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was taken up into  
heaven

*St. Jane Frances de Chantal Church*

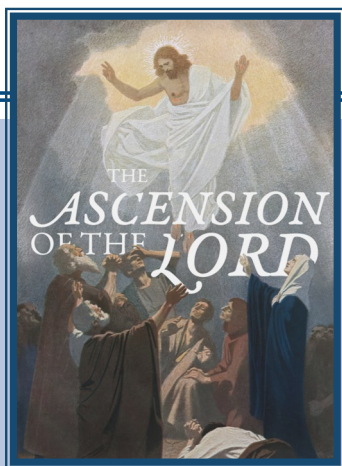
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May 17, 2026 – The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

## FOR THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD /YEAR A



**MAY 17, 2026**

**Readings in *Worship* hymnal # 1094**

**Entrance Antiphon: Acts 1:11**  
Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

**Reading I: Acts 1:1-11**  
Luke’s second volume begins with the ascension of Jesus and his commission to the apostles to wait for the promised Holy Spirit.

**Psalm Response: Ps 47**  
“God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord” This enthronement psalm, dating probably to the reign of David and Solomon, has three sections: praise of God as the “most high,” the enthronement of God as sovereign in heaven, and the tribute given to God on earth.

**Reading II: Eph 1:17-23**  
Paul asks that the blessing imparted by God the Father to the Ephesians will be strengthened in them through the message of the gospel. Those blessings are seen in the context of God’s might in establishing the sovereignty of Christ over all other creatures and in appointing him head of the church.

Entrance Hymn..... A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing | # 530  
..... ( Sun. 5pm) Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise | # 529

Kyrie: ..... ( Sat. 5pm & Sun. 10am)

Gloria .....From Mass in Honor of St. Ignatius (Inside Hymnal back cover)  
..... ( Sun. 5pm) from Storrington Mass | # 257

Responsorial Psalm. .... Psalm 47 | G. Grisi

Gospel Acclamation ..... | G. Grisi

..... ( Sun. 5pm) from Storrington Mass | # 258

Preparation of the Gifts ..... Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise | # 529  
.....Parish Choir: Jesu Rex – Palestrina  
..... ( Sun. 5pm) A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing | # 530

Preface Acclamation ..... From Mass in Honor of Saint Ignatius  
.....(inside Hymnal back cover)  
..... ( Sun. 5pm) from Storrington Mass | # 260

**Gospel: Mt 28:16-20**

Here, the risen Jesus claims universal power, "in heaven and on earth." "Therefore," since universal power belongs to the risen Jesus, he gives the eleven a mission that is universal.

**Communion Antiphon: Mt 28:20**

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.



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Memorial Acclamation .....From Mass in Honor of Saint Ignatius  
.....(inside Hymnal back cover)  
..... ( Sun. 5pm) from Storrington Mass | # 264

Great Amen .....From Mass in Honor of Saint Ignatius  
.....(inside Hymnal back cover)  
..... ( Sun. 5pm) from Storrington Mass | # 264

Fraction Rite. ....From Mass in Honor of Saint Ignatius  
.....(inside Hymnal back cover)  
..... ( Sun. 5pm) from Storrington Mass | # 265

Communion Procession .....Hail thee, Festival Day | # 524  
.....(with Ascension verses)  
..... ( Sun. 5pm) Be Not Afraid | # 680

Meditation Hymn ..... Bread of Angels  
..... Parish Choir: O Rex Glorae - Webbe  
.....( Sun. 5pm) Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Concluding Hymn..... Go to the World | # 532  
.....( Sun. 5pm) Love Divine, All Loves Excelling | # 642

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**ALTAR SERVERS FOR MAY 16 AND 17**

**Saturday**

5:00 pm A. Krimitzas, B. Flynn, G. Sadler

**Sunday**

8:00 am M. Baker, M. Driscoll, D. Driscoll  
10:00 am T. Kiiza, K. Mydlarz, M. Raimundo-Egeberg  
12:00 pm D. Irebe, D. A. Mukono, **1 server needed**  
5:00 pm G. Thomas, L. Thomas, M. Wilkerson



**Servers Needed** - Please sign up online via the Ministry Scheduler at [secure.rotundasoftware.com/29/web-terminal/login/stjanedechantal](http://secure.rotundasoftware.com/29/web-terminal/login/stjanedechantal)

**Do You Receive Parish FUNERAL ALERTS?**

The parish office sends out email notifications two to three days before a scheduled Funeral or Memorial Mass in the parish.

