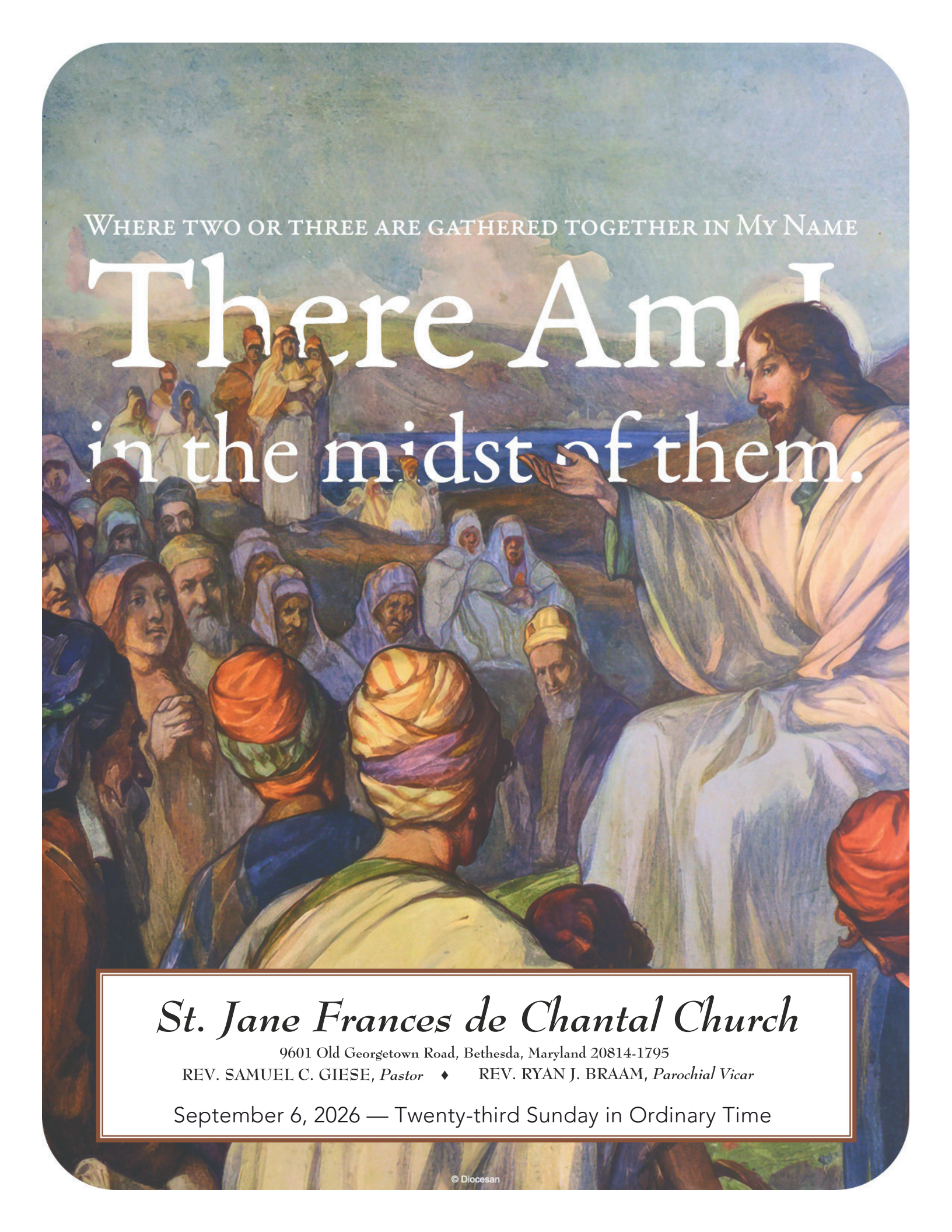




WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE GATHERED TOGETHER IN MY NAME

There Am I
in the midst of them.

