



February 2016

My dear parishioners,

Lent is almost here! It begins on Ash Wednesday, **February 10**. The Lenten season is filled with many challenges and opportunities. The greatest of these 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 who make up the Mystical Body of Christ; as such, we journey as one.

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

"I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them. No one should think that this invitation is not meant for him or her, since no one is excluded from the joy brought by the Lord. The Lord does not disappoint those who take this risk. Whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we realize that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms.

In the life of every Christian after baptism, there is the experience of a personal encounter with Jesus Christ, who called me to follow him and share in his mission. I must try to discover in my heart the living memory of that call, when Jesus passed my way, gazed at me with mercy and asked me to follow him. This means reviving the memory of that moment when his eyes met mine and he made me realize that he loved me.

Jesus, help me draw closer to you and respond generously to your call."

—Pope Francis, "Take a Step Towards Jesus," from "Renew our Hearts: A Personal Invitation to Lenten Conversion by Pope Francis," All Saints Press 2016

Lenten Liturgies at the Cathedral

Lent is a special time in the life of a parish. There is no better way 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 the 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.

Take advantage of the ample opportunities to prepare for the great Feast of the Resurrection of the Lord. Enclosed is our Lenten brochure—keep it close at hand in the weeks ahead. And don't be shy about picking up an extra copy or two for your family, friends and co-workers.

On Ash Wednesday, **February 10**, 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, **March 14**, 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 Pope 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, or Via Crucis, is a journey made in the Holy Spirit, the divine fire that burned in the heart of Jesus and brought him to Calvary. Join in this beautiful devotion, so fitting for Lent.

Each Wednesday of Lent beginning on **February 17**, priests will be available for confessions in both English and Spanish from 6:30pm until 8pm (and from 6:15pm to 7:15pm on Wednesday of Holy Week). We will continue our regularly scheduled confessions on weekdays, 11am to Noon and on Saturdays, 4pm to 5pm. On Tuesday, **March 22**, we will hold a Communal Penance Service at 12:10pm with at least 15 priests available for individual confessions.

Lenten Faith Formation Offerings

We hope to see you at many of the following Faith Formation programs and events this Lent:

Bible Studies – Our Cathedral seminarians will lead *Sacred Page – Read, Reflect, Pray*, a weekly study of Scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday, on Wednesdays from 7 to 8pm. *Sacred Scripture – God’s Mercy is Revealed* is an Archdiocese of Washington-sponsored Faith Foundations course to be taught by Theresa Prymuszewski on Thursday evenings from 7 to 9pm. Fr. Jack Hurley will lead a study entitled *Paul’s Letter to the Romans*, on Saturdays from 10:30 to 11:45am. Meeting dates for all three Bible studies are listed in the brochure.

Morning of Reflection – “A Jesuit Insight into Pope Francis’ Image of Mercy” – Rev. Timothy P. Kesicki, S. J., President of the Jesuit Conference of the U. S. and Canada, will lead our reflection on God’s mercy on Saturday, **February 13** from 9am to Noon.



Celebrating Black History Month – *Black and Catholic: Faith-Filled Citizens* – Deacon Al Turner, Director of the Office of Black Catholics of the Archdiocese of Washington, will give a talk in celebration of Black History Month on Tuesday, **February 16** from 7 to 9pm.

Book Club – *Jesus: A Pilgrimage* – Fr. Hurley will lead a discussion of chapters 13 - 25 of Jesuit Father James Martin’s recent book (Chapters 1 – 12 were discussed in January) on Monday, **March 14**, from 6:45 to 8pm.

Did you know that, during the Easter season, St. Matthew’s offers a preparation program for active adult Catholics who have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation? We invite all baptized adult Catholics who have received First Eucharist but not Confirmation to take advantage of this great opportunity! Sessions will be held on Thursdays, **April 14, 21, 28 & May 5**, and one Saturday, **May 7**. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Pentecost Sunday, **May 15**. Please register by Friday, **April 11** (forms are available in the Cathedral rectory and on the parish website). (This preparation is only for those baptized Catholics who have already celebrated their First Eucharist. For others, please contact Theresa Prymuszkewski to discuss participation in the RCIA process.)