**If you wish to receive continual email alerts, SUBSCRIBE TO OUR EMAIL LIST TODAY!**

Scan the QR code or follow the steps below.

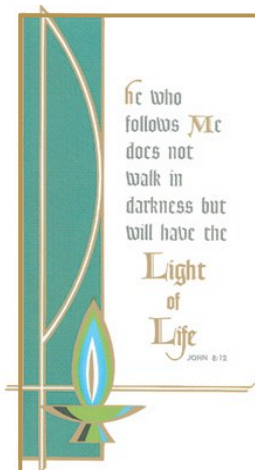
- ◆ Visit **StJaneDeChantal.org**
- ◆ Click the **About Us** drop down menu
- ◆ Select **Join our Email List**
- ◆ Complete the form and click **Sign Up!**



He who follows Me does not walk in darkness but will have the

Light of Life

JOHN 8:12



**NEW** to  
St. Jane Frances  
de Chantal Church?

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**OPENING THE WORD: THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (YEAR A)**

Jesus returned to the right hand of the Father, not to leave us but to lead us all the way to heaven. The great paradox is because he has ascended, and he is able to remain with us in a profound new way. Listen to Fr. John Riley as he offers prayer and insights on today's Gospel at <https://watch.formed.org/videos/the-ascension-of-the-lord-may-28-2017>.

**ST. PHILIP NERI | CATHOLIC SAINTS**

It's the 16th century, and Rome, in many ways, has strayed from its Christian roots. The city needs to be re-evangelized. Enter St. Philip Neri, the "Apostle to Rome," who spent most of his life calling the people of Rome to conversion and a life of Christian discipleship. Join Dr. Carl Vennerstrom and Taylor Kemp for a riveting conversation on the life of St. Philip Neri at <https://watch.formed.org/may-26-st-philip-neri/videos/st-philip-neri-catholic-saints>. Discussion Question: St. Philip Neri sought to spread the Gospel far and wide, but God called him from Florence to preach in Rome. How is God calling you to preach the Gospel to those who are near to you?

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**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.

**ST. JANE DE CHANTAL SCHOOL**

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Grades Pre-K-8

**BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINE**

The Friday that is nine days prior to publication on a Sunday.

**PARISH ADVISORY BODIES**

Parish Council: DR. CYNTHIA TRACY, Chair  
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Formation.

**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](http://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.

# Religious Items Store

Organized by the St. Jane Ladies of Charity

**SUNDAY, MAY 17th**  
AFTER THE 5PM MASS



## FEATURED ITEMS

First Holy Communion,  
Confirmation and Sympathy Cards  
Holy Cards, Prayer Books,  
Bibles for adults and children,  
Rosaries and Cases, Crucifixes,  
Scapulars, Holy Water Bottles,  
and so much more!

## NEW ITEMS!

Books on Saints depicted on our  
church stained-glass windows,  
Bibles with larger print for adults

Stop by the Religious Items Store after Mass!

## IN OUR PARISH

Can't find the bulletin you brought home from church?  
Want to keep up on what's happening in the parish even  
when you are away on vacation or sick in bed?  
Visit our parish website, [www.stjanedechantal.org](http://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:

- ◆ Sunnie Kim
- ◆ Joaquin Sanjurjo & Virginia Navas Garay
- ◆ Sebastien & Marie Piednoir
- ◆ Lemuel and Edith Thomas

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](http://www.stjanedechantal.org/register), and send in your completed form or email this to [parish.office@stjanedechantal.org](mailto:parish.office@stjanedechantal.org).

### BR. PIUS HENRY'S ORDINATION CELEBRATION



This month of May, Br. Pius Henry, O.P. of the Dominican Friars of the Province of St. Joseph, will be ordained to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ. Join us as he celebrates his first Mass of Thanksgiving, here at St. Jane de Chantal Church on Sunday, May 24 at 10:00 am. The Mass will also be available via livestream.

