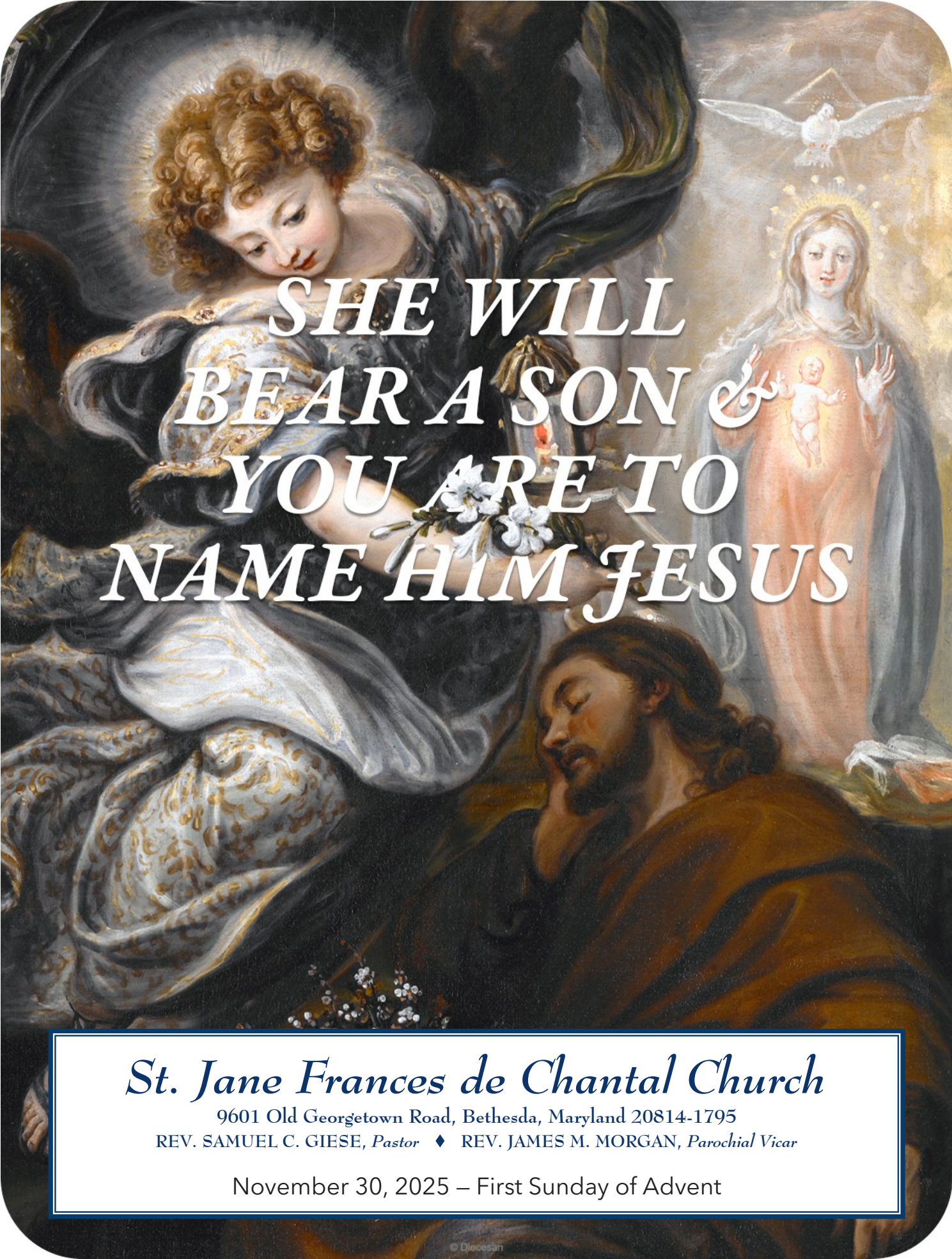




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YOU ARE TO
NAME HIM JESUS*

St. Jane Frances de Chantal Church

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November 30, 2025 – First Sunday of Advent

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT /YEAR A



NOVEMBER 30, 2025

Readings in *Worship* hymnal # 1001

Entrance Antiphon: Ps 25:1-3

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted;
let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you
be put to shame.

Reading I: Is 2:1-5

This vision of the coming messianic age has a hopeful focus, in which the Temple Mount in Jerusalem is seen to be the center that draws the nations together and the place from which moral teaching is sent into the whole world.

