and striving to insure the needs of every student are fulfilled. Parents continued to support their children's "at home learning" while balancing their own work responsibilities. Most importantly, the students of St. Jane de Chantal successfully shifted to this new way of learning, accepted new restrictions and adjusted to school day changes. During the last several months, living the Catholic Faith has become the glue that keeps our school together. Students were able to receive sacraments and attend Mass in small groups, planning for the Second Graders to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist are ongoing, as are daily lessons for our eighth grade students preparing for Confirmation. Teachers and Religious staff are planning for the upcoming Lenten Season imagining new and creative ways to safely celebrate Ash Wednesday Services and Stations of the Cross .

THE ST. JANE DE CHANTAL SCHOOL – OPEN HOUSE

Families interested in enrolling their children at St. Jane de Chantal School are encouraged to attend the Virtual Open House on March 18, 2021. Attending the Open House offers parents the opportunity to meet teachers and learn more about our Award Winning Curriculum. Please contact Catherine Tomscheck ctomscheck@dechantal.org to confirm your attendance.



ST. JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL CHURCH

Live-Stream Mass - Sundays at 10:00 am

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCURF30PSNBf3HXZA5XMh-MQ>

THE SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair will be running for a second time this year starting February 15th - 28th! The link to shop will go live on February 15th. All orders ship directly to your home and DeChantal will receive a percentage of the profits! Click [HERE](#) to purchase!

IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

For more information on vocations, education, family, youth, social concerns, & other events in the Archdiocese of Washington, visit www.adw.org. The website also has a media center, which includes social media tools, a YouTube channel, and apps.

IN INTERVIEW WITH TODAY SHOW'S AL ROKER, CARDINAL GREGORY REFLECTS ON HIS FAITH JOURNEY AND RACISM

Al Roker, weather forecaster and co-host of NBC's TODAY show, interviewed Washington Cardinal Wilton D. Gregory on January of 2021 at the Archdiocese of Washington's Pastoral Center chapel in Hyattsville, Maryland, for an interview that aired this Feb. 15th, as part of the show's Black Voices series during February- Black History Month. Read the full context of the interview by clicking [HERE](#). You may also watch the interview by click on the video below.



LENTEN EVENING OF REFLECTION FOR SEPARATED AND DIVORCED CATHOLICS

The Archdiocesan Office for Family Life will be offering a free virtual Lenten Evening of Reflection for separated and/or divorced Catholics entitled "The Passion and Restoration of Job" on Thursday, February 25 from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm. The suffering and restoration of Job foreshadow the passion and resurrection of Christ and offer insights into how we can gain a new understanding of our suffering. To request accommodations for this event, including ASL interpretation, please contact specialneedsministry@adw.org or 301-301-200-5430. Register at <https://lentreflection21.eventbrite.com>

2021 ANNUAL ARCHDIOCESAN APPEAL



SEEKING CHRIST

"EVERYONE IS LOOKING FOR YOU"
Mark 1:37

The 2021 Annual Appeal is off to a fantastic start! Support more than 70 ministries and charitable works of the Church of Washington with your commitment. Visit appeal.adw.org to make your gift online today! #adwappeal. This year's theme is **Seeking Christ** to remind us in this time of hardship and need that Christ is the source of the healing, unity, and love that we all seek. Through our collective support of the Annual Appeal, we strengthen the Body of Christ that is our local Church, and we sustain her many charitable works that serve the spiritual and other needs of all those within and beyond our parish boundaries. It is not too late to consider a commitment to the 2021 Annual Appeal at home or in person. Your gift will be credited toward our parish goal of \$203,200. There are several ways to give. You can donate by check, credit or debit card, by phone, online through Faith Direct, Stock or IRA transfers, Donor Advised Funds or Employer Matching Gifts! For more info and ways to give, click [HERE](#).

STEWARDSHIP

*The waters of Baptism
make us part of the new covenant in Christ.
But the bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship reminds us
that "there is a fundamental obligation arising
from the sacrament of baptism. . . that people place their
gifts, their resources — their selves —
at God's service in and through the Church."*

POOR BOX: BETHESDA HELP

The Poor Box this weekend, February 20 & 21, will benefit Bethesda Help, which provides food, transportation, clothing referrals, emergency financial assistance, and information on other county resources to residents of greater Bethesda. For more information, visit www.bethesdahelp.org.

