



strengthening our faith

by rebuilding our heritage

February 2017

My dear parishioners,

Lent is almost here! It begins on Ash Wednesday, **March 1**. As we start our Lenten journey, let us try to heed Pope Francis' call not to waste this season, "so favorable for conversion"!

"Lent is a time of renewal for the whole Church, for each community and every believer. Above all it is a "time of grace." God is not aloof from us. Each of us has a place in God's heart. God knows us by name, cares for us and seeks us out whenever we turn away from him. God is interested in each of us. God's love does not allow God to be indifferent to what happens to us. But because something is not right in us, in society or in the Church we need to change, to go in a new direction. And this is called needing to convert! Once again Lent comes to make its prophetic appeal, to remind us that it is possible to create something new within ourselves and around us, simply because God is faithful, always faithful. God continues to be rich in goodness and mercy, and always ready to forgive and start afresh. Let us not waste this season of Lent, so favorable a time for conversion!"

—Pope Francis, "Lent: A Time of Grace" edited by Steve Mueller,
adapted from the writings of Pope Francis, All Saints Press 2017

As we begin this special season of prayer, we face a divided country. In my Inauguration Day homily, I spoke about the need for civility, unity, and dialogue, and the peaceful expression of concerns. While we cannot know what the future will bring, as I stated then, this much is certain: **the high priority St. Matthew's Cathedral Parish has longed placed on serving the poor, the homeless, the marginalized and advocating on their behalf will not change; nor will our deep commitment to reaching out to immigrants, refugees, and their families, both documented and undocumented; nor will our commitment to fighting the evils of racism and sexism; nor will our commitment to helping our young people be formed in the faith.** If anything, we will intensify our efforts in these areas.

In this time of deep divisions in our country, it is essential that we be strongly united as a nation and parish – respectful of each other, respectful of our differences, willing to dialogue, willing to learn from each other. There is no other way if we are to be faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Lenten Liturgies

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 pick up an extra copy or two for your family, friends and co-workers.

On **Ash Wednesday, March 1**, 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 12**, 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 (except on March 26, Laetare Sunday).

Each Wednesday of Lent beginning on **March 8**, priests will be available for confessions in both English and Spanish from 6:30pm until 8pm (and from 6:00pm to 7:15pm on Wednesday of Holy Week). Our regularly scheduled confessions will continue on weekdays, 11am to Noon and on Saturdays, 4pm to 5pm. On Tuesday, **April 11**, 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 our Lenten Faith Formation events, all listed in our Lenten brochure. Highlights include our **March 4 Day of Recollection** with Fr. John W, Crossin, OSFS, who will lead us in reflection on *Spiritual Ecumenism: Catholics and Protestants Praying Together*; our **6-week lecture series, Exploring Spirituality**, an exploration of Catholic spiritual traditions, on Thursday evenings from 7 to 8pm, beginning with a presentation on *Everyday Spirituality* on **March 2** by Fr. Raymond B. Kemp; and a two-part **Saturday morning Bible study** on the events of Holy Week as portrayed in the Gospel of Matthew, led by our own Fr. Jack Hurley beginning on **April 1**.

Improving our Weekend Liturgies

Last fall I reported on changes to the **Introductory Rite** of our weekend Masses resulting from completion of part one of a **four-part review of the parish's experience of the weekend Masses** by a special parish team, using Church guidelines and commentaries. The second part of the review was conducted in September and October 2016 and focused on the component parts of **the Liturgy of the Word**: Reading I (Hebrew (Old Testament); Psalm Response; Reading II (Epistle); Gospel Acclamation; Reading III (Gospel); Homily; Profession of Faith (Creed); and Prayer of the Faithful. Recommendations were made regarding improving the pace and clarity of those proclaiming the readings and the general intercessions; incorporating a distinct pause after each reading and intercession; enhancing the assembly's response to the readings; adopting a more deliberate pace to and from the ambo by readers and cantor; and minimizing assembly distraction during readings by restricting late seating. The third part of the review (focusing on **the Liturgy of the Eucharist to the Great Amen**) was conducted just before Christmas and the findings and recommendations are now being developed for staff decision. The fourth part of the review (focusing on the **Communion and Concluding Rites**) will be done in February and March 2017.

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.

