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Solemn Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit



Archbishop John Carroll

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John Carroll

First Bishop of the Catholic Hierarchy of the United States of America
First Bishop and Archbishop of Baltimore

John Carroll was born in 1735 in Upper Marlboro, Maryland, and is believed to have been baptized at Boone's Chapel, Rosaryville, Maryland. He was educated at the grammar school of the Society of Jesus at Bohemia in Cecil County, Maryland. When he was 13, he went abroad to study at St. Omer's College in French Flanders. At the age of 18, Carroll joined the Society of Jesus. In 1755 he began studies in philosophy and theology at Liège and in 1769 was ordained to the priesthood at the age of 34. His first assignments included teaching philosophy and theology at St. Omer and Liège. Due to the suppression of the Jesuits by Pope Clement XIV in 1773, Carroll returned to Maryland in 1774 and began his priestly ministry in the American Colonies.

In 1776, the Continental Congress called upon Carroll, an ardent patriot, to accompany his cousin, Charles Carroll, along with Benjamin Franklin and Samuel Chase on a mission to seek the neutrality of Canada during the War of Independence.

After the war, Carroll and five other priests met periodically at Whitemarsh, Maryland over the time period 1783 to 1784 and drafted regulations binding all the clergy of Maryland. The Whitemarsh priests also petitioned Rome for permission to nominate a superior. The priests subsequently nominated Carroll, who was confirmed in 1784 as Superior of the Missions in the thirteen United States of North America. Carroll accepted the appointment as Prefect Apostolic in 1785, urging that Rome adopt a method of selecting church authorities that did not appear as if they were receiving their office from a foreign power. Appended to his acceptance was a report on the status of the 15,000 Catholics in Maryland. The Pope, pleased with the report, granted Carroll's request that the priests in Maryland be allowed to suggest candidates from whom the Pope would choose their bishop.

In 1786, Carroll took up residence at St. Peter's Church in Baltimore where he actively participated in the community. A pioneer of education, he was the president of the Female Humane Charity School of the City of Baltimore, a trustee of St. John's College at Annapolis, the founder of Georgetown University (1789), the head of the Library Company, a founder of the Maryland Historical Society, and President of the Trustees of Baltimore College.

Carroll and his brother, Daniel, a member of the Constitutional Convention, lobbied for a provision in the Constitution prohibiting a religious test for public office in the United States and to include the freedom of religion clause of the Bill of Rights.

In 1788, in response to growing Church troubles in the 13 states, the priests of Maryland petitioned Rome for a bishop of the United States. Cardinal Leonardo Antonelli, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, replied, allowing the priests to name the city and, for this time only, to select the candidate for presentation to the Pope. Twenty-four of the twenty-five

priests in Maryland voted for Carroll. In 1789, Pope Pius VI appointed Carroll the Bishop of Baltimore. Carroll's consecration took place on August 15, 1790 in the Chapel of St. Mary's on the grounds of Lulworth Castle, England, at the hands of the Rt. Rev. Charles Walmsley, Senior Vicar Apostolic of England.

In 1808, Carroll became Archbishop, with suffragan sees at Boston, New York, Philadelphia, and Bardstown. His episcopal authority covered all of North America south of the Great Lakes and east of the Mississippi River. As the leader of American Catholics, Carroll convened synods and councils to guide the Church in the young country. He promoted vocations to holy orders by directing the founding of St. Mary's College and Seminary and encouraging Elizabeth Ann Seton to found the order of The Sisters of Charity.

He served faithfully until his death on December 3, 1815. Baltimore papers reported:

We have never witnessed a funeral procession where so many of eminent respectability and standing among us followed the train of mourners. Distinctions of rank, of wealth, of religious opinion were laid aside in the great testimony of respect to the memory of the man.

In him religion assumed its most attractive and amicable form, and his character conciliated for the body over which he presided, respect and consideration from the liberal, the enlightened of all ranks and denominations; for they saw his life accorded with the benign doctrines of that religion which he professed. In controversy he was temperate yet compelling, considerate yet uncompromising.

