

Today's Readings

A good deed done . . . (Acts 4:9)
Peter had just healed a beggar. The people who witnessed the miracle were amazed, but the rulers were offended because Peter had said that it was Jesus who healed the man—the same Jesus whom they had crucified. No wonder they arrested him!

Jesus wants us to do good deeds each day. He wants us to go out and help people who are in need. As Pope Francis said, "What matters for Jesus is, above all, reaching out to save those far off, healing the wounds of the sick and restoring everyone to God's family" (Homily, February 15, 2015).

As our Holy Father often reminds us, there is an intimate relationship between our being filled with God's love and our desire to do good deeds for people. The more we are filled with God's love, the more we will want to give back to him—with gifts of praise and gifts of deeds.

Unlike Peter, it's doubtful that we will be arrested and put in jail for doing good deeds in the name of Jesus. But like Peter, our good deeds will have the same effect on people today that they had on the people back then. They will melt people's hearts. They will help them believe that God's love is real and is powerful. They may spark some opposition, but not even that will diminish the power of your witness.

So pray each day and ask Jesus to fill you with his love. His love is the catalyst that can move you to love and serve those around you. Then be as generous as you can. Be on the lookout for opportunities.

Jesus wants us to do good deeds. We may not have Peter's courage, but we all know how to do random acts of love and kindness. So start today. Make it a point to be cordial, helpful, generous, and compassionate today. Your acts of love are infectious. Who knows? They may even draw some people closer to God!

"Lord, fill me with your love. Inspire me to do good deeds for others."

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This Week's Readings

Sunday 22	Acts 4:8-12 / 1 Jn 3:1-2 / Jn 10:11-18
Monday 23	Acts 11:1-18 / Jn 10:1-10
<i>St. George & St. Adalbert</i>	
Tuesday 24	Acts 11:19-26 / Jn 10:22-30
<i>St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen</i>	
Wednesday 25	1 Pt 5:5b-14 / Mk 16:15-20
<i>St. Mark, Evangelist</i>	
Thursday 26	Acts 13:13-25 / Jn 13:16-20
Friday 27	Acts 13:26-33 / Jn 14:1-6
Saturday 28	Acts 13:44-52 / Jn 14:7-14
<i>St. Peter Chanel and St. Louis Grignon de Montfort</i>	
Sunday 29	Acts 9:26-31 / 1 Jn 3:18-24 / Jn 15:1-8

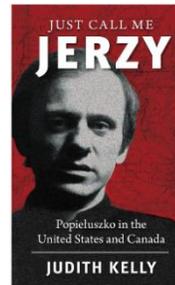
Parish Calendar

April 22 – 29

Sunday 22—A [Bone Marrow Registration Drive](#) is held after all Masses in the North Conference Room.

Food donations are collected after all Masses.

Children's Faith Formation classes meet at 9:45am at St. Matthew's Education Center. Las clases de Catequesis, Catecumenado y Catequesis Familiar continúan a las 11 de la mañana.



A presentation and book signing by author Judith Kelly of "Just Call Me Jerzy" is held in the East Conference Room at 1pm.

Cathedral Coffeehouse meets after the 5:30pm Mass in the West Conference Room.

Monday 23—A **Eucharistic Holy Hour** is held in the Cathedral from 6 to 7pm, with Confessions available during the hour.

Tuesday 24—El grupo de Oración se reúne a las 7 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Oeste.

Wednesday 25—RCIA Mystagogy meets in the North Conference Room at 7pm.

Sacred Page, Sunday Scripture Reflections, meets in the West Conference Room at 7pm.

Thursday 26—The Adult Confirmation preparation class (pre-registered) meets at 7pm in the North Conference Room.

Saturday 28—A Rosary for Life is prayed at 11:30am in the Cathedral.

Sunday 29—Children's Faith Formation classes meet at 9:45am at St. Matthew's Education Center.

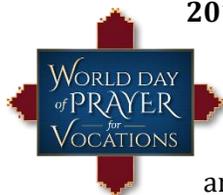
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Pope Francis' April Prayer Intention –

Please pray for [Pope Francis' April intention](#) for those with responsibility for economic matters, that economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

News and Notes



2018 World Day of Prayer for Vocations –

Today, Sunday, **April 22**, the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life?