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

We accept donations of Donor Advised Fund grants for all funds at St. Jane de Chantal Parish (e.g., offertory, maintenance, St. Martin's Cloak, Msgr. Christopher Scholarship Fund, unrestricted donation)! Please have your donor advised fund provider include a note that includes your name and what you want the grant to support.

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to St. Jane de Chantal Parish & School:

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STOCK TRANSFERS, DONOR-ADVISED FUNDS, & IRA CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS;
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TO REQUEST ENVELOPES

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MAIL

9701 OLD GEORGETOWN RD
BETHESDA MD 20814-1795

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THROUGH FAITHDIRECT.NET
OR YOUR BANK'S BILL PAY

Sunday, February 21 – Saturday, February 27, 2021

For all upcoming events, visit www.stjanedechantal.org, click on "Complete Parish Calendar."

PARISH CALENDAR

C = Church ♦ CH = Caulfield Hall ♦ CGS = Gathering Space ♦ CLL = Church Lower Lobby
 CRH = Christopher Hall ♦ SMR = Scanlan Meeting Room ♦ DCR = De Chantal Room
 MR = Music Room ♦ NMR = Nalls Meeting Room ♦ RBR = Rectory Board Room
 SCH = School ♦ SC = Seton Center for Religious Education
 AF = Athletic Field ♦ PG = Parish Grounds

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

8:00 am Mass C
 10:00 am Mass C
 12:00 pm Mass C
 4:00 pm Lenten Vesper Services (A Roman Pilgrimage)..... C
 5:00 pm Mass C

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

8:30 am Mass C

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

8:30 am Mass C
 2:00 pm Holy Hour and Confessions C
 5:30 pm CCD First Penance Prep SMR/CH
 5:45 pm CCD First Penance Service C

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

8:30 am Mass C

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25

8:30 am Mass C
 2:00 pm Holy Hour and Confessions C
 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troup Weekly Meeting DCR/NMR

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

8:30 am Mass C
 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross C

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

8:30 am Mass C
 3:45 pm Confessions C
 5:00 pm Vigil Mass C

POPE FRANCIS

"Only God can give us true happiness: it is useless to waste our time seeking it elsewhere, in wealth, in pleasure, in power, in a career.... The Kingdom of God is the realization of all our aspirations because at the same time, it is the salvation of mankind and the glory of God. On this first Sunday of Lent, we are invited to listen carefully and to hear Jesus' appeal to convert, and to believe in the Gospel. We are exhorted to begin the journey towards Easter with commitment, to embrace evermore the grace of God who wishes to transform the world into a kingdom of justice, peace and fraternity."

ANGELUS
 Saint Peter's Square
 Sunday, 18 February 2018

READINGS Feb. 28

Second Sunday of Lent

Reading I
 Gen 22:1-2, 9a

Reading II
 Rom 8:31b-34

Gospel
 Mk 9:2-10

INTENTIONS

Sun., February 21 – Sat., February 27

Sunday 8:00 am Parishioners
 10:00 am Marilyn Flynn/D
 12:00 pm Col. James Murphy/D
 5:00 pm Mary Lent/D
 Monday 8:30 am Gerald Lupinski/D
 Tuesday 8:30 am Edward Greason/D
 Wednesday 8:30 am William Rooney/D
 Thursday 8:30 am John Thompson/D
 Friday 8:30 am James Black/D
 Saturday 8:30 am Donald J. McCormick/D
 5:00 pm William Rooney/D

ALTAR SERVERS

Mon., February 22 – Sun., February 28

Monday 8:30 am
 Tuesday 8:30 am
 Wednesday 8:30 am
 Thursday 8:30 am
 Friday 8:30 am
 7:30 pm
 Saturday 8:30 am
 5:00 pm
 Sunday 8:00 am
 10:00 am
 12:00 pm
 5:00 pm

We are in need of a sacristan to help with the 12:00 noon Mass on Sundays. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office at 301- 530-1550.