

TODAY'S READINGS

P*Peace I leave with you. (John 14:27)*
Rarely is a passage from Scripture as Trinitarian as these few verses in today's Gospel. This passage comes from Jesus' farewell address at the Last Supper: the final words that he gave his disciples before he was arrested and crucified (John 13-17). In these five chapters, Jesus speaks at length about himself, his Father, and the Holy Spirit. He talks about how God wants to draw every single person into the life of the Trinity, and he talks about the peace that comes to everyone who welcomes him and his Father and the Spirit into their hearts.

Today's passage contains many of the themes that we find in these five chapters: The Father loves us. He wants to make his home in the hearts of everyone who loves him and keeps his word. The Holy Spirit has come to teach us and to fill us with his own divine life.

There is so much in this short passage! So try to take some time today to read it a few times slowly and prayerfully. Take note of how much Jesus teaches about God's love—in just a few verses. Then thank him for welcoming you into this love through each Person of the Trinity.

Even though the Trinity is a mystery of our faith, we don't have to understand it perfectly to experience the peace that God wants to give us. Few of us know how a watch, a car, or a computer works. But that doesn't keep us from reaping the benefits of these things. It's the same with God. When Jesus says, "Peace I leave with you," we don't have to understand everything about that peace. We can just rest in this gift and let it fill our hearts.

This peace is not just a warm feeling. It's the grace to be holy and to resist evil. It's the grace to forgive. It's the grace to remind us that God is with us and that we have nothing to fear (John 14:27). It's the spiritual tranquility that comes from the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. He is such a generous God!

"Jesus, I want to be filled with your peace now and always."

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday 1	Acts 15:1-2,22-29 / Rv 21:10-14,22-23 / Jn 14:23-29
Monday 2 <i>St. Athanasius</i>	Acts 16:11-15 / Jn 15:26—16:4
Tuesday 3 <i>Sts. Philip & James</i>	1 Cor 15:1-8 / Jn 14:6-14
Wednesday 4	Acts 17:15,22—18:1 / Jn 16:12-15
Thursday 5	Acts 18:1-8 / Jn 16:16-20
Friday 6	Acts 18:9-18 / Jn 16:20-23
Saturday 7	Acts 18:23-28 / Jn 16:23-28
Sunday 8 <i>Ascension of the Lord</i>	Acts 1:1-11 / Eph 1:17-23 / Lk 24:46-53

WELCOME

Visitors to the Cathedral, we want you to know how welcome you are. Thank you for praying with us. Thank you also for your generosity, which helps us to celebrate our liturgies in a fitting and beautiful way, and to offer a wide range of services to needy people in the Washington, DC area. Enjoy your visit!

PARISH CALENDAR

May 1 – 8

- Sunday 1**—A second collection for Cathedral maintenance is taken at all Masses. Hospitality receptions are held after the 8:30, 10 and 11:30am and the 1pm Masses in the North Conference Room. Children's Faith Formation classes meet at 9:45am at the Education Center. Las clases de Catequesis, Catecumenado y Catequesis Familiar continúan a las 11 de la mañana. The Ladies' Ancient Order of Hibernians joins us for their annual *Nuns of the Battlefield* Mass at 11:30am. Padre Rafael tendrá las confesiones después de la misa de 1 de la tarde.
- Monday 2**—The Parish Council meets at 6:45pm in the East Conference Room.
- Tuesday 3**—Legión de María se reúne a las 5:30 de la tarde hasta las 7 en el salón del Oeste. El grupo de Oración se reúne a las 7 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Oeste.
- Wednesday 4**—Mystagogy sessions are held from 7 to 9pm in the North Conference Room. Sacred Page, Sunday Scripture Reflections meets at 7pm in the West Conference Room.
- Friday 6**—**First Friday Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** is held after the 12:10pm Mass till 5pm.
- Saturday 7**—A Pentecost day retreat is given in the North Conference Room beginning at 10am. **First Saturday Devotions** are held after the 12:10pm Mass, followed by Hospitality in the West Conference Room.
- Sunday 8**—Las clases de Catequesis, Catecumenado y Catequesis Familiar continúan a las 11 de la mañana. A Mother's Day Drive is held after all Masses. The Sacrament of First Eucharist is celebrated at the 11:30am Mass. Always God's Children meets in the West Conference Room at 3:30pm.