St. Jane Frances de Chantal Church

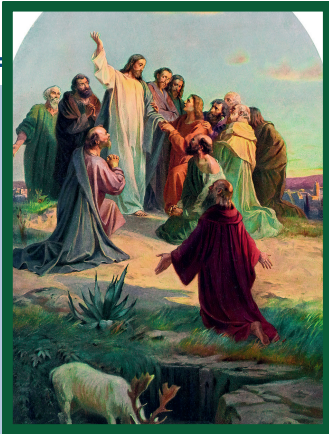
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September 6, 2026 — Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Order of Worship

for the Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time/ Year A



September 6, 2026

Readings in *Worship* hymnal # 1175

Entrance Antiphon: Ps 119:137, 124

You are just, O Lord, and your judgment is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

Reading I: Ez 33:7-9

The prophet is informed that God has appointed him as a sentinel to “the house of Israel.” Ezekiel is to communicate God’s warning to each person so that he or she can repent of wickedness and live. It is rather strange to our thinking that if the prophet fails to warn a wicked person he or she still dies for their sins.

Psalm Response: Ps 95

This responsorial psalm is used to commence the first “hour” or portion of the “Prayer of the Church” or the “Divine Office”, whether one commences with the Office of Readings or Morning Prayer.

As such, Christian practice is in keeping with its usage by Israel in biblical times; the psalm gives every indication of having been composed as part of Israel’s temple liturgy

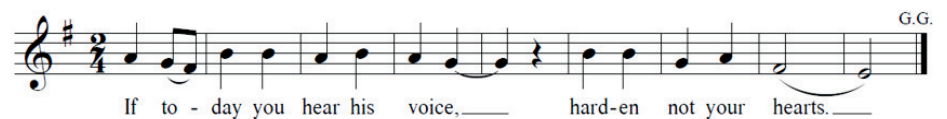
Reading II: Rom 13:8-10

The redemption from sin and death which God’s love has won for us in Christ has created an inexhaustible “debt” of love. We will never be able to discharge that debt of love owed to God. God wants us to consider it owed to our fellow human beings, deserving or undeserving as they may be.

Entrance Hymn All Creatures of Our God and King | # 607
..... (Sun. 5pm) All Are Welcome | # 833

Gloria From Congregational Mass | # 324
..... (Sun. 5pm) from Mass of Joyful Heart (#9 Music aid)

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 95 | G. Grisi



Gospel Acclamation | M. Murray



..... (Sun. 5pm) from Mass of Joyful Heart (#19 Music aid)

Offertory Help Us Accept Each Other | # 818

..... (Sun. 5pm) Amazing Grace | # 650

Preface Acclamation From A Community Mass | # 353

..... (Sun. 5pm) from Mass of Joyful Heart (#11 Music aid)

Memorial Acclamation From A Community Mass | # 356

..... (Sun. 5pm) from Mass of Joyful Heart (#13 Music aid)

Great Amen From A Community Mass | # 355

..... (Sun. 5pm) from Mass of Joyful Heart (# 15 Music aid)

Gospel: Mt 18:15-20

In today's Gospel, Our Lord teaches that a nuanced step by step process should be invoked.

First, there is private conversation, then slightly extended to bring in two or three others, then a sort of church community jury before a person is put beyond the pale. Our Lord promises to be with them to help guide their decision.

Communion Antiphon: Jn 8:12

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

Fraction Rite..... From Eucharistic Mass | (#7 Music aid)
..... (Sun. 5pm) from Mass of Joyful Heart (#16 Music aid)

Communion Procession Christ, Be Our Light | # 584
..... (Sun. 5pm) Ubi Caritas

Meditation Hymn Spirit and Grace – R. Manalo
..... (Sun. 5pm) My Chains are Gone – C. Tomlin

Concluding Hymn..... To Jesus Our Savior | G. Grisi
..... (Sun. 5pm) God Has Chosen Me | # 781