### HELP THE GIRL SCOUTS' QUIET ROOM BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT

Emma N., Maggie D., and Vivienne J. are Cadettes in the St. Jane de Chantal 7th-grade Girl Scout Troop 34107, and they would appreciate your help with their Silver Award Project! They will be refreshing and updating the quiet room in the church, doing things such as cleaning, installing shelves in the closet, and making the space more religious and interactive for the kids. The scouts hope to create a reading area with books about the saints and provide other educational, faith-based activities. The scouts would also like to add a sanitation station that is stocked with hand sanitizer, tissues, wipes, and paper towels. In order to refresh and update the quiet room of the church, these scouts are raising money and collecting religious books and toys for small children. The scouts are grateful for your support and will be out front if you would like to donate toward their Silver Award Project. They also have a suggestion box set up inside the quiet room if you would like to contribute an idea for updates and improvements.

### MEMORIAL DAY

Next Monday, May 25 is Memorial Day, a federal holiday. The only Mass at St. Jane will be celebrated at 8:30 am. The parish office will be closed.

### ROSARIES IN MAY

All are invited to pray the rosary for the unborn during the month of May. A sign-up sheet is now available in the

This season,  
in honor of our  
Blessed Mother  
and Mother's Day,

Please Donate  
to the  
**Gabriel Project Crib**  
Present in the Narthex Area  
**All Month of May**

Help fill the Crib with new and gently used baby and toddler items. Please donate generously.

- ◆ Clothing (size 14 and below)
- ◆ Shoes, Coats, Small Toys
- ◆ Grocery Gift Cards

Support unborn babies,  
toddlers, and parents in need.  
Help families choose life.

[gpmoco.org](http://gpmoco.org)  
Questions?  
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gathering space of church, where you can pledge how many rosaries you will pray this May. For more information, call Lisa Tennant at 301-897-5412.

**TOILETRY AND CANNED GOODS COLLECTION DRIVE**

The St. Jane de Chantal Girl Scout Troop 34107 is organizing a toiletry and canned goods collection which will benefit the Little Sisters Of The Poor and their mission. Please drop off donations in the marked boxes found in the church narthex area between May 2 - 29. Suggested items:

**Daily Hygiene Items**

- ◆ Teeth: Toothbrush, toothpaste, floss, and mouthwash. Deodorant
- ◆ Body: Body wash or bar soap, deodorant, and body lotion.
- ◆ Hair: Shampoo, conditioner, and a brush or comb.
- ◆ Face: Facial cleanser, moisturizer, and lip balm.

**Shaving & Grooming**

- ◆ Shaving: Razor, shaving cream/gel, and aftershave.
- ◆ Nails: Nail clippers and a nail file.
- ◆ Maintenance: Cotton swabs (Q-tips), tweezers, and a small mirror.
- ◆ Sanitize: Hand sanitizer and a small pack of tissues.
- ◆ Adhesive band aids

**PARISHIONER, MAX MUENKE DIACONATE ORDINATION**

Max Muenke who received the vocation to the priesthood while a parishioner at St. Jane de Chantal, has been called to the Order of Deacon by Archbishop Richard Henning of Boston. The Diaconate Ordination Mass took place on Saturday, May 2, 2026 in the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston, MA and the Mass of Thanksgiving was Sunday, May 3rd, at the Chapel of Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary in Weston, MA, followed by a Brunch in the Seminary. Let us offer our prayers for Max, and may God bless him in his priestly ministry. If you wish to send a note to Max, you may reach him via email at [maxmuenke@gmail.com](mailto:maxmuenke@gmail.com). Photo courtesy of Mr. Kotaro Ishi.



**FOOD DRIVE —SAVE THE DATE!**

If you missed the opportunity to participate during last Lenten Food Drive, then save the date for the next parish food drive which will take place on Saturday, June 6, 2026 between 10 am—12 pm. More details to follow.

**SHARE WITH OTHERS IN MEDICAL NEED**

Donate your reusable Durable Medical Equipment at the parish Food Drive June 6, 2026, from 10am – 12noon.

Mobility aids: Wheelchairs, Power Chairs, Canes, Crutches and Walkers, Household items: Bedside Commodes, Shower/Bath seats, Walker Baskets and Tables, Hospital Beds, Patient Lifts, Grab Bars. Sponsored by St. Jane

Frances de Chantal Environmental Committee in conjunction with St. Martin's Cloak. For questions: [www.MontgomeryCountyMD.gov/RecycleRight](http://www.MontgomeryCountyMD.gov/RecycleRight).

