



St. Jane Frances de Chantal Parish

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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 16, 2020



CELEBRATING 60+ YEARS

Mr. & Mrs. Emil & Margaret Cardamone, 70 years
Mr. & Mrs. Ray & Rosetta Culbertson, 68 years
Mr. & Mrs. Jack & Lorenza Caradonna, 65 years
Mr. & Mrs. Robert & Marie Donovan, 64 years
Mr. & Mrs. Jerry & Elaine Michewicz, 64 years

Mr. & Mrs. Richard & Elaine Ursitti, 63 years
Mr. & Mrs. Duane & Lorraine Gavrilek, 62 years
Mr. & Mrs. Chuck & Joy Foley, 61 years
Mr. & Mrs. Richard & Magdalene Risko, 61 years
Mr. & Mrs. Richard & Judy Koelzer, 60 years

CELEBRATING 50-59 YEARS

Mr. & Mrs. Andy & Gerri Maiuri, 58 years
Mr. & Mrs. Jeremiah & Mary Quirke, 58 years
Mr. & Mrs. Julius & Chris D'Ambrosio, 57 years
Mr. & Mrs. Vic & Fran Saverino, 57 years
Mr. & Mrs. Joe & Janice Gurney, 55 years
Mr. & Mrs. Al & Dolores Trombley, 55 years
Mr. & Mrs. Jim & Sandy Weakland, 55 years
Mr. & Mrs. Dan & Linda Dubicki, 54 years
Mr. & Mrs. Jim & Irma Duncan, 54 years
Mr. & Mrs. Greg & Pam Evanzia, 54 years
Mr. & Mrs. Raymond & Joan Knapp, 53 years

Mr. & Mrs. Salvatore & Sharron Randazzo, 53 years
Mr. & Mrs. Dan & Darlene Rys, 53 years
Mr. & Mrs. Bob & Joyce Youngert, 52 years
Mr. & Mrs. Mike & Pauline Brower, 50 years
Mr. & Mrs. Jan & Dolores Darner, 50 years
Mr. & Mrs. John & Janice Marshall, 50 years
Mr. & Mrs. John & Diane Martin, 50 years
Mr. & Mrs. Anthony & Margaret Passalacqua, 50 years
Mr. & Mrs. Michael & Janet Sepanik, 50 years
Mr. & Mrs. Jeff & Mary Trussler, 50 years

CELEBRATING 40-49 YEARS

Mr. & Mrs. George & Toni Jurkiw, 47 years

Mr. & Mrs. Mike & Sue Emerson, 45 years

CELEBRATING 30-39 YEARS

Mr. & Mrs. David & Ann Marie Skierski, 35 years

"The sacrament of marriage is not a social convention, an empty ritual, or merely the outward sign of a commitment. The sacrament is a gift given for the sanctification and salvation of the spouses, since 'their mutual belonging is a real representation, through the sacramental sign, of the same relationship between Christ and the Church. The married couple are therefore a permanent reminder for the Church of what took place on the cross; they are, for one another, and for their children, witnesses of the salvation in which they share through the sacrament.'"

—Pope Francis

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:00pm
 Sunday 9:00am
 & 11:30am

Weekday Masses

Tuesday 7:00pm
 Wednesday 8:00am
 & Thursday
Holy Day Masses As Announced

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Monday - Thursday
 8:30am—8:00pm
(Closed from 12:00 to 1:15 for lunch)
Friday: Closed
Saturday: 2:30pm—5:00pm
Sunday: 10:00am—12:30pm

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SACRAMENTS

CHILDREN'S BAPTISM

Do you have a child you would like to have baptized? We would be delighted to talk to you about your options! Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

RECONCILIATION

Tuesday from 5:30pm—6:30pm
 (or by appt.)

MARRIAGE

Congratulations! Please contact our Parish Office at least six months prior to your desired wedding date to start your preparations and make arrangements. Couples should stop by the office and fill out the Request for Celebration of Marriage form. Fr. Tony will call the couple and answer any questions regarding marriage.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Contact the Parish Office to schedule. Also available once a month during the Tuesday evening Mass.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF

ADULTS

Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church? We are thrilled to have you! Contact our Pastoral Associate/Worship Coordinator, Laurie Hall, to begin the process by calling the Parish Office. Welcome home!