Know Someone Who Is Looking for Something? Maybe It’s God

As you make your own Lenten preparations, I ask you to take advantage of the opportunity the season gives us to reach out to people who you know 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.

The Lenten season is always a very busy one around the Cathedral. Please keep the staff and me in your prayers and be assured of my prayers and personal best wishes for a blessed season of Lent.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "W. Ronald Jameson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rev. Msgr. W. Ronald Jameson
Rector

Enclosure

HOLY WEEK 2016

MARCH 20: PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Schedule of Masses with the distribution of palms:

- 5:30PM (Saturday, March 19) 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 MOST REV. MARIO E. DORSONVILLE (en Español)
 5:30PM VERY REV. JAMES J. GREENFIELD, O.S.F.S. (contemporary choir)

MARCH 21: 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 22: TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

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

MARCH 23: 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 TENEBRAE (choir)

† Interpreted for the deaf

MARCH 24: 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.

MARCH 25: 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. JOHN PAVLIK, O.F.M. CAP., Executive Director, Conference of Major Superiors of Men, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
 † 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, MOST REV. MARIO E. DORSONVILLE (en Español)
 7:30PM Stations of the Cross, REV. MSGR. W. RONALD JAMESON (in English)

MARCH 26: HOLY SATURDAY

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

MARCH 27: 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, March 28.

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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
 Two Sundays each month immediately following the 1pm Spanish Mass (check the weekly parish bulletins)

The Cathedral is located at 1725 Rhode Island Ave., N.W., between Connecticut Avenue and 17th 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.

For more information, contact the Rectory:

phone: 202-347-3215
 fax: 202-347-7184

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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 2016

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY



**CATHEDRAL OF
 ST. MATTHEW THE APOSTLE**
 Washington, DC

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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 depth and power of His love and mercy. 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 to experience this season of penance and renewal through liturgies, musical events, prayer, lectures, and other programs. Our aim is to provide you with ample opportunities for prayer, study, reflection, and reconciliation here at the Cathedral.

St. Matthew's Cathedral is designated as a Pilgrimage Site during this Holy Year of Mercy. To receive the plenary indulgence, enter the Cathedral by the Holy Door and within 20 days before or after entering: 1 - make a sacramental confession of sins; 2 - receive the Holy Eucharist; 3 - pray for Pope Francis' intentions; and 4 - make a Profession of Faith (Apostles' or Nicene Creed). Indulgences may be obtained once a day and may be applied to oneself or to the souls of the deceased.

—Rev. Msgr. W. Ronald Jameson, Rector

FEBRUARY 10 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
5:30PM	REV. MSGR. W. RONALD JAMESON (cantor)
7PM	REV. RAFAEL BARBIERI (en Español con cantor)
8PM	Via Crucis (en Español)

Ashes will not be distributed outside of Mass.

No confessions are 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.

LENTEN CONFESSIONS

In addition to the regularly scheduled Confessions (Monday to Friday from 11AM to Noon, Saturdays from 4PM to 5PM, and Sundays immediately following the 1pm Spanish Mass, except on March 6, Laetare Sunday), Confessions in English and Spanish are heard each Wednesday of Lent except Ash Wednesday from 6:30PM to 8PM, and on March 23, Wednesday of Holy Week, from 6:15PM to 7:15PM.

CATHEDRAL LENTEN MUSIC

LAETARE VESPERS

Laetare Sunday, March 6, 4PM

The Schola Cantorum leads us in this annual Lenten evening prayer sung entirely in Gregorian plainchant with renaissance and later motets.

