

# Baptism OF THE Lord

**ST. JANE FRANCES de CHANTAL PARISH**  
Sterling Heights, Michigan 48310

**JANUARY 10, 2016**



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**Fr. Jerry Slowinski**  
ext. 102

**Pastor**

In the final weeks leading up to ordination to the priesthood, the seminary, as kind of a last lecture series, brought in various priests of the Archdiocese to speak to those soon to be ordained about the joys, heartbreaks, challenges and triumphs in their priesthood. One of the priests who spoke to us in those final weeks before ordination to the priesthood was Fr. Cliff Rus-kowski. One question Cliff was asked was “do you still find

yourself doing battle with the devil?” He replied: “No, I use to when I was younger, but now, as I find myself in the twilight of my priesthood and approaching retirement, I have grown old and tired and the devil has grown old and tired with me. I leave him alone and he leaves me alone.” “So your life is easier?” one of my classmates asked. “Oh no, it’s actually much worse, now I wrestle with God.”

There is a lot contained in that remark – “I wrestle with God.” Among other things, it suggests the struggles later in life can be very different than what we struggle with earlier on. In the normal pattern of human development, we spend the first half of our lives struggling with sensuality, greed and sexuality. The last half of our lives we struggle with anger and forgiveness – and that anger is often, however unconsciously, focused on God. In the end, our real struggle is with God.

Wrestling with God invites us to take part in a certain type of prayer. Prayer isn’t meant to be a simple acquiescence to God’s will. It’s meant to be acquiescence, yes, but a mature acquiescence, which only comes to an end after a long and difficult struggle.

We see this in the prayer of great figures in scripture: Abraham, Moses, Jesus and the Apostles. Abraham wrestles and argues with God and, initially, talks God out of destroying Sodom. Moses, at first resists God’s call. Moses is a criminal who is wanted by the Egyptians. He also suffers from a speech impediment. The Apostles excuse themselves for a long time before they are willing to put their lives on the line to proclaim the Gospel. Even Jesus himself, in the Garden of Gethsemane, begs His Father for a reprieve from death. None of the aforementioned Biblical Giants find it easy to say “Thy will be done”, rather, they vigorously protest and pray instead “Thy will be changed!”

Struggling with God’s will and offering resistance to what we are called to do can be a bad thing, but it can also be a mature form of prayer. The Book of Genesis describes an incident where Jacob wrestled with what he thought was an angel, for an entire night, and in the morning, it turned out that the angel was God. This is a perfect icon for prayer. A human being scuffling and wrestling with God in the dust of the earth! This is a perfect metaphor which personifies our human struggle.

We would do well to integrate this concept of wrestling with God into our prayer and faith life. To just simplify our struggles and say “Guess I just need to offer it up and make the best of it” is too simplistic. Humans don’t bend easily. The heart has complexities which need to be respected, even as we try to rein in our possessive longings. God, who fashioned us in His spirit and likeness, understands this and is more than up to the task of wrestling with our resistance.

Many of the classical mystics of the early Church spoke and wrote about being “bold with God”. This boldness, they suggest, comes not at the beginning of the spiritual journey, but more towards the end, when, after a long period of intimacy with God, we are “bold” enough to speak our minds, just as, after

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**Weekend Masses**  
Saturday 5:00pm  
Sunday 9:00am & 11:30am  
**Weekday Masses**  
Tuesday 7:30pm  
Wednesday, Thursday 8:00am  
**Holy Day Masses** As Announced  
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Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday:

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

8:30am - 8:30pm  
(Closed from 12:00 to 1:15 for lunch)  
Friday: Closed  
Saturday: 2:30pm - 6:30pm  
Sunday: 10:00am - 1:30pm

**MINISTRIES**

**Knights of Columbus #13340**  
Brian Barkkari 586-215-4669  
**Parish Nurse Ministry**  
Doreen Corby 586-977-8080  
**Seniors**  
Ron Rogowski 586-977-8080  
**Soup Kitchen**  
Steven Gadzinski 586-731-4091  
**St. Vincent de Paul**  
Tom Harris 586-977-8080  
**Ushers-Ministers of Hospitality**  
Brian Brennan 586-264-1087

**SACRAMENTS**

**Children's Baptism**

If you have a child who is not yet baptized, but you would like them to be, we would be delighted to talk to you about your options. Please call the Parish Office (586-977-8080) to make any arrangements.