This hopeful, peaceful vision is set in contrast to the dark prediction of the Day of the Lord as a day of judgment in today's Gospel.

Psalm Response: Ps 122

One of the "Songs of Ascent" sung by pilgrims as they approached Jerusalem's Temple Mount. This psalm reflects an idealized picture of Jerusalem as the place of political as well as religious unity.

Reading II: Rom 13:11-14

Paul, writing from an early Christian perspective which expected the imminent return of the risen Lord, calls the people to a moral life, using the traditional morality of the way of light and the way of darkness.

Gospel: Mt 24:37-44

In this apocalyptic passage, Jesus emphasizes the tradition that the messianic "Son of Man" will arrive to herald the Day of the Lord.

Entrance Hymn Awaken, Sleepers | # 393
.....(Sun. 5pm) O Come, Divine Messiah | # 387

KyrieAdvent Kyrie

Cantor Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. *All* Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
Cantor Chri - st e - le - i - son. *All* Chri - st e - le - i - son.
Cantor Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. *All* Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Responsorial Psalm..... Psalm 122 | G. Grisi

G.G.
Let us go re - joic - ing to the house of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm..... (Sun. 5pm) Psalm 122 | O. Alstott

R. Let us go re - joic - ing to the house of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation | O. Alstott

R. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

..... (Sun. 5pm) From Mass of Joyful Heart (inside "Service Music" booklet # 10)

Preparation of the Gifts Lo, How a Rose E'er Bloomin | # 438

..... Parish Choir: Freu' dich sehr, o meine Seele - J.S. Bach BWV 70

..... (Sun. 5pm) The King Shall Come | # 403

Preface Acclamation..... from Compostela Mass (inside "Service Music" booklet # 1)

.....(Sun. 5 pm) from Mass of Creation | # 365

Memorial Acclamation from Compostela Mass

.....(inside "Service Music" booklet # 4)

.....(Sun. 5 pm) "B" from Mass of Creation | # 366

Great Amen from Compostela Mass

.....(inside "Service Music" booklet # 5)

.....(Sun. 5 pm) from Mass of Creation | # 367

Jesus warns of judgment,
though he does not offer any
reason why "one will be taken and
one will be left." His message is
simply the need to be prepared: "At
an hour you do not expect, the Son
of Man will come."

Communion Antiphon: Ps 85:13

The Lord will bestow
his bounty, and our earth
shall yield its increase.



St. Jane Frances de Chantal

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Fraction Rite Agnus Dei Vatican Chant | # 311
..... (Sun. 5pm) from Mass of Creation

Communion Procession The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns | # 403
..... Parish Choir: Advent Litany in Procession (Isaiah 30:19):

..... 'Congregational Response:'
..... (Sun. 5pm) O Come, O Come, Emmanuel | # 386

Meditation Hymn Humbly we adore Thee Adoro Te Devote
..... Parish Choir: A Shoot Shall Come Forth Out of Jesse- Horn
..... (Sun. 5pm) In the Day of the Lord - M. D. Ridge

Concluding Hymn People, Look East | # 398

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ALTAR SERVERS FOR NOVEMBER 29 & 30

SATURDAY

5:00 pm A. Krinitzas, C. Krimitzas, B. Burgess

SUNDAY

8:00 am D. Solazzo, M. Driscoll, D. Driscoll
10:00 am V. Gujda, T. Kiiza, K. Mydlarz
12:00 pm D. A. Mukono, C. Donlon, **1 Server Needed**
5:00 pm L Wolf, G. Thomas, L. Thomas



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OPENING THE WORD: 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR A)

Happy New Year! If this strikes you as a bit premature, it isn't really because this Sunday marks the start of the new Church year. In the Catholic Church, the first Sunday of Advent is the beginning of the cycle of readings, holy days, and holidays for roughly the next 365 days. It's also the time of year not only when we are called to prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus at Christmas, but also when we are asked to examine our lives and take stock, spiritually speaking. Listen to Edward Sri, as he offers prayer and insights on today's Gospel at <https://watch.formed.org/videos/1st-sunday-of-advent-november-27-2016>.