MARRIAGE

Please keep our many engaged couples in your prayers!

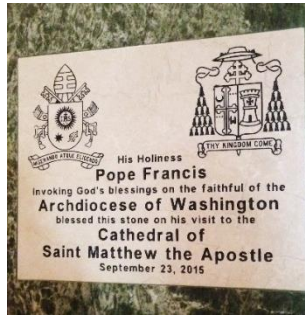


Msgr. Jameson blesses engaged couples at the 11:30am Mass last weekend, as he does each year in April and November.

Pope Francis in his new apostolic exhortation, [*Amoris Laetitia \(The Joy of Love\)*](#) (207), says this about communities supportive of their engaged couples: "I encourage Christian communities to recognize the great benefit that they themselves receive from supporting engaged couples as they grow in love. As the Italian bishops have observed, those couples are 'a valuable resource because, as they sincerely commit themselves to grow in love and self-giving, they can help renew the fabric of the whole ecclesial body. Their special form of friendship can prove contagious and foster the growth of friendship and fraternity in the Christian community of which they are a part'."

Marriage at the Cathedral – Couples who are interested in celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage at the Cathedral are encouraged to visit the parish website to review our guidelines for weddings. The next step is to call the Rectory 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.

IN MEMORY OF POPE FRANCIS' VISIT



Pope Francis' visit to St. Matthew's Cathedral, long impressed on our hearts, is now memorialized in a commemorative plaque on the wall behind the statue of Mother Teresa and the Homeless Man. Stop by Our Lady's Chapel, on the left (west) side as you enter from Rhode Island Avenue, to see, and to pray for our Holy Father and his intentions.



JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

The Cathedral and the Year of Mercy – Did you know that St. Matthew's Cathedral is a designated pilgrimage site where visitors may receive the plenary (total) indulgence for this Holy Year of Mercy? Pick up a [*Pilgrimage to the Holy Door*](#) brochure at the Cathedral entrances, which explains how to receive the indulgence, and includes the following helps for reflecting on God's mercy while in the Cathedral:

"How do the different elements and areas of the Cathedral express and encourage us to reflect on God's unfailing mercy? In particular, look for:

Our Lady's Chapel – 'Mary attests that the mercy of the Son of God knows no bounds and extends to everyone, without exception.' (MV, 24)

The statue of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta (see photo above) – What does Mother Teresa teach us about how we are called to share mercy?

The Blessed Sacrament Chapel – Spend some time in prayer before the Lord in the Eucharist. Adoration is offered on the first Friday of each month (12:45pm-5:15pm) and on the third Monday of each month (6-7pm)

The Wedding Chapel – Pray where Pope Francis prayed during his visit to St. Matthew's! How can your family be a privileged place to receive and share mercy?

The bust of St. John Paul II – Did you know that St. John Paul II instituted the Feast of Divine Mercy on the first Sunday after Easter? Learn more about the devotion of Divine Mercy.

The St. Anthony of Padua Chapel – The words carved in marble around the chapel are from the Canticle of the Sun by St. Francis of Assisi. This prayer inspired the title of Pope Francis's encyclical, *Laudato Si'*.

The St. Francis Chapel – Pray for the Holy Father and ask the intercession of his namesake!

The Baptistry – Baptism is our first Christian encounter of Mercy through the forgiveness of original sin and initiation into the Christian community. Do you know your Baptism date?"



FAITH FORMATION

Rite of Full Initiation During Mass – On Sunday, **May 1** at the 11:30am Mass, we celebrate the Rite of Christian Initiation of the Catholic Church with Devin Hersey. Devin will be baptized, and receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and the Eucharist. Please join in welcoming Devin, and keep him in your prayers!