**Reconciliation**

Tuesday from 6:00pm-7:00pm  
(or by appointment)

**Marriage**

Arrangements must be made by contacting the Parish Office at least six months prior to the desired date. Marriage guidelines are available at the Parish Office and must be read before your appointment. Participation in pre-marriage preparation will be arranged.

**Anointing of the Sick**

Contact the Parish Office at 586-977-8080. Also available once a month during the Tuesday evening Mass. Speak with Fr. Jerry before Mass.

**Rite of Christian Initiation  
of Adults**

This is a shared program with St. Ephrem, conducted at St. Ephrem. Those taking part in RCIA from St. Jane Frances will receive the faith formation at St. Ephrem's but celebrate associated rites at St. Jane Frances de Chantal. Please make initial contact with our pastor, Fr. Jerry Slowinski, before contacting St. Ephrem Parish.

**Parish 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/ Anointing**  
Contact Parish Office: 586-977-8080

*This Week in our Parish*

**Monday, January 11**  
9:30am-11:30am Needle Craft Meeting  
1:30pm-3:00pm Intercessory Prayer  
Team Meeting  
3:00pm-4:15pm Fish Fry Planning Mtg.  
6:00pm Faith Formation Classes,  
Grades K-6  
7:00pm Baptism Prep Session  
**Tuesday, January 12**  
10:00am-Noon Denis Connection Mtg.  
4:30pm Faith Formation Classes,  
Grades K-6  
6:00pm Rosary  
6:00pm-7:00pm Confessions  
6:30pm Faith Formation Classes,  
Grade 7  
7:30pm Mass  
**Wednesday, January 13**  
8:00am Mass  
6:30pm-8:25pm Needle Point Group  
Meeting  
7:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal  
**Thursday, January 14**  
8:00am Mass  
1:00pm Swiffers, Team 2  
6:30pm-9:30pm Knights of Columbus  
Meeting  
7:00pm Coffee & Catholicism  
**Friday, January 15**  
Parish Office Closed  
**Saturday, January 16**  
Blood Drive Sign-up  
Knights of Columbus  
Recruitment Drive  
3:15pm-4:15pm Instruments in  
Praise Rehearsal  
4:30pm-6:30pm Blood Pressure  
Screening  
5:00pm Mass w/Instruments in Praise  
**Sunday, January 17**  
Blood Drive Signup  
Knights of Columbus  
Recruitment Drive  
8:30am-11:15am Blood Pressure  
Screening  
8:30am-8:50am Adult Choir Rehearsal  
10:00am-11:30am Knights of Columbus  
Pancake Breakfast  
9:00am Mass w/Adult Choir  
11:00am-1:00pm Grief Support Session  
11:30am Mass w/ Childrens Liturgy of  
the Word  
6:00pm-8:00pm High School Youth  
Ministry Session

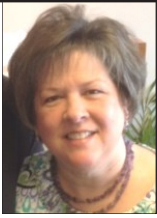
**NEW PARISHIONERS**

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A  
REGISTERED PARISHIONER AT  
ST. JANE FRANCES de CHANTAL?

You may register at the Parish Office at anytime after Mass on the weekend or during regular office hours. Please call 586-977-8080 if you have any questions.

**Parish Mission Statement**

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



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## Celebrating the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord during the Jubilee Year of Mercy

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and I can't help but think of the connection between the Sacrament of Baptism and the spirit of the Jubilee Year of Mercy that we are currently observing.

I was doing a bit of research and stumbled upon the following article written by the Most Reverend Michael J. Sheridan, Bishop of the Diocese of Colorado Springs. Bishop Sheridan was reflecting on opening the Holy Doors of a Jubilee Church and how it opens on to three important furnishings found in every church: the baptismal font, the confessional, and the altar - each one of these having a particular significance in the Holy Year:

"The mercy of God touches us first at the time of our baptism. When water is poured over us we die and rise with Christ, setting aside sin and embracing the Gospel of Jesus. Clothed in a white garment, the newly baptized puts on Christ. The Jubilee Year is a time to recall our baptismal dignity. We are sons and daughters of God, brothers and sisters of Jesus. We have been reborn from above. Parents, recall the promises you made on behalf of your children when you presented them for baptism and renew your intention to form them in the faith of the Church.