- During this ordination season, pray for the men preparing to be ordained priests, including five transitional deacons serving at St. Matthew's (see the insert in this bulletin).
- Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead.
- Pray for our rectory priests throughout the week.
- Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.
- Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.



Cathedral Coffeehouse – Join the Cathedral Young Adults for Cathedral Coffeehouse tonight, Sunday, **April 22** after the 5:30pm Mass in the West Conference Room. Last Sunday featured lots of learning by way of

trivia, drawing, Play Doh sculptors, acting, and humming! Who knows what to expect this week? Come and see!

Eucharistic Holy Hour and Confessions – All are invited to adore our Lord at our monthly Eucharistic Holy Hour on Monday, **April 23** from 6 to 7pm. Deacon James Garcia will preside. Confessions will be available during the hour.

Lector Training – An orientation and training session for prospective lectors will be held Saturday, **April 28** in the West Conference Room, 9:30am - 1pm. We welcome registered parishioners and “weekday parishioners”—those who work downtown and attend weekday Masses here. Attendees will be asked to audition in the Cathedral at a later date. Candidates who become lectors are asked to commit to serve at least twice monthly. To register, call the rectory office at 202-347-3215 x517 by Monday, April 23.

Catholic Business Network of Washington DC Networking Reception – Join the Catholic Business Network of Washington D.C. (CBN-D.C.) for an evening reception Tuesday, **April 24**, 5:30 - 7:30pm, at Baker & Hostetler LLP, 1050 Connecticut Avenue NW #1110. CBN-D.C brings together businesses and professionals for monthly networking events and an annual gala. All fundraising benefits student in need at Catholic schools in Washington, D.C. Register at www.cbndc.org or contact Justin Silvers at 202-957-5188 or jsilvers@cbndc.org.

Outreach

Margo's Drive – Children's Hospital Blood Drive Success! – The Social Justice Committee thanks all who donated blood on March 18. It is a blessing for our parish to have helped many young patients with life-saving blood. We look forward to continuing to support the good work of Children's Hospital. To schedule a donation with them, call Janie at 202-476-3306.

Respect Life Ministry – Monthly Rosary – Join us for our monthly rosary for life on Saturday **April 28** at

11:30am, just before the 12:10pm Mass. For more

information on service opportunities and involvement with the Respect Life Ministry, contact Justin Silvers at stmatthewsrespectlife@yahoo.com.

A beautiful milestone: The first gathering of our Monthly Rosary for Life took place six years ago – on April 28, 2012, after the 8am Mass. Many rosaries later, we thank Norma Canedo who, with Fr. Evelio, organized and led that first rosary procession, and all who have supported this ministry over the years, including Justin Silvers!

Around the Area

Restorative Justice Conference – Catholic Mobilizing Network will host an engaging conference to mark the launch of their new book, “Redemption and Restoration: A Catholic Perspective on Restorative Justice,” Wednesday, **April 25**, 8:30am - 5pm at Pryzbyla Center at the Catholic University of America. The event is free and open to all. Contact: Caitlin Morneau at caitlin@catholicmobilizing.org. Register at catholicmobilizing.org/event/rj-conference.

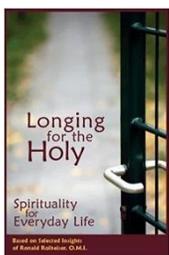


Franciscan Monastery Plant Sale – The Franciscan Monastery Plant and Herb Sale will be held Saturday, **April 28**,

9am-6 pm and Sunday, **April 29**, 8am-3pm, at the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land, 1400 Quincy St. NE, Washington, DC. Enjoy food and craft vendors in this beautiful location, and stock up for spring planting! For more information, visit www.FMGG.org.

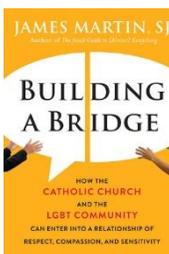
Faith Formation

Returning and Inactive Catholics – Welcome! – If you are a Catholic who has been away, we invite you to be an active part of us again. Landings is an 8-week series that offers “a safe place to land,” a place for listening and being heard, a place for asking questions and reconnecting with the faith. Contact: Theresa Prymuszewski (contact info at bottom right)



New Small Faith Sharing Groups – A new small group series is forming, using the RENEW International series, “Longing for the Holy: Spirituality for Everyday Life” with Fr.