PARISH SACRAMENTAL POLICY

We ask that in order to have your child baptized here, or to be married here, you should be a registered parishioner or active in your previous parish. This means attending weekly Mass with your faith community, using your envelopes, and taking part in parish activities.

VISITS TO THE HOMEBOUND FOR COMMUNION OR ANOINTING

Please call the Parish Office to schedule.

PARISH HAPPENINGS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

6:30pm MOH/Ushers Board Meeting

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

5:30pm Confessions
 6:00pm Rosary
 7:00pm Mass

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

8:00am Mass
 9:30am Needle Crafters
 1:15pm Swiffers 4
 5:45pm Needle Crafters
 6:00pm Mats for the Homeless
 6:00pm Bells
 7:00pm Choir
 7:00pm Lectio Divina

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

8:00am Mass
 2:00pm Worship Committee Meeting

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Office Closed
 6:30pm MOH/Ushers General Meeting

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Aid to Eastern Europe Collection
Rice Bowls in Gathering Space
 4:00pm Mass
 5:00pm Euchre Night

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Aid to Eastern Europe Collection
Rice Bowls in Gathering Space
 9:00am Mass
 9:45am RCIA
 11:00am Grief Ministry Session
 11:30am Mass
 6:00pm HSYM Sunday Eve. Gathering

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

"Nourished by God's Word & the Eucharist, St. Jane Frances de Chantal Parish is a welcoming Catholic community dedicated to living and proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

NEW TO THE PARISH?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN THE ST. JANE FRANCES de CHANTAL FAMILY? BECOME A REGISTERED PARISHIONER!

You may register at the Parish Office anytime after Mass, on the weekend, or during regular office hours. Please call 586-977-8080 if you have any questions. We look forward to having you here!



FR. TONY SULKOWSKI
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On behalf of the parish community of St. Jane Frances de Chantal, I would like to extend warm wishes and blessings to all those married couples who are celebrating milestone anniversaries this year. Anniversaries are important to celebrate because they allow us to reflect upon the past years, and the events of those years, while looking to the future.

I recall celebrating the 75th wedding anniversary of a couple at a previous parish. I asked the couple what advice they would give to other couples, and their advice was simple: as a couple, you have to pray together, work as a team, and never go to bed angry. Some sage advice from a life well lived.

I would encourage those engaged couples who are thinking of marriage to look and seek the advice of those who are married. I know that as a young priest, I often sought advice and counsel from my older and more seasoned brother priests. With age there is wisdom, and we grow in wisdom as we age.

As we celebrate life, may we also recall those people who have walked with us throughout our journey—those who have supported us, loved us, challenged us, consoled us, and who, by their very being, revealed Christ to us. Life is a pilgrimage: a journey from one point to another. It is amazing how many people have walked with us throughout our life—some for a short period of time, some until a particular situation has remedied itself, and others who are there for a lifetime.

To all those who are celebrating milestone anniversaries, I extend to you a simple blessing taken from the liturgikon:

May the Lord, who was a guest at the wedding of Cana, bless you and your families and friends.

May Jesus, who loved his Church to the end, always fill your hearts with love.

May He grant that, as you believe in His resurrection, you may wait for him in joy and hope. Amen.

May your light shine before all—that they may see the good you do and the example that you provide.

Bon mot: “Events are sometimes the best calendar.” —Benjamin Disraeli

Carpe Diem,

Fr. Tony

TIME FOR A RETREAT!

Have you considered strengthening your prayer and contemplative life with a retreat? If you haven't been before, I highly recommend it. There are many different kinds of retreats: one-day or multiple-day, silent or not, focused on a specific topic or simply self-guided. There are three retreat centers in our area that provide a variety of retreat experiences: **Manresa Jesuit Retreat House** in Bloomfield Hills, **St. Paul of the Cross** in Detroit and the **Capuchin Retreat Center** in Washington Township. Check their websites for schedules and locations. Often, you can find retreat experiences listed in our bulletin. I recently asked one of our parishioners to share her thoughts after attending a retreat. Thanks, Kathy!