Just beyond the baptismal font is the confessional. The Sacrament of Reconciliation, called by the Fathers of the Church 'the second baptism', is the ever-present gift of divine mercy. Scripture tells us that the mercy of God is boundless. Whatever the frequency or seriousness of our sins, God seeks out the sinner just as the Good Shepherd leaves everything to find the lost sheep. God loves us with all His being. Put aside whatever fear or dread that keeps

you from experiencing the forgiveness of confession, because, as Pope Francis has said, 'fear and dread do not befit a man or a woman who is loved'.

And then there is the altar of the Eucharistic, sacrifice, the centerpiece of every Church. And the Eucharist is the centerpiece of the Church's sacramental life, the culminating point of the mercy received in the Sacrament of Reconciliation by means of participation, in the Body and Blood of Christ. St. John Paul II reminded us of the close relationship between the sacraments of Penance and the Eucharist in his encyclical letter **Ecclesia de Eucharistis (#37)**: "Because the Eucharist makes present the redeeming sacrifice of the Cross, perpetuating it sacramentally, it naturally gives rise to a continuous need for conversion for a personal response to the appeal made by St. Paul to the Christians of Corinth: 'We beseech you on behalf of Christ be reconciled to God' (2 Cor 5:20).

Turning again to the words of Pope Francis: 'We constantly need to contemplate the mystery of mercy. It is a well-spring of joy, serenity, and peace. Our salvation depends on it'.

Taken from [coloradocatholicerald.com/ArticleDetails/tabid/1249/ArticleID/2405/12-18-15-THE-BISHOPS-VOICE-Year-of-Mercy-is-a-time-to-put-aside-fear.aspx](http://coloradocatholicerald.com/ArticleDetails/tabid/1249/ArticleID/2405/12-18-15-THE-BISHOPS-VOICE-Year-of-Mercy-is-a-time-to-put-aside-fear.aspx)

## What Goes Up, Must Come Down

**The Christmas Season ends today with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord. If you have some time on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 10th, please join us as we remove the decorations of Christmas and prepare the church space for Winter Ordinary Time. We will begin after the 11:30am Mass. Many of the poinsettias will be available for "adoption"! Many hands make light work! Thank you so much for your help!!!**

## STEWARDSHIP

### FAMILY FUN MOVIE NIGHT

**WHEN:** Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> after the 5:00pm Mass

**WHERE:** Here at the Parish Hall

**WHAT:** Dinner & a Movie

**COST:** There is no cost for the event, but we do need an RSVP to know how many to prepare for.

**HOW:** RSVP via the Parish website ([sjfparish.org](http://sjfparish.org)) or in the parish office  
**NO LATER THAN Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>!**



### ATTENTION ALL NEEDLE CRAFTERS!

Do you like to sew, knit, crochet, quilt, etc.? Whether you are new to the craft or a seasoned veteran, please join us at any of our opportunities in January to get together to socialize and work on projects (your own or ours)! No RSVP is necessary and there is no cost. You can come to one, some, or all of our gatherings! Please join us:

*Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, & 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am until 11:30am OR Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> & January 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm-8:25pm*

Contact Tara with any questions at [tfinn\\_sjf@yahoo.com](mailto:tfinn_sjf@yahoo.com) or 586-977-8080, ext. 107.





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**CHILDREN'S  
 LITURGY OF THE WORD**  
 Ages 3-Grade 2  
 Weekly during the 11:30am Mass

Each week I will share a reflection on the Gospel and discussion questions. Please do this with your family.

**Step 1: Read the Gospel for the day**

**Step 2: Discuss the "On the way Home From Mass" question in the car and "Living the Word"**

**Step 3: After Mass, discuss the "On the way home from Mass" question.**

### **ABOUT THE GOSPEL—Luke 3:15-16, 21-22**

John the Baptist's preaching leads many to repent for their sins. The cleansing waters of his baptism symbolize their turning toward a new way of life. Yet John speaks of a new baptism that One mightier than he will give — a baptism of the Holy Spirit and fire. Who but God would have the power to baptize this way? We are greatly blessed to have received this baptism. Receiving God's own life has lit an unquenchable fire in us, the desire to know and make known our God. Today is our feast day!

### **On the Way Home From Mass...**

Dear Parents,  
 Please use these questions to help your child (ren) better understand today's Gospel.

- 1) Who announced Jesus' coming in today's Gospel?
- 2) What was God the Father's announcement?