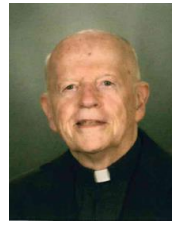
Cathedral Book Club – Join us for a discussion of *Silence* by Shusaku Endo, led by Fr. Jack Hurley on Monday, **May 9** from 6:45 to 8pm in the West Conference Room. *Silence* tells the story of a 17th century Portuguese missionary at the height of the fearful persecution of the small Christian community in Nagasaki. “How can God remain silent?” is the challenging theme of *Silence*, which is soon to be a major film, directed by Martin Scorsese.

VOCATIONS

“Come and See” Event for High School Girls – Eighth-grade and high school girls are invited to attend a “Come and See” event at the Washington Retreat House in Washington, DC (4000 Harewood Rd., NE) on Saturday, **May 7** from 9:30am to 3pm. RSVP by May 2 to Jessica LaFortune in the Office of Consecrated Life at 301-854-4490 or lafortunej@adw.org.

Men's Discernment Dinner – A Men's Discernment Dinner, including Mass and time to talk with priests, will be held at Saint John Paul II Seminary on Sunday, **May 15** from 5 to 8:30pm. Participants should be single men, college age and up, who are practicing Catholics. For information, please contact Fr. Carter Griffin, Director of Priest Vocations, at 202-636-9020 or vocations@adw.org. RSVP to Traci O'Neill at oneillt@adw.org.

NEWS & NOTES



Ordination Anniversaries – During this ordination season, let us also remember in prayer our St. Matthew's rectory priests as they look forward to celebrating their anniversaries of ordination to the priesthood.

Msgr. Ron Jameson – May 18, 1968

Fr. Jack Hurley – May 29, 1982

Fr. Rafael Barbieri – June 15, 2013

Fr. Mel Ayala – June 19, 2010

Always God's Children – Always God's Children, the Cathedral parish's ministry to gay and lesbian persons and their families and friends, will meet on Sunday, **May 8** at 3:30pm in the West Conference Room.

MUSIC

Walsh University Concert Choir – Walsh University Concert Choir will sing at the 5:30pm Vigil Mass on Saturday, **May 7**. In addition to two prelude pieces and two motets within the Mass, the choir will sing a choral postlude. This distinguished choir is from Walsh University, a Roman Catholic institution for higher education in North Canton, Ohio. Come for the Mass as we welcome this acclaimed collegiate choir under the direction of Dr. Britt Cooper.

OUTREACH

Donate Lifesaving Blood Today! – The Social Justice Committee invites you to participate in today's Blood Drive for Children's Hospital. Visit the Bloodmobile parked outside of the Cathedral's front steps from 9:30am to 2:30pm to see if you are eligible to donate.

Prepare Food for the Breakfast Ministry – Every Monday morning, St. Matthew's welcomes about 80 poor and homeless men and women for breakfast, toiletries, a bagged lunch, and a reflection on the Gospel. We need volunteers once a month to prepare and donate appetizing homemade meals or salads and fresh vegetables that serve 10 or more. Food can be delivered on Sunday for use on Monday morning. Contact Norma Canedo for more information at ncanedo@stmatthewscathedral.org or 202-347-3215 x552.

PRAYER & DEVOTIONS

First Friday and First Saturday – All are welcome – First Friday Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on **May 6** following the 12:10pm Mass until 5pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, to the left of the sanctuary. On Saturday, **May 7**, First Saturday Devotions will be held after the 12:10pm Mass, followed by Hospitality in the West Conference Room.

Morning Prayer – Morning Prayer is prayed in the St. Anthony Chapel on Tuesdays and Fridays at 7:30am, after the 7am Mass. Feel free to drop in and join the small prayer group, using the leaflet available at the chapel entrance, or come and pray silently with us. Questions? Call 202-587-5143.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Jesús trató de reconfortar a sus discípulos preparándolos para el dolor del Viernes Santos. Sí, tendría que dejarlos; pero no los dejaría solos. Él mismo y su Padre vendrían a vivir en el corazón de todos aquellos que amanban. Además, el Espíritu Santo les ayudaría a recordar todo lo que él les había enseñado.

Jesús quería que sus seguidores creyeran en sus promesas: “Se lo he dicho ahora, antes de que suceda, para que cuando suceda, crean” (Juan 14:29). Como siempre, Jesús ponía énfasis en la necesidad de la fe.

