



*strengthening our faith*

*by rebuilding our heritage*

February 2015

My dear friends,

Looking ahead, we are reminded that Lent is almost here! **Ash Wednesday**, the beginning of Lent, is celebrated this year on **February 18**. Perhaps the greatest challenge, and opportunity, of Lent is not to turn it into solely an individual journey, but to recognize it as a journey that we share with our faith family, the Church. **Lent is for the Church, the people of God, and as such, we journey as one.**

As we start our Lenten journey, this year I would like to share a brief reflection from Pope Francis.

*According to an ancient Roman tradition, while fleeing the city during Nero's persecutions, St. Peter saw Jesus travelling in the opposite direction toward the city, and asked him in amazement: "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus responded: "I am going to Rome to be crucified again." At that moment, Peter understood that he had to follow the Lord with courage, to the very end. But he also realized that he would never be alone on the journey. Jesus, who had loved him even unto death, would always be with him. Jesus, with his cross, walks with us and takes upon himself our fears, our problems and our sufferings, even those which are deepest and most painful. With the cross, Jesus unites himself to the silence of the victims of violence, those who can no longer cry out, especially the innocent and the defenseless. The cross of Christ bears the suffering and the sin of mankind, including our own. Jesus accepts all this with open arms, bearing on his shoulders our crosses and saying to us: "Have courage! You do not carry your cross alone!"*

— Pope Francis (*Conversion to Christ*, All Saints Press © 2015)

### *Lenten Liturgies at the Cathedral*

No better way exists to heed the clarion call of Lent than to join the Church in the celebration of the liturgies. The prayers and readings—the **Liturgy of the Word**—and the **Liturgy of the Eucharist** will give us the strength and guidance to make the journey through the desert to the empty tomb of promise, to rise with Christ on Easter Sunday after having been plunged into his death at our Baptism. If we make the journey with integrity, then we will arrive at the tomb and see the future, and, indeed, share in his resurrection.

The Cathedral offers ample opportunities to prepare for the great Feast of the Resurrection of the Lord. **Enclosed is our Lenten brochure**, which I urge you to keep close at hand in the weeks ahead. And don't be shy about **picking up an extra copy or two for family, friends and co-workers**.

On **Ash Wednesday, February 18**, we will wear the sign of penitence as a reminder of the need for our inner conversion, for the rending of our hearts, not our garments, and for our return to the Lord our God. (*Joel 2:13*). On Sunday, **February 22**, our catechumens and candidates will travel to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception to participate with Cardinal Wuerl in the **Rite of Election**. Please keep these men and women in your prayers.





The **Stations of the Cross**, in the form adopted by St. John Paul II, will be celebrated in English on the Fridays of Lent at 6pm and in Spanish on Sundays at 2:15pm. The Stations of the Cross is a journey made in the Holy Spirit, the divine fire that burned in the heart of Jesus and brought him to Calvary.

On Wednesdays of Lent beginning **February 25, confessions in English and Spanish** will be available from 6:30 to 8pm. Our regularly scheduled confessions are weekdays, 11am to Noon and on Saturdays, 4pm to 5pm. On Tuesday, **March 31**, we will hold a Communal Penance Service at 12:10pm with at least 15 priests available for individual confessions.

### *New Lenten Offerings & 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Events*

St. Matthew's offers two new Lenten Faith Formation opportunities. **Lenten Faith Sharing Groups** will read *The Church of Mercy* by Pope Francis, with members sharing their reflections weekly. To join a group, email [Tricia.schmittdc@gmail.com](mailto:Tricia.schmittdc@gmail.com). We also will provide and refer interested persons to qualified spiritual directors. If you are interested in **spiritual direction**, contact Theresa Prymuszewski at 202-587-5139 or [tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org).

175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Events!

Celebrate our parish anniversary by taking a deeper look into our Patron Saint's Gospel! Fr. Jack Hurley will lead a **Lenten journey through the Gospel of St. Matthew** on the following Saturdays from 10:30 to 11:45am in the East Conference Room: **February 21 and 28**, and **March 7 and 14** (with pre-Lenten sessions on **February 7 and 14**).

Our Anniversary celebration continues with the Schola Cantorum's presentation of **Vespers for Laetare Sunday**, the Fourth Sunday of Lent, **March 15** at 4pm. Join us and deepen your Lenten experience with the timeless beauty of Gregorian chant! For more information, contact Tom Stehle at 202-587-5141 or [tstehle@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:tstehle@stmatthewscathedral.org).

