

TODAY'S READINGS

What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard ... (1 Corinthians 2:9)

The cross of Christ was the last thing anyone expected. The Messiah was supposed to come in triumph and reign in peace, wasn't he? So when God decided to save humanity through a rejected and crucified rabbi, it didn't make sense. Our human minds, though equipped with many fine faculties, cannot know the mind of God on our own.

At Calvary something new began. God revealed his wisdom in a way he had not done before. He showed us that the greatest gift is to give of oneself in sacrificial love—and he led the way on the cross. He revealed that his will is accomplished in ways that don't always seem logical to us. Jesus' death scandalized the religious leaders who were awaiting a more conventional hero. And the wise men of the time thought that victory through defeat was a foolish concept. But for those who believed, the wisdom of the cross became the heart of a life of faith and trust.

Even today, God wants the paradox of the cross to become the center of our lives. We know that everyone is capable of discerning right from wrong. But to peer into the mind of God and understand his thoughts—this can come only through the Spirit. Only the Spirit can teach us the logic of divine love, a logic based on self-giving and not self-preservation.

Today, try to look at your circumstances through the eyes of the Lord. You may discover that a difficult acquaintance deserves just as much dignity as a trusted confidant. Or you may see a surprise pregnancy as a blessing from God rather than an unwelcome interruption. The more open to the Spirit you are, the more you will see with new eyes and become a light to the people around you.

"Father, thank you for sending your Son to offer himself for our sake. Holy Spirit, teach me the wisdom of the cross that I might love as Jesus did."

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Sunday 16 Sir 15:15-20 / 1 Cor 2:6-10 / Mt 5:17-37

Monday 17 Jas 1:1-11 / Mk 8:11-13

The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Tuesday 18 Jas 1:12-18 / Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday 19 Jas 1:19-27 / Mk 8:22-26

Thursday 20 Jas 2:1-9 / Mk 8:27-33

Friday 21 Jas 2:14-24,26 / Mk 8:34—9;1

Saturday 22 1 Pt 5:1-4 / Mt 16:13-19

The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

Sunday 23 Lev 19:1-2,17-18 / 1 Cor 3:16-23 / Mt 5:38-48

LECTURAS DE HOY

Jesús enseñó que la ley de Dios no es sólo una serie de reglas y prohibiciones, sino un principio de amor, verdad y justicia que el mismo Señor hace vivir en nuestro ser; un principio interior de bondad y compasión que necesariamente transforma la conducta exterior.

Si deseamos experimentar esa transformación, no debemos dejar que la impureza nos domine. Uno de los principales deseos de Jesús expresado en el Sermón de la Montaña era dirigir la atención de sus oyentes hacia el ser interior; quería que ellos (y nosotros) vieran qué deseos y prejuicios estaban allí obstruyendo la corriente del amor y la misericordia de su Padre. ¿Qué es lo que todavía hay en nosotros que necesite la luz de Cristo?

Cristo utilizó tres ejemplos para explicar el potencial de los mandamientos que dio el Señor. Las leyes contra el asesinato, el adulterio y el falso testimonio expresan la voluntad de Dios de librarnos no sólo de esos graves pecados, sino también del odio, el deseo sexual ilícito y el engaño que tanto se arraigan en el corazón humano. Dios nos creó para amar y siempre ha querido que tengamos el corazón libre de todo mal.

Cristo hizo lo posible por comunicar a sus discípulos la vida divina y el amor de Dios, lo cual fue posible para todos sus seguidores cuando se derramó el Espíritu Santo. Pero, ¿cómo es que, por lo general, no vemos manifestaciones de amor generoso y desinteresado en todas partes? ¿Somos nosotros, los cristianos, los que hemos de dar ejemplo de amor! ¿Lo estás haciendo tú, hermano o hermana? Si te cuesta mucho, pídele al Señor que te conceda la capacidad de amar, perdonar y disculpar, y pídele al Señor que bendiga a las personas que más te cuesta amar. Así cambiarán ellas y también tú.