Ronald Rolheiser. Four groups will meet—one on Sundays before the 5:30pm Mass, one on Monday evenings, one on Wednesday evenings, and one on a weekday after the 12:10pm Mass. Contact Theresa Prymuszewski (contact info at bottom right) to register for a group.



Cathedral Book Club – All are welcome to the next Cathedral Book Club meeting Monday, **May 14**, to discuss “Building a Bridge” by Fr. James Martin, SJ. Fr. Jack

Hurley notes that there is now a revised and expanded edition of this work that has attracted considerable attention and is a worthwhile read. Newark’s Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin has commented: “In too many parts of our church, LGBT people have been made to feel unwelcome, excluded, and even shamed. Father Martin’s inspiring new book invites church leaders to minister with more compassion and reminds LGBT Catholics that they are as much a part of our church as any other Catholic.” The Book Club meets from 6:45 to 8pm in the West Conference Room.

New Parishioner Registration ~ Welcome!

If you attend Mass at the Cathedral, we invite you to register as a parishioner so we can welcome you properly, learn about any special needs and interests, and keep you informed of our worship opportunities and activities. We invite you to consider becoming involved in our various organizations, committees and other aspects of parish life. Register by clicking [here](#) or visiting the parish website (www.stmatthewscathedral.org) and clicking the *Join Us* tab (choose *Register as a Parishioner*). You also may register at the rectory office.

Celebrating the Sacraments

For our Mass and Confessions schedule, see the bulletin front cover or click [here](#).

Baptism

Parents who wish to have their child baptized at the Cathedral should contact the Baptismal Coordinator at baptism@stmatthewscathedral.org. Parents should contact us at least six (6) months in advance of a desired baptismal date, and may ask for the priest or deacon of their choice to perform the Baptism. Early contact allows parents to be scheduled for the necessary sacramental formation session and godparents to obtain letters from their pastor. For more information, click [here](#) or go to the *Sacraments* tab on the parish website front page (choose *Baptism*).

If you are a registered parishioner at St. Matthew’s and need a letter of good standing in order to be a godparent for a baptism to be celebrated at another parish, please call the rectory office at 202-347-3215 to ask about obtaining a letter.

Marriage

Couples who are interested in celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage at the Cathedral are encouraged to click [here](#) or go to the *Sacraments* tab on the parish website front page (choose *Marriage*, then choose *Weddings*) to review our guidelines for weddings. The next step is to call the rectory office at 202-347-3215 and ask for the priest of your choice or the priest on duty, who can speak to you about marriage preparation and the possibility of scheduling your wedding at the Cathedral. Couples are expected to contact us at least nine (9) months in advance of the date on which they hope to celebrate their wedding.

First Reconciliation and First Eucharist

Sunday Children’s Faith Formation classes include preparation for the reception of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. For more information on classes, click [here](#) or go to the *Faith Formation* tab on the parish website front page (choose *Children’s Sacramental Preparation/Religious Education*). Registration packets for classes beginning in the fall of 2018 are now available at the rectory office and can be downloaded by clicking [here](#).

Adult Confirmation

Each spring during the Easter season, St. Matthew’s offers adult Confirmation preparation for active, baptized Catholics who already have received their First Eucharist. For more information, click [here](#) or go to the *Sacraments* tab on the parish website front page (choose *Confirmation*).

Rite of Christian Initiation

Are you an unbaptized adult who would like to become Catholic, an adult baptized in another Christian denomination who wishes to profess your faith as a Catholic Christian, or a baptized adult Catholic who would like to complete your initiation in the Catholic Church? We invite you to inquire about the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. RCIA is an ongoing process of conversion and faith formation for adults who would like to explore our Catholic faith and prepare for the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation—Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. For more information, see the flier in this bulletin, click [here](#) or go to the *Faith Formation* tab on the parish website front page (choose *Adult Initiation Process (RCIA)*).

Contact Theresa Prymuszewski, Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation, at 202-587-5139 or tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org for more information.

Lecturas de Hoy

El buen pastor da la vida por sus ovejas. (Juan 10, 11)
 Jesucristo, nuestro Señor, dijo que nadie tiene un amor más grande que el que da la vida por sus amigos. Este fue el amor que él demostró perfectamente muriendo en la cruz y entregando su vida voluntariamente por cada uno de nosotros.