### *Memories Wanted!*

To mark the **175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our parish**, you are invited to share stories and memories of how your Catholic faith has shaped your life, your faith and your family. Your stories and those of your ancestors reflect how St. Matthew's Parish and the Church have shared the joy of the Gospel in downtown Washington, DC for 175 years. **Check the website front page for details** on this opportunity to share your memories!

### *Know Someone Who Is Looking for Something? Maybe It's God*

I ask you to take advantage of the opportunity Lent gives us to reach out to people who have drifted from their faith. Please take a few minutes to think about people in your life who might appreciate a **special invitation to come back to Church, for prayer, Mass or the Sacrament of Reconciliation.**

Please keep the staff and me in your prayers. Be assured of my prayers and personal best wishes for a blessed season of Lent.

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Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Msgr. W. Ronald Jameson  
Rector

# HOLY WEEK 2015

## MARCH 29: PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

*Schedule of Masses with the distribution of palms:*

5:30PM (Saturday, March 28) REV. MSGR. W. RONALD JAMESON (cantor)  
 7AM REV. ISMAEL N. AYALA  
 8:30AM REV. JOHN J. HURLEY (cantor)  
 9:45AM Blessing of Palms, DONALD CARDINAL WUERL  
 10AM DONALD CARDINAL WUERL (choir)  
 † 11:30AM REV. MSGR. W. RONALD JAMESON (choir)  
 1PM REV. RAFAEL BARBIERI (en Español)  
 5:30PM VERY REV. JAMES J. GREENFIELD, O.S.F.S. (contemporary choir)

## MARCH 30: MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

7AM Mass  
 8AM Mass  
 11AM to NOON Confessions (4 confessors)  
 12:10PM Mass  
 1PM to 6PM *The Cathedral is closed & reopens at 6PM.*  
 † 7PM CHRISM MASS & BLESSING OF OILS, DONALD CARDINAL WUERL, celebrant, concelebrated by the priests of the Archdiocese (choir)

## MARCH 31: TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

7AM Mass  
 8AM Mass  
 11AM *No confessions scheduled*  
 † 12:10PM COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE  
 5:30PM Mass

## APRIL 1: WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

7AM Mass  
 7:30AM Morning Prayer, St. Anthony Chapel  
 8AM Mass  
 11AM to NOON Confessions (4 confessors)  
 12:10PM Mass  
 5:30PM Mass  
 6:15PM to 7:15PM Confessions (4 confessors)  
 7:30PM TENEBRÆ (choir)

† Interpreted for the deaf

## APRIL 2: HOLY THURSDAY

8AM *The Cathedral opens.*  
 9AM Morning Prayer, St. Anthony Chapel  
 11AM to NOON Confessions (4 confessors)  
 12:10PM MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER, REV. MSGR. W. RONALD JAMESON (contemporary choir)  
 † 5:30PM SOLEMN MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER, DONALD CARDINAL WUERL (choir)  
*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10PM*  
 9:45PM NIGHT PRAYER  
*The Cathedral closes at 10PM.*

## APRIL 3: GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

8AM *The Cathedral opens.*  
 9AM Morning Prayer, St. Anthony Chapel  
 11AM to NOON Confessions (4 confessors)  
 NOON REFLECTIONS ON THE LORD'S PASSION, REV. TIMOTHY P. KESICKI, S.J., President, Jesuit Conference of the U. S.  
 † 1PM LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION, DONALD CARDINAL WUERL (choir)  
 4PM LITURGIA DE LA PASIÓN DE N.S. JESUCRISTO, ADORACIÓN DE LA SANTA CRUZ, Y SANTA COMUNIÓN, REV. RAFAEL BARBIERI  
 7:30PM Stations of the Cross, REV. MSGR. W. RONALD JAMESON (in English)

## APRIL 4: HOLY SATURDAY

8AM *The Cathedral opens.*  
 9AM Morning Prayer, St. Anthony Chapel  
 11AM to NOON Confessions (4 confessors)  
*No Masses during the day. The Cathedral closes at Noon & reopens at 7PM.*  
 † 8PM EASTER VIGIL, DONALD CARDINAL WUERL (choir)