"Padre eterno, te entrego toda mi vida. Por la fuerza de tu Espíritu Santo, alumbrá todo lo que esté oscuro en mi corazón, para que yo siempre actúe según la hermosura y la perfección que nos has revelado en tu Hijo Jesús."

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NEWS AND NOTES

ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE – Deacon Kyle Ratuiste serves as deacon and preaches for the first time at this weekend's 8:30am Sunday Mass. Kyle was ordained a Transitional Deacon in the Crypt Church of the National Shrine on Saturday, February 15, by the Most Rev. Blase Cupich, Bishop of Spokane. Please keep Deacon Ratuiste in your prayers as he begins his diaconal ministry.

COME—LET US ADORE HIM! – You are invited to the Cathedral for our monthly evening of Eucharistic Adoration this Monday, **February 24** from 6 to 7pm. Deacon White will give a reflection on Luke 2:22-32, a passage that includes the Song of Simeon, who has finally seen the long-expected Messiah being presented in the Temple by Mary and Joseph. Fr. Rafael will be available for confessions during the hour.

BRING YOUR OLD PALMS – Please bring your old palms to the Sacristy and give them to the Sacristan. They will be used to prepare ashes for Ash Wednesday. If the Sacristan is unavailable or the Sacristy is closed, please place the palms in the basket outside the Sacristy door.

CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT – Ensemble 42, a DC-based wind-strings chamber music ensemble, will perform Johannes Brahms' youthful Serenade No. 1 on Sunday, **March 2** at 7pm, following the 5:30pm Mass. The piece, which Brahms later rearranged for a larger orchestra, bursts with the energy and passion of the young Brahms, while hinting at the reflective depth of his later years. The 45-minute concert is free and open to the public.

HOSPITALITY IN THE NEW YEAR – St. Matthew's Hospitality Committee traditionally has hosted hospitality receptions after Masses on the first Sunday of each month to give parishioners and visitors an opportunity to meet and mingle. Before we can host any such events this year, we need more volunteers! If you're thinking, "why would I want to help with Hospitality Sunday?" let us help you with a few reasons:

- you would like to meet more people in the parish,
- you would like to improve parish activities, or
- you have had such a great time at St. Matthew's that you want to welcome new and potential parishioners!

Whatever the reason, consider volunteering with your families or friends. Email us at stmatthospitality@gmail.com if you're interested, and let us know which Mass you generally attend along with any suggestions for these events. This is your chance to give back to your parish and to make an impact here at St. Matthew's! Once again, we will not be hosting Hospitality Sunday until we have enough volunteers. Thank you, and we hope to hear from you soon!

"Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels." (Hebrews 13:2)

PARISH CALENDAR

February 16-23

SUNDAY 16—Lithuanian Independence Day is remembered at the 10am Mass.

Las clases de Catequesis, Catecumenado y Catequesis Familiar continúan a las 11:00 de la mañana

MONDAY 17—Presidents' Day, a Federal holiday. The Cathedral opens at 7:30am and closes at 1pm. Masses are celebrated at 8am and 12:10pm. There are no Confessions. The Rectory offices are closed.

TUESDAY 18—The Faith Formation Committee meets at 7pm in the East Conference Room. El grupo de Oración comienza a las 7 de la tarde con el rosario, y a continuación el taller de Oración y Vida en el salón de conferencias del Oeste.

WEDNESDAY 19—Breaking Open the Word meets at 7pm in the West Conference Room.

THURSDAY 20—Legión de María se reunirá a las 6:30 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Este.

The Knights of Columbus meet at 7:30pm in the West Conference Room.

SATURDAY 22—A Rosary for Life is prayed after the 8am Mass in procession to the Planned Parenthood facility on 16th Street, NW.

SUNDAY 23—Las clases de Catequesis, Catecumenado y Catequesis Familiar continúan a las 11:00 de la mañana.

FAITH IN ACTION

MONTHLY ROSARY PROCESSION FOR LIFE – "Human life must always be defended from its beginning in the womb and must be recognized as a gift of God that guarantees the future of humanity."