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Altar Servers for September 5 and 6

**Saturday**

5:00pm C. Donlon, C. Krimitzas, D. Solazzo

Sunday

8:00 am M. Backer, 2 servers needed
10:00 am B. Flynn, M. Raimundo-Egeberg, T. Kiiza
12:00 pm D. Irebe, G. Thomas, L. Thomas
5:00 pm H. Fotopoulos, R. Ugoh, V. Ugoh

Servers Needed - Please sign up online via the Ministry Scheduler at:
secure.rotundasoftware.com/29/web-terminal/login/stjanedechantal

NEW to St. Jane Frances de Chantal Church? We **INVITE** you
to **REGISTER** as a **PARISHIONER!**

Joining our parish family is much more than filling out a registration form. We hope to meet you in person at either a doughnut social after Mass or another parish event, and we invite you to become an active part of our community. As a member, you will be encouraged to prayerfully consider the gifts of time, talent and treasure you might be able to give back to God through parish ministry. Registration will also ensure that your contributions are recorded properly, as well as making the process much easier when it is time for sacraments or registration for Faith Formation or when asked to be a sponsor for a Baptism or Confirmation. Registration will also ensure that you will receive important communications such as emails and our annual report.



Visit stjanedechantal.org/register





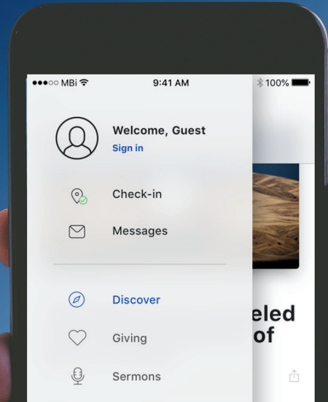
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Connect your ParishSOFT Online Giving account for event sign-ups and online giving.








Free to St. Jane Parishioners! Visit formed.org/signup

OPENING THE WORD: 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

One of the great spiritual truths is that forgiveness is as much for ourselves as it is for the other person. If we do not forgive, we hold that person in bondage to their sin. And we hold ourselves in bondage both to the sin and the sinner as well. Listen to Johnette Benkovic offer prayer and insights for this Sunday's readings. Visit <https://watch.formed.org/opening-the-word-1/season:1/videos/23rd-sunday-in-ordinary-time-september-9-2017>.

FORGIVENESS HOW IMPORTANT IS IT TO FORGIVE?

It's critical to our faith and for restoring relationships, says Celeste Behe. If we can't forgive, we're doomed. That's why parents need to pass on this important virtue to their children. Through storytelling, she shares in this video how she struggled with forgiveness and how by practicing forgiveness, she found the best way to teach it. Visit <https://watch.formed.org/videos/forgiveness>.

HOW TO WIN AN ARGUMENT WITHOUT LOSING A SOUL

Matt Fradd equips you with the powers of argumentation you need to be an effective debater and the right attitude for doing it with charity, humility, and patience. Matt explains how to build a logical argument piece-by-piece. He gives examples of the most common fallacies and teaches you how to spot them in others' arguments (and your own!). And he offers wise strategies to ensure that—especially when you're arguing about the Faith—your goal is not to score debate points but to lead souls to the light. Faith and conversion are ultimately God's work, of course. But he commands us to cooperate with him in that work. Visit <https://watch.formed.org/how-to-win-an-argument-without-losing-a-soul-by-matt-fradd/videos/>.

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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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MRS. CATHERINE SKIBO, Principal

Grades Pre-K-8

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

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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 at (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.

IN OUR PARISH

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

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

Josse and Paola Van de Weyer
Gerald and Melissa Sim

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.

LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

Monday, September 7 is Labor Day, a federal holiday. Mass at St. Jane will be celebrated at 8:30 am. The parish office will be closed.