ADVENT: RETHINKING THE SEASON BY DR. TIM GRAY

Advent is an odd season. Unlike most other seasons, it's a season that isn't about itself, but is instead about preparing for Christmas. But that reality often gets lost in the shuffle and stress of trying to find all the right gifts, decorations, and dinner ingredients. In this Lighthouse Talk audio presentation, Dr. Tim Gray uses storytelling and the readings of the Old Testament to explain that we need to live the 'pre-season' of Advent well, so we can be prepared to welcome and receive the greatest gift God the Father wants to give us at Christmas: His Son, Jesus. Listen to the audiobook at <https://watch.formed.org/videos/advent-rethinking-the-season-by-dr-tim-gray>.

SUPPORT THE SODALITY GIVING TREE

A longstanding tradition at St. Jane Frances de Chantal, the Sodality Giving Tree will accept donations of new items from **Now—through December 5.**

Three Ways to Give:

1. Pick a tag from the trees in the church narthex starting Nov. 6, purchase your gift, and return it to church in a gift bag during the weekend of Dec. 7 and 8. Please do not bring the gifts to the parish office.
2. Use our Amazon Wish List by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/SodalityGivingTree2025>.
3. or the QR code to select gifts; please select "The Giving Tree" for shipping and schedule to have your gift arrive before Dec. 5.
4. Donate through ParishSOFT Giving, at <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stjanebethesda> or send a check to the parish office made payable to "St. Jane de Chantal Sodality".

For any questions, email sodality@stjanedechantal.org.

Thank you for your support— wishing you a peaceful and blessed Christmas!



Charities & Organizations Supported By The Giving Tree:

- ◆ Little Sisters of the Poor.
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- ◆ Sasha Bruce Youthwork.
- ◆ Gift of Peace.
- ◆ St Francis Xavier Church

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E-mail: parish.office@stjanedechantal.org ◆ Web site: www.stjanedechantal.org

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses
 Saturday 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday 8:00 & 10:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, 5:00 p.m.
 Weekday Masses
 Monday – Saturday 8:30 a.m.
 Holyday Masses as announced.
 Sacrament of Penance
 Saturday 3:45 - 4:45 p.m. & by appointment.
 Children's Liturgy of the Word: during every
 Saturday 5 p.m. Mass, September - May.
 DR. GIULIANO GRISI, Director of Liturgy & Music

DEVOTIONS

Rosary: Monday – Saturday 8:00 am.
 First Friday:
 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after
 8:30 a.m. Mass; Benediction 10:00 a.m.
 First Saturday Fatima Devotion:
 After 8:30 a.m. Mass.

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PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Please call the parish office (301-530-1550) when a parishioner is in the hospital, a nursing home, or confined to home and wishes to receive a visit or any of the sacraments.

BAPTISMS

Second and Fourth Sunday at 1:30 p.m.
 Parents are required to attend a pre-Baptismal instruction class.

MATRIMONY

Couples are required to attend a Marriage Preparation Program prior to marriage. Please make arrangements with one of the parish priests at least six months in advance. Do not set a date until you have met with the priest.

HOLY ORDERS AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

If you believe that you or someone you know has a vocation to the priesthood or religious life, contact the archdiocesan Vocations Office (202-636-9020), the archdiocesan Delegate for Consecrated Life (301-853-4576), or one of your parish priests, or visit www.adw.org/allvocations.

NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome new parishioners! All new parishioners are asked to complete a registration form available in the narthex of the Church, online, or come to the parish office. Please notify the parish office of a change of address, or if you plan to move out of the parish.

SHARE YOUR HOPE

ARE YOU READY?

Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope

1 Peter 3:15



St. Jane de Chantal Sodality

Women's Retreat

Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America
Saturday January 31, 2026
\$20 per person
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December 2

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IN OUR PARISH

*Can't find the bulletin you brought home from church?
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when you are away on vacation or sick in bed?*

*Visit our parish website, www.stjanedechantal.org to view
a copy of the bulletin and for more information on parish
events and organizations.*

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

St. Jane de Chantal Parish welcomes those who have recently registered in our parish. 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 in the Church gathering space, at the parish office, or online at www.stjanedechantal.org/register, and send in your completed form or email this to parish.office@stjanedechantal.org.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

This Monday, December 8, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a holy day of obligation. Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 am, and at 7 pm.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Please save the date for the annual communal reconciliation service during Advent, which will take place on Tuesday, December 9 at 7:00 pm in Church. After a brief Liturgy of the Word, priests will be available to hear individual confessions.