—Pope Francis, Letter to Brazilian families for National Family Week, August 6, 2013

St. Matthew's Respect Life Ministry focuses on promoting and cultivating a culture of life and witnessing to the dignity of all human life from conception to natural death. This month's rosary procession to Planned Parenthood will take place on Saturday, **February 22**, after the 8am Mass. Please gather inside at the main entrance of the Cathedral to participate. For more information on service opportunities and involvement with this ministry, please contact Justin Silvers at stmatthewsrespectlife@yahoo.com.

FAITH FORMATION

BOOK CLUB: SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS – “THE DUMB OX” – All are welcome to join the Book Club on Monday, **March 10** for a discussion of *Saint Thomas Aquinas – “The Dumb Ox”* by G. K. Chesterton. Published in 1933, this book is recognized as one of the finest introductions to St. Thomas Aquinas and his scholarly works. The Book Club will meet at 6:45pm in the West Conference Room (accessible via the alley to the left of the front of the Cathedral).

BECOMING CATHOLIC – Throughout the year, adults come forward seeking to learn about the Catholic faith. For those who are interested in learning about the Catholic faith or thinking about becoming Catholic, St. Matthew’s offers Inquiry, a casual, ongoing conversation about the Catholic faith, once a month. Inquiry is the first step in the process of discerning one’s commitment to full initiation in the Catholic Church. Inquiry meets on the second Wednesday of the month from 6:30 to 7:30pm in the East Conference Room. A brief overview of the entire adult initiation process (RCIA), which begins formally in June each year, can be presented after Inquiry for those who are interested. The next Inquiry will be held Wednesday, **March 12**. For more information, contact Heather Kinney at hkinney@stmatthewscathedral.org.

SAVE THE DATE: LENTEN LECTURE SERIES – In his apostolic exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis writes, “The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. With Christ joy is constantly born anew.” (1). This year’s Lenten Lecture Series, which begins **March 13**, will highlight ways in which we can strive to draw closer to Jesus Christ in our everyday lives and share the power of those encounters with others. Watch the bulletin for details.

SAVE THE DATES: BIBLE STUDY ON THE GOSPEL OF JOHN – Father Jack Hurley will lead the second part of his Bible study on the Gospel of John this Lent. Join us on Saturdays, **March 15** (The Last Supper), **March 22** (The Passion), and **April 5** (The Resurrection) from 10:30 to 11:45am in the East Conference Room.



ADULT CONFIRMATION PREPARATION – Each spring during the Easter season, St. Matthew’s offers adult Confirmation preparation for active, baptized Catholics who already have received their First Eucharist. Preparation includes four Thursday evenings (**May 1, 8, 15 & 22**) and one Saturday (**May 17**). The celebration of adult Confirmation in 2014 will occur at a special Mass on Ascension Sunday, **June 1**. Registration forms are available in the Cathedral rectory and on the parish website beginning this weekend. The deadline to register is Friday, **April 4**. Contact: Heather Kinney, Director of Faith Formation, at hkinney@stmatthewscathedral.org.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS – In an effort to go “green”, Year-End-Contribution Statements will be prepared upon request. To receive a summary of your 2013 contributions, contact Gloria Harrington at 202-347-3215 x 517 or gharrington@stmatthewscathedral.org.

YOUNG ADULTS

We Need Your Opinion! – To better serve you, we want to know more about you and what you want from the Cathedral Young Adults. Please help us by taking a brief survey online at <http://goo.gl/YgD5EO> by Sunday, **February 16**. In exchange for about 10 minutes of your time, you can enter for a chance to win a \$25 check card. Contact: Carolyn at cwait.10@gmail.com

C†YA for a Discussion: Conversations on Beauty – Thursday, February 20 – 7 to 8:30pm – Cathedral North Conference Room – This month we will examine the topic “Born of the Virgin” through works of art. No knowledge or experience with art needed! All are invited to attend and discuss or just listen, and to stay for a half hour of adoration and prayer in the sanctuary. For more information, contact Br. Gabriel at ztorretta@gmail.com.

C†YA for Supper – Thursday, February 27 – 7pm – Diego (2100 14th Street NW / U Street Metro) – Young adults, friends, and fellow foodies are welcome to our monthly suppers! This month, mingle over Mexican food. RSVP by **February 24** at <http://goo.gl/TtP6JA>. Contact Carolyn at cwait.10@gmail.com with questions.