ROSARY BIRTHDAY BOUQUET FOR OUR BLESSED MOTHER

The Rosary Group warmly invites all parishioners to join the Group to offer a Rosary Bouquet to our Blessed Mother on her birthday on Tuesday September 8th at 8am in the Cry Room. Let's build a big beautiful fragrant bouquet together as a parish to warmly wish our Blessed Mother a happy birthday in thanksgiving for all Her prayers to God for us.

Religious Items Store

Organized by the St. Jane Ladies of Charity

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
After the 10am & 12pm Mass

NEW ITEMS!

Picture Bible for Children,
new rosary bracelets,
olive wood corded rosary, and
St Christopher/Angel visor clips

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!

PARISH FOOD DRIVE

Hunger continues to be a daily burden for children and families in our community. St. Jane de Chantal Parish will host its next food drive on Saturday, September 19, 2026, between 10 am - 12 pm, at the front - door entrance of the Church facing Old Georgetown Road. The beneficiaries are Bethesda Help, Catholic Charities, and Sacred Heart Parish. 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. 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 by visiting giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/stjanebethesda, or scan the QR code. Click on "Home", then select the St. Martin's Cloak Fund. Donations are greatly appreciated. Our volunteers will collect the food from your car for your convenience.



60TH REUNION-DE CHANTAL SCHOOL CLASS OF 1966

On Saturday, October 24, 2026, the de Chantal School Class of 1966 will hold its 60th reunion between 6 and 10 p.m. in Caulfield Hall, preceded by a Mass at 5 p.m. to remember deceased classmates. It will be a wonderful opportunity to catch up 60 years after graduation and walk down memory lane. Spouses, significant others and siblings are welcome and encouraged to attend. Heavy hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served. If your daughter, son, sister, or brother is a member of the Class of 1966, please share this information with them. Interest in the event has been strong and enthusiastic. Please make your reservation at tinyurl.com/StJaneDec1966. One reservation per attendee. If processing a payment for your (+1) guest, please refresh the webpage and process a second transaction. Indicate the name of your guest on the "Note" section. This will assist us in securing a proper headcount. Please consider making a contribution to de Chantal School to help current students enjoy the same excellent education and Catholic formation as you experienced. You may contribute by visiting dechantal.org/contribute. Thank you for your generosity. Contact Jim Bort [jazbort@aol.com] or Carl Wilkerson [carlwilkerson22@outlook.com] for more information or for any questions.

PRAY THE ROSARY FOR INNER AND WORLD PEACE

About twelve months after the tragic events of September 11, 2001, Saint John Paul II proclaimed the Year of the Rosary. As we approach the 25th anniversary of that heartbreaking day, we are reminded that prayer can be a source of healing, hope, and peace—both within our hearts and throughout the world. This powerful devotion, also promoted by Saint Dominic, founder of the Dominican Order, continues to guide the faithful toward deeper contemplation of Christ. In his Apostolic Letter proclaiming the Year of the Rosary, Saint John Paul II wrote: "The Rosary, reclaimed in its full meaning, goes to the very heart

Stop by the Religious Items Store after Mass!

We accept cash, checks and credit cards.

of Christian life; it offers a familiar yet fruitful spiritual and educational opportunity for personal contemplation, the formation of the People of God, and the new evangelization." All are invited to pray the Rosary. Praying it daily can be a beautiful path to inner peace and a powerful prayer for peace in the world. The Parish Rosary Group prays together the Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious, and Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary. Everyone is warmly welcome to join the prayer group, which meets Monday through Friday from 8:00 to 8:30 a.m. in the church.

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 or the School Endowment Fund.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP RETURNS SEPTEMBER 12!

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 the Parish Men's Ministry, a program designed for all men of the community. The Ministry holds annual Men's Retreats, Lenten activities, and meets every first Saturday of the month in Caulfield Hall for fellowship, coffee and donuts. Stay tuned to our parish calendar for a schedule of all monthly meetings, beginning with this year's Opening Mass and Fellowship on September 12, 2026, at the Outdoor Chapel (weather permitting). If you are interested to join or would like to learn more, visit stjanedechantal.org/mens-ministry. It is never too late to start the program.