“Many people “retreat” from the everyday on a regular basis. Until last year, I was NOT one of those people—the last time I had attended a retreat was in high school; just a few years ago. Then last year I attended a Silent Woman’s Retreat at Manresa Jesuit Retreat House. I was a little worried about the “silent” part but found that I really enjoyed the time to reflect, pray, read, walk the beautiful grounds (bring boots), attend Mass, Adoration and Reconciliation, and to just BE. You decide how to spend your time. The accommodations are comfortable, and the food is delicious. Overall, it was a wonderful, refreshing, and renewing experience. And I’m going back this year!” —Kathy Pawlik



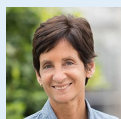
It has been some time since I've updated you on our RCIA members. We have two people seeking initiation into the Church through reception of the sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist, and Confirmation, and four people who will be completing their initiation with First Eucharist and Confirmation. This year, they are all coming to God from different places and times in their lives, so RCIA is a little different,

with individual sessions for some and a just-started regular Sunday class for others. It is a blessing to walk this journey with our seekers. Please remember to keep all our members (Astrid, Viktor, Bernard, Derek, Ashley and Nichole) in your prayers as we keep you in ours.



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MISSION 2020: TELL YOUR STORY



Debbie Herbeck speaks at conferences and retreats about spiritual growth, discipleship, and her own journey from Judaism to the Catholic Church. For the past thirty years, she has worked extensively in youth and women's ministry. Debbie is the co-founder and leader of Be Love Revolution, a movement dedicated to helping young women encounter and be God's love in the world. Debbie is the director of Pine Hills Girls Camp. She also helps lead i.d.9:16, an outreach of Renewal Ministries that equips young adult Catholics to live as intentional disciples.

MARCH 1st—3rd

MEET YOUR SPEAKERS:

Peter Herbeck is the vice president and director of missions for Renewal Ministries. He has been actively involved in evangelization and Catholic renewal throughout the US, Canada, Africa, and Eastern Europe for more than thirty years. Peter is a co-host for the weekly EWTN television programs *The Choices We Face* and *Crossing the Goal*. He also hosts the daily radio show *Fire on the Earth*. Peter and his wife Debbie have four children and six grandchildren (with another on the way), and reside in Ann Arbor, Michigan.



**DEBBIE MAZUR**

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This is an article by Mary Elizabeth Sperry, who is the Associate Director for Utilization of the New American Bible:

The Bible is all around us. People hear Scripture readings in church. We have Good Samaritan (Luke 10) laws, welcome home the Prodigal Son (Luke 15), and look for the Promised Land (Exodus 3, Hebrews 11). Some biblical passages have become popular maxims, such as “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you (Matthew 7:12) and “love thy neighbor” (Matthew 22:39).

Today’s Catholic is called to take an intelligent, spiritual approach to the bible.

Listed here are 10 points for fruitful Scripture reading:

1. **Bible reading is for Catholics.** The Church encourages Catholics to make reading the Bible part of their daily prayer lives. Reading these inspired words, people grow deeper in their relationship with God and come to understand their place in the community God has called them to.
2. **Prayer is the beginning and the end.** Reading the Bible is not like reading a novel or a history book. It should begin with a prayer asking the Holy Spirit to pin our hearts and minds to the Word of God. Scripture reading should end with a prayer asking that this Word will bear fruit in our lives, helping us to become holier and more faithful people.
3. **Get the whole story! When selecting a Bible, look for a Catholic edition.** A Catholic edition will include the Church’s complete list of sacred books along with introductions and notes for understanding the text. A Catholic edition will have an *imprimatur* notice on the back of the title page. An *imprimatur* indicates that the book is free of errors in Catholic doctrine.
4. **The Bible isn’t a book. It’s a library.** The Bible is a collection of 73 books written over the course of many centuries. The books include royal history, prophecy, poetry, challenging letters to struggling new faith communities, and believers’ accounts of the preaching and passion of Jesus. Knowing the genre of the book you are reading will help you understand the literary tools the author is using and the meaning the author is trying to convey.

5. **Know what the Bible is—and what it isn’t.** The Bible is the story of God’s relationship with the people he has called to himself. It is not intended to be read as a history text, a science book, or a political manifesto. In the Bible, God teaches us the truths that we need for the sake of our salvation.
6. **The sum is greater than the parts.** Read the Bible in context. What happens before and after—even in other books—helps us to understand the true meaning of the text.
7. **The Old relates to the New.** The Old Testament and the New Testament shed light on each other. While we read the Old Testament in light of the death and resurrection of Jesus, it has its own value as well. Together, these testaments help us to understand God’s plan for human beings.
8. **You do not read alone.** By reading and reflecting on Sacred Scripture, Catholics join those faithful men and women who have taken God’s Word to heart and put it into practice in their lives. We read the Bible within the tradition of the Church to benefit from the holiness and wisdom of all the faithful.
9. **What is God saying to me?** The Bible is not addressed only to long-dead people in a faraway land. It is addressed to each of us in our own unique situations. When we read, we need to understand what the text says and how the faithful have understood its meaning in the past. In light of this understanding, we then ask: What is God saying to me?
10. **Reading isn’t enough.** If Scripture remains just words on a page, our work is not done. WE need to meditate on the message and put it into action in our lives. Only then can the word be “living and effective” (Hebrews 4:12).