MEN'S MINISTRY PROGRAM

Are you looking to deepen your relationship with God? Be a better husband? Become a more loving father? Build friendships with other like-minded men? And seek to be the best man you can be? Then we invite you to join us next Saturday, December 6th in Caulfield Hall for Men's Fellowship, a program designed for all men of the community. Doors open at 6:30 am for coffee, doughnuts, and fellowship. The meeting begins at 7:00 am and end at 8:00 am. Stay tuned to our parish calendar for a schedule of all monthly meetings. It is never too late to start the program.

RELIGIOUS ITEMS STORE

The Ladies of Charity will be opening Religious Items Store in the church narthex area - next Saturday, December 6 after the 5pm Vigil Mass. Among the items featured are Christmas children's story and activity books as well as newly added Christmas ornaments and Advent calendars, rosaries, crucifixes, holy water bottles, holy cards, and prayer books for all ages. Please consider giving a religious gift this holiday season.

THE PARISH ANNUAL REPORT IS NOW AVAILABLE

The parish annual report for fiscal year 2024-2025 is now available to view. Access it online by visiting stjanedechantal.org/annual-report. Printed copies were also mailed out to registered parish families in October. However, some families may not have received their copies in the mail as some have been returned to the parish office by the US postal service. If you wish to receive a hard copy

in the mail, please send an email to mae.villaagustin@stjanedechantal.org and provide us with your mailing address for verification. More printed copies are also made available on the Church Narthex tables for your convenience.

SODALITY MASS, CRAFTS AND GENERAL MEETING

Sodality invites the women of the parish to join us on Wednesday, December 3, 2025 for Mass at 7pm followed by a festive gathering in Caulfield Hall. We will have refreshments, an update of Sodality events, and a Christmas craft that will be donated to senior living residences in our area. Please join us!

PRO-LIFE CHRISTMAS CARDS STILL AVAILABLE!

The Pro-life Committee thanks everyone who bought Christmas cards the weekend of November 8 and 9, in support of Right to Life of Montgomery County. For anyone still wishing to purchase cards, please contact Lisa Tennant at 301-897-5412.

SODALITY HISTORY COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The Sodality History Project committee is looking for materials, especially but not only, issues of the "**Chantaclear**" from **1976 to 1987**, or print photographs, ideally dated and identified! We plan to preserve digitally and physically significant materials from Sodality's founding in 1951 until the present. Please drop materials off at the Rectory Office, to the attention of "Sodality History Project" or "Joan Weigel", with a signed note enclosed allowing us to use or dispose of the materials at the committee's discretion. Thank you!

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Need help? Support articles and contact information are available on our parish website at stjanedechantal.org/news/faith-direct-transitioning-to-parishsoft-giving. These resources cover common questions, account setup, gift management, and donor support processes. For any

questions, contact our Donor Support team by emailing donorsupport@parishsoft.com or call 866-507-8757 (Monday–Friday, 8 AM–5 PM).

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ADVENT PARISH FOOD DRIVE

Save the date for the Parish Advent Food Drive on Saturday, December 13 from 10am –12pm. The food will benefit Bethesda Help, Catholic Charities and the Fr. McKenna Center. All three locations are in need of the following items: Grains, Oatmeal (individual packets are helpful), Cereal, White and brown rice, Macaroni and cheese, Pasta, Canned protein-tuna, chicken, salmon, Canned fruit-peaches, pineapples, mandarin oranges, etc., Canned vegetables- beans, corn, etc., Spaghetti Sauce- canned or in plastic jars (No glass), Peanut butter, and jelly.

Pastoral Council - Committee on Safety & Security
New Campus Fire Lane Markings & Vehicle Safety Features