Es asombroso pensar que, aunque uno fuera la única persona del mundo, el Señor siempre habría dado libremente su vida para salvarla. Cuando San Pedro se dio cuenta de esto, brotó en él la decisión y la valentía necesarias para declarar que no hay ningún otro nombre en toda la humanidad que pueda merecernos la salvación.

La sabiduría de Dios le parece tontería al que no cree, pero siempre triunfa, incluso en los momentos más difíciles. ¿Quién sino Dios pudo disponer que Jesús fuera rechazado por su propio pueblo y hasta abandonado por sus seguidores más cercanos? Pero esta es la insondable sabiduría de Dios. Nos amó tanto que voluntariamente sacrificó a su único Hijo —a quien ama por sobre todas las personas y las cosas— sólo para poder reconciliarnos consigo. Es tal como lo declara la primera carta de San Juan: “¡Miren cuánto nos ama Dios el Padre, que se nos puede llamar hijos de Dios y lo somos!” (1 Juan 3, 1).

Cuando no podemos encontrar solución a nuestros problemas, debemos buscar la mano de Dios; porque hasta en los sucesos inesperados de la vida, él está actuando para llevarnos a su lado. Son ocasiones en que su sabiduría es tan superior a la nuestra que lo único que podemos hacer es tener fe y confiar. En esos momentos, el Señor nos invita a orar: “Jesús, en ti confío”. Cuando nos sentimos agobiados por los problemas y las consecuencias de nuestros propios pecados y los de los demás, podemos decirle: “Padre, en tus manos me entrego.” Cuando la vida nos parece insoportable, podemos mirar a la cruz y decir: “Señor mío Jesucristo, te ruego que me ayudes a creer más.”

“Espíritu Santo, Consolador mío, sé hoy mi fortaleza. Me abandono a ti y confío en ti con todo lo que tengo y todo lo que soy.”

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Lecturas de la Semana

Domingo 22	He 4:8-12 / 1 Jn 3:1-2 / Jn 10:11-18
Lunes 23	He 11:1-18 / Jn 10:1-10
<i>San Gregorio y San Adalberto</i>	
Martes 24	He 11:19-26 / Jn 10:22-30
<i>San Fidel de Sigmaringa</i>	
Miércoles 25	1 Pt 5:5b-14 / Mc 16:15-20
<i>San Marcos Evangelista</i>	
Jueves 26	He 13:13-25 / Jn 13:16-20
Viernes 27	He 13:26-33 / Jn 14:1-6
Sábado 28	He 13:44-52 / Jn 14:7-14
<i>San Pedro Chanel y San Luis Grignon de Montfort</i>	
Domingo 29	He 9:26-31 / 1 Jn 3:18-24 / Jn 15:1-8

Intenciones de Misas

Mass Intentions

April 22 – 29

Sunday, April 22

5:30pm Vigil (April 21) – Simplicia Offemaria
 7am – All Parishioners
 8:30am – Daniel Arcia
 10am – John English
 11:30am – Mark Farber
 1pm – Viam Fagioni
 5:30pm – Mary Sozio

Monday, April 23

7am – William K. Fahay
 8am – Gloria Avaya Dimson
 12:10pm – Vincent McNamara
 5:30pm – Allan Archibold Bowen

Tuesday, April 24

7am – Barbara Spacco
 8am – James Murphy
 12:10pm – The Soderberg Family (living)
 5:30pm – Aurora P. Estravillo

Wednesday, April 25

7am – Donald Moen (living)
 8am – Eustaquio Tolentino
 12:10pm – Patricia Casey Waskom
 5:30pm – Ralph Whittmore

Thursday, April 26

8am – Terry Bork
 12:10pm – Antonia Pewulyova (living)
 5:30pm – Teresa Salinas de Navajas

Friday, April 27

7am – Diane Zitzman (living)
 8am – Rosario Silva
 12:10pm – John T. Stirrup, Sr.
 5:30pm – Patrick Korten

Saturday, April 28

12:10pm – Alejandra Barahona (living)
 5:30pm – William & Theresa Wilson

Sunday, April 29

8:30am – All Parishioners
 10am – Charles Walsh
 11:30am – Rosa Freitas (living)
 1pm – Blanca Juarez (living)
 5:30pm – Patrick E. Braheh

Se les recuerda a todas las personas que deseen ofrecer misas por sus difuntos, que tienen que reservarlas por lo menos con tres meses de antelación debido a que solo tenemos una misa en español.