—United States Conference of Catholic Bishops 2020

HELP WANTED!

Christian Service is looking for help for their sponsored Fish Fry events on February 28th & March 20th. Many of the regular volunteers for Christian Service are **already** working in the kitchen and **more help** is needed in the dining room from 3:30pm—7:00pm:

- Ticket order runner & order up window
- Table busser & waitstaff
- Tray assistance
- Dishwasher (3:30pm—9:00pm)
- Cleanup crew (7:00pm—10:00pm)

If you are available to help, please contact Debbie at 586-977-8080, ext 107 or at dmazur@sjfparish.org.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING AN USHER?

Ushers help Mass run smoothly each week, stay after Mass to collect hymn books, help anyone in need of assistance, and most importantly, extend their hospitality to parishioners and visitors alike.

If you are interested in becoming an usher, consider attending our general meeting on **Friday, February 21st at 6:30pm**. If you would like more information on how to become an usher, or simply have any questions, please **contact Larry Frontera at 586-306-3450**.

CRS RICE BOWL

CRS Rice Bowls will be available to pick up in the Gathering Space next weekend.

"When you donate to CRS Rice Bowl, even a small offering has the potential to feed many. Jesus fed thousands with a few loaves of bread and two fish. Let us follow His example, committing our 40-day Lenten journey to meeting the needs of our global human family."

Calendars are included with the Rice Bowls. These include activities that will guide your Lenten journey.

ENCOUNTERING CHRIST

A free, self-paced online course offered through Sacred Heart Major Seminary this Lent.

MARCH 2—APRIL 12, 2020

Do you have any plans to grow in your faith this Lent?

Join us for a Lenten retreat experience for the lay faithful, done at your own pace and guided by six dynamic professors from Sacred Heart Major Seminary. Each week, they will guide you to encounter Christ more fully in the sacraments, prayer, and Scripture, through suffering and service, & in all the events of everyday life.

Learn more & register at shms.edu/encounter

Health Ministry

Fight Stress with Healthy Habits

Healthy habits can protect you from the harmful effects of stress. Here are 10 positive healthy habits you may want to develop:

Talk with family and friends.

A daily dose of friendship is great medicine. Call or write friends and family to share your feelings, hopes, and joys, and ask them to share theirs.

Engage in daily physical activity.

Regular physical activity can relieve mental and physical tension. Physically active adults have lower risks of depression and of loss of mental functioning. Physical activity can be a great source of pleasure, too. Try walking, swimming, biking, or dancing every day.

Embrace the things you are able to change.

While we may not be able to do some of the things we once enjoyed, we are never too old to learn a new skill, work toward a goal, or love and help others.

Remember to laugh.

Laughter makes us feel good. Don't be afraid to laugh out loud at a joke, a funny movie or a comic strip, even when we're alone.

Give up the bad habits.

Too much alcohol, cigarettes, or caffeine can increase blood pressure. If you smoke, decide to quit now. If you do drink alcohol, do so in moderation.

Slow down.

Try to "pace" instead of "race." Plan ahead and allow enough time to get the most important things done without having to rush.

Get enough sleep.

Try to get six to eight hours of sleep each night. If you can't sleep, take steps to help reduce stress and depression. Physical activity also may improve the quality of sleep and life in general.

Get organized.

Use "to do" lists to help you focus on your most important tasks. Approach big tasks one step at a time. For example, start by organizing just one part of your life — your car, desk, kitchen, closet, cupboard, or drawer.

Practice giving back.

Volunteer your time or spend time helping out a friend. Helping others helps you.

Try not to worry.

The world won't end if your grass isn't mowed or your kitchen isn't cleaned. You may need to do these things, but right now might not be the right time.