### **LIVING THE WORD**

When you gather for a meal, talk about how Jesus must have felt when He heard God the Father's voice telling Him He was His beloved Son. Explain how each of us becomes a child of God at our Baptism. God the Father wants us to know we are also His beloved sons and daughters. Using a sign from our Baptism, make the Sign of the Cross on the forehead of the person sitting next to you saying "You are a beloved son/daughter of God." Thank God for loving you so much He makes you part of His family.

### **NEXT WEEK'S GOSPEL—John 2:1-8, 10**

#### **...On the Way To Mass**

**Step 1:** Read the gospel aloud, from the Bible, a smart phone, or tablet. Or find it at usccb.org.

**Step 2:** Discussion

Can you think of something amazing that happens every time we go to Mass? How does it happen?

**We are forming a Vacation Bible School Leadership Team/Section Heads and are in need of the following.**

- 1) **Overall Vacation Bible School Leader.**— To work with section heads to assure a smooth and successful program
- 2) **Section Head of Crafts, Recreation, and Snacks.**— Responsible to assure that the leaders of the listed divisions have what they need to be successful and to brainstorm creative ideas.
- 3) **Section Head of Music, Skits, Opening and Closing Programs.** — Responsible to assure that the leaders of the listed divisions have what they need to be successful and to brainstorm creative ideas.

**If interested or would like more information, contact Greg Crachiolo and plan on coming to the meeting on Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm**

# **Save the Date!**



**Vacation Bible School**  
**June 20-24**  
**Volunteer Meeting**  
**Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:00pm**

*If interested in volunteering in any capacity this year, please pick up a form in the Faith Formation Office. Teams are being formed now, so let us know early.*



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*Youth Minister  
Coordinator*

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### Martin Luther King Day of Service

Looking for an opportunity for Service? Come join us as we join other churches for this day of service in the City of Detroit. Sign up today! For permission slips and more information, check the Bulletin Board or the parish website:

*HIGH SCHOOL:* <http://www.sjfparish.org/#!tgif-hs-ministry/c102n>

*JUNIOR HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOL:*

<http://www.sjfparish.org/#!segue-jr-high-ministry/c4g3>



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### Marriage Help

*Retrouaille* (pronounced retro-vi) has helped thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information or to register for the next program beginning with a weekend on January 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, call 800-470-2230. Or visit the website: [HelpOurMarriage.com](http://HelpOurMarriage.com)



### PARENTS NIGHT OUT

**WHO:** If you are a parent, you are invited! If your kids are in the womb, or you are 72 (or older), or anything in between...consider yourself invited!

**WHEN:** Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm-8:00pm

**WHERE:** 5-Star Lanes

**WHAT:** 2 games of bowling, shoe rental, pizza, and pop. The cost is \$11 per person.

**HOW:** Register by *THIS Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>*, via the parish website or in the parish office so we can get our count in.

**QUESTIONS:** Contact Tara at [tfinn\\_sjf@yahoo.com](mailto:tfinn_sjf@yahoo.com) or 586-977-8080, ext. 107.



### IT'S NOT TOO LATE! SIGN-UP NOW FOR THE MEN'S RETREAT AT ST. PAUL'S RETREAT CENTER—JANUARY 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>

Why a retreat? 1. Physical rest. 2. Peace & recollection. 3. Answers to a pressing problem. 4. Updating your religion. 5. Release from tension & fear. 6. God's help in making important decisions. 7. New awareness of God's personal love for you. 8. A weekend away with good food and good company. 9. Interesting and practical talks on spiritual issues. 10. A rich blessing for you. The retreat theme this year is "Encounter the Mercy of God". For more information or reservations, contact Ben Klassen at 586-977-8080, ext. 108 or [bklassen.sjfparish@gmail.com](mailto:bklassen.sjfparish@gmail.com) to make a reservation or call the retreat center at 313-535-9563. You can register online at [www.stpaulretreat.org](http://www.stpaulretreat.org) also.

### COFFEE & CATHOLICISM

Join us twice a month for great presentations on topics near and dear to our faith! Our speaker will present about the history, philosophy, and theology of things like the Trinity, the Incarnation, and more!