A contemporary, the Rev. Dr. C. I. White, wrote:

Archbishop Carroll, though of low stature, had a commanding and dignified appearance. The configuration of his head, his whole mien, bespoke the metropolite. . . . He was wholly free from guile, uniformly frank, generous and placable; he reprobated all intolerance His manners were mild, impressive and urbane.

John Carroll, a man equal to the challenge of his time, embraced freedom and religious tolerance. Under his guidance, a new Church flourished in America.

The John Carroll Society

The John Carroll Society held its founding meeting at a communion breakfast at the Mayflower Hotel on March 4, 1951 attended by 280 lawyers, physicians, educators, congressmen, administration officials, and prominent businessmen. The Society, named after the first Catholic Bishop in the United States, was designed to enhance fellowship among Catholic leaders, help them learn more about their faith, be of assistance to the Archbishop of Washington, and enlighten and inform them from a Catholic standpoint on the vital questions that beset postwar America. The complete story of the Society can be found in the *History of The John Carroll Society, 1951 – 2001*, by Morris J. MacGregor.

In its 73rd year, the Society expresses its mission statement in terms of two primary objectives:

First, to enhance the spiritual, intellectual and social fellowship among its members, who are lay men and women dedicated to the service of the Archbishop of Washington. To achieve this objective, the Society draws its approximately 1,000 members from all areas of professional and business life in the metropolitan Washington area.

Second, to promote and advance educational, religious and charitable activities in the community. To achieve this objective, the Society is engaged actively in the religious, professional, educational, and charitable life of the metropolitan Washington area.

The Society maintains a calendar of annual events that address issues of contemporary society. The Red Mass is celebrated each Fall to invoke God's blessings on those responsible for the administration of justice. The John Carroll Society *Pro Bono* Legal Service Awards are given annually on the occasion of the Red Mass. The Society also organizes the Rose Mass each year on the fourth Sunday of Lent to pray for God's guidance of all health care professionals. The John Carroll Society *Pro Bono* Health Care Service Awards are given annually on the occasion of the Rose Mass.

At its January Mass and Brunch, the Society hosts distinguished homilists and brunch speakers who address topics of current interest. The January Mass and Brunch is co-sponsored by alumni groups of leading Catholic universities. In the Spring, the Society holds its Annual Dinner where it recognizes distinguished Catholic lay men and women who have made significant contributions to society. Throughout its history, the Society has hosted symposia that address specific and immediate topics of social concern.

The Society sponsors Days of Recollection during the Fall and Lent, and religious pilgrimages to both domestic and international sites. The Society also offers several opportunities for members to provide help to those less fortunate in the Washington, D.C. area through programs such as St. Maria's Meals.

The Society encourages First Thursday Fellowship at the Church of the Little Flower in Bethesda. This program, directed by John Carroll Society Chaplain Monsignor Peter J. Vaghi, provides an opportunity for monthly confession, Mass, and a 30-minute theological reflection that follows a

theme throughout the year. This year's topic is "Prayer: The Perennial Challenge to Listen and Speak to God." These sessions take place at 7:15 a.m. in the Little Flower Rectory Room.

Finally, the Society assists the Archbishop of Washington in his works of charity and other community projects. The Society supports the Catholic Charities Legal and Health Care Networks with its members serving as volunteers to those needing assistance and increasingly other projects in collaboration with Catholic Charities. In the past year, these volunteers contributed approximately \$3 million in *pro bono* legal work and over \$10.8 million in *pro bono* health care services.

The Society also has given financial support to these two Networks and to many other charitable works of the Archdiocese of Washington, including the Saint John Paul II Seminary, the Archdiocesan seminary, and the Saint John XXIII Residence for Retired Priests. Each year, in honor of St. Nicholas, the patron saint of children, the Society collects toys and donates them to families cared for by Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington and various parishes.