To arrange a Mass intention, speak to our rectory receptionist. There is no fee but an offering is customary. Intentions are reserved in advance so particular dates may be unavailable.

Noticias de la Parroquia

Adoración al Santísimo

Sacramento – Les invitamos el lunes **23 de abril** a que se unan en adoración al Santísimo, de 6:00 a 7:00 de la tarde, habrá confesiones en inglés y español durante la hora.

Donación en nombre de Margo – ¡Éxito de la donación para el Hospital de Niños! – El comité de Justicia Social quiere agradecerles a todos quienes donaron sangre el 18 de marzo. Es una bendición para nuestra parroquia poder ayudar a los pacientes jóvenes para que puedan luchar por sus vidas. Esperamos continuar apoyando las buenas obras del Hospital de Niños. Si quiere hacer una cita con ellos, llamen a Janie al 202-476-3306.

Ministerio de Respeto a la Vida – Rosario mensual – Únase a nosotros el sábado **28 de abril**, a las 11:30 de la mañana, antes de la misa de 12:10. Para más información sobre oportunidades de servicio y participación en el Ministerio de Respeto a la Vida, póngase en contacto con Justin Silvers al stmatthewsrespectlife@yahoo.com. También puede llamar a Norma Canedo al 202-347-3215.

Intenciones de Oración – Por favor únase en oración en todo el mundo por las intenciones del **Papa Francisco** este mes: para que los economistas tengan el coraje de rechazar cualquier economía de exclusión y saber cómo abrir nuevos caminos.

Grupo de Oración – El grupo de oración se reúne los martes a la 7:00 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Oeste. El objetivo del grupo es profundizar nuestra fe por medio de las Sagradas Escrituras. Para más información pueden llamar a Fatima al 202-347-3215 x541.

Registrarse como nuevo feligrés ~ ¡Bienvenido!

Si asisten a misa en la Catedral, les invitamos a que se registren como feligreses, así podemos darles la bienvenida adecuadamente; conocer cualquier necesidad o intereses especiales, y mantenerles informados de nuestras actividades y oportunidades de culto. Les invitamos a participar en nuestras diversas organizaciones, comités y otros aspectos de la vida parroquial. Se pueden registrar haciendo un clic [aquí](#) o visitando la página digital de la parroquia (www.stmatthewscathedral.org), haciendo clic en la ficha *Únete a Nosotros* (elijan *registrarse como feligrés*). También pueden registrarse en la oficina parroquial.

Celebración de Sacramentos

Horario de misas y confesiones, ver la portada del boletín o clic [aquí](#).

Bautizos

Padres de familia que deseen bautizar a sus niños en la Catedral deben contactar a la coordinadora de Bautismos: Mercedes Araque al 202-347-3215 de lunes a jueves de 4:30 de la tarde a 8:00 de la noche o sábados y domingos de 9:00 de la mañana a 4:00 de la tarde. Los padres deben llamar por los menos tres (3) meses antes de la fecha prevista del bautizo. El llamar temprano permite a los padres de familia a programar la clase de formación sacramental necesaria y a los padrinos obtener cartas de sus parroquias.

Si usted es feligrés inscrito en San Mateo y necesita una carta de recomendación para ser padrino en un bautizo que se celebrará en otra parroquia, por favor llame a la oficina de la rectoría al 202-347-3215 y pregunte cómo puedo obtener esta carta.

Matrimonios

Parejas que estén interesadas en la celebración del Sacramento del matrimonio en la Catedral se anima a que hagan un clic [aquí](#) o vayan a la portada de la página digital de la parroquia (elegir *matrimonio*, luego elegir *bodas*) para revisar nuestras guías de bodas. El siguiente paso es llamar a la oficina de la rectoría al 202-347-3215 y preguntar por el sacerdote de su elección o el sacerdote de turno, que puede hablar con usted sobre la preparación del matrimonio y la posibilidad de programar su boda en la Catedral. Las parejas deben llamar por lo menos nueve (9) meses antes de la fecha en la que esperan celebrar su boda.