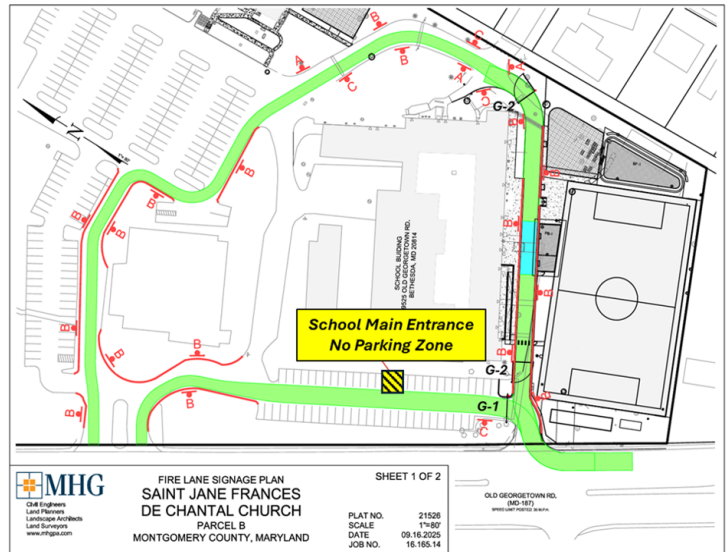
Permanent safety/security changes are coming soon and will affect Campus vehicle driveways, road entrances, parking, and traffic flow.

NEW FIRE LANE & NO-PARKING ZONES

- New Campus Fire Lane and No-Parking zones ordered by the Montgomery County Fire Marshal will be marked by painted curb, pavement and signs by November 21, 2025.
- Red on White Signs will be installed, and curbs and the School Main Entrance will be painted Yellow or Yellow/Black.
- Enforcement is effective upon installation of signs and/or painted areas. Violations are subject to towing and/or fines from the County Police and Fire Marshall.
- Faculty & Staff Parking spaces in front of the School remain available, but the traffic lane must remain clear at all times.

Note: The Vehicle Gates depicted in the sketch will be installed in January 2026 and discussed in a separate announcement.

Thank You for Your Support!!



- Fire Lane No Parking Driveway Area
- Fire Lane No Parking Sign (Type A, B or C) and/or Yellow Painted Curb
- Vehicle Gate Swing Type, Typical 2 Places (G-2)
- Vehicle Lift Type, Typical 1 Place (G-1)

Grocery store gift cards are also greatly appreciated! For those who wish to make monetary contributions to help in these efforts, please make a check payable to St. Martin's Cloak, or online at <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stjanebethesda> and select St. Martin's Cloak on the drop down fund-options. Donations are greatly appreciated. Our volunteers will collect the food from your car for your convenience.

PARISH OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Occasionally, the Parish Office needs a few hours of weekday help in covering the front desk (answering the phone, sorting the mail, and greeting visitors). There is also a seasonal need for volunteers who are willing to assist with stuffing and sorting of parish mailings, and completing occasional bulletin inserts. If you have some free time and are interested, please contact the Parish Office at 301-530-1550. Training and reference materials will be provided.

USED CLOTHING SHED

Our used clothing drop-off shed remains open and continues to accept donations of all clothing, sneakers, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, pillowcases, drapes, and stuffed toy. After each pick-up, our parish receives a stipend; and the full amount is distributed to the St. Jane de Chantal School Excellence Fund.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SOME MINISTRY

St. Jane DeChantal has been preparing and delivering food to SOME on the 5th Wednesday of the month (occurs 4-5 times a year) for over 40 years. The next meal delivery will be on December 31. We are always looking for drivers to bring the meal to SOME, so if you'd like to be added to the list of potential drivers, please reach out. We are also in need of new volunteers to cook and bake cupcakes. No cooking skills required-we have a simple chili recipe for the

fall and winter and pasta chicken salad recipe for the spring and summer. If you are interested helping to keep this very important ministry thriving, please contact Maria Cornelius at 301-613-6991 or my email at mariagcornelius@gmail.com. Thank you!

SACRED HEART FOOD PANTRY

Please remember the most vulnerable in our community and bring donations of non perishable food items to the drop box that is in the narthex area, next to the usher's closet. Your donations support the food pantry at Sacret Heart Parish in Washington DC. Rising costs and federal layoffs are especially overwhelming to families during the winter and Christmas holidays. Thank you for your continuing generosity.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

... those who are sick, and all those in our nursing homes and hospitals, especially Beth B, Alexie Longoria, Redentor Bautista, Colleen Patton, Ernest Yambot, Pedro Gonzalez, Kathleen Lagerloft, Ashley Mican, Kim B., Cynthia Wesson, Vivi Allen, Sally-Ann Thomas, Ronald Campbell Jr., Chaz Decoteau, Tyren Jones, Michele Cole, Jessica Stevenson, Carol Blume, Larry Blume and Dallas Gilbert.