To encourage Washington-area Catholic high school students in their faith, the Society sponsors the annual Margaret Mary Missar/John Carroll Society High School Essay Contest, which awards \$5,000 in scholarships for the best essays written or recorded on a religious topic. The winner of the 2023 essay contest was Esme Dorsey from Academy of the Holy Cross in Kensington, Maryland. The theme of the contest was "Mary Arose and Went with Haste." In addition, the Society sponsors the annual Agnes E. Vaghi & Joseph P. Vaghi Scholarship for worthy students attending Archbishop Carroll High School in Washington, D.C., which totals a commitment of \$20,000 per year. The current scholarship recipients are: Franklin Ayissi-Etoh (Class of 2023), Monique Clarke (Class of 2025), Paul Dyson (Class of 2023), Hayden Hernley (Class of 2026), and Dyari Simon (Class of 2025).

Additional information about The John Carroll Society can be found at www.johncarrollsociety.org, or by calling the Executive Director, Tracy Ferridge, at 301-654-4399.

The John Carroll Society

2023-2024

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The Red Mass

On February 15, 1953, Archbishop Patrick A. O'Boyle celebrated the first John Carroll Society-sponsored Red Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Matthew the Apostle. In succeeding years, the congregation frequently has included the President of the United States, the Chief Justice of the United States, Associate Justices, other leading federal, state and local jurists, cabinet officials, members of Congress, diplomats, university presidents, deans, professors, students of law, and lawyers.

The Red Mass is celebrated annually at the Cathedral, traditionally on the Sunday before the first Monday in October, which marks the opening of the Supreme Court's annual term. Its purpose is to invoke God's blessings on those responsible for the administration of justice as well as on all public officials.

Since its inception, the Red Mass has remained the ceremonial highlight of the Society's year. Liturgically, the Red Mass is celebrated as the Solemn Mass of the Holy Spirit. Its name derives from the traditional red color of the vestments worn by clergy during the Mass, representing the tongues of fire symbolizing the presence of the Holy Spirit.

The Red Mass enjoys a rich history. Originating centuries ago in Rome, Paris and London, its name also exemplifies the scarlet robes worn by royal judges that attended the Mass centuries ago. The Red Mass historically marked the official opening of the judicial year of the Sacred Roman Rota, the Tribunal of the Holy See. During the reign of Louis IX (Saint Louis of France), La Sainte Chapelle in Paris was designated as the chapel for the Mass. In England, beginning in the Middle Ages and continuing even through World War II, judges and lawyers have attended the Red Mass, which today is celebrated annually at Westminster Cathedral.

In the United States, the Red Mass tradition was inaugurated in 1928 at old Saint Andrew's Church in New York City. Since then, the Red Mass has been celebrated increasingly in communities throughout the United States.

THE ORDER OF CELEBRATION

Prelude

Cathedral Organist

Choral Prelude

Christus Factus Est

Felice Anerio

Introit

Spiritus Domini Replevit Orbem Terrarum

Gregorian Chant

*The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world, alleluia;
And that which contains all things, knows every language spoken, alleluia, alleluia.*

Wisdom 1:7

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Hymn

All People That On Earth Do Dwell

The musical score is written for a choir in G major (one sharp) and common time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a corresponding text line. The first system begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: 'All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, Sing Know that the Lord is God in - deed; With - Choir O en - ter then his gates with praise; Ap - Choir For why? the Lord our God is good; His To Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost, The to the Lord with cheer - ful voice; Him serve with mirth, his out our aid he did us make; We are his folk, he preach with joy his courts un - to; Praise, laud, and bless his mer - cy is for e - ver - sure; His truth at all times God whom heav'n and earth a - dore, From us and from the praise forth tell, Come we be - fore him, and re - joice. does us feed, And for his sheep he does us take. Name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do. firm - ly stood, And shall from age to age en - dure. an - gel host Be praise and glo - ry ev - er - more.'