Primera Comunión y Confirmación

Las clases dominicales de catecismo para niños y adolescentes, incluyen: preparación para la Primera Comunión y Confirmación. Después de la confirmación tienen que venir al grupo de jóvenes. Para más información sobre las clases, deben llamar a Fátima Aybar, coordinadora de Formación en la Fe, al 202-347-3215 x541 o faybar@stmatthewscathedral.org.

Confirmación de Adultos

Cada primavera después de la Semana Santa, San Mateo ofrece clases para preparación de la Confirmación para adultos activos, católicos bautizados que ya han recibido su Primera Comunión. Para obtener más información, llamen a Fátima Aybar (información en la parte de arriba).

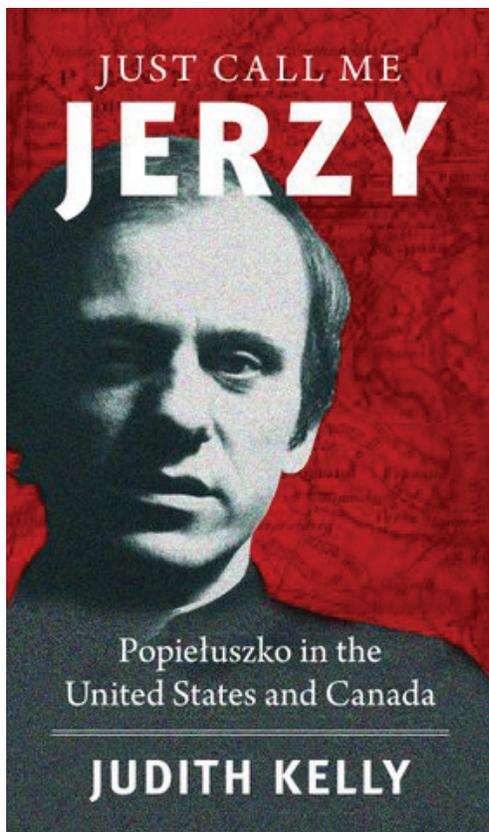
Rito de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos

¿Es usted un adulto sin bautizar a quien le gustaría ser católico? ¿Un adulto bautizado en otra religión cristiana que quiere profesar su fe como católico? ¿Un adulto bautizado católico que desea completar su iniciación en la Iglesia Católica? Les invitamos a solicitar información sobre el rito de iniciación cristiana para adultos (RICA) es un proceso continuo de conversión y formación de fe para adultos que deseen explorar la fe católica y prepararse para la celebración de los sacramentos de iniciación: Bautismo, Confirmación y Eucaristía. Para más información, llamen a Fátima Aybar (información en la parte de arriba).

“JUST CALL ME JERZY”

BLESSED JERZY POPIELUSZKO, PRIEST AND MARTYR (1947-1984)

Judith Kelly introduces us to a figure who not only has an important place in the annals of recent Polish history and of the Catholic Church, but whose life and death can serve as both a lesson and an inspiration for people of all backgrounds in today's challenging times. Jerzy Popieluszko followed an ordinary vocation to the priesthood but found himself caught up in extraordinary times to which he responded with nonviolent determination, quiet grace, and fortitude. Reading his story and following his travels through the U.S. and Canada, we see an unassuming human being raised to greatness by his wise and courageous choices.



WHEN:

April 22, 2018

1:00pm (following the 11:30am Mass)

WHERE:

St. Matthew's Cathedral

1725 Rhode Island Avenue, NW

1½ blocks from the Farragut North Metrorail red line station, East Conference Room.

Accessed through the parking garage

**Judith Kelly will autograph her book
“Just Call Me Jerzy” (\$10.00)**

All are invited to this event, free of charge. For more information, please contact Theresa Prymuszewski, Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation, at: tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org or at 202-587-5139



Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle

1725 Rhode Island Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20036

The Spanish Prayer Group & the Social Justice Committee
invite you to a time of prayer and solidarity.

“Ama a tu prójimo”

Misa Bilingüe

En oración por los DREAMers, inmigrantes y personas refugiadas

Martes, 1 de mayo de 2018

¡Todos están invitados!

En la Catedral de San Mateo

Rosario - 7:00 de la noche

Misa - 7:30 de la noche

Rev. Agustín López, Celebrante

Rev. Mons. Ronald Jameson



Habrà cena después de la Misa, en el Salón del Norte.
Para traer un plato o bebida, póngase en contacto con Fatima Aybar.