There is no cost to attend, but if you can let us know that you are thinking of coming-it would be appreciated! We will meet from 7:00pm until 8:20pm. Upcoming dates are:

Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>



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Contact Tara at [tfinn\\_sjf@yahoo.com](mailto:tfinn_sjf@yahoo.com) or 586-977-8080, ext. 107 for

formation or to sign-up.



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### MOMS GROUP

Our next Play and Pray event will be **Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00am-11:30am**. Moms (and dads) can bring their kids downstairs to our playroom that day to give the kids a chance to play, take some time to connect, and find some time for prayer. No RSVP is needed and if you can't make it the whole time, that is fine too! Contact Tara with any questions at [tfinn\\_sjf@yahoo.com](mailto:tfinn_sjf@yahoo.com) or 586-977-8080, ext. 107.

YOUNG ADULTS



**MICHIGAN CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE**

**AGES 18-35**

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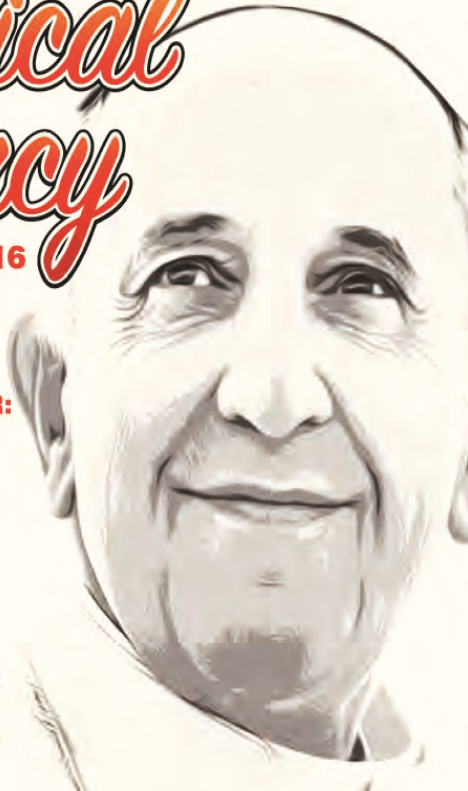
The Archdiocese of Detroit and the Catholic dioceses of Michigan present

# Radical Mercy

**APRIL 1&2, 2016**

St. John Neumann  
44800 Warren Rd.  
Canton, MI 48187

**GUEST SPEAKER:  
JACK JEZREEL**



Join young adults for fellowship, food, fantastic speakers, and faith.

## 2016 Theology on Tap

**Ages 18-35**

**Coming this year to**

**Traffic Jam and Snug**  
511 W. Canfield  
Detroit, MI

**Nights from 6:30pm to 8:30pm**

DAY	DATE	SPEAKERS AND SUBJECTS
Friday	Jan. 8:	Bp. Francis Kalabat – Eastern Christians
Monday	Feb.8:	Bp. Michael Byrnes – The Synod on the New Evangelization
Tuesday	March 8:	Maureen Dierkes – Awaken Ministries
Friday	April 8:	Joe Ballistreri – Evangelization through Sacred Music
Sunday	May 8:	No Theology on Tap – Happy Mother's Day!
Wed.	June 8:	Dr. Mary Healy – Healing and the New Evangelization

For more information: 313.237.4647 or [yacm@aod.org](mailto:yacm@aod.org)  
[www.aod.org/yacm](http://www.aod.org/yacm)



### Grief Ministry

St. Jane Frances de Chantal Health Advocacy Ministry is pleased to continue our well received, peer led bereavement support group on Sundays, beginning from 11:00am – 1:00pm through February 7, 2016.

The program is designed to offer support to men and women in our Christian community who may be suffering from a death of a loved one. It is for those who have a need to share their experience of heartache, and would like to walk alongside each other on the path to healing. Offering a safe haven to cry, to laugh, to mourn or to heal, we use a PowerPoint presentation and round table discussion on the 5 stages of grief and ways to cope using prayer and conversation.

Please consider sharing this information with families and friends you know who may be suffering from grief and may like to join us in this group support program.

For more information, please contact Barb at (586) 264-0845 or Cindy at (586) 634-4368



### RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE SUNDAY, JANUARY 24<sup>TH</sup> 8:00am-2:00pm

We are taking Blood Drive Sign-ups this weekend (January. 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>) and on January 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>. The donation of one unit of blood can potentially help to save three lives.

PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING!