SODALITY IS CALLING NEW MOMS

Calling new Moms in the Parish. If you are the Mother of a new baby, toddler, or preschool age child and are looking to connect with other young Mothers, we want to help. Our Parish Sodality would like to start a unit of young Moms. Help us create a group of like-minded spiritual, social, and busy women with young children who recognize that you can't do it alone. Sodality would love to help you connect and grow your spiritual, social, and Parish life. Email Suzie Nalls (the President of St. Jane de Chantal Sodality) at Sodality@stjanedechantal.org, if you are interested. You can also explore Sodality through the Parish Website at stjanedechantal.org/sodality.



BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION SPONSOR FORMS AND RECOMMENDATION LETTER REQUESTS

Many parishes require those who would serve as a sponsor/godparent for Baptism or Confirmation to obtain a letter of good standing from their own parish or to obtain the signature of the pastor on a form declaring that the prospective sponsor/godparent is a registered and active member of the parish. Those seeking a letter of good standing or the signature on a form must be a registered and active member of St. Jane Frances de Chantal parish for six months prior to the request. Also, children of registered parishioners who are 22 years or older need to be registered in their own name and be active too for a letter or signature on a form to be furnished.

EVANGELIZATION LECTURE SERIES

Attendance is FREE
Light Lunch will be Served

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

12 Noon - 1:30 pm
in Caulfield Hall

Fr. Chris Seith,
Saint John Paul II Seminary
PRESENTS



Rekindling Wonder: *Touching Heaven in a Screen Saturated World*

Everyone knows the horror of boredom. We are terrified of silence, fearful of hearing a voice telling us that we are alone, that we are unloved, unseen; that meaninglessness lies beneath the surface of all our activities. Yet our instinct to drown out that voice with noise and distractions, which would seem to be the only possible solution, prevents us from hearing another voice speak into our fears. In his talk, Fr. Seith will examine how our digital devices are designed to imprison us within a despairing world, and how Christ can set us free by animating us to live in love. Living in love, we can navigate the complexities of our digital world without becoming enslaved to a life of boredom, and can instead live in wonder at the love of God, present in all things. Parents of teens may find this talk particularly relevant. In a world where smartphones, social media, and constant connectivity shape the daily lives of young people, Fr. Seith will offer insights into how families can help cultivate wonder, meaningful relationships, and a healthy freedom from digital distractions.

THANK YOU, FROM THE ST. MARTIN'S CLOAK GUILD

We are eternally grateful for the support of the parish, and members of our community as we achieve our mission of providing financial and other assistance to those in need. Here are some of the things that St. Martin's Cloak has accomplished over the past 12 months:

- Provided grocery gifts cards to numerous people who have called the parish office in search of help with money from groceries.
- Paid past due utility bills for people who have fallen behind due to health or other circumstances.
- Delivered approximately 150 boxes of cereal to the Montgomery County Coalition in Rockville, that houses 180 men and provides them with daily meals. The cereal was donated by local Catholic schools to the Knights of Columbus.
- Provided information on state and county resources for organizations helping those in need in the area.
- Provided Giant gift cards to a number of families for Thanksgiving.
- Helped a client move from their current locations to more appropriate housing.
- Executed quarterly Food Drives to benefit Bethesda Help, Catholic Charities, the McKenna Center and Sacred Heart parish. In the last four drives we collected 4,629 lbs. of food, \$1,685 in donations to St. Martin's Cloak, and \$2,810 in grocery gift cards.
- Paid for summer camp for a school aged boy of a single mother, so that she can continue to work throughout the summer.
- Helped a client with testimony before the MoCo Housing Opportunity Commission regarding a housing voucher.
- Assisted clients with communications to HOC in following up regarding HOC vouchers, tracking down some information that had been requested by the agency.
- Helped a client find a storage locker for furniture that had been placed on the street when evicted.
- Facilitated connections between several clients and local charities and government officials who could provide additional assistance.
- Purchased a large suitcase for a client who had come from Africa to have surgery at NIH to help with their trip home.
- Provide monthly WIFI payments so that 1 client can look for jobs while at home, and her children can do their homework online.
- Advocated for a client with two children who were facing losing her SNAP benefits.