“Love Thy Neighbor”

Bilingual Mass

In prayer for DREAMers, Immigrants, and Refugees

All are invited!

Tuesday, May 1, 2018

At St. Matthew's Cathedral

Rosary - 7:00pm

Mass - 7:30pm

Rev. Agustín López, Celebrant

Rev. Msgr. Ronald Jameson



Dinner will follow the Mass in the North Conference Room.
If you would like to bring a dish or drinks to share, contact Fatima Aybar.

¿Preguntas? Questions?

Spanish Prayer Group/Grupo de Oración- Fatima Aybar, faybar@stmatthewscathedral.org.
Social Justice Committee/Comité de Justicia Social - Norma Canedo, socialjustice@stmatthewscathedral.org.

† Ordinations to the Priesthood †

You have seen them all around St. Matthew's, not just in the Cathedral sanctuary serving at Mass! Since September (or longer for some), these five transitional deacons assigned to St. Matthew's have ministered to us in many ways—celebrating baptisms, preparing couples for marriage, serving as young adult leaders, working in our CCD program with children and parents—and sharing fellowship with us at parish events and celebrations. All are making final preparations for ordination to the priesthood of Jesus Christ in May or June 2018 (find their ordination dates below).

*Maurice Moon, Jonathan Demma and Andrew Clyne each will assist here at Mass for a final time as a deacon on Sunday, **April 29**, Br. Aquinas Beale on Sunday, **May 6**, and friar Manny Vasconcelos on Pentecost Sunday, **May 20**. Friar Manny also will preside at our Eucharistic Holy Hour on Monday, **May 21**. Please let them know how grateful we are for their ministries here!*

*Let's keep these men, as well as Br. Antoninus Samy, O.P., who also serves here and was recently ordained a deacon, in our prayers on this **World Day of Prayer for Vocations** (April 22, 2018) and throughout this ordination season. Save the date and plan to attend our **Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations** on Monday, **June 11**, 6 – 7pm, with Deacon Garcia presiding and Fr. Agustín hearing Confessions during the hour—another opportunity to offer our prayers for them!*



Br. Aquinas Beale, O.P., a Dominican friar studying for the priesthood and currently assigned to St. Matthew's, **will be ordained a priest in the Crypt Church of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on Saturday, May 19 at 9:30am by his Eminence Timothy Dolan, Cardinal Archbishop of New York.** In the Fall, Br. Aquinas will be assigned to Washington, DC to complete a License in Sacred Theology at the Dominican House of Studies. At St. Matthew's, he has worked principally with parents of the religious education students by leading a Sunday morning seminar, the Sacred Page Bible Study on Wednesday nights, and the Cathedral Young Adults.

Br. Aquinas was raised the second of seven children in West Virginia and southern Virginia. He graduated from the University of Virginia in 2010 with a Master's and Bachelor's in Foreign Affairs. Since joining the Dominican Order in 2011, he has served in parish ministry, homeless shelters, hospitals, and as an intern for the World Youth Alliance in New York City. Br. Aquinas has *greatly* appreciated having the privilege to serve the Cathedral community over the past two years.

Br. Aquinas will serve as principal celebrant for the first time at the Cathedral's 11:30am Mass on Sunday, June 24. All are welcome! Please keep him and all our seminarians in your prayers.



Andrew Clyne is a seminarian of the Archdiocese of Washington. **He will be ordained to the Priesthood on June 16 at 10am at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception by His Eminence Donald Cardinal Wuerl. He will celebrate his first Mass of Thanksgiving at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle the following day, June 17, at 11:30am.**

Andrew was born in Ridgewood, New Jersey, but grew up primarily in Orange, California. He is a 2008 graduate of the Catholic University of America, and attended Duke University before returning to Catholic University for additional theological studies. He entered seminary for the Archdiocese in 2012, receiving formation at St. John Paul II Seminary and Theological College.

Andrew has been assigned to the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle the past two years, in that time celebrating baptisms, assisting with Sacred Page, the Monday morning breakfast, the Cathedral's ministry to Thomas House, and serving at various weekend and episcopal liturgies. His previous assignments within the Archdiocese have included Our Lady Help of Christians (Waldorf, MD), Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament (D.C.), and Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian (D.C.).