Source: American Heart Association

St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat Center

PATHWAYS TO PRAYER

Learning to speak and listen to God

Spring Prayer Series

February 20th: Examen | **March 19th**: Centering Prayer | **April 26th**: Praying with Art & Movement | **May 21st**: Labyrinth

Sessions offered from 1:00pm—2:30pm

and again from 7:00pm—8:30pm

Cost: \$10.00 per session

Register for all four sessions by February 19th and get one **FREE**

Register online at stpaulretreat.org

OR call 313-286-1800. Payment in full is requested, and reservations are necessary.



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ABOUT THE GOSPEL:

Jesus shares the difference between the law of Moses and his new law of love. It is not enough to simply follow the rules in the Old Testament. We must act from a place of love, not just obedience.

IN CHURCH:

Challenge each family member to tell God how much he or she loves him by sharing the reasons they want to go to Mass. Affirm all appropriate answers. Say a prayer of thanksgiving for the opportunity to worship together as a family.

QUESTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

- ◆ What is a rule that you will try to follow this week?
- ◆ How does doing the right thing build up your conscience? Can doing the wrong thing change your conscience? How?
- ◆ What are Jesus' thoughts about the 10 Commandments? Do you remember what the "new" rules that Jesus taught, are called?
- ◆ Why do we need rules and laws? Why do they sometimes change?

FAMILY PRAYER:

Thank you, Jesus, for giving us rules to guide us. Help us to follow them as you want us to. Amen.

QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF NEXT WEEK, IN PREPARATION FOR MASS:

- ◆ How do you treat your friends? Do they always treat you the same way?
- ◆ How does Jesus want us to treat one another?
- ◆ What *should* you do when someone says or does something mean to you?

The Church, in Her wisdom, has assembled readings (for the Sabbath) in a three year cycle. During Year A, which we are in now, we hear a majority of the Gospel message from the Gospel of Matthew. In Year B & Year C, we read and hear the message of Good News from (primarily) Mark or Luke. Together these Gospels are called the Synoptic Gospels. They sound *a lot* alike in stories and progression, but they are different. They were written at different times for different groups of people, all who had different backgrounds of religiosity and different local customs and traditions.

Matthew's Gospel is *primarily* speaking to the Hebrew people, who are "close" to Jerusalem. They followed the law of Moses (given to us in the first 5 books of the Bible—the Pentateuch) and knew that law, just as we might know the laws of Sterling Heights or of Michigan. We often hear the scholars of these laws referred to as Pharisees and/or as Sadducees. There were most likely more scholars than that, but these were the dominant groups. The Gospel of Matthew uses these groups as points of example, not to vilify them, but to set a base point for everyone to learn from.

The beginning point, rooted in God's Law, is just that: a beginning, not the end. God gave us free will, and we get to choose to live minimally (to the letter of the law), ordinarily (following the rules, and maybe a little better), or extra-ordinarily. Jesus gives us the example of treating others extraordinarily, and encourages us to do as He does. I know that more often than not, I am guilty of failing at this task, but even when we fail, God's mercy is extended to us, if only we ask. When we ask, we need to be sincere, ready to change, and ready to work at being better and at being more than "ordinary." This means better in ALL things—not just in the way that we act, but in the way that we forgive, the way we repent when we ask for forgiveness, AND the way we behave even when no one else sees us.

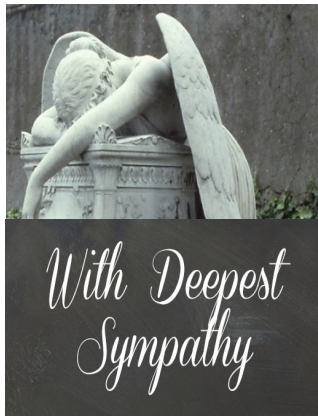
Jesus' examples tell us that our mindsets affect our very being. Anger infects and rots our attitudes. Our view of others allows us to see and treat one another as sovereign children of God, or as objects for us to use for "our own" edification. If we wish to be treated with mercy, we must treat others around us mercifully. How we live tells others how we wish to be treated.

The last part of this week's Gospel message (Mt 5:33-37) is quite challenging; we should "rate" or classify our promises, and we shouldn't "pinky-swear" or make "blood-oaths." Our word alone should be our bond, not the "level" of our promise. This tells others how well we can be trusted. I'm in trouble, but I am working at it, and thankfully, I have a merciful God that sent His Son as an example for me to work at emulating!