Una vez que los discípulos creyan en sus palabras, podrían tener la seguridad de que se cumpliría todas sus promesas. Una de ellas, de que la Santísima Trinidad haría su morada en los creyentes, constituyen el corazón mismo de la vida cristiana. Es el fruto de la crucifixión, la razón misma por la cual Jesús sufrió y murió.

¿Cómo podemos fortalecer nuestra fe para reclamar este premio? Jesús nos pide que lo amemos (Juan 14:23), pero el amor florece cuando conocemos a alguien íntimamente. El amor es posterior al conocimiento y el conocimiento que tengamos de Cristo es directamente proporcional al tiempo que pasemos en comunión con él. Más nos enamoramos de Jesús cuando más frecuentes sean las ocasiones en que lo encontramos en el Evangelio, lo adoremos en el Santísimo Sacramento y escuchemos su voz en la oración.

¿Cómo sabemos que Cristo está presente en nosotros? Lo sabemos cuando experimentamos una paz nueva incluso en medio de pruebas difíciles: cuando sigamos el ejemplo del buen samaritano y seamos amables y generosos con el prójimo. Al cumplir nuestras tareas diarias, escuchamos la voz dulce y suave del Espíritu Santo, que nos inspirará a hacer la voluntad de Dios en cualquier circunstancia. ¡Jesús no nos ha abandonado ni nunca nos abandonará! Resucitó y ahora vive entre nosotros, y quiere hacer su morada en nuestro corazón.

“Padre santo, te damos gracias por la vida que nos has concedido por la obra de tu Hijo y del Espíritu Santo. Permite que tu presencia en nuestro corazón nos infunda el calor del fuego de tu amor.”

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo 1 He 15:1-2,22-29 / Apoc 21:10-14,22-23 / Jn 14:23-29

Lunes 2 He 16:11-15 / Jn 15:26—16:4

San Atanasio

Martes 3 1 Cor 15:1-8 / Jn 14:6-14

San Felipe y San Santiago Apóstol

Miércoles 4 He 17:15,22—18:1 / Jn 16:12-15

Jueves 5 He 18:1-8 / Jn 16:16-20

Viernes 6 He 18:9-18 / Jn 16:20-23

Sábado 7 He 18:23-28 / Jn 16:23-28

Domingo 8 He 1:1-11 / Ef 1:17-23 / Lc 24:46-53

La Ascensión del Señor

INTENCIONES DE MISAS
MASS INTENTIONS

May 1 – 8

Sunday, May 1

5:30pm Vigil (April 30) – Santo J. Lombardo

7am – All Parishioners

8:30am – Irene B. Cooke

10am – Isobel Haughey

11:30am – Albert McDonald

1pm – Hector Plater Castro

5:30pm – Irene Pashley

Monday, May 2

7am – Special Intention JA & V (living)

8am – Thanksgiving

12:10pm – Terence J. O’Sullivan

5:30pm – Andrew Moore

Tuesday, May 3

7am – Deacon Joseph Interlande

8am – Thanksgiving

12:10pm – Willo Kabiling

5:30pm – Fr. Kevin (living)

Wednesday, May 4

7am – Gwendolyn Brown Carter family (living)

8am – Tom Brich

12:10pm – Moises Lopez

5:30pm – Nicole Reynolds (living)

Thursday, May 5

7am – Christine Adams (living)

8am – Fr. Schultz (living)

12:10pm – Anne Louise Berman

5:30pm – Abel Cayrampoma

Friday, May 6

7am – Msgr. Edward Buckley

8am – Francis & Olivia Mendes

12:10pm – Francesca Mendes (living)

5:30pm – All Priests & Religious (living)

Saturday, May 7

8am – Bridget Therese Mora (living)

12:10pm – Cassie Kiddoo

5:30pm – Richard Dervan

Sunday, May 8

7am – Maria Dos Santos

8:30am – All Parishioners

10am – Jeanne Bliss

11:30am – Jackie Davies

1pm – Vinicio Urribarri

5:30pm – Maria Magdalena

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.

NOTICIAS DE LA PARROQUIA

¡BIENVENIDOS!