## APRIL 5: THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD, EASTER SUNDAY

*Schedule of Masses:*

7AM REV. ISMAEL N. AYALA  
 8:30AM REV. JOHN J. HURLEY (cantor)  
 10AM DONALD CARDINAL WUERL (choir)  
 † 11:30AM REV. MSGR. W. RONALD JAMESON (choir)  
 1PM REV. RAFAEL BARBIERI (en Español)  
 5:30PM VERY REV. JAMES J. GREENFIELD, O.S.F.S. (contemporary choir)  
*The Rectory is closed today & Easter Monday, April 6*

† Interpreted for the deaf

## MASSES & CONFESSIONS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

### Sunday:

5:30PM Saturday Vigil Mass (cantor)  
 7AM Mass  
 8:30AM Mass (cantor)  
 10AM Mass in Latin – Novus Ordo (choir\*)  
 † 11:30AM Mass (choir\*)  
 1PM Mass (en Español)  
 5:30PM Mass (contemporary choir)

\*The *Schola Cantorum* sings from the first Sunday after Labor Day until the Baptism of the Lord, and then again from Ash Wednesday until the Solemnity of Corpus Christi.

### Weekday Masses:

7AM, 8AM, 12:10PM & 5:30PM

### Saturday Masses:

8AM & 12:10PM

### Masses on federal holidays:

8AM & 12:10PM

### Confessions (except Holy Days and federal holidays):

Monday to Friday, 11AM to Noon  
 Saturday, 4PM to 5PM or by appointment

The Cathedral is located at 1725 Rhode Island Ave., N.W., between Connecticut Avenue and 17<sup>th</sup> Street. The nearest Metro rail station is on the Red Line at Farragut North (L Street exit). Metro bus routes stop at Connecticut Avenue and M Street, a few hundred feet to the west of the Cathedral. Metro information can be obtained by contacting 202-637-7000 or [www.wmata.com](http://www.wmata.com).

For more information, contact the Rectory:  
 phone: 202-347-3215  
 fax: 202-347-7184

† Interpreted for the deaf

Please visit our parish website and parish Facebook page for up-to-date information on all liturgies and activities. C†YA, the Cathedral Young Adults, has a separate Facebook page.

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# LENT 2015



CATHEDRAL OF  
 ST. MATTHEW THE APOSTLE  
 Washington, DC

Rev. Msgr. W. Ronald Jameson  
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Each year on Ash Wednesday, we are reminded that all we see and experience in our world will pass away. Our only hope is in the Lord, who will rescue and bring us to eternal life in Him. While we battle with the trials and sufferings of this world, God is constantly there to refresh us. My prayer for you this Lenten season is that you will reach out to the Lord with a spirit renewed through prayer and penance and with an ever-increasing awareness of the power of His love for us. I hope that this Lent will be a time when all of us will grow ever deeper in our love for the Lord Jesus and His Church.

Please join us at St. Matthew's Cathedral to experience this season of penance and renewal through liturgies, musical events, prayer, lectures, and other programs. I hope that my staff and I can be of help in providing you with ample opportunities for prayer, study, reflection, and reconciliation here at the Cathedral.

Rev. Msgr. W. Ronald Jameson, Rector

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## FEBRUARY 18 ASH WEDNESDAY

*Schedule of Masses with the distribution of ashes:*

7AM	REV. ISMAEL N. AYALA
8AM	REV. JAMES J. GARDINER, S.A.
11AM	REV. JOHN J. HURLEY (cantor)
† 12:10PM	DONALD CARDINAL WUERL (choir)
1:15PM	REV. RAFAEL BARBIERI (cantor)
3PM	Stations of the Cross, DEACON JAMES A. GARCIA
5:30PM	REV. MSGR. W. RONALD JAMESON (cantor)
7PM	REV. RAFAEL BARBIERI (en Español con cantor)
8PM	Via Crucis, DEACON JUAN CAYRAMPOMA (en Español)

*Ashes will not be distributed outside of Mass. No confessions scheduled today*

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## STATIONS OF THE CROSS (VIA CRUCIS)

The *Via Crucis* is a journey made in the Holy Spirit, the divine fire that burned in the heart of Jesus (*cf Luke 12:49-50*) and brought him to Calvary. The Stations, in the form adopted by St. John Paul II, are prayed in English on Fridays at 6PM and in Spanish on Sundays at 2:15PM throughout Lent, in addition to their celebration on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday at the times listed for those days.