8th—12th Grade students
 To learn more about the Gospel Message and how it relates to our lives today, Check out these events!
 For more information, visit us at:
www.sjfparish.org/YouthMinistry

PARISH SUPPORT FEBRUARY 9, 2020

Registered Families:	1400
Envelopes Returned:	316
Amount Offered:	\$8,001.00
Loose Offering:	\$1,076.00
Online Giving Contributors:	78
Contributions:	\$3,194.00
Total Offerings:	\$12,271.20
Budgeted Offertory:	\$12,044.00
Actual Offertory:	\$12,271.00
Difference:	+\$227.00



The community of
St. Jane Frances de Chantal
wishes to express our support & prayers to the family of

Gabriel R. DeKimpe

Beloved husband of the late Jacqueline DeKimpe.
Loving father of Michael, Donald, and James DeKimpe.
Dear grandfather of six and great-grandfather of six.
*May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed
rest in peace. Amen.*

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EUCHRE NIGHT: Happy Valentine's Day

WHEN: Saturday, February 22nd, from 5:00pm until about 10:00pm.

WHERE: In the Fr. Page Activity Center.

WHO: Whether you are a pro or a beginner, join us for a fun night of Euchre!

WHAT: We'll be playing Euchre and having a fun evening together! The games will be played using rotating partners.

HOW: Sign up in the Parish Office. The cost is \$10.00 per player and covers the cost of dinner, snacks, dessert, beverages and prizes. We ask that the \$10.00 please be paid by the cut-off date of Monday, February 17th.
(No refunds for cancellations issued after February 17th.)

QUESTIONS: Contact Linda Smith at Lsmith@sjfparish.org or 586-977-8080, ext. 113.



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I've received many questions about upcoming plans for the Angels and Inspiration Music Series. Well, I have some news for you. A request came in from the Motor City Chorale asking to schedule their spring concert for either March or April. Friday evening concerts in Lent are out, due to Stations of the Cross, so I opted for **Sunday, April 19, 2020 at 7:30pm**, Divine Mercy Sunday, (the first Sunday after Easter). We'll be ready for some fun—and this concert, I'm told, will be lively! So please mark your calendars. We won't hold a reception afterward. You'll see more promo on the concert, but a Save the Date never hurts.

Other news: if you enjoyed the music ministry's presentation of Stations of the Cross with Musical Interludes last year, this year we'll do it on April 10th, Good Friday, from Noon until 1:00pm. It is a very moving and solemn service you will not want to miss.

In August, from the 17th through the 31st, the Hubert Velten's Men's Choir is coming to the Detroit area from Germany and has asked various churches to host them in concert. Imagine: 50 powerful male voices singing away! I've put St. Jane Frances on the list and am awaiting word from their coordinator. As soon as I know when, you'll know when, too.

Veterans Tribute Concert: You may recall the November 2017 concert that the Swing Shift Orchestra performed to honor veterans and military. I've invited them to come back and do it again, so I will keep you posted as to when that might be. I'd like to fill the church with these concerts, since we are so privileged to have them. Tell all your friends!

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

Thank you Jim Cardonna of
Car-Donna's
Marathon Party Store
for advertising in the
St. Jane Frances de Chantal bulletin.
We ask our parishioners to support our
advertisers, as they are the ones who
help make our bulletin possible.

ST. EPHREM CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Pastor: Fr. Craig Giera

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 4:30pm

Sunday 9:00am & 11:00am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

9:00am

CONFESSIONS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

8:30am

Saturday 12:15pm

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS AVAILABLE:

Call the Parish Office at 586-977-8080.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 16, 2020

Sunday

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18,
33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37
or Mt 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

Monday

The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76;
Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday

Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19;
Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday

Jas 1:19-27; Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5;
Mk 8:22-26

Thursday

Jas 2:1-9; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7;
Mk 8:27-33

Friday

Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Jas 2:14-24, 26; Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;
Mk 8:34—9:1

Saturday

Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter, Apostle

1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6;
Mt 16:13-19

Sunday

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10,
12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17: NO MASS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18:

7:00pm For Vocations

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19:

8:00am Dec. Richard Volpe (Maria)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20:

8:00am For the Parishioners

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21: NO MASS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22:

4:00pm Dec. Ron Kotulls & Sandi Kotulls
(Judy Kotulls)

Dec. James Golombek (Family)

Pepaj Family (Mom & Dad)

Dec. Edward Roby (Appleton Family)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23:

9:00am For the Parishioners

Dec. Filippo Vultaggio

(Benvenuti Family)

Dec. George Rutkowski

(Majka Family)

Dec. Leonard Welk, 2nd Anniv.