#### TO REGISTER ONLINE:

- Visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)
- Go to box down on left and middle of screen that says "Make a Donation" and click "Enter a Sponsor Code" which is stjane.
- Click "click here" to schedule an appointment to donate.
- First time users must then click the blue "create a profile" link to the right of the screen before logging into schedule a time. Complete all fields marked with an asterisk.



### Knight of Columbus Pancake Breakfast January 17, 2016



Come and join the Knights of Columbus for a delicious pancake breakfast on January 17, 2016 following the 9:00am Mass. It is a free will donation. Enjoy breakfast with your friends and family while helping the Knights help others!

### Blood Pressure Screening

Our parish nurses will be available for Blood Pressure Screening next weekend, January 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>. They will do the screenings on Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, from 4:30pm to 6:30pm and on Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30am to 11:15am.

**BAPTISMS**

*The Catholic Community of St. Jane Frances de Chantal welcomes the following children who were Baptized on Sunday, December 27, 2015, by Rev. Jerome Slowinski*



**Isabella Marguerite Giannetti**  
 Parents: Trevor Giannetti  
 Margaritt Abunassar Giannetti  
 Godparents: Yousif Abunassar  
 Jamie Giannetti



**Oliver Eugene Malavolti**  
 Parents: Jon Malavolti  
 Melissa Roback Malavolti  
 Godparents: Jason Gordon  
 Christina Gordon



**Cameron Lake & Kyla Rose Lake**  
 Parents: Nathan Lake  
 Stacey Allam  
 Cameron's Godparent: Ray Allam  
 Christian Witness: Meghan Berg  
 Kyla's Godparents: Leonard O'Lear  
 Lisa O'Lear



**Mallory Judith Navalta**  
 Parents: Nicholas Navalta  
 Allison Van Ghelune  
 Godparents: Nathan Navalta  
 Lauren Van Ghelune



**Michaela Rose Schnoblen**  
 Parents: Michael Schnoblen  
 Candice Schoenegge Schnoblen  
 Godparent: Danielle West  
 Witness: Jason West

*Jerry Arties (Continued from page 1)*

you have been friends with someone for a long time, you are comfortable enough to express your true thoughts and feelings. Old friends, precisely because they know and trust each other, can risk boldness in their friendship that a younger, less mature friendship cannot.

This also holds true of our relationship with God. God expects that we will, at various times in our life, offer some resistance. The stronger we are spiritually, from wrestling with God, the more prepared we are to wrestle with conflict between the spirit and the flesh which is inherent in our human condition.

**IN SYMPATHY**

*The Community of St. Jane Frances de Chantal expresses support and prayers to the family of he one who has died from our parish community this week:*

**Carol Bardelline**  
 Wife of James  
 Mother of Stephen & Jonathan  
 May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.  
 Amen.

**CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL (CSA)**

If you made a pledge, please honor it. Any amount under the goal that is not met will have to come out of the Church account.

**Our Cluster Partner**  
**ST. EPHREM CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
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**Deacon: Edwin McLeod**

**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



**SPONSOR OF THE WEEK**

We want to thank Pete of Flaming Grill for advertising in the St. Jane Frances de Chantal bulletin. We ask our parishioners to please patronize the advertisers as they are the ones that help make our bulletin possible.



**Traveling Chalice  
A Program of Prayer  
For Vocations**

Parishioners are asked to take the chalice home and display it in a place of honor, we ask them to pray each night for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. This week our parish gratefully acknowledges

*The Cecchini Family*

for hosting our Traveling Chalice.

If you would like to participate in The Traveling Chalice Program please contact Ray Sroka at 586-979-

**VICARIATE  
WEBSITE**



Did you know we are part of the Central Macomb Vicariate? Our vicariate has over 20 parishes in it that all offer events and happenings for all people in the vicariate...including you! Check out the vicariate website at: <http://cmvic.net/> to find out what is going on, learn what the Church teaches on different topics through articles and videos, and more! Would you like it delivered right to your inbox? Then please sign-up for their weekly email list. They send you upcoming events and other pertinent information once a month. You can sign-up for that at:

<http://cmvic.net/distribution-list>



Tuesday, 6:00pm,  
Novena to the Mother  
of Perpetual Help & Rosary  
Join us in the Church