Visitantes de la Catedral, queremos que sepan que son bienvenidos; bien sea que hayan venido de otra parte del país, del otro lado del mundo, o de otra parroquia del área de Washington. Gracias por orar con nosotros. Gracias también por su generosidad, la cual nos ayuda a celebrar nuestras Liturgias de una forma especial y nos permite ofrecer una gran variedad de servicios a personas necesitadas en el área de Washington, DC. ¡Disfrute su visita!

Grupo de Oración – El grupo de oración se reúne los martes a las 7 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Oeste. El objetivo del grupo es profundizar nuestra fe por medio de las Sagradas Escrituras. El grupo de Oración tiene charlas programadas a través del año. El Tema es: **“La Profesión de la Fe.”** Para más información llame a Fátima Aybar al 202-347-3215 x543.

¡Done Sangre Hoy! – El Comité de Justicia Social les invita a donar sangre para los pacientes del Hospital de Niños (Children’s Hospital). Visite el centro móvil de donaciones de sangre que estará estacionado al frente de la Catedral, para ver si usted es elegible para hacer una donación. El centro móvil estará estacionado afuera de 9:30 de la mañana a 2:30 de la tarde.

Primer Viernes y Primer Sábado – Primer viernes, Exposición y Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento se celebrará después de la misa 12:10 del mediodía hasta 5:00 de la tarde este viernes **6 de mayo** en la Capilla del Santísimo Sacramento, situada a la izquierda del santuario. El sábado **7 de mayo** todos son bienvenidos a participar en las devociones del primer sábado después de la misa de 12:10 mediodía, seguida de hospitalidad en el salón de conferencia del Oeste.

Prepare Comida para Personas Necesitadas del Ministerio de Personas sin Hogar – Cada lunes por la mañana, San Mateo invita a aproximadamente 80 hombres y mujeres necesitados para un desayuno, útiles de tocador y una bolsa de almuerzo y reflexión sobre el Evangelio. Buscamos a voluntarios que estén interesados en cocinar y donar comida caliente o preparar ensalada o vegetales en su hogar, para 10 o más personas. Las opciones para los platos pueden incluir ensalada de papa, platos de pasta, arroz y frijoles o cualquier otro plato delicioso que usted sugiera. Puede anotarse para proveer comida por lo menos una vez al mes y hasta puede dejar la comida el

domingo para que se sirva el lunes por la mañana. Póngase en contacto con Norma Canedo para más información, ncanedo@stmatthewscathedral.org o llame a la rectoría al 202-347-3215 x552.

Aniversario de Ordenaciones – Durante esta temporada de ordenaciones, también recordemos en oración a nuestros sacerdotes de la rectoría de San Mateo al celebrar sus aniversarios de ordenación sacerdotal.



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Padre Jack Hurley – 29 de mayo, 1982

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¿Sabía usted? ¡La Catedral de San Mateo Apóstol ha sido designada como lugar de peregrinación y recibir la indulgencia plenaria (total) durante este Año Santo de la Misericordia! ¿Cómo puede uno hacer esto? Aquí le damos algunas orientaciones:

1. Entrar en la Catedral por la **Puerta Santa de la Misericordia** – cerca del baptisterio.
2. Recibir el sacramento de la confesión 20 días antes o 20 días después de entrar por la Puerta Santa.
3. Participar en la misa y recibir el sacramento de la comunión 20 días antes o 20 días después de entrar por la Puerta Santa.
4. Orar por las intenciones del Papa Francisco (esto lo hacemos en cada misa).
5. Hacer una profesión de fe rezando el Credo de los Apóstoles (el que se reza en el rosario) o el Credo Niceno (el que se reza en la misa dominical o en las fiestas de obligación o de precepto).
6. Estas indulgencias también se pueden ofrecer por alguien que haya fallecido.



Para más información, por favor tome el folleto de Peregrinación de la Puerta Santa, disponible en la entrada de la Catedral.

Bienvenidos Todos – Para acceso de silla de ruedas, entrar por el garaje al lado de la Catedral. Tocar el timbre de la puerta en la parte inferior. Tome el ascensor hasta al nivel de la Catedral.