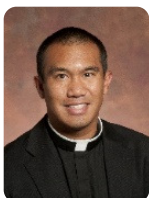
Save the Date: Cathedral Young Adults Spring Retreat – Saturday, April 5 to Sunday, April 6 – Bellarmine Retreat Center – Get away for the weekend and take some time for prayer this Lent! See all of the details and register at <http://goo.gl/OtXmLz>.

Stay up to date with all of the Cathedral Young Adult events by checking out our website at www.stmatthewscathedral.org/cya, and joining our listserv. Want to learn more? Email stmattsyam@gmail.com.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo 16	Si 15:15-20 / 1 Cor 2:6-10 / Mt 5:17-37
Lunes 17	Stgo 1:1-11 / Mc 8:11-13
	<i>Siete fundadores de la orden de los Siervos de la Virgen María</i>
Martes 18	Stgo 1:12-18 / Mc 8:14-21
Miércoles 19	Stgo 1:19-27 / Mc 8:22-26
Jueves 20	Stgo 2:1-9 / Mc 8:27-33
Viernes 21	Stgo 2:14-24,26 / Mc 8:34—9:1
Sábado 22	1 Pe 5:1-4 / Mc 16:13-19
	<i>Catedral de San Pedro Apóstol</i>
Domingo 23	Lev 19:1-2,17-18 / 1 Cor 3:16-23 / Mt 5:38-48

NOTICIAS DE LA PARROQUIA



ORDENACION AL DIACONADO – Diácono Kyle Ratuiste servirá como diácono y predicará por primera vez este fin de semana en la misa de 8:30 de la mañana. Kyle fue ordenado diácono de en una de las Criptas de la Basílica de la Inmaculada

Concepción el sábado, 15 de febrero, por el Obispo Blase Cupich de Spokane. Por favor mantengan al diácono Ratuiste en sus oraciones ya que comienza su ministerio diaconal, y comenzará su preparación para la ordenación al sacerdocio.

DIA DE LOS PRESIDENTES – El lunes **17 de febrero** es día de los Presidentes. Fiesta federal. La Catedral abrirá a las 7:30 de la mañana y cerrará a la 1 de la tarde. Se celebrarán las misas de 8 de la mañana y 12:10 del mediodía; no habrá confesiones y las oficinas de la rectoría estarán cerradas. La adoración al Santísimo que normalmente se celebra el tercer lunes del mes, se celebrará el siguiente lunes, **24 de febrero**.

PROCESIÓN MENSUAL DEL ROSARIO POR LA VIDA –

“La vida humana debe ser siempre defendida desde su inicio en el vientre materno y debe ser reconocida como un don de Dios que garantiza el futuro de la humanidad.”

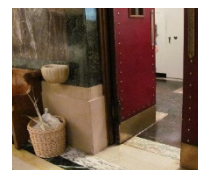
—Papa Francisco, Carta a las familias brasileñas por la Semana Nacional de la Familia, 6 de agosto de 2013

El Ministerio de Respeto a la Vida se enfoca en promover y cultivar la cultura de vida y ser testigo a la dignidad de todo ser humano, desde la concepción a la muerte natural. La procesión a *Planned Parenthood* (clínica de aborto) de este mes será el sábado **22 de febrero**, después de la misa de las 8:00 de la mañana. Para participar por favor encuéntranos dentro de la Catedral en la entrada central. Para más información sobre oportunidades de servicio, por favor póngase en contacto con Justin Silvers al

stmatthewsrespectlife@yahoo.com. Para español, llame a la rectoría y pregunte por el padre Rafael o Norma Canedo.

ADORACIÓN AL SANTÍSIMO SACRAMENTO – Les invitamos el lunes **24 de febrero** después de la misa de 5:30 de la tarde, a que se unan en adoración al Santísimo, de 6 a 7 de la tarde. El Sacramento de Reconciliación estará disponible durante la hora de la adoración.