TENEBRÆ

Wednesday of Holy Week, March 23, 7:30pm

The Schola Cantorum presents the ancient and time-honored Liturgy of Tenebræ.

REFLECTIONS ON THE LORD'S PASSION

Good Friday, March 25, Noon
Rev. John Pavlik, O.F.M. Cap., Executive Director of the Conference of Major Superiors of Men of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, reflects on the Seven Last Words of Christ, joined by our 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, Pastoral Associate for Liturgy and Director of Music Ministries, at tstehle@stmatthewscathedral.org.

LENTEN FAITH FORMATION

BIBLE STUDIES –

SACRED PAGE – READ, REFLECT, PRAY

Our Cathedral seminarians lead this weekly study of Scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday. Wednesdays of Lent (except during Holy Week), 7 – 8PM

West Conference Room

SACRED SCRIPTURE – GOD'S MERCY IS REVEALED

Theresa Prymuszewski is the instructor of this Archdiocese of Washington-sponsored *Faith Foundations* course.

Thursdays, February 11, 18 & 25 and
March 3, 10 & 17, 7 – 9PM

North Conference Room

PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

Fr. John Hurley leads a study of the letter of St. Paul to the Romans.

Saturdays, February 20 & 27, and
March 5, 12 & 19, 10:30 – 11:45AM

East Conference Room (North Conference Room on February 27)

MORNING OF REFLECTION – “A JESUIT INSIGHT INTO POPE FRANCIS' IMAGE OF MERCY”

Rev. Timothy P. Kesicki, S. J., President of the Jesuit Conference of the U. S. and Canada, leads this time of reflection on God's mercy.

Saturday, February 13, 9AM – 12PM

North Conference Room

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH – BLACK AND CATHOLIC: FAITH-FILLED CITIZENS

Deacon Al Turner, Director of the Office of Black Catholics of the Archdiocese of Washington, gives a talk in celebration of Black History Month.

Tuesday, February 16, 7 – 9PM

North Conference Room

BOOK CLUB – JESUS: A PILGRIMAGE

Fr. John Hurley leads a discussion of chapters 13 - 25 of Jesuit Father James Martin's recent book. (Chapters 1 – 12 were discussed in January.)

Monday, March 14, 6:45 to 8PM

West Conference Room

For more information, contact Theresa Prymuszewski, Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation, at tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org.

OTHER LENTEN EVENTS

SIMPLE LENTEN MEALS

St. Matthew's Social Justice Committee invites all to Simple Lenten Meals on Friday evenings of Lent, following the Stations of the Cross. Each Friday, a parish group sponsors a simple meal and offers attendees the opportunity for almsgiving to a community-based charitable organization.

North Conference Room

For a listing of the charities benefitted and the groups serving the meals, visit the parish website, see the bulletin, or contact our Social Justice Ministry: Fr. Rafael Barbieri, Director, at rbarbieri@stmatthewscathedral.org, or Norma Canedo, Coordinator, at ncanedo@stmatthewscathedral.org.

LIGHT THE CITY

Following a prayer service, teams of volunteers head out on the streets and invite passers-by into the Cathedral to light a candle and pray Saturday, March 5, 7PM – Volunteer Training 8 - 11PM – Street Evangelization and Prayer

† HOLY WEEK PENANCE SERVICE

COME HOME FOR EASTER”

Experience God's mercy and forgiveness at a communal penance service, with many priest confessors available in the Cathedral for individual confessions. Several confessors fluent in American Sign, Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, German, or other languages will be available. Tuesday, March 22, 12:10PM

LENTEN 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 available at each session. 12:45PM on Tuesdays of Lent (except during Holy Week)

St. Anthony Chapel

THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS

All are welcome to join in praying the Liturgy of the Hours using prayer leaflets available at each session. Morning Prayer at 7:30AM, Tuesdays and Fridays of Lent (except Good Friday) and at 9AM on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday Night Prayer at 9:45PM on Holy Thursday St. Anthony Chapel

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