As the needs in our community are growing, we are working hard to meet those needs and provide assistance and resources. We are so grateful for the support of the parish as we continue with our mission. If you would like further information about how you may be able to help, please contact Maria Cornelius at 301-613-6991.

PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE

The Parish Life Committee of the Pastoral Council seeks to stimulate both spiritual and social growth within the Parish and foster growth in community spirit. They encourage participation in multiple activities within the parish, including the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner and Donut Socials after -

Mass. Volunteers are more than welcome. If you are interested to join, please contact the Parish office. Learn more by visiting www.stjanedechantal.org/parish-life.

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 (wmchin987@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:

- 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.
- Current part-time substitute teacher looking for full-time office work or religion teacher position, BS Marketing (10+ yrs substitute teaching exp)."
- 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.
- Current part-time substitute teacher looking for full-time office work or teaching position bi-lingual French/English (10+ yrs office admin exp)."
- "Retired Budget Analyst 32 Yrs exp seeking career change full time job in food service or retail/sales min wage in Bethesda/Rockville pike corridor, and will donate net salary to charity."

HELP WANTED- (contact Wes Chin if interested)

- Part time help for elderly French Lady. completing chores, running errands on as needed basis. Woman preferred.
- Optometry Office looking for a vision technician and a vision therapist prior vision therapy exp preferred but not required. Training may be provided.

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.

ST. JANE DE CHANTAL PARISH CHOIR NEEDS YOU!

Do you enjoy praising God in song? Our St. Jane de Chantal Parish Choir is looking for new members this year. Every September until Corpus Christi, the parish choir leads the congregation in music every Sunday at the 10am Mass. This year the Parish Choir will return to singing on -

Sunday, September 13th during the 10:00 am Mass. Rehearsals are every Thursdays from 7:30 pm- 9:30 pm beginning Thursday, September 10. The choir also sing for various extra services and para-liturgical events such as the All Souls Liturgy, Lessons and Carols, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and the Easter Triduum. Choir is open to young-adults and adults who would like to support the parish life, sharing their gift of music and making an exiting experience. For more information, please contact the Director of Music, Giuliano Grisi at giuliano.grisi@stjanedechantal.org or call at 301-530-1550.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

. . . those who are sick, and all those in our nursing homes and hospitals, especially 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 Julia Bryson.

. . . those who have died, especially 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., Eddy Wolff, Birthe McCabe, Robert Garrity, William Clair, Concetta Thibideau, Margaret C Marcou, Rev. Michael J. Murray, and Vivi Allen.

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.

REGISTER NOW FOR THE 2026-2027 OCIA PROGRAM CLASSES BEGIN ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Are you Interested in becoming a Catholic? Are you a baptized Catholic who would like to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation? Or would you like to learn more about the Catholic faith? If so, St. Jane Frances de Chantal's Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) is designed for you! OCIA is a process by which adults become members of the Catholic Church within the context of the church community and formation classes, and after a suitable period of formation, culminates in the reception of the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. - Unbaptized adults and baptized adults in another Christian church seeking full communion with the Catholic Church are welcomed to participate in the OCIA process. To register, or for more information, please visit <https://stjanedechantal.org/becoming-catholic-ocia>, or contact OCIA Coordinator Ken Clansky at ken.clansky@gmail.com or call 301-922-5017.

NEED HIGH SCHOOL SERVICE HOURS?