**CATHEDRAL VIRTUAL TOUR
LAUNCHED IN TIME FOR LENT!**
see website front page or go to
tour.stmatthewscathedral.org

My staff and I are excited to offer you a new way to experience the beauty of the Cathedral—now with the click of a mouse in our virtual tour, you can look up, down, all around, and zoom in and out of the Cathedral's main entrance, the nave, the sanctuary, all six chapels, the baptistry, and the burial crypt. As you explore, enjoy a recording by St. Matthew's *Schola Cantorum*, conducted by Tom Stehle. **Please, let us know how you enjoy the tour, and share it with others this Lent!**

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Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Msgr. W. Ronald Jameson
Rector

HOLY WEEK 2017

APRIL 9: PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Schedule of Masses with the distribution of palms:

- 5:30PM (Saturday, April 8) 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, OSFS (contemporary choir)

APRIL 10: MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

- 7AM Mass
 8AM Mass
 11AM to NOON Confessions
 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)

APRIL 11: TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

- 7AM Mass
 7:30AM Morning Prayer, St. Anthony Chapel
 8AM Mass
 11AM *No Confessions scheduled*
 † 12:10PM COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE
 5:30PM Mass

APRIL 12: WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

- 7AM Mass
 8AM Mass
 11AM to NOON Confessions
 12:10PM Mass
 5:30PM Mass
 6:00PM to 7:15PM Confessions
 7:30PM TENEBRÆ (choir)

† Interpreted for the deaf

APRIL 13: HOLY THURSDAY

- 8AM *The Cathedral opens.*
 9AM Morning Prayer, St. Anthony Chapel
 11AM to NOON Confessions
 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 14: GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

- 8AM *The Cathedral opens.*
 9AM Morning Prayer, St. Anthony Chapel
 11AM to NOON Confessions
 NOON REFLECTIONS ON THE LORD'S PASSION, REV. JAMES MARTIN, SJ, editor at large of America magazine, and author of *Jesus: A Pilgrimage* and *The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything*
 † 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)

APRIL 15: HOLY SATURDAY

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

APRIL 16: 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, OSFS (contemporary choir)
The Rectory is closed today & Easter Monday, April 17.

† Interpreted for the deaf

MASSES & CONFESSIONS

THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Sunday Masses:

- 5:30PM Saturday Vigil Mass (cantor and organ)
 7AM Mass
 8:30AM Mass (cantor and organ)
 10AM Mass in Latin – Ordinary Form (Schola Cantorum and organ*)
 † 11:30AM Mass (Interpreted for the deaf, Schola Cantorum and organ*)
 1PM Mass in Spanish (Spanish choir, instruments, piano and organ)
 5:30PM Mass (Contemporary Choir except for two brief summer and winter breaks)

*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
 Most Sundays at 2:15pm, immediately following the 1pm Spanish Mass (check the weekly parish bulletin)

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:

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LENT 2017



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

Rev. Msgr. W. Ronald Jameson
 Rector

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.

—Rev. Msgr. W. Ronald Jameson, Rector

MARCH 1 ASH WEDNESDAY

Schedule of Masses with the distribution of ashes:

7AM	REV. JOHN J. HURLEY
8AM	REV. ISMAEL N. AYALA
11AM	REV. RAFAEL BARBIERI (cantor)
† 12:10PM	DONALD CARDINAL WUERL (choir)
1:15PM	REV. JOHN J. HURLEY (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.

† Interpreted for the deaf

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 (except on March 26, Laetare Sunday), 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 26, Laetare Sunday), Confessions in English and Spanish are heard each Wednesday of Lent (except Ash Wednesday) from 6:30PM to 8PM, and on April 12, Wednesday of Holy Week, from 6PM to 7:15PM.

LENTEN MUSIC

LAETARE VESPERS

Laetare Sunday, March 26, 4PM

This annual Lenten evening prayer is sung by the Schola Cantorum entirely in Gregorian plainchant with renaissance and later motets, with Rev. Msgr. W. Ronald Jameson presiding.

TENEBRÆ

Wednesday of Holy Week, April 12, 7:30PM

The ancient and time-honored Liturgy of Tenebræ is celebrated by Rev. Msgr. W. Ronald Jameson, with the Schola Cantorum leading the assembly in the singing of psalms and canticles, and chanting the traditional Lamentations of Jeremiah.