**Readings**  
**Week of January 10, 2016**  
**Sunday**  
**The Baptism of the Lord**  
Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11;  
Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4  
24-25, 27-28, 29-30; Acts 10:34-38 or  
Ti 2:11-14, 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22  
**Monday**  
1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19;  
Mk 1:14-20  
**Tuesday**  
1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd;  
Mk 1:21-28  
**Wednesday**  
1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, and  
5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mk 1:29-39  
**Thursday**  
1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44: 10-11, 14-15, 24-25;  
Mk 1:40-45  
**Friday**  
1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-17, 18-19;  
Mk 2:1-12  
**Saturday**  
1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1a; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5,  
6-7; Mk 2:13-17  
**Sunday**  
**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10;  
1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

**Low-Gluten Hosts available**  
For our parishioners who have Celiacs Disease we now have procedures in place to help you celebrate the Eucharist with your parish family. For more information or to take part, please contact Maureen Blair,  
586-977-8080 or by email  
[maureenblair.stjane@gmail.com](mailto:maureenblair.stjane@gmail.com)

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, January 11**  
No Mass at St. Jane Frances  
**Tuesday, January 12**  
**7:30pm** Living — Maria Vacaj (Maria)  
Living — Anila Lilaj (Nicoleta Vacaj)  
Living — Dorothy Monette (Mary Reo)  
Living — Kay Hood (Mary Reo)  
**Wednesday, January 13**  
**8:00am** Dec. Jerome Schornack (Paul & Pat Whitefield)  
**Thursday, January 14**  
**8:00am** Dec. Delores Dravis (Gulock Family)  
**Friday, January 15**  
No Mass at St. Jane Frances  
**Saturday, January 16**  
**5:00pm** Dec. Florintine Camitan (Family)  
Dec. Bernard & Ceola Trinity (Robert & Frances Kraft)  
Dec. Elizabeth Koczon (Tom & Judy Taylor)  
Dec. Frances Berthiaume (Joyce)  
Dec. Grace Beaufait (Robert & Frances Kraft)  
**Sunday, January 17**  
**9:00am** Dec. Sharon Meccariello (Shirley Essad)  
Dec. William Becker (Irma & Jim Duncan)  
Living — Scott Gould (Mom & Dad)  
Dec. Dennis Timoszyk 3rd Anniversary (Debbie Shelton)  
**11:30am** For the Parishioners  
Dec. Marino Donati (Sarti Family)  
Dec. Giovanni Sarti (Sarti Family)  
Dec. John Rossio (Family)

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE — JANUARY 16<sup>TH</sup> & JANUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>**

	5:00pm	9:00am	11:30am
<b>Presider</b>	Fr. Jerry	Fr. Jerry	Fr. Jerry
<b>Sacristan(s)</b>	Lisa Skoczylas	Selma & Paul Marzec	MaryAnn Webb
<b>Lector 1</b>	Eileen Clase	Geri Miles	John Martin
<b>Lector 2</b>	Christopher Darner	Jolynn Friedmann	Robert Skwara
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Danielle Erickson	Maggie Friedmann	Mary Burley
	Kayla Pickens	Sarah Friedmann	Kathaleen Burley
	Isabella Schilling	Terasa Mezzapelle	Raegan Watson
<b>Ushers</b>	Team 2	Assigned	Team 3
<b>Music Leader</b>	Melissa & Instruments in Praise	Greg	Greg

**WEEKDAY LECTOR SCHEDULE**

**Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, @ 7:30pm**  
Cindy Belotti  
**Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, @ 8:00am**  
Joe Boland  
**Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, @ 8:00am**  
Bernie Mikowski





Sunday, December 20, 2015

Weekly Obligation: \$11,900.00

Registered Families.....1493  
 Envelopes Returned.....454  
 Amount Offered.....\$9,590.00  
 Loose Offering.....\$855.00

Online Giving:  
 Contributors.....61  
 Contributions.....\$1,967.00

Total Offerings.....\$12,412.00

Sunday, December 27, 2015

Weekly Obligation: \$11,900.00

Registered Families.....1493  
 Envelopes Returned.....383  
 Amount Offered.....\$8,341.07  
 Loose Offering.....\$720.00

Online Giving:  
 Contributors.....53  
 Contributions.....\$1,560.00

Total Offerings.....\$10,621.07

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God  
 Friday, January 1, 2016

Amount Offered:.....\$1,295.00

Sunday, January 3, 2016

Weekly Obligation: \$11,900.00

Registered Families.....1493  
 Envelopes Returned.....379  
 Amount Offered.....\$12,065.60  
 Loose Offering.....\$1,081.85

Online Giving:  
 Contributors.....65  
 Contributions.....\$3,013.00

Total Offerings.....\$16,160.45

**PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN**

If you have not attended a "Protecting God's Children" Workshop, you can attend one close to home. St. Ephrem will be hosting a Protecting God's Children Workshop on Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 9:00am.