Un intérprete para sordos, está presente durante la misa de 11:30 de la mañana y liturgias especiales durante todo el año.

SENT FORTH BY THE SPIRIT PENTECOST RETREAT



Join our Catholic adults preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation as together we take some time during the Novena to the Holy Spirit to prepare for the feast of Pentecost. We will explore devotion to the Holy Spirit through Scripture reflection, Church teachings, personal and communal prayer.

Saturday, May 7

10:00 am to 3:00 pm

(12:10pm Mass available during our lunch break)

North Conference Room

Retreat Leader

Theresa Prymuszewski

Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation

Reservations accepted through Monday, May 2
by phone at 202.587.5139 (direct line) or
email at tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org



ST. MATTHEW'S CATHEDRAL
RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Invites you to participate in our parish

MOTHER'S DAY DRIVE

SUNDAY, MAY 8

ALL MASSES

FOR

THE NORTHWEST CENTER

The NW Center is in special need of the following items:

- **Boy's new or gently used (washed) baby clothing**
(Sizes: NB, 0-3 months, 18-24 months, & 2T)
- **Girl's new or gently used (washed) baby clothing**
(Sizes: NB, 0-3 months)
- **Baby wipes**
- **Similac Advanced Baby Formula**
- **Ziploc bags** (Quart-sized for bagging wipes)
- **Lysol wipes** (For cleaning the Center)

Monetary donations are greatly appreciated. Checks should be made out to St. Matthew's Cathedral with "Northwest Center" on the note line.

For more information, contact the Respect Life coordinator Justin Silvers at stmatthewsrespectlife@yahoo.com.



THE NORTHWEST CENTER

Serving Women in the DC Area since 1981

The Northwest Center seeks to promote the dignity of women and a respect for all human life. They seek to accomplish this goal by offering the loving support and comprehensive aid necessary to enable all women to continue their pregnancies, deliver healthy babies, and adequately care for themselves and their children. For more information visit www.northwestcenter.net or call (202) 483-7008.





CATEDRAL DE SAN MATEO
MINISTERIO DE RESPETO A LA VIDA

Los invita a participar en

LA COLECTA DEL DÍA DE LAS MADRES
ES EL DOMINGO 8 DE MAYO
EN TODAS LAS MISAS
PARA
EL CENTRO NORTHWEST

El Centro NW está en necesidad de los siguientes artículos:

- **Ropa de niño, nueva o usada y limpia**
(Tallas: NB, 0 -3 meses, 18 -24 meses, & 2T)
- **Ropa de niña nueva o usada y limpia** (Tallas: NB, 0 -3 meses)
- **Toallitas húmedas**
- **Formula de bebe marca *Similac Advanced***
- **Bolsitas plásticas**
(Tamaño cuarto para embolsar las toallitas húmedas)
- **Toallas húmedas de *Lysol*** (Para limpiar el Centro)

También se aceptarán donaciones monetarias. Los cheques deben ser dirigidos a la Catedral de San Mateo con “Northwest Center” en la línea de nota.

Para más información, póngase en contacto con el coordinador del ministerio de Respeto a la Vida Justin Silvers al stmatthewsrespectlife@yahoo.com.



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El Centro Northwest busca promover la dignidad de las mujeres y el respeto de toda vida humana. Tratan de lograr esta meta ofreciendo apoyo amoroso y comprensivo y la ayuda necesaria para que todas las mujeres puedan continuar con sus embarazos, para que tengan bebés sanos y para que puedan ofrecer el cuidado adecuado para ellas y sus hijos. Para más información visite:
www.northwestcenter.net o llame (202) 483-7008.





Looking for a convenient way to support our parish offertory?

Faith Direct is the innovative solution that allows you to support our parish using electronic funds transfer from either a credit card or bank account. It is a hassle-free, simple solution for today's busy families.