**VEHICLE BARRIER INSTALLATION SCHEDULE UPDATES**

- ◆ Material & Equipment Deliveries 29 April - 3 May
  - \* Driveways to remain open and passable.
  - \* Take caution moving around staged equipment and materials.
- ◆ Temporary Construction Barriers Set In-Place by - 3 May
  - \* South Road Entrance & Driveway Closed
  - \* School Carpool Detour Takes Effect
- ◆ Heavy Construction 4 - 15 May
  - \* Work Hours are Monday - Friday 6:30am - 6:00pm (Typical and Subject to Weather)
  - \* Weekend Work Not Anticipated At This Time

Thank you for your patience and continued support of these important safety projects. For more details, visit [stjanedechantal.org/campus-vehicle-barrier-project](http://stjanedechantal.org/campus-vehicle-barrier-project).



**Notes:**

- Advance notice of changes to the project schedule or work areas, if any, will be provided as early as possible.
- Please do not relocate/alter construction barriers/signs.
- The construction zone is considered Hazardous; please

keep yourself/children/pets safe and well away from the project areas, equipment, and materials.

**PARISH ACTIVITIES CALENDAR: YR. 2026-2027**

Each year, St. Jane de Chantal Church collaborates with all parish organizations and ministries in an effort to secure the appropriate facility space necessary for each group to conduct the various reoccurring events, activities, and meetings, as well as to avoid potential scheduling conflicts in utilizing our parish and school facilities for the incoming fiscal year. As we draw closer to the end of this year (June 30, 2026), we kindly request all parish organizations,

scouting programs, and group leaders to begin planning their schedule of events and meetings between July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. Please submit your calendar of activities and events to the parish office at your soonest convenience or by June 12, 2026. You may also drop off a printed schedule or send it via email to [mae.villaagustin@stjanedechantal.org](mailto:mae.villaagustin@stjanedechantal.org). Unaffiliated organizations who are in annual agreement for facility usage within the property, may soon be contacted to process a "Renewal of Agreement" applicable for the incoming fiscal year term. Thank you for your cooperation.

### JUNIOR SODALITY MAY CROWNING

Junior Sodality's 8th Grade members participated in the parish's annual May Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the 10:00 am Mass on Sunday, May 3rd. There was a short ceremony of prayer and song, and the girls crowned the Madonna statue with a wreath of flowers in Mary's honor. Thank you to the Junior Sodalists and the parish choir for being part of this lovely tradition by which we venerate Mary in her special month of May.



### JOB SEARCH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The job search program conducted by the Parish Council's Social Concerns Committee to help Parishioners is now in motion. If you are interested in helping others find a new job/career opportunity, OR you are seeking help in finding a new job, please contact Wes Chin via email ([w chin987@gmail.com](mailto:w chin987@gmail.com)) or a note sent to Wes thru the parish office or in the weekend collection basket. Just include your name (first name only if you wish) and contact information. **Current jobs wanted are:**

- ◆ Current part-time **substitute teacher** looking for full-time **office work or teaching position** bi-lingual French/English (10+ yrs office admin expr)."
- ◆ Former **Software Dev Mgr**, team leader with MS in Math, Comp Science, and AI PHD candidate, 25 yrs of systems dev and programming while mentoring other IT pros, looking for another **job in Info Tech**
- ◆ **Sr. International Executive with Security Clearance, Diplomat, 20 yrs supervisory exp, Program Manager/Project Manager seeking private or public position, in diplomacy, government, business, or sales. Available immediately.**
- ◆ **Info Tech Specialist- Acct Mgr, 8 yrs exp sys admin, B.S. Info Science , looking for entry level Programming Position..**
- ◆ **Urban economist and public affairs strategist** (17+ years) advising U.S. and Internat'l clients on sustainability and public policy. MS in Urban Econ;

former college professor (12 yrs). **Seeking external affairs/communications roles.**