(Family)

11:30am Dec. Jack Campo (Caradonna Family)

Dec. Maria & Damiano Campo

(Caradonna Family)

Dec. Vincent Caradonna

(Caradonna Family)

Dec. Michael F. Eastman, Sr.

(Mr. & Mrs. K. Dewey & Family)

WEEKDAY LECTOR SCHEDULE

	Tues. February 18 th	Wed. February 19 th	Thurs. February 20 th
	7:00pm	8:00am	8:00am
Lector	John Martin	Annette Mobley	Sr. Amanda Foumia

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

	Sat. February 22 nd	Sun. February 23 rd	Sun. February 23 rd
	4:00pm	9:00am	11:30am
Presider	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony
Sacristan(s)	Tim & Karen Pawlik	Brian Brennan	Brian Finn
Lector 1	Bill Burr	Chris Damer	Ronald Mobley
Lector 2	Phil Mina	Sarah Freidmann	Annette Mobley
Altar Servers	Maria McQueen	Samantha Abuel	Adrianna Frezza
	Elizabeth Galadik	Teresa Mezzapelle	Nina Benno
Ushers	Team 2	Assigned	Team 3



MISSION 2020

March 1st-3rd

St. Jane Frances

& St. Ephrem

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PRAYER LIST



*From the Letter of James 5:13:
 "Is anyone among you suffering? He should pray. Is anyone in good spirits? He should sing praise!"*

It is our Christian duty to pray for others. Please call the Parish Office to add or remove a name from the Prayer List. Please be aware that we can only add names of persons who have given permission to have their names printed.

If you desire prayers for someone who does not wish to have their name printed in the bulletin, please use our Intercessory Prayer Box in the Worship Space. The Intercessory Prayer team will include your intentions in their prayers.

Names added to the Prayer List will remain on the list for a period of 4 weeks. If the illness or situation continues after that time and additional prayers are needed, please call the Parish Office. Thank you!

- Fr. Gerard Austin
- Mary Ann DeDonatis
- Anna Lisa Flattery
- Danny Frezza
- Jean McDonald
- Kevin McDonald
- Bernice R. McIlwain
- Walter Majra
- Addison Mathews
- Anita Pitlock
- Susan Putrycus
- Steve Sadecki
- Charlotte Talaski
- Daniele VanAcker
- Brad Wilson
- Nicole Zapinski

ARMED SERVICES PRAYER LIST

- Robert Bain, *Army*
- Nicholas Brosowski, *Army*
- Chris Burley, *Navy*
- Shaun Chaplin, *Air Force*
- Charles Cosnowski, *Air Force*
- Winndie Darrow, *Coast Guard*
- Alexander J. Hendzell, *Marines*
- Louis B. Kasper III, *Coast Guard*
- Elijah Kuefler, *Navy*
- Carmen LaForest, *Navy*
- Matthew McDowell, *Air Force*
- Cassidy Kicinski Rose, *Air Force*

- Jeremy Rzeppa, *Navy*
- Scot D. Skoczylas, *Navy*
- Anthony Trotta, *Navy*
- Kyle Wiegand, *Army*



BAPTISM

The Catholic community of
St. Jane Frances de Chantal
 welcomes the following child who was Baptized by
 Fr. Anthony Sulkowski on February 2, 2020



Rebecca Grace Servito

Parents: Daniel Servito
 Jaclyn Servito
 Godparents: Matthew Bionson
 Jennifer Fabro

2020 FISH FRY SEASON

- Friday, February 28th
- Friday, March 6th
- Friday, March 13th
- Friday, March 20th
- Friday, March 27th
- Friday, April 3rd



4:00pm - 7:00pm
 (Dine-in & Carry-out)

WIDOWS & WIDOWERS

You are invited to join "Widowed Friends" for a delicious lunch and friendly conversation at **Sami's Fattoush Lebanese Grill at 41170 Hayes Road (north of 18 Mile), Clinton Twp., MI.** Attendants **must RSVP by February 18th to Esther at 586-264-1939.**

SUPPORT THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in more than twenty countries that still struggle to recover from Communist rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week. More information can be found at usccb.org/ccee.