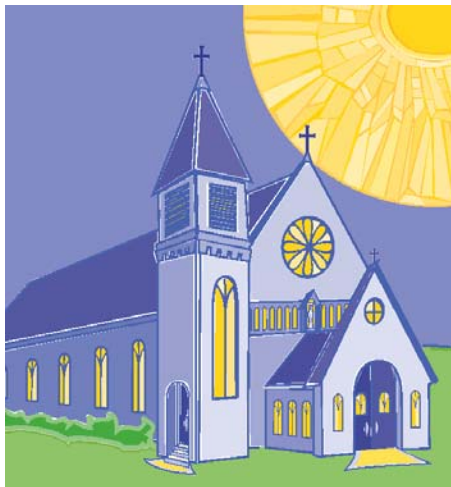
Sign up using the enrollment form on the other side or go online to www.faithdirect.net and use our parish code **DC284** to enroll today!

ENROLL TODAY!

How does Faith Direct work?

Faith Direct is a secure system that works directly with your bank or credit card—much the same as other direct payments you may have set up for utility bills or mortgage payments.

When do transactions take place?



Transactions take place once per month on the 4th or the next business day. The total amount of your gifts for that current month (both offertory & second/special collections) will be debited in one monthly total. The Cathedral will receive the funds 4 business days later.

Can I stop, increase, or decrease my payment at any time?

Yes, by calling *Faith Direct* at 1-866-507-8757 (toll free) by emailing info@faithdirect.net, or by logging in to your account through www.faithdirect.net.

How does the Cathedral benefit from my participation with Faith Direct?

The Cathedral will see a substantial increase in net revenue, a decrease in administrative costs, and a clearer picture of cash flow for their needs.

If you have any questions about the *Faith Direct* program, please call 1-866-507-8757 {toll free} or send an email to info@faithdirect.net, or contact Pam Erwin at the Rectory at 202-347-3215 x537 or perwin@stmatthewscathedral.org.

E-GIVING ENROLLMENT FORM



Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle
1725 Rhode Island Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20036

To enroll online, use code
below or scan here: →

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Faith Direct • Attention: Enrollment • P.O. Box 7101 • Merrifield, VA 22116-7101 • 1-866-507-8757 {toll free} • www.faithdirect.net

Process my gifts on the: 4th *or* 15th of the month *(please check only one box)*

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." (Peter 4:10)

Weekly Offertory Gift: \$ _____

*(Note: The total amount will be determined by the number of
Sundays in the month. Some months have 5 Sundays.)*

You may also choose to give to the following second and special collections as part of the regular monthly transaction.

COLLECTION	AMOUNT	MONTH	COLLECTION	AMOUNT	MONTH
<input type="checkbox"/> Cathedral Maintenance	\$ _____	Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/> Holy Father	\$ _____	June
<input type="checkbox"/> Music Ministry	\$ _____	Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/> Catholic Communications & Human Development	\$ _____	August
<input type="checkbox"/> Poor Box/Outreach	\$ _____	Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/> Assumption	\$ _____	August
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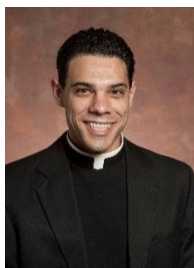
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† ORDINATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD † AND THE DIACONATE



Bro. Patrick Mary Briscoe, O.P., a Dominican friar studying for the priesthood currently assigned to St. Matthew's, will be ordained a priest in the Upper Church of the National Shrine on Saturday, **May 21** at 9:30am by the Most Rev. J. Augustine DiNoia, O.P., Adjunct Secretary of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. Raised in Fort Wayne, Indiana, Bro. Patrick is currently pursuing his Licentiate in theology at the Dominican House of Studies. At St. Matthew's, he has worked principally with parents (whose children are in religious education) by leading a Sunday morning seminar, with young adults, and in various capacities as a liturgical minister. Bro. Patrick graduated from Saint Mary's University of Minnesota, where he majored in philosophy and French literature. Since joining the Dominican Order, he has served in parish and campus ministry, as an intern at the Archdiocese of Washington, and as a missionary in Kenya (alongside the Missionaries of Charity).

Bro. Patrick would like to thank all the St. Matthew's parishioners he has come to know over these two years for their kindness, encouragement and prayers! Assigned to temporary ministries with the Dominican Order this summer, he will return to Washington this fall to complete his studies. **He will celebrate his first Mass of Thanksgiving at the Cathedral on Sunday, May 22 at 10am.** All are welcome!