... those who have died, especially Hunter & Jeannette Bryant, Marie Kelley, Karen Fisher, Philippe Pradel, Mary Hyland, Caroline Tice, Sandra MacDonald, Storrow Sommer, Barbara White, Pauline Kuta, Patricia Broderick, Mary Commins, Mark Navolio, Jack Fitzgerald, George Wahl, Kevin Maloney, Frederick Barronn III, Mary Ellen Maher, Joseph R. Manno, Jean V. Bort, Josefina Sistoza, Alan Kelley, Frank Kalisz, Marcia Naranjo, Bob Flynn, Thomas Jansen and Michele Cole.

IN OUR FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

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

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: ADRE

The Office of Religious Education here at St. Jane de Chantal Parish is looking to hire a dynamic Assistant to the Director of Religious Education (ADRE). Working under the supervision of the Director of Religious Education (DRE) the ADRE will support the Faith Formation program of the parish and all its functions to ensure a robust and successful catechetical program. The ADRE will foster relationships with our school, schoolteachers and staff, clergy, catechists, parents, and our Faith Formation students with care and enthusiasm. The ADRE will work in the Seton Center Office of Religious Education on a part-time basis (19/week). For more information on qualifications and general duties for this position, please visit recruiting.ultipro.com/ARC1012ARCHW/, type "St. Jane" on the search box and scroll to locate the job listing. Interested candidates can send cover letter and resume to james.caulfield@stjanedechantal.org.



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.

LECTORS, USHERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED

As we begin the new Liturgical Year this Advent, the parish is in need of volunteers to help as Lectors, Ushers, and Eucharistic Ministers. Open recruitment for all parishioners especially for those who regularly attend Mass on Sunday at 12pm and 5pm are encouraged to serve. Please consider serving as Ushers, especially on Saturday 5pm, Sunday 12pm and 5pm. We will help with getting you ready for these important tasks in our worship of God. If you are interested to serve or return to serving in one of these ministries, contact Dr. Giuliano Grisi via email at giuliano.grisi@stjanedechantal.org or come see him after Mass. For more information on each of these available roles, or to obtain a print-ready Liturgical Ministry Interest Form, please visit stjanedechantal.org/liturgical-ministries.

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.

HOT LUNCH ORDERS ARE OPEN!

Students K-8, faculty, and staff can enjoy fresh, delicious meals and à la carte sides - plus, a portion of proceeds will be donated back to our school!

Sign up today at: <https://fcclunch.ahotlunch.com/login>
Campus code: DC1

The Greg Gannon Program has a long and excellent tradition of providing services and goods to those who seek help. Each year De Chantal contributes to this program by collecting food. Eighth grade collects food in the neighborhoods surrounding De Chantal and combined with the donations from each student, we help the Greg Gannon Food Drive give to those in need. As part of our Religion program, we teach social justice by reaching out and giving to the poor. We teach that "giving is a part of living." Each grade is expected to participate by bringing in AT LEAST one item assigned below.

All donations are due Wednesday, December 3rd.

- ♦ PreK3 and PreK4 Cereal
- ♦ Kindergarten Rice
- ♦ Grade 1 Pasta
- ♦ Grade 2 Canned meat or Tuna
- ♦ Grade 3 Macaroni and Cheese
- ♦ Grade 4 Crackers or cookies
- ♦ Grade 5 Pancake Mix and Syrup (no glass)
- ♦ Grade 6 Dried Milk and Hot Chocolate
- ♦ Grade 7 Peanut Butter and Jelly (no glass)
- ♦ Grade 8 Coffee and Tea



REMEMBER THE FALLEN. . . HONOR THOSE WHO SERVE. . . TEACH OUR CHILDREN THE VALUE OF FREEDOM

We are super excited to be putting on Madagascar this year. Please show your support and sponsor a hand-crafted remembrance wreath to be placed on the marker of a fallen hero this holiday season. For each \$17 wreath donated, Wreaths Across America will give back \$5 to St. Jane de Chantal's 6th Grade Play. ALL ORDERS ARE DUE BY DECEMBER 1st. Spread the word to friends and family near and far by sharing the link to our webpage for sponsoring. Anyone can donate to honor the memory of a veteran or loved one, or just to show gratitude for those who serve. Thank you for your support!! Please use and share the link below on social media and via email: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1BdamWTwh_Setdpx-hnHasdV23uIOVcJ71p9WCIf36ng/edit?usp=sharing. Also, If you are interested in volunteering, volunteers will be needed on Saturday, December 13th to lay wreaths at Arlington Cemetery. Social Distancing protocols will be in place and the safety of all volunteers is the utmost concern of the organizing committee. This is a truly rewarding and humbling experience for everyone in your family to participate in.



IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

For more information on vocations, education, family, youth, social concerns, & other events in the Archdiocese of Washington, visit www.adw.org.

VIRTUAL ADVENT REFLECTION FOR DIVORCED CATHOLICS

Whether you are recently separated or divorced, or have been on this journey for a while, we invite you to spend some time in a supportive space to reflect on the meaning of Advent with other separated and divorced Catholics who understand the unique challenges you face during the holidays. Join us on Wednesday evening, December 10 from 7:00pm-9:00pm for virtual evening of Advent reflection. Please visit <https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=Mp-PegHknUCws2o02fpjgKrR61hWDr9CvNc89Sn6lc1UQTVKS0FNRFVMVURYSEEzVVpaODlaSFY4UC4u&route=shorturl> to register to receive the online meeting link. For more information, please contact the Office of Family Life at 301-853-4499 or flm@adw.org.

SY 2026-27 TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IS NOW OPEN
Deadline for HS: 01/23 | Deadline for K-8: 02/27

The Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Program is available for students in grades PreK-12 who are applying to or currently enrolled in Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Washington. All tuition assistance obtained through the Archdiocese is based on demonstrated financial need. Families apply each year to receive tuition assistance. Applying for tuition assistance has no bearing on whether a student is admitted to a school. TADS financial aid and assessment manages the process on behalf of Archdiocese of Washington Catholic schools. Please note that you only need to complete one form for all children in a family, whether for elementary or for high school students, even if seeking tuition assistance for children attending different schools. To learn more, access the online application form, or to see other tuition assistance programs available in our area, visit adwcatholicsschools.org/tuition-assistance. For any questions, email tuitionassistanceprogram@adw.org.

A FESTIVAL OF LESSON & CAROLS

St. Bartholomew choir will present A Festival of Lessons & Carols on Saturday, December 13th at 8pm in the church, with reception following downstairs in the Parish Hall. This is a holiday program featuring carols and classical favorites combined with seasonal scripture readings. Musical selections include favorites from Handel's Messiah & Vivaldi Gloria and beloved Christmas Carols sung by the Choir, with audience participation! Soloists are Matt Cauley, Carol Rollie Flynn,

Charlotte & Melissa Nowak, and John Martino. The choir (& audience) will be accompanied by string quartet and organ. The concert is free; an offering will be taken to benefit the Cathedral School of Sts. Peter and Paul in the US Virgin Islands.

2026 MEN'S DISCERNMENT RETREAT

Men between the ages of 18 to 40s are invited to join us for a Men's Discernment Retreat on February 13 - 15, 2026. The weekend includes prayer, talks, Mass, and time for quiet reflection. You will have an opportunity to discuss the priesthood with seminarians, priests, and other men who are considering a priestly vocation. This event will take place at Saint John Paul II Seminary and Theological College, Washington, D.C. There is no cost to attend, but you must register at <https://dcpriest.flocknote.com/signup/234325> by February 6, 2026. For more information, please contact Fr. Mark Ivany, Director of Priest Vocations, at <mailto:vocations@adw.org>, or 202-636-9020.

THE WAY RETREAT FOR SURVIVORS OF ABUSE

As the Church continues to minister to all survivors of abuse, the Archdiocese of Washington is sponsoring a retreat for survivors. The archdiocese will offer a women's retreat on April 25—26, 2026. In partnership with the Archdiocese of Atlanta, a men's retreat will be held June 12 -14, 2026. This retreat is an occasion for survivors to reflect on God's plan for their lives and for healing through prayer and the sacraments. For more information go to <https://adw.org/the-way-retreat/>.