- ◆ **Accountant Book Keeper: MBA Accounting AU, seeking part-time or full-time in accounting, Book Keeping.**
- ◆ Current **Pharmacy Technician** with exp (10 yrs) and BS in food service tech. Former Gen Mgr, Sales, and Quality Assurance Mgr looking for job in **food service Industry.**
- ◆ **Global Executive Consultant in Emerging Tech: Business Dev, Adaptation, Smart Cities & GovTech MA Public Policy, MPP08'. Harvard Kennedy, 15 yrs exp leading multi-national digital transformation initiatives seeking similar position.**
- ◆ **Finance Executive Program Manager: MBA Johns Hopkins, BS Finance, 20 yrs exp in Finance & Accounting mgmt., Budgeting,- Gov't contractor supervisor seeking Gov or private position.**

### EMAIL SCAM WARNING AND RECOVERY RESOURCES

Please be aware that phishing email scams are continuously being sent to members of our community. These email tactics uses names of religious leaders as a ploy to scam you into sending money or buy gift cards, and becomes more prominent during the Easter and Christmas seasons. Fr. Giese's name is being used in some of them; **these emails are not coming from Fr. Giese or staff of St. Jane.** Our parish receives online donations only through our e-giving provider, ParishSoft Giving. Some versions of these phishing emails may also contain attachments and QR codes that may pertain to the "Policies" of St. Jane de Chantal Church. All emails from St. Jane de Chantal, or from the Archdiocese of Washington have distinguishable details that identify us and the purpose of the email. If the sender did not put enough recognizable details in an email for you to be comfortable with its origin and purpose, please do not respond, and please do not open their attachments or scan any embedded QR codes. If you are a victim of a phishing email scam, incidents can be reported to the "Internet Crime Complaint Center" at [ic3.gov](http://ic3.gov). You can also report this to the Maryland Department of Human Services at 1-800-91-PREVENT. For prevention tips and other recovery plans related to online elder fraud, child ID theft and more, please see the Post-Presentation Resource page on our parish website at [stjanedechantal.org/news/elder-fraud-post-presentation-resources](http://stjanedechantal.org/news/elder-fraud-post-presentation-resources) which outlines some key reference materials from the Montgomery County Police's during their June 2024 presentation in our parish.

## IN OUR LITURGY & MUSIC MINISTRIES

Visit the Music Ministries page at [www.stjanedechantal.org/ministries/music-ministry](http://www.stjanedechantal.org/ministries/music-ministry) for information on the many music ensembles at St. Jane.

### USHERS NEEDED

The office of Music and Liturgy is in need of Volunteers to assist as Ushers during the celebration of Mass - **especially for the 12 noon Sunday Mass.** If you are interested in serving in this role or have already served in the past, please prayerfully consider offering your ministry once again. Sign up today by emailing [giuliano.grisi@stjanedechantal.org](mailto:giuliano.grisi@stjanedechantal.org).

## IN OUR FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

Visit the Faith Formation page at [stjanedechantal.org/faith-formation/](https://stjanedechantal.org/faith-formation/) for information on the various programs, registration forms and calendars.

## 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, Jessica Stevenson, Carol Blume, Larry Blume, Dallas Gilbert, Rosa Lecuona,, Bill Jacques, and Kathy Magenheim.

. . . those who have died, especially Storrow Sommer, Barbara White, Pauline Kuta, Patricia Broderick, Mary Commins, Hunter & Jeannette Bryant, 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, Michele Cole, Jacob Varghese, Joseph Malone Jr., Jaime Cuzzi, Connie Relacion, Mee Yee Lee, Theodora Spadacino, Anne Sheehan, Martha Michelle Naas, Paul Jefferson Stanley Jr., and Eddy Wolff.

## IN OUR BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

Check out the St. Jane de Chantal School website at [www.dechantal.org](http://www.dechantal.org) to get information on admissions, see what each classroom is studying, and more.

## SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

### ◆ De Chantal Band

Congratulations to Mrs. Tifford and De Chantal's beginning and advanced band on their spring concert. Everyone enjoyed listening to everything to the beginning band's "Let's Go Band", & Star Wars theme, to the advanced band's performance of "The Final Countdown" & "Land of 1,000 Dances". Your copy should address 3 key questions: Who am I writing for (audience)? Why should they care (benefit)? What do I want them to do (call-to-action)?

### ◆ De Chantal Glasses Club

De Chantal's Glasses Club held their annual breakfast on Tuesday. Everyone enjoyed seeing fellow students who wear glasses and contacts. Students are also collecting used eyeglasses and sunglasses for donation through Friday.