Presentation of the Colors ✠ The National Anthem

Color Guard, Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, Archdiocese of Washington District

Greeting

Most Reverend Bishop Juan Esposito

Celebrant: In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: Peace be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Welcome

Reverend Monsignor Peter J. Vaghi

Penitential Act

Celebrant: Brothers and sisters,
let us acknowledge our sins,
and so prepare ourselves
to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

Cantor: Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into
the peace of God's Kingdom: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Cantor: Lord Jesus, you come in word and sacrament to
strengthen us in holiness: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Cantor: Lord Jesus, you will come in glory
with salvation for your people: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Celebrant: May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

Gloria

Refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to
 peo - ple of good will. will.
 A - men, a - men, a - men.

Vs 1. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you praise for your great glory. Lord God, heavenly King, O God Almighty Father.

Verse 2

2. Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten Son,
 Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther,
 you take a - way the sins of the world, have
 mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us; you take a - way the
 sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer, re -
 ceive our prayer; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the
 Fa - ther, have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.

Vs 3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father.

Collect

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading ✠ Ezekiel 18:25-28

Dr. Sofia Markovich, J.C.D.
Member, The John Carroll Society

Responsorial Psalm ✠ 25: 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Michael Joncas



Re - mem-ber your mer - cies, O Lord; re -

mem - ber your mer - cies, O Lord.

The musical notation is written on two staves in 6/8 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with a long note on 'Lord;' followed by a short note on 're -'. The second staff continues the melody with eighth and quarter notes, ending with a long note on 'Lord.'.

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Second Reading ✠ Philippians 2:1-5

Phil Ward
Member, The John Carroll Society

Gospel Acclamation

James J. Chepponis

Alleluia

Al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

Al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

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Gospel ✠ Matthew 21:28-32

Deacon Darryl Kelley
Board of Governors, The John Carroll Society

Homily

Most Reverend Bishop Juan Esposito

Profession of Faith

I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

All bow during the following two lines:

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate
of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Universal Prayer

Colleen Mudlaff, *Member, The John Carroll Society*
Neil Schumacher, *Member, The John Carroll Society*
Joyce Williams, *Member, The John Carroll Society*

Response

Jacques Berthier



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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Altar

Veni, Creator Spiritus

Michael John Trotta

This is an ancient hymn calling upon the Holy Spirit, the Comforter and font of life, fire and love, to visit our minds, and fill our hearts with grace beyond understanding.

Gift Bearers

Catherine C. Cook, *Columbus School of Law at The Catholic University of America*
Nick Endo, *Georgetown University Law Center*
Courtney MacCubbin, *Howard University School of Law*

Invitation to Prayer

Celebrant: Pray, brethren [brothers and sisters],
that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.

All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Prayer over the Offerings

Preface Dialogue

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

Preface Acclamation

(Cantor, then All)

Howard Hughes S.M.

Refrain

Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na!

Ho - san - na in the high - est!

The Mystery of Faith

(Cantor, then All)

When we eat this Bread and
drink this Cup, we pro - claim your Death, O
Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

The musical score for 'The Mystery of Faith' is written on three staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a 3/8 time signature, and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It contains the lyrics 'When we eat this Bread and'. The second staff continues with 'drink this Cup, we pro - claim your Death, O'. The third staff concludes with 'Lord, un - til you come a - gain.' and ends with a double bar line. The melody is simple and melismatic, with some notes tied across measures.

Doxology & Great Amen

A - men, A - men, A - men!

The musical score for 'Doxology & Great Amen' is written on a single staff. It begins with a treble clef, a 6/8 time signature, and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and melismatic, with some notes tied across measures. The lyrics are 'A - men, A - men, A - men!'. The score ends with a double bar line.

THE COMMUNION RITE

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

Sign of Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And with your spirit.

Deacon: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

Breaking of the Bread

Cantor: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

All: Have mercy on us.

Cantor: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

All: Have mercy on us.