Anthony Amato is a seminarian for the Diocese of Rochester (NY) studying for the priesthood and currently assigned to St. Matthew's. He will be ordained a Transitional Deacon at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Rochester on Saturday, **May 28** at 10:00am by the Most Rev. Salvatore R. Matano, Bishop of Rochester. Anthony is completing his theology studies at the Catholic University of America and plans to complete his Licentiate of Sacred Theology in Systematic Theology by May 2017. At St. Matthew's, he has been involved with social justice efforts, marriage preparation, Bible study, and in various capacities as a liturgical minister.

Anthony was born and raised in Rochester, NY, attending Catholic schools through high school, along with his three brothers, until he went to the University of Rochester as an undergraduate. There he began a major in Computer Science, but went on to complete a double major in both Philosophy and Religious Studies. He then attended the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry to begin his Master of Theological Studies, intending to eventually earn the doctorate and become a professor of theology. While in Boston, he could no longer resist God's call to the priesthood, and upon graduating from Boston College in May 2011, he began formation for the priesthood back home in Rochester. The Diocese of Rochester then sent him, beginning August 2012, to study theology at the Catholic University of America.

He has enjoyed his time so far at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle and has appreciated so many welcoming people who have helped him become acquainted with the parish. He certainly looks forward to serving as a Deacon in the parish next Fall and preaching for the people.



Bro. Thomas Davenport, O.P., a Dominican friar studying for the priesthood and currently assigned to St. Matthew's, was ordained a Transitional Deacon in the Crypt Church of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on Saturday, **March 5** by the Most Rev. Leonard P. Blair, Archbishop of Hartford. Bro. Thomas will complete his theology studies at the Dominican House of Studies this spring and plans to begin a Licentiate in Philosophy at the Catholic University of America this fall. At St. Matthew's, he has worked principally with parents (whose children are in religious education) by leading a Sunday morning seminar, with young adults, and in various capacities as a liturgical minister.

Bro. Thomas was raised in a military family, living in a variety of places before his family settled in Vienna, Virginia. He graduated from the California Institute of Technology, majoring in physics, and went on to earn his doctorate in physics from Stanford University. Since joining the Dominican Order, he has served in homeless shelters, soup kitchens, and hospitals, as an intern at the Archdiocese of Washington, and in campus ministry.

Bro. Thomas has *greatly* appreciated his time at the Cathedral and will continue to minister here during his final year of initial formation. He served as deacon and preached for the first time at the Cathedral's 11:30am Mass on Sunday, **March 6**, and presided at our Eucharistic Holy Hour on Monday, **March 14**.

Stuart Wilson-Smith, C.S.P. is a seminarian studying for the priesthood with the Missionary Society of St. Paul the Apostle (Paulist Fathers). God willing, Stu will make his Final Profession and be ordained to the transitional Diaconate in early September 2016. Ministering at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle during the 2015-16 academic year, Stu has enjoyed a variety of ministerial opportunities, including service to the Cathedral Young Adults, marriage preparation, and now as Coordinator of "Landings," a small group ministry for welcoming returning Catholics.



Stu was born in Kentville, Nova Scotia, and was raised in the neighbouring Province of New Brunswick. Taking up the drums at age 12, Stu played in rock bands throughout his teens and early twenties, eventually forming a band of his own. After graduation from High School, Stu began working toward a Bachelor's degree at the University of Toronto, studying History and Philosophy. Stu took extended breaks between his studies to live and work in Ireland (2003-05), and backpack in South and East Africa. After holding jobs in restaurants, security, and musical instrument sales, Stu discerned a vocation as a missionary priest with the Paulist Fathers, entering the Novitiate in 2011. Stu's ministerial experiences in Priestly Formation have included hospital chaplaincy, a year of campus ministry, and writing for Busted Halo, an online magazine for young adults in their 20s and 30s.

Stu looks forward to returning to ministry at the Cathedral of St. Matthew in the Fall, where he anticipates continuing to be inspired by the richness and holiness in the lives of those who call St. Matthew's their church home, and those who do not as yet.

Please pray for these men as they prepare for their ordinations to the diaconate or to the priesthood of Jesus Christ!