### ◆ Camden Yards Field Trip

Last Thursday the 4th grade had a fantastic field trip to Camden Yards. The Orioles beat the Astros 10-1. The 4th grade ate a cotton candy in addition to ice cream, funnel cake, & Italian ice. We got to see the Oriole Bird. Beautiful weather- all in all a perfect school day.

## DUKE SPIRIT WEAR DAYS!

Students can show their Duke Pride by dressing up their uniform with any De Chantal Duke's shirts, sweatshirts,

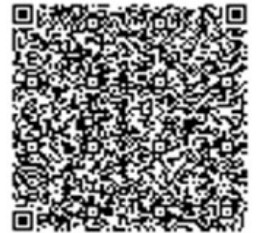
fleeces, socks, hats, DASH gear from years past and other De Chantal spirit accessories. Students participating can wear De Chantal Duke sweatpants in lieu of the uniform jumper/skirt/dress pants and sneakers. Please no PJ pants. Proceeds of the Duke's Spirit Days support the school. Pay online to participate in all days. Visit <https://store17346555.ecwid.com/Dukes-Spirit-Days-c123112760>.

## 2025-2026 School Yearbook

Don't miss out on the fun memories from the 2025–2026 school year! Order your yearbook now and it will be delivered right to your child(ren)'s classroom at the end of the year. When ordering please indicate your child's name and teacher/classroom # in the "order comments" section of the payment page. Price increases to \$37 after Memorial Day—order today at <https://store17346555.ecwid.com/Yearbook-2025-2026-p831229826>.

## HSPT PREP CAMP

Calling all rising 7th and 8th graders! HSPT Prep Camp will be from 8:30am-12:00 p.m. Monday, June 15th-Thursday, June 18th. You will learn Math skills from Mrs. Maxwell, and Grammar/Language Arts from Mrs. Miller through instruction, games, Kahoots, and other fun yet informative activities. You will also learn test taking strategies and time management to help you finish the times HSPT test. Please bring a snack.



## IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

For more information on vocations, education, family, youth, social concerns, & other events in the Archdiocese of Washington, visit [www.adw.org](http://www.adw.org).

## HOLY HOUR FOR ORDINANDS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Please join us on Friday, June 19, 2026, for a Eucharistic Holy Hour for Ordinands to the Priesthood, 6:00 p.m., at the Crypt Church, Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C. Reverend Pawel Sass will be the Presider and Homilist. This year five men will be ordained on June 20, 2026. For any questions, contact the Office of Seminarians at 202-636-9020.

The ordinands are:

- ◆ Deacon Pedro López
- ◆ Deacon Federico Mariano
- ◆ Deacon David Narváez
- ◆ Deacon Brendan Parlett
- ◆ Deacon Jessiah Rojas

## MARIAN PILGRIMAGE — FÁTIMA, SPAIN, LOURDES & PARIS

Father Robert Kilner, Pastor of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Solomons Island, MD, is leading a beautiful 12-day Marian Pilgrimage between June 9–20, 2026, visiting Fátima, Spain, Lourdes, and Paris — including the Chapel of the Miraculous Medal and the restored Notre-Dame Cathedral. Daily Mass, the Rosary, and candlelight processions are included throughout the journey. Space is Limited. Departure from Washington Dulles Airport. All are welcome to join us. For full details and registration, visit [www.JMjtours.com/fatima](http://www.JMjtours.com/fatima) or call 703-425-5400.

**SPRING EXHIBITS AT MUSEUM OF THE BIBLE**

Museum of the Bible invites you to a once in a lifetime faith experience to view two ancient Biblical exhibits at once: The Dead Sea Scrolls and Megiddo Mosaic Exhibits. The Dead Sea Scrolls Exhibition features original biblical texts as well as hundreds of artifacts that reveal details about life and Judaism during the Second Temple period. The Megiddo Mosaic Exhibit shows the earliest archaeological evidence of Jesus being called God written into a spectacular mosaic floor of the first century church. Parishioners in groups of 10 and greater may use the code "CATH26" to receive an exclusive 50% admissions discount. Please contact Customer Service at 866.430. MOTB (6682) email Jacqueline at [Jacqueline.Schleppenbach@mbible.org](mailto:Jacqueline.Schleppenbach@mbible.org) for booking assistance. Plan your visit to the Museum of the Bible in DC today!