TRAIGAN SUS RAMOS – Por favor traigan sus ramos del previo Domingo de Ramos a la Sacristía y entréguenlos al sacristán. Los ramos serán usados para preparar las cenizas para el Miércoles de Ceniza. Si el sacristán no está o si la Sacristía está cerrada, los ramos se pueden dejar en la canasta que está colocada afuera de la Sacristía en la Capilla Matrimonial.



TALLER DE ORACIÓN Y VIDA – Sí quieres tener una relación personal con el Señor, ven, aprende a orar en un taller de Oración y Vida. Un método creado por el padre Ignacio Larrañaga. Aprende a entrar en íntima relación con nuestro Señor Jesucristo, desde los primeros pasos hasta las alturas de la contemplación. Profundiza tu vida de fe, libérate de miedos y angustias y encuentra la paz en medio de las dificultades de la vida diaria. El taller es gratuito comienza con el rosario. 7:00 de la noche y a continuación el taller. El taller se ofrece en el salón de conferencias del Oeste (donde se reúne el Grupo de Oración).

DECLARACIÓN DE CONTRIBUCIÓN DE FIN DE AÑO

– En un esfuerzo por ir "verde", las declaraciones de contribución de fin de año estarán disponibles a petición. Si desea un resumen de contribución del año 2013, por favor llame a Gloria Harrington al 202-347-3215 o envíe un correo electrónico a gharrington@stmatthewscathedral.org. Gracias por su contribución.

MISA ANUAL DE JUBILEO MATRIMONIAL –

Donald Cardenal Wuerl estará presidiendo la misa anual para celebrar a las parejas que están conmemorando 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 o más años de matrimonio el domingo **15 de junio** a las 2:00 de la tarde, en la Basílica de la Inmaculada Concepción. Por favor llame a la Rectoría al 202-347-3215. Todas las parejas que desean participar tienen que estar inscritas el **14 de abril**.

MASS INTENTIONS February 16- 23

Sunday, February 16

7am – Ronald Steffensen
8:30am – Anna & Leo Charnick
10am – All Parishioners
11:30am – Deacon John Jay
McClay
1pm – Javier Amaya (living)
5:30pm – Alice Watson Cobb

Monday, February 17

8am – Candelaria Burgos
12:10pm – Robert Edwin
Rochell

Tuesday, February 18

7am – Martha D. Soc
8am – Ambassador Jose L.
Cuisia (living)
12:10pm – William Ogden
5:30pm – Schoenstatt
Movement (living)

Wednesday, February 19

7am – Francisca Soc
8am – Mildred Africa
12:10pm – Marie Tsotsou
5:30pm – Marjorie Lutz

Thursday, February 20

7am – Wermer Soc
8am – José Maria Urribarri
12:10pm – Cyd Esquivel
5:30pm – Berta Soc

Friday, February 21

7am – Martha D. Soc
8am – Pedro de Villacensio
12:10pm – William Garrity
5:30pm – Consuelo Joves

Saturday, February 22

8am – Ernesto B. Agcaoili
12:10pm – Ernest Cubitt
(living)
5:30pm – Peter Cassidy

Sunday, February 23

7am – Leyla B. Uran Torres
8:30am – All Parishioners
10am – Mary & Bruce Louiselle
(living)
11:30am – Mael Escudero
1pm – Hector Aviles
5:30pm – Thomas Patrick
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MARRIAGE

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 ceremony 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.

BAPTISM

Parents who wish to have their child baptized at the Cathedral should contact the Baptismal Coordinator at the Rectory at 202-347-3215 x555 or baptism@stmatthewscathedral.org. Parents are encouraged to make contact with us **at least six (6) months in advance** of a desired baptismal date, at which time they may ask for the priest of their choice to perform the Baptism. This early contact enables parents to be scheduled for the necessary sacramental formation session before the child's baptism and allows time for sponsors to obtain letters from their parish pastor.

AROUND THE AREA

JOHN CARROLL SOCIETY DAY OF RECOLLECTION – On **February 22** from 9am to 5pm, Father James J. Greenfield, OSFS, will lead the John Carroll Society's Pre-Lenten Day of Recollection at the Washington Retreat House (4000 Harewood Rd, NE). The theme is "Lent: Falling Up, Falling Down, and Falling In." An overnight option is available beginning at 6pm on February 21. To register, visit www.johncarrollsociety.org or call 301-654-4399.