High school students are welcome to sign up as a volunteer

Aide! Come and help our catechists teach our Catholic faith to our parish children who attend public schools. This is a -wonderful way to serve the parish while earning your required service hours through a meaningful opportunity. Religion classes are offered for grades 1-8 and are held Tuesday nights from 6:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. All volunteers must be VIRTUS certified, and we will reimburse anyone who needs to go through the certification steps. It is a simple process, and we will assist you in completing this. If you are interested or have questions, please contact the Seton Center for Religious Education at 301-530-9100, seton.center@stjanedechantal.org.

St. Jane de Chantal



Children's Faith Formation

Does your children attend a public or a non-Catholic private school?
Register for their Religious Education and Sacramental Prep - right here at St. Jane!

Classes start Sept. 15!

Tuesday evenings 6 - 7 pm

September 2026 - May 2027

Register
Today! 
Scan Here



or visit stjanedechantal.org/childrens-faith-formation

Volunteer Teachers & Aids Needed

Our successful Religious Education program is nothing without their volunteers. Please consider volunteering to share your faith with others. We are in need of Catechists and Aids for the 2nd and 3rd grade classes. Volunteers must be VIRTUS certified, and we will reimburse anyone who needs to go through certification. No teaching experience is necessary. You need just patience and the fire within to share Christ's love. It is a challenging but rewarding experience. If you are interested or have questions, please contact the Seton Center for Religious Education at 301-530-9100, Seton.center@stjanedechantal.org.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP - REGISTER NOW!

HSYG begins Sunday, September 13. Our parish youth ministry program (HSYG) provides opportunities for high school students to participate in the life of St. Jane de Chantal Parish. We provide spiritual, social, and recreational enrichment for students in grades nine through twelve. Events give teens an opportunity to maintain and build their relationship with God through their relationship with their parish, service to the community, and each other. Interested families may register, or learn more by visiting stjanedechantal.org/high-school-youth-group.



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.

ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON OPENING MASS

Last week our staff had opening mass at the Basilica and it was extra special because our school choir was chosen to sing during the mass!

**IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE**

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

**112th WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES
"EVEN JUST ONE OF THESE CHILDREN"**

The Archdiocese of Washington invites you to join us on Sunday, September 27, 2026, in observance of the 112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees. The Mass will be celebrated at 5:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle (1725 Rhode Island Ave. NW) and will be presided over by Cardinal Robert McElroy, Archbishop of Washington. The theme for this year's celebration, "Even Just One of These Children," calls us to recognize, protect, and accompany children and families affected by migration and displacement, affirming their God-given dignity and the Church's commitment to welcome and support the most vulnerable among us.

STEWARDSHIP

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." (Matthew 18:20).

This is usually understood to be "two or three gathered" in worship, but it can just as appropriately mean two or three gathered in caring for others. We probably know of many groups that gather to provide food, shelter, money, support to those in need. Perhaps we should consider joining such a group which is gathered in Jesus' name.

POOR BOX: MONSIGNOR CHRISTOPHER FUND

The Poor Box this weekend, September 5 and 6, will benefit the Monsignor Christopher Scholarship Fund, which provides need-based scholarships to our parish school. You may also make your reoccurring or one-time gifts online at <https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/stjanebethesda>.

SECOND COLLECTION: CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

The second collection for this weekend, September 5 and 6 will be the annual collection for The Catholic University of America. Your support will enable Catholic University to expand its impact in preparing the next generation of leadership for our Church and nation.

CFC ONLINE PLEDGE SYSTEM HAS RETIRED

The **Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)** Online Pledge Portal at givecfc.org has been decommissioned as of March 2026. Federal systems that are non-essential for the collection and distribution of donations are being retired to reduce administrative costs and maximize the funds received by charities. While no formal decision has been made regarding the future of the CFC program overall, CFC will continue to collect and disburse campaign pledges to charities in accordance with established procedures. Tax receipts for 2025 and earlier years may be requested by contacting support@cfccharities.org.