**JUNE 10, VIRTUAL REFLECTION FOR GRIEVING PARENTS**

If you are grieving the loss of a child of any age from any cause, please join us online for an evening of reflection, prayer, and conversation on Thursday, June 10, beginning at 7:00 pm. To receive the virtual link, please complete the registration form at <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=Mp-PegHknUCws2o02fpjgGKVkiUbs3dBlegBnK8E2wtUMjNWkVVKv9OWEREUUE0OE0xWTJRSE41Ri4u&route=shorturl>. For more information, please contact the Office of Family Life at 301-853-4546 or [flm@adw.org](mailto:flm@adw.org).

**ANNUAL MASS IN CELEBRATION OF THE ECCLESIAL MOVEMENTS AND LAY ORGANIZATIONS**

The Archdiocese of Washington invites you to join the Mass celebration for the Ecclesial Movements and New Communities that will take place on Saturday, May 30, 2026, at 5:15 p.m., at St. Catherine Laboure Catholic Church (11801 Claridge Road Wheaton, MD, 20902.) Bishop Evelio Menjivar, Auxiliary Bishop of Washington, will be the Principal Celebrant. For more information, please contact the Office of Cultural Diversity and Outreach at [culturaldiversity@adw.org](mailto:culturaldiversity@adw.org).

**THE PRIMARY ELECTIONS IS JUNE 23**

As Catholics, we are encouraged to participate in public life, including voting. If you have not registered to vote in Maryland, visit <https://elections.maryland.gov/>, or you can register during early voting or on Election Day. Marylanders will vote for party candidates for one U.S. Senate seat and eight U.S. Representatives during the state primary. Early voting is June 11 - 18 and Primary Election Day is June 23. Request a mail-in ballot by June 16 (for pre-registered voters only; by May 19 for an electronic or printable mail-in ballot). To check your voter registration, visit [voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch](https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch) or text CHECK to 77788. Find your polling place location via <https://elections.maryland.gov/voting/where.html>. Register to vote or update your voter registration at <https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/OnlineVoterRegistration>. For more information and other key resources, visit <https://www.mdccatholic.org/elections>.

**NEW EXHIBIT ON WOMEN RELIGIOUS**

The Seton Shrine in Emmitsburg has opened a new exhibit in time for our nation's 250th. "Do the Good: The Sisters Who Shaped America" invites you to explore more than two centuries of history through the lives of Catholic sisters whose faith and service helped shape our nation. Featuring powerful stories, historical artifacts, and moments of courage and compassion, the free, self-guided exhibit is open daily through spring 2027. Learn more at <https://setonshrine.org/do-the-good>.

**5TH ANNUAL MEAL KIT PACKING EVENT**

Please support the 5th Annual Meal Kit Packing Event at St. Mary's School gym on Saturday, June 27, 2026. The goal is 60,000 meals to be shipped to Ukrainian Refugees in Poland and Haitian School Children in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. HOW YOU CAN HELP: Donate via PayPal link: <https://bit.ly/3wwl4n1>. (link is The Outreach Program/Bobby Polito Account). Or by Check: Payable to The Outreach Program, and mail to: Mary McCormick, 506 Lynch St, Rockville, MD 20850.

**STEWARDSHIP**

*Jesus ascended into heaven, blessing His disciples and promising that they would soon receive the power of the Holy Spirit. We who have received that promised gift of the Spirit are now empowered to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth — to use our time and talents to spread the good news of salvation.*

**POOR BOX: ST. MARTIN'S CLOAK**

The Poor Box this weekend, May 16 and 17 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..>

**SECOND COLLECTION: CCC & CCHD**

The second collection this weekend, May 16 and 17, is the annual Catholic Communications and Human Development collection. Funds for the Catholic Communication Campaign support various communications initiatives of the Church at the local level, the national level, and in developing countries. Funds for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development support non-profit groups, locally and in other parts of the country, working to help the poor and disenfranchised. Learn more at <https://www.usccb.org/committees/catholic-campaign-human-development>.

**NEW TAX BREAK FOR GIVING THIS YEAR, 2026**

For years, only taxpayers who itemized could deduct charitable gifts. But that's changing starting this year. Under a new federal tax law, almost everyone can deduct up to \$1,000 (\$2,000 for couples) to eligible nonprofits – such as the Maintenance Fund, the School Excellence Fund, Offertory, and any other charitable giving designations. Please consult your tax advisor for details.