LENTE SILENT RETREAT FOR WOMEN – *Peace, the Promised Gift – Accepted and Shared* is the theme of a silent weekend retreat for women to be held **March 14-16** at Dominican Retreat in McLean, VA. The retreat will be directed by Franciscan Father Michael Heine, with a focus on allowing God's Peace to speak in our hearts, claiming it for ourselves and implementing its practice in our lives. For details and to register, call the Retreat at 703-356-4243 or visit www.dominicanretreat.org.

LIVE JESUS 2014 – This Lent, prepare your heart for the celebration of the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ at Easter by attending the 11th annual *Live Jesus*—a morning of reflection, fellowship, and prayer with the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales. This year's program is "Francis and Francis – Living the Gospel Today – The Salesian Spirit of the Jesuit Pope." A featured speaker will be Father Kevin Nadolski, OSFS, who spoke in October at St. Matthew's on the Holy Spirit. *Live Jesus* will be held from 8am to 12:45pm on Saturday, **March 15** at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Vienna, VA. Find further details and register at www.oblates.org.

2014 ANNUAL JUBILIAN MASS – Cardinal Donald Wuerl will celebrate the annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years on Sunday, **June 15**, 2014 at 2:00pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Please call 202-587-5143 to register by Monday, **April 14**.

RECONCILED: SALESIAN PERSPECTIVES ON MERCY, HUMILITY, AND FORGIVENESS

Parish Lenten Morning of Recollection

with Father Michael Murray, OSFS

Lent is the forty-day liturgical season during which the Church invites all Christians to renewal and reconciliation. Through the disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we journey with our Lord Jesus to the Cross on Good Friday and to His resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Join us the morning of Saturday, **March 8**, as Father Michael Murray, an Oblate of St. Francis de Sales, returns to lead our annual Lenten Morning of Recollection. The morning will include presentations by Father Murray, time for private reflection, opportunities to mingle, and Mass to close our time together.

Prepare to proclaim Christ's glorious Resurrection this Easter by joining us for our annual Lenten Morning of Recollection!

JOIN US! ALL ARE WELCOME!

DATE: SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2014
TIME: 9AM – 1PM (includes 12:10pm Mass)
PLACE: NORTH CONFERENCE ROOM

*Please register no later than Sunday, **March 2** to hkinney@stmatthewscathedral.org
(subject line: Lenten Morning of Recollection RSVP) or 202-347-3215 x530.*

FREEWILL OFFERINGS WILL BE GRATEFULLY COLLECTED FOR THE SUPPORT OF
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Father Michael Murray, OSFS is an Oblate of St. Francis de Sales who currently serves as the Executive Director of the De Sales Spirituality Center in Wilmington, Delaware. Father Murray previously spent fourteen years in secondary school ministry at Father Judge High School in Philadelphia, Salesianum School in Wilmington, and Northeast Catholic High School in Philadelphia. He also led St. Matthew's Advent Day of Recollection – "Everyday Holiness: Salesian Perspectives on the Beatitudes of St. Matthew" – in 2013. In addition to his ministerial activities, Father Murray is a freelance writer and photographer.



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ST. MATTHEW'S WOMEN'S LENTEN WEEKEND RETREAT

March 21 - 23, 2014

All Women Parishioners and Friends Welcome

*"Come away by yourselves to a deserted place
and rest a while." (Mk 6:31)*



Washington Retreat House
4000 Harewood Road, NE
Washington, DC 20017-1595

Retreat Leader – Rev. Paul Henry

**Spiritual director for the Archdiocese of Baltimore,
on staff at the St. Mary's Spiritual Center of Baltimore,
and adjunct retreat director for the Jesuit Retreat House in Faulkner, Maryland**

Check-in at Washington Retreat House is Friday, March 21 at 5:30pm
(earlier or later arrival is fine also), followed by dinner at 6:30pm.

The retreat ends around noon on Sunday, March 23.