**FEDERAL EMPLOYEES CAN STILL DONATE THROUGH CFC**

By submitting a CFC pledge form annually, current Federal employees, Retirees, and Federal Facilities Contractors may still make one-time - contributions to participating CFC Charities such as the St. Jane de Chantal School Endowment Fund (CFC Code: 32653). Retired Federal employees may elect for monthly deductions from their annuities. Through CFC All-Around Giving, a federal employee can give to any Local Federal Coordinating Committee (LFCC) approved organization irrespective of geographic boundaries. CFC donors must complete a new pledge form each year to indicate the charities they wish to designate a contribution - should you wish to continue your pledges to the next year. Pledge forms and instructions are available to download online at <https://www.opm.gov/forms/opm-forms/>. Complete, keep a copy, and submit your original pledge form by mail to the CFC Processing Center, P.O. Box 7820 Madison, WI 53707-7820. Current employees may also submit their pledge form directly to their Keyworker. Please contact your local CFC office to obtain a pledge form or to learn more.

**PARISH
CALENDAR**

Sunday, September 6 – Saturday, September 12, 2026

For all upcoming events, visit 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, September 6

8:00 am Mass C
 10:00 am Mass C
 12:00 pm Mass C
 5:00 pm Mass C

Monday, September 7

All Day Labor Day, Parish office closed
 8:30 am Mass C

Tuesday, September 8

8:30 am Mass C
 6:00 pm CCD Catechists Meet and Greet SC/LL

Wednesday, September 9

8:30 am Mass C
 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus (French) Meeting C
 7:30 pm Contemporary Ensemble Practice C
 7:30 pm St. Martin's Cloak Meeting SMR

Thursday, September 10

8:30 am Mass C
 7:30 pm Parish Choir Rehearsals C

Friday, September 11

8:30 am Mass C

Saturday, September 12

6:30 am Men's Ministry Opening Mass & Fellowship CH; OC
 8:30 am Mass C
 3:45 pm Confessions C
 5:00 pm Vigil Mass C
 6:30 pm French Vigil Mass C

*Happy
Labor
Day*

The miracle is
not that we do
this work, but
that we are
happy to do it.

**ST TERESA
OF CALCUTTA**

*God Bless
Our Work*

POPE FRANCIS

"Whoever wants to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for my cause will find it (Mt 16:25). In this paradox there is the golden rule that God has inscribed into human nature created in Christ: the rule that only love gives meaning and happiness to life."

Pope Francis, Angelus,
Saint Peter's Square,
3 September 2017

READINGS

Sept. 13

Reading I
Sir 27:30–28:7

Reading II
Rom 14:7–9

Gospel
MT 18:21–35

INTENTIONS

Sun., Sept. 6 – Sat., Sept. 12

Sunday 8:00 am Parishioners
 10:00 am Laura Rybak /L
 12:00 pm Bill & Margaret Ross /L
 5:00 pm The United States
Monday 8:30 am Czeslawa Tyralla /D
Tuesday 8:30 am Susan Freeman Redding /D
Wednesday 8:30 am Dr. Dulcie Suleman /D
Thursday 8:30 am Renee Kittka /L
Friday 8:30 am Ophelia Harding /D
Saturday 8:30 am Mike & Kathleen O'Donnell /L
 5:00 pm Thomas Keeshan Malone /D

*Oh, that today you
would hear his voice*

Psalm 95:7

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat., Sept. 12 - Sun. Sept. 13

Saturday 5:00 pm A. Krimitzas, C. Krimitzas, S. Waddell/Sun
Sunday 8:00 am M. Backer, C. Nguyen, K. Nguyen
 10:00 am K. Mydlarz, N. Matelis, A. Matelis
 12:00 pm D. Irebe, D. A. Mukono, LC. Donlon
 5:00 pm G. Thomas, L. Thomas, P. Wilkerson