PARISH  
CALENDAR

Sunday, May 17 – Saturday, May 23, 2026

For all upcoming events, visit [www.stjanedechantal.org](http://www.stjanedechantal.org).

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 SCH = School RBR = Rectory Board Room OC = Outdoor Chapel  
 RF = Reyes Athletic Field PG = Parish Grounds SC = Seton Center for Religious Education  
 (LL) = Lower Level (UL) = Upper Level V = Online/Virtual

SUNDAY, MAY 17

8:00 am ..... Mass ..... C  
 9:00 am ..... BS Troop 461 Post Camp-Out ..... DCR  
 10:00 am ..... Mass ..... C  
 12:00 pm ..... Mass ..... C  
 5:00 pm ..... Mass ..... C  
 6:00 pm ..... Religious Item Store ..... CGS  
 6:00 pm ..... HSYG ..... Offsite

MONDAY, MAY 18

8:30 am ..... Mass ..... C

TUESDAY, MAY 19

8:30 am ..... Mass ..... C  
 6:00 pm ..... Faith Formation (Last Class of the School Year) ..... SCH

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

8:30 am ..... Mass ..... C  
 4:30 pm ..... Parish of St. Louis CCD ..... SC  
 6:00 pm ..... Cub Scout Den Meeting ..... DCR  
 7:30 pm ..... Contemporary Ensemble Practice ..... MR

THURSDAY, MAY 21

8:30 am ..... Mass ..... C  
 7:00 pm ..... Pastoral Council Meeting ..... CH  
 7:30 pm ..... Parish Choir Rehearsals ..... C  
 7:30 pm ..... BS Troop 461 Weekly Meeting ..... DCR

FRIDAY, MAY 22

8:30 am ..... Mass ..... C

SATURDAY, MAY 23

7:00 am ..... Walking with Purpose ..... SC/Library  
 8:30 am ..... Mass ..... C  
 10:00 am ..... Sacraments Rehearsal ..... C  
 11:00 am ..... Extraordinary Ministers Training (pre-registered) ..... C  
 3:45 pm ..... Confessions ..... C  
 5:00 pm ..... Vigil Mass ..... C  
 6:30 pm ..... French Mass ..... C

May the eyes  
of your hearts  
be enlightened

Ephesians 1:18

POPE FRANCIS

“The Ascension reminds us of Jesus’ assistance and of his Spirit that gives confidence, gives certainty to our Christian witness in the world. He reveals to us the reason for the Church’s existence: the Church exists to proclaim the Gospel, for this alone! [...] Today we are called to better understand that God has given us the great dignity and responsibility of proclaiming him to the world, of making him accessible to all mankind. This is our dignity; this is the greatest honour of each one of us, of all the baptized!”

*Regina caeli*, Pope Francis,  
Saint Peter’s Square,  
Sixth Sunday of Easter,  
28 May 2017.

READINGS

May 24

Reading I

Acts 2:1-11

Reading II

1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13  
or Rom 8:8-17

Gospel

Jn 20:19-23

INTENTIONS

Sun., May 17 – Sat., May 23

Sunday 8:00 am Parishioners  
 10:00 am Michael Jordan /D  
 12:00 pm Ed Bernat /L  
 5:00 pm United States of America  
 Monday 8:30 am Anne Pomphrett /D  
 Tuesday 8:30 am The Bernat Family  
 Wednesday 8:30 am The Foltin Family  
 Thursday 8:30 am James J. Pellack /D  
 Friday 8:30 am Jimmy Molloy /D  
 Saturday 8:30 am Margaret Trone /L  
 5:00 pm Margaret Trone /L

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ALTAR SERVERS

Sat., May 23 - Sun. May 24

Saturday 5:00 pm A. Krimitzas, B. Flynn, C. Krimitzas  
 Sunday 8:00 am M. Baker, M. Driscoll, D. Driscoll  
 10:00 am T. Kiiza, V. Gujda,  
 M. Raimundo-Egeberg  
 12:00 pm D. Irebe, P. Almy, M. Almy  
 5:00 pm R. Ugoh, V. Ugoh, M. Wilkerson