For more information, contact Julie Mitchell,
St. Matthew's Retreat Promoter, at 202-744-1460 or jmitchell@steinmitchell.com,
A non-refundable \$25 deposit is required, with the balance due upon arrival.

Women's Retreat Registration Form

MAIL TO: Julie Mitchell
1100 Connecticut Avenue, NW
#1100
Washington, DC 20036
202-744-1460

Please make _____ reservation(s) for the Weekend
Retreat to be held March 21-23, 2014 at the Washington Retreat
House, 4000 Harewood Road, NE, Washington, DC 20017-1595.
The offering is \$170.00. I understand that a \$25.00 non-
refundable deposit will hold my reservation.
Checks should be made payable to: Washington Retreat House.

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Email address _____



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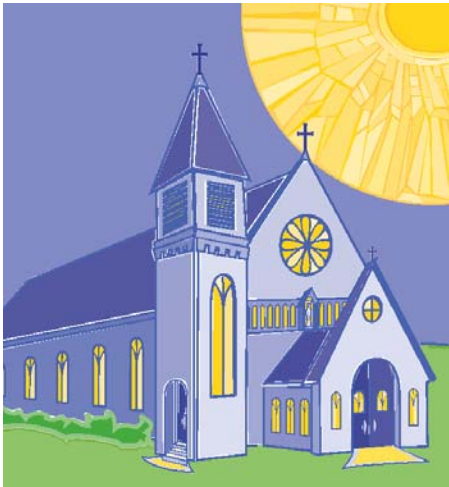
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“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace.” (Peter 4:10)

Weekly Offertory contribution: \$ _____

(Note: Total contribution amount will be debited on the 4th of the month or the next business day. 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.
The amount indicated will be debited in the month listed 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
<input type="checkbox"/> Solemnity of Mary	\$ _____	January	<input type="checkbox"/> Catholic University	\$ _____	September
<input type="checkbox"/> Church Missions within the US	\$ _____	January	<input type="checkbox"/> Propagation of the Faith/ World Missions	\$ _____	October
<input type="checkbox"/> Churches in the Developing World	\$ _____	February	<input type="checkbox"/> All Saints Day	\$ _____	November
<input type="checkbox"/> Ash Wednesday	\$ _____	March	<input type="checkbox"/> All Souls Day *	\$ _____	November
<input type="checkbox"/> Holy Thursday	\$ _____	March/April	<input type="checkbox"/> Archdiocesan Priests' Retirement	\$ _____	November
<input type="checkbox"/> Holy Land	\$ _____	March/April	<input type="checkbox"/> Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ _____	December
<input type="checkbox"/> Easter Flowers	\$ _____	March/April	<input type="checkbox"/> Immaculate Conception	\$ _____	December
<input type="checkbox"/> Easter Sunday (In addition to regular Sunday gift)	\$ _____	March/April	<input type="checkbox"/> Christmas Flowers	\$ _____	December
<input type="checkbox"/> Catholic Relief Services	\$ _____	May	<input type="checkbox"/> Christmas	\$ _____	December

* Please call the church at 202-347-3215 with the names of your intentions for this collection.

I would like to enroll in the Faith Direct program for the benefit of the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle. I understand that my total monthly contribution amount will be transferred directly from my checking account or credit card as stated above, a record of my gifts will appear on my bank or credit card statement, and my transfers will begin on the 4th or next business day of the month following my enrollment. I understand that I can increase, decrease, or suspend my giving by contacting Faith Direct toll free at 1-866-507-8757.

{All gifts provided to your Church originating as Automated Clearing House transactions comply with US law.}

Signature: X _____ Date: _____

Name(s): (please print) _____

Street Address: _____ Church Envelope #: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Name as I/we would like it to appear on Offertory Cards: _____

I do not wish to receive Offertory Cards to place in the collection basket as a sign of my electronic giving.

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For Credit Card Debit: Please complete the following... VISA MasterCard American Express Discover

Credit Card #: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Print Name as Appears on Card: _____

Signature: _____

If you have any questions about the Faith Direct program, please contact us at 1-866-507-8757 {toll free} or info@faithdirect.net.