You must register online by going to: going to the AOD website at [www.aod.org](http://www.aod.org)

Just a reminder — all volunteers at St. Jane Frances de Chantal MUST attend a Protecting God's Children Workshop. If you already attended a workshop, you do not have to attend again.



**TOGETHER LET US PRAY...**

Please pray for those who are in special need of our prayers.

Marge Bellus  
 Maureen Blair  
 William Boice  
 James Brown  
 Vicki Chrzanowski  
 Julius D'Ambrosio  
 Salvatore DeAngelo  
 Anna DiDonato  
 Dan Dilworth  
 Kevin Dufloor  
 Pam Evanzia  
 Shirley Fasczewski  
 Cindy Graham  
 James Klassen

Pat Kniola  
 Alexia Kose  
 Frances Kraft  
 Gary Kubicki  
 Ed Kuhle  
 John LaRocca  
 Jeffrey Leonardi  
 Joann Lichocki  
 Rosa Matani  
 Addison Mathews  
 Charlotte Miles  
 Virginia Norton  
 Kathleen Pawlik

Matthew Pawlik  
 Helen Perliskey  
 Anita Pitlock  
 Frank Polizzi  
 Amy Zachwieja Raggio  
 Magdalena Reinhardt  
 Marlene Rokicki  
 Olivia Rokicki  
 Jerome Szymanski  
 Barbara Van Maldeghem  
 Daniel Van Acker  
 Mel Werner  
 Don G. Wisniewski

Please pray for the men and women serving our country in the Armed Services that they may return home safely to family and friends. Remember particularly:

Richard Brown  
 Christopher Burley  
 Eric Dillard  
 Lisa Drake  
 Joshua Hebert  
 Greg Hjelle

Zack Hoover  
 Louis B. Kasper, III  
 Paul Koss  
 Curtis McCoy  
 Matthew McDowell  
 Donovan John Miller

Eric Olson  
 Heather Ann Reo  
 Scot Skoczylas  
 Sean Slattery  
 Allison Steward  
 Carl Winowiecki

**SWIFFERS NEEDED**

We are in need of "Swiffers"! Swiffers are volunteers who help keep our Church clean. It only requires about an hour or so! Swiffers are assigned to a team that volunteers their services. Teams meet once a month on Wednesdays or Thursdays at 1:00pm. Some of the tasks are: dusting, cleaning the brass, cleaning the windows on the doors to the Church and the outer doors, vacuum the gathering space, etc.

If you can help, please call Jody at the Parish Office (586-977-8080, ext. 100) or email her at [jgazosjfp@parish@gmail.com](mailto:jgazosjfp@parish@gmail.com)

**~WORLD MARRIAGE DAY ~**

A Day to Celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage  
 ~Great gift idea for friends, family and even yourselves~

**When:** Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 3:00pm to 8:00pm

**What & Where:** Dinner, Dancing & Inspirational Speakers at the San Marino Club in Troy

**Cost:** \$55/couple by January 30<sup>th</sup>, after January 30<sup>th</sup>, \$65/couple

**How:** Register online at [www.worldmarriageday.org](http://www.worldmarriageday.org)

**Come, Encounter Christ!**

Join others from the Archdiocese for three consecutive evenings of preaching, music, and Eucharistic adoration. For more information, check out [www.aod.org/being-catholic/evangelization/unleash-the-gospel/come-encounter-christ/](http://www.aod.org/being-catholic/evangelization/unleash-the-gospel/come-encounter-christ/)

Upcoming dates meet from 7:00pm-8:30pm at:

- January 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady of La Sallette Parish, Berkley
- January 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> at St. Thomas A'Becket, Canton



**St. Pat's Soup Kitchen Visit  
 "Thank You"**

We received a card from St. Pat's Senior Center "Thanking" everyone from St. Jane Frances de Chantal who prepared and served the delicious noon meals at the Center. Your services are greatly appreciated. Together we can make the Center a reality!