Cantor: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

All: Grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion

Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God,
Behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**All: Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.**

Guidelines for the Reception of Communion

For Catholics

As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

For Our Fellow Christians

We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions that separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (John 17:21).

Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharist sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission according to the directives of the diocesan bishop and the provisions of canon law (canon 844 § 4). Members of the Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church are urged to respect the discipline of their own Churches. According to Roman Catholic discipline, the Code of Canon Law does not object to the reception of communion by Christians of these Churches (canon 844 § 3).

For Non-Christians

We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. While we cannot admit them to Holy Communion, we ask them to offer their prayers for the peace and the unity of the human family.

For Those Not Receiving Holy Communion

All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another.

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 1996

**For those Catholics properly prepared to receive Holy Communion,
please remain in place until the ministers have arrived at their stations.**

Communion Antiphon

A Prayer Canticle

Routley

**We do not know how to pray as we ought
But the Spirit of God intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words.**

Ask and it will be given to you;
Seek, and you will find;
Knock, and it will be opened to you.

**We do not know how to pray as we ought
But the Spirit of God intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words.**

For everyone who asks receives,
And those who seek find,
And to all who knock it will be opened.

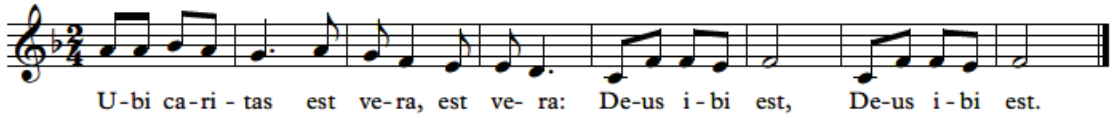
**We do not know how to pray as we ought
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Music during the Communion Procession

Ubi Caritas est Vera

The assembly is encouraged to join in the singing of the refrain:



Where there is true charity, God is there.

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Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

Harold Friedell

*Draw us in the Spirit's tether, for when humbly in thy name,
Two or three are met together, thou art in the midst of them;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now thy garment's hem.*

*As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the Father, break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluia! Alleluia! So knit thou our friendship up.*

*All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of thee,
That by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be.
Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve thee faithfully.*

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Prayer after Communion

CONCLUDING RITE

Pontifical Blessing and Dismissal

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

All: Now and forever.

Celebrant: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

All: Who made heaven and earth.

Celebrant: May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Deacon: Go in peace.

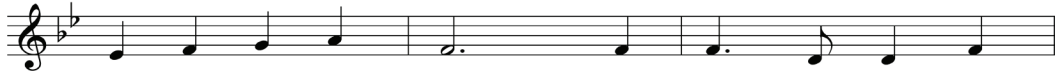
All: Thanks be to God.

National Hymn

America the Beautiful



1. O	beau -	ti - ful	for	spa -	cious	skies,	For
2. O	beau -	ti - ful	for	pil -	grim	feet,	Whose
3. O	beau -	ti - ful	for	he -	roes	proved	In
4. O	beau -	ti - ful	for	pa -	triot	dream	That



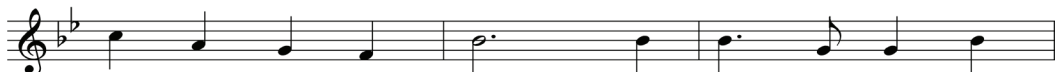
am - ber waves of	grain,	For pur - ple moun - tain
stern, im - pas-sioned	stress	A thor - ough-fare for
lib - er - at - ing	strife,	Who more than self their
sees be - yond the	years	Thine al - a - bas - ter



maj - es - ties	A - bove the	fruit - ed	plain!	A -
free - dom beat	A - cross the	wil - der -	ness!	A -
coun - try loved,	And mer - cy	more than	life!	A -
cit - ies gleam,	Un - dimmed by	hu - man	tears!	A -



mer -	i - ca!	A - mer	- i - ca!	God
mer -	i - ca!	A - mer	- i - ca!	God
mer -	i - ca!	A - mer	- i - ca!	May
mer -	i - ca!	A - mer	- i - ca!	God