He has greatly enjoyed his time at the Cathedral, and is tremendously grateful for the encouragement he has received from the priests, staff, volunteers, and parishioners of St. Matthew's. He looks forward with great anticipation to serving the Archdiocese in priestly ministry, beginning this summer.



Jonathan Demma is a seminarian for the Diocese of Fort Worth, Texas, studying for the priesthood and currently assigned to St. Matthew's. **He will be ordained to the Priesthood at St. Patrick Cathedral in Fort Worth, Texas on Saturday, May 19 by the Most Reverend Michael Olson, Bishop of Fort Worth. He will celebrate his first Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Keller, Texas.**

Jonathan is completing his theology studies at the Catholic University of America in the Bachelor of Sacred Theology (S.T.B.) and Master of Divinity programs. At St. Matthew's, he has assisted with the Sacred Page Bible Study, Cathedral Coffeehouse, marriage preparation, and has served as a deacon at various liturgies.

Jonathan was born in Lexington, Kentucky, the fifth of six boys. His family moved to Fort Worth, Texas when he was young. He attended the University of North Texas to study trumpet performance, but later transferred to Texas A&M University to pursue a degree in Electrical Engineering. After discerning a vocation to the priesthood, Jonathan joined the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal in New York, where he served the poor and the homeless for nine years. After completing a Bachelor of Arts in Sacred Theology from Seton Hall University, he returned to Fort Worth as a diocesan seminarian.



Deacon Maurice Moon is a seminarian for the Diocese of Fort Worth, Texas. **He will be ordained a priest on Saturday, May 19 at St. Patrick Cathedral in Fort Worth, TX, by the Most Reverend Michael Olson.** Maurice is studying theology at the Catholic University of America and plans to complete his studies by May 2018. At St. Matthew's, he has been involved with baptisms, baptismal preparation, Hispanic Ministries, teaching the Faith to youth on Sundays, Hispanic Young Adult Ministry, and marriage preparation.

Maurice was born and raised in Fort Worth, TX. He worked full-time for five years, working in the food industry at restaurants such as Chili's and TGI Friday's before entering St. Joseph Seminary in Covington, Louisiana. After four years, he received his B.A. in the Liberal Arts with a major in philosophy before coming to Catholic University to study theology.

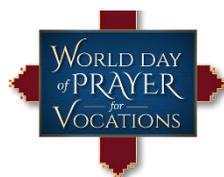
Deacon Maurice writes that he "is so grateful for all the support from St. Matthew's. I've enjoyed getting to know many of the parishioners and staff through the ministries I am involved in. **I hope to come back in the future and celebrate Mass at St. Matthew's.**"



Friar Emanuel Vasconcelos, OFM Conv. (also known as "friar Manny") has been with our Cathedral community for the last seven months as a deacon, serving in various liturgical and ministerial roles, especially among the Cathedral Young Adults. Whether presiding at our monthly Eucharistic Holy Hour, or leading a Cathedral Coffeehouse discussion or activity, he has become a familiar and welcoming face at St. Matthew's.

Friar Manny writes that the past months have been a wonderful time for him to continue to grow as a minister to God and God's people.

Friar Manny is completing his studies at Catholic University this May and will be ordained to the priesthood on June 22 in Buffalo, NY! He still doesn't know where the Franciscans will place him for his first priestly assignment, but knows that he has appreciated the example he has seen from all those who serve at St. Matthew's. **He will celebrate a 5:30pm Mass of Thanksgiving at the Cathedral on a Sunday this Fall—watch the late summer bulletins for announcement of the date.**





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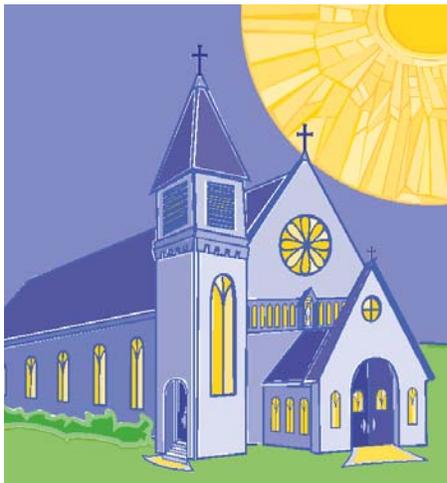
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