## LENTE CONFESSIONS

In addition to the regularly scheduled Confessions (Monday to Friday, 11AM to Noon and Saturdays, 4PM to 5PM), Confessions in English and Spanish are heard each Wednesday of Lent except Ash Wednesday, 6:30PM to 8PM, and on April 1, Wednesday of Holy Week, from 6:15PM to 7:15PM.

## CATHEDRAL LENTE MUSIC

175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event!

### LAETARE VESPERS

Laetare Sunday, March 15, 4PM  
THE SCHOLA CANTORUM  
The annual Lenten evening prayer sung entirely in Gregorian plainchant with renaissance and later motets

### TENEBRÆ

Wednesday of Holy Week, April 1, 7:30pm  
THE SCHOLA CANTORUM  
The ancient and time-honored Liturgy of Tenebræ

### REFLECTIONS ON THE LORD'S PASSION

Good Friday, April 3, Noon  
REV. TIMOTHY J. KESICKI, S.J.  
President, Jesuit Conference of the U. S.  
THE SCHOLA CANTORUM

*All musical programs are given in the Cathedral and are open to the public. Free-will donations are greatly appreciated. For more information, contact Tom Stehle at 202-587-5141 or [tstehle@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:tstehle@stmatthewscathedral.org).*

## LENTE FAITH FORMATION

### MORNING OF RECOLLECTION

*"ARE YOU LOOKING FOR SOMETHING MORE OUT OF LENT?"*

Saturday, March 21, 9AM – 12PM

REV. THOMAS RYAN, C.S.P.

*Location: The Great Hall*

*For more information, contact Theresa*

*Prymuszewski at 202-587-5139 or*

*[Tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:Tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org).*

### LENTE FAITH SHARING

Lenten Faith Sharing Groups read *The Church of Mercy* by Pope Francis and share weekly reflections.

*For more information or to join a group, contact*

*Tricia Schmitt at [Tricia.schmittdc@gmail.com](mailto:Tricia.schmittdc@gmail.com) or*

*Theresa Prymuszewski (contact info above).*

### BIBLE STUDY –

#### THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

Fr. John Hurley leads a Lenten Bible Study on the Gospel of Matthew.

Saturdays, February 21 & 28, and

March 7 & 14, 10:30 – 11:45AM

*Location: East Conference Room*

*For more information, contact Theresa*

*Prymuszewski (contact info above).*

175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event!

### SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Are you interested in deepening your relationship with God? Would you like to explore other ways of praying? Do you sometimes feel 'stuck' in your spiritual walk with God? Are you discerning how you may share your gifts with others? Do you feel called to a more simple form of prayer? If any of these questions resonates with you, then perhaps you would benefit from spiritual direction, an ancient form of Christian listening. This Lent, St. Matthew's begins providing and referring interested persons to qualified spiritual directors, who may be clergy, vowed religious or laypersons.

*If you are interested in exploring spiritual direction, contact Theresa Prymuszewski (contact info above).*

## OTHER LENTE EVENTS

### SIMPLE LENTE MEALS

St. Matthew's Social Justice Committee invites parishioners and friends to join us for the Simple Lenten Meal program on Friday evenings during Lent, following the Stations of the Cross. Each Friday, a group from our parish sponsors a simple meal and offers attendees the opportunity for almsgiving to a community-based charitable organization.

*Location: North Conference Room*

*For more details on the charities that are featured each week and the groups that serve the meals, visit the parish website or see the bulletin.*

### LENTE PRAYER WITH THE COMMUNITY OF SANT'EGIDIO

All are welcome to join in praying with the Community of Sant'Egidio their Lenten Prayer of Mary, Mother of God using prayer leaflets that are available at each session.

12:45PM on Tuesdays of Lent (except during Holy Week).

*Location: St. Anthony Chapel*

### THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS

All are welcome to join in praying the Liturgy of the Hours using prayer leaflets that are available at each session.

Morning Prayer at 7:30AM on Wednesdays and Thursdays of Lent (except Ash Wednesday), and at 9AM on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday.

Night Prayer at 9:45PM on Holy Thursday.

*Location: St. Anthony Chapel*

### † HOLY WEEK PENANCE SERVICE

*"COME HOME FOR EASTER"*

Tuesday, March 31, 12:10PM

Experience God's mercy and forgiveness at a communal penance service, with many priest confessors available for individual confessions. Several confessors are fluent in American Sign, Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, German, or other languages.

† Interpreted for the deaf