shed his	grace on	thee,	And crown	thy good	with
mend thine	ev - 'ry	flaw,	Con - firm	thy soul	in
God thy	gold re -	fine,	Till all	suc - cess	be
shed his	grace on	thee,	And crown	thy good	with



broth -	er - hood	From	sea to	shin - ing	sea.
self -	con - trol,	Thy	lib - er -	ty in	law.
no -	ble - ness,	And	ev - 'ry	gain di -	vine.
broth -	er - hood	From	sea to	shin - ing	sea.

Recessional Hymn

O Spirit, All Embracing

The musical score is written in 3/4 time on a single treble clef staff. It consists of six lines of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes. The lyrics are written in a standard serif font, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The final line of music ends with a double bar line.

O Spi - rit all - em - brac - ing and coun - se - lor all - wise,
O beau - ty ev - er blaz - ing in flow - er, field, and face,
Come, pas - sion's pow - er ho - ly, your in - sight here im - part,
un - bound - ed splen - dor grac - ing a shore - less sea of skies:
you show your - self a - maz - ing in un - ex - pect - ed place.
and give your ser - vants low - ly an un - der - stand - ing heart
un - fail - ing is your treas - ure, un - fad - ing your re - ward;
We see you and re - mem - ber what once our dreams had been;
to know your care more clear - ly when faith and love are tried,
sur - pass - ing world - ly pleas - ure, the rich - es you af - ford.
you fan the glow - ing em - ber and kin - dle hope with - in.
to seek you more sin - cere - ly when false i - deals have died:
Come, stream of end - less flow - ing, and res - cue us from death;
Come, fire of glo - ry gra - cious, bless all who trust in you;
for vis - ion we im - plore you, for wis - dom's pure de - light;
come, wind of Spring - time blow - ing and warm us by your breath.
un - dy - ing flame te - na - cious, burn in your Church a - new.
in prayer we come be - fore you to wait u - pon your light.

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Postlude

Cathedral Organist

Please remain in place until the procession has exited the Cathedral.

John Carroll's Prayer for Civil Authorities

We pray Thee, O God of might, wisdom, and justice! Through Whom authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted, and judgment decreed, assist with Thy holy spirit of counsel and fortitude the President of the United States, that his administration may be conducted in righteousness, and be eminently useful to Thy people over whom he presides; by encouraging due respect for virtue and religion; by a faithful execution of the laws in justice and mercy; and by restraining vice and immorality. Let the light of Thy divine wisdom direct the deliberations of Congress, and shine forth in all the proceedings and laws framed for our rule and government, so that they may tend to the preservation of peace, the promotion of national happiness, the increase of industry, sobriety, and useful knowledge; and may perpetuate to us the blessing of equal liberty.

We pray . . . for all judges, magistrates, and other officers who are appointed to guard our political welfare, that they may be enabled, by Thy powerful protection, to discharge the duties of their respective stations with honesty and ability.

We recommend likewise, to Thy unbounded mercy, all our brethren and fellow citizens throughout the United States, that they may be blessed in the knowledge and sanctified in the observance of Thy most holy law; that they may be preserved in union, and in that peace which the world cannot give; and after enjoying the blessings of this life, be admitted to those which are eternal.

Finally, we pray to Thee, O Lord of mercy, to remember the souls of Thy servants departed who are gone before us with the sign of faith, and repose in the sleep of peace, the souls of our parents, relatives, and friends; of all benefactors who witnessed their zeal for the decency of divine worship and proved their claim to our grateful and charitable remembrance. To these, O Lord, and to all that rest in Christ, grant, we beseech Thee, a place of refreshment, light, and everlasting peace, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Composed by John Carroll in 1791

THE JOHN CARROLL SOCIETY

2023 – 2024 Program

November 4, 2023 FALL RETREAT

Mount St. Mary's Seminary at 9 a.m.