STEWARDSHIP

POOR BOX: ST. MARTIN'S CLOAK

The Poor Box this weekend, November 29 and 30, will benefit St. Martin's Cloak. In the spirit of St. Martin, who tore his military cloak in half to share with a beggar, St. Martin's Cloak provides financial and other assistance to those in need, particularly those in our parish. Financial assistance is completely confidential. St. Martin's Cloak partners with various religious and civic organizations in Montgomery County to provide this emergency support. You may also make your gifts online at <https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/stjanebethesda..>

COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN

Please remember the St. Jane de Chantal School Endowment Fund (**CFC # 32653**) if you participate in this seasonal charitable campaign. This year's campaign season is ongoing through December 31st. To learn more or to donate, visit GiveCfc.org, or scan the QR code.



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PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, November 30 – Saturday, December 6, 2025
View "Complete Parish Calendar" at www.stjanedechantal.org.

C = Church ♦ CH = Caulfield Hall ♦ CGS = Gathering Space ♦ CLL = Church Lower Lobby
CRH = Christopher Hall ♦ SMR = Scanlan Meeting Room ♦ MR = Music Room
SCH = School ♦ NMR = Nalls Meeting Room ♦ DCR = De Chantal Room (cafeteria)
OC = Outdoor Chapel ♦ RF (AF) = Reyes Athletic Field ♦ PG = Parish Grounds
RBR = Rectory Board Room ♦ SC = Seton Center for Religious Education
(LL) = Lower Level ♦ (UL) = Upper Level ♦ V = Online/Virtual

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30
8:00 am..... Mass.....C
10:00 am..... Mass.....C
11:00 am..... Advent Wreath Workshop.....CH
11:00 am..... OCIA Meeting.....SC.Library
12:00 pm..... Mass.....C
5:00 pm..... Mass.....C

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1
8:30 am..... Mass.....C

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2
8:30 am..... Mass.....C
6:00 pm..... Faith Formation Classes.....SCH
6:00 pm..... Faith Formation Confessions.....C

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3
8:30 am..... Mass.....C
7:00 pm..... Sodality Mass and General Meeting (crafts).....C/CH
7:30 pm..... Contemporary Choir.....MR

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4
8:30 am..... Mass.....C
7:30 pm..... Parish Choir.....C

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5
8:30 am..... Mass.....C
9:00 am..... First Friday Adoration.....C

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6
6:30 am..... Men's Fellowship.....CH
8:30 am..... Mass.....C
9:00 am..... First Saturday Fatima devotions.....C
10:00 am..... My French Classes.....SCH
12:00 pm..... Greg Gannon School Food Drive.....CH
3:45 pm..... Confessions.....C
4:30 pm..... Church of St. Louis 1st Communion Prep and Meeting.....CH
5:00 pm..... Vigil Mass with Children's Liturgy.....C
5:00 pm..... Religious Item Store.....CGS
6:30 pm..... French Mass (Church of St. Louis).....C

POPE FRANCIS

"It always strikes a cord when we think about the hours which precede a great disaster: everyone is calm, and they go about their usual business without realizing that their lives are about to be turned upside down. Of course, the Gospel does not want to scare us, but to open our horizons to another, greater dimension, one which, on the one hand puts into perspective everyday things, while at the same time making them precious, crucial. The relationship with the God-who-comes-to-visit-us gives every gesture, every thing a different light, a substance, a symbolic value."

Pope Francis, homily,
27 November 2016,
Saint Peter's Square.

READINGS

Dec. 7

Reading I
Is 11:1-10

Reading II
Rom 15:4-9

Gospel
Mt 3:1-12

INTENTIONS

Sun., Nov. 30 – Sat., Dec. 6

Sunday

8:00 am

10:00 am

12:00 pm

5:00 pm

Monday

8:30 am

Tuesday

8:30 am

Wednesday

8:30 am

Thursday

8:30 am

Friday

8:30 am

Saturday

8:30 am

5:00 pm

CONTENT UNAVAILABLE

Please see updates to this week's Mass intentions on the church digital screens, or contact the parish office for inquires.

GRACE TO YOU
AND PEACE FROM
GOD OUR FATHER
Romans 1:7

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat., Dec. 6. – Sun., Dec. 7

Saturday

5:00 pm

C. Donlon, G. Sadler, C. Krimitzas

Sunday

8:00 am

E. Noguchi, M. Baker, **1 Server Needed**

10:00 am

M. Raimundo-Egeberg, T. Kiiza, M. Almy

12:00 pm

D. A, Mukono, L. Thomas, G. Thomas

5:00 pm

R. Ugoh, V. Ugoh, H. Fotopoulos