REFLECTION ON THE LORD'S PASSION

Good Friday, April 14, Noon

REV. JAMES MARTIN, SJ, editor at large of America magazine, and author of *Jesus: A Pilgrimage* and *The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything*, reflects on the Seven Last Words of Christ, joined by 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 Thomas Stehle, Pastoral Associate for Liturgy and Director of Music Ministries, at tstehle@stmatthewscathedral.org.

LENTEN FAITH FORMATION

DAY OF RECOLLECTION – SPIRITUAL ECUMENISM: CATHOLICS AND PROTESTANTS PRAYING

TOGETHER AND MOVING FORWARD

REV. JOHN W. CROSSIN, OSFS, Former Executive Director of the Secretariat for Ecumenical and Inter-religious Affairs, U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops
Saturday, March 4, 10AM – 2:30PM (Break for 12:10PM Mass; lunch is provided)
Great Hall of the Rectory

LECTURE SERIES – “EXPLORING SPIRITUALITY”

Join us for an exploration of Catholic spiritual traditions. All series events will be held in the North Conference Room on Thursdays from 7PM to 8PM.

EVERYDAY SPIRITUALITY

REV. RAYMOND B. KEMP, Senior Research Fellow, Adjunct Professor in the Theology Department of Georgetown University
Thursday, March 2

WHAT IS SPIRITUAL DIRECTION? A CONVERSATION BETWEEN TWO SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS

MARTINA O'SHEA, Pastoral Associate for Ignatian Spirituality and Prayer, Holy Trinity Church, and THERESA PRYMUSZEWSKI, Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation, Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle
Thursday, March 9

DOMINICAN SPIRITUALITY

REV. GABRIEL O'DONNELL, OP, Chair of Spirituality of the Pontifical Faculty of the Dominican House of Studies, Washington DC
Thursday, March 16

IGNATIANT SPIRITUALITY

REV. SEAN MICHAELSON, SJ, Socius and Treasurer of the Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States
Thursday, March 23

SALESIAN SPIRITUALITY

VERY REV. JAMES J. GREENFIELD, OSFS, Provincial of the Wilmington-Philadelphia Province of the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales
Thursday, March 30

CARMELITE SPIRITUALITY

REV. MARK FOLEY, OCD, Publisher, Institute of Carmelite Studies, and Director of Formation, Carmelite Monastery, Washington, DC
Thursday, April 6

STUDY OF UPCOMING SUNDAY'S MASS READINGS

Wednesdays of Lent (except April 12), 7PM to 8PM
CATHEDRAL SEMINARIANS
West Conference Room

STUDY OF THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

April 1 – Holy Week - Entry and pre-Passion
April 8 – Holy Week - Passion, Death and Resurrection
REV. JOHN J. HURLEY, Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle
East Conference Room, 10:30AM to 11:45AM

LANDINGS – A PAULIST RECONCILIATION MINISTRY AT ST. MATTHEW'S CATHEDRAL

We welcome returning Catholics in a small group setting with the opportunity to reexamine their faith and place in the Church.

Contact Deacon Stuart A. Wilson-Smith, CSP, Landings Coordinator, at swilsonsmith@paulist.org for more information.

For more information on our Faith Formation offerings, 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 in the North Conference Room, following the Stations of the Cross. Each Friday, a parish group sponsors a simple meal and offers the opportunity for almsgiving to a community-based charitable organization.

For a listing of the charities and the groups serving the meals, see the bulletin or parish website, or contact the Social Justice staff, Fr. Rafael Barbieri or Norma Canedo, at socialjustice@stmatthewscathedral.org.

LIGHT THE CITY

Following a prayer service in the Cathedral, teams of volunteers head out on the streets and invite passers-by inside to light a candle and pray.
Saturday, March 4, 7PM – Volunteer training
8 - 11PM – Street evangelization and prayer, with DONALD CARDINAL WUERL present at the beginning of the evening

† HOLY WEEK PENANCE SERVICE

Experience God's mercy and forgiveness at “Come Home for Easter,” a communal penance service in the Cathedral, with many priests available for individual Confessions in languages including American Sign, Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, and German.
Tuesday, April 11, 12:10PM

THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS

All are welcome to pray the Liturgy of the Hours in the St. Anthony Chapel. Prayer leaflets available.
Morning Prayer at 7:30AM on 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

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