Retreat Director: Msgr. Andrew Baker, Seminary Rector.

Retreat theme: "The Joy and Hope of the Gospel in Professional Life."

December 2, 2023 ST. NICHOLAS MASS & GIFT DRIVE

The Church of the Little Flower, Bethesda, MD, 5:00 p.m. Mass.

Principal Celebrant: Rev. Msgr. Peter J. Vaghi; Homilist: Rev. Stephen Wyble

Reception and visit with St. Nick to follow in Parish Hall

January 7, 2024 JANUARY MASS AND BRUNCH ON THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

St. Patrick's Church, Washington, DC at 10:00 a.m.

Principal Celebrant and Homilist: Fr. Patrick S. Lewis.

Brunch to follow at Grand Hyatt, 1000 H Street, NW

Brunch speaker: Marie T. Nolan, PhD, RN, FAAN, Dean of The Catholic University of America School of Nursing.

March 10, 2024 33RD ANNUAL ROSE MASS

Church of the Little Flower, Bethesda, MD, 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Principal Celebrant: Wilton Cardinal Gregory

Homilist: Rev. Msgr. Anthony Frontiero

Luncheon to follow in the Parish Hall with the JCS Pro Bono Health Care Service Awards

March 16, 2024 LENTEN DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 8 a.m.

Retreat Director: Fr. Joe Cwik, Our Lady of Mercy Church

April 13, 2024 38TH ANNUAL DINNER

Four Seasons Hotel, Washington, DC, 6:30 p.m. Cocktails, 7:30 p.m. Dinner

Honoree and Speaker: Patrick Kelly, Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus

October 2023 – June 2024 First Thursday Fellowship

Speaker: Rev. Msgr. Peter J. Vaghi.

Series Title: "Prayer: The Perennial Challenge of Listening and Speaking to God"

Every *First Thursday* at the Church of the Little Flower, Bethesda, MD.

Theological Reflection at 7:15 a.m. in the Rectory Meeting Room.

Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle

The Cathedral church is named for St. Matthew the Apostle, the patron saint of civil servants. Appropriately, the choice of this patron underscores the importance of all those who serve in the municipal, state, and national governments and the many international organizations located in the metropolitan area. The church is the seat or *cathedra* of the Archbishop of Washington. As the Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Washington, it plays a major role in the Catholic life of the nation's capital.

Saint John Paul II celebrated Mass here on October 6, 1979, and this Cathedral was also the site of the funerals of President John F. Kennedy and Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist. All three were members of the John Carroll Society. On September 23, 2015, Pope Francis led Midday Prayer with the bishops of the United States at this Cathedral, as part of the Holy Father's apostolic visit to the United States. In addition, the Cathedral has hosted the annual Red Mass for more than 50 years.

Established in 1840, the parish church celebrated its first Mass in this current building on June 2, 1895. The building was formally dedicated in 1913 and designated a cathedral in 1939 when the Archdiocese of Washington was established. The building was recently restored to return the Cathedral to its original grandeur.

The Cathedral is one of the most impressive houses of worship in the United States. Designed by noted New York architect C. Grant La Farge, the Cathedral has been noted as having one of the most beautiful church interiors of modern times. The Cathedral is in the form of a Latin cross, 155 feet long and 136 feet wide at the transepts. Its walls are laden with shimmering mosaics, and beautiful chapels enhance the space. The interior of the dome rises 190 feet. The body of the Cathedral seats about 1,000 people.

As a Catholic community of faith, the parish seeks to be closer to God through worship, prayer, sacraments, spiritual formation, outreach and fellowship. Strengthened by these efforts, members of St. Matthew's parish go forth proclaiming the good news of salvation in Christ Jesus and serving their brothers and sisters with their time, talents, and treasure. Through evangelization in word and deed, parishioners strive to be the light of the world as proclaimed by Saint Matthew.

Additional information about the Cathedral church and parish, and information about special events at the Cathedral, can be found at www.stmatthewscathedral.org.

