

*Hands of Mercy - The Challenges of Racism*  
*Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle, North Conference Room*  
*1725 Rhode Island Avenue NW Washington, DC 20036*



The Social Justice Committee invites all to celebrate African American Black History Month with one talk being on the challenges of racism, and three short talks will be given by our own St. Matthew's parishioners between 10-15 minutes on what black history means to each of them. These Talks allow each of us the opportunity to address the hidden word Racism within our local and wider community. We are looking forward to having an open dialogue and the nurturing of respect and dignity for all of God's children. St. Matthew's continues to boldly demonstrate Jesus' call to action by continuing to bridge the racial gaps through thoughtful dialogue that will inspire action which will raise our awareness and give a voice to those who feel targeted and often forgotten.

*Guest Speaker - Ms. Sandra Coles-Bell*

Ms. Coles-Bell is the Program Director for the Office of Cultural Diversity and Outreach within the Secretariat for Pastoral Ministry and Social Concerns at the Archdiocese of Washington. Ms. Sandra Coles-Bell will be giving a talk on Cardinal Donald Wuerl's Pastoral Letter on "The Challenge of Racism Today".

*Three Short Talks from our own St. Matthew's Parishioners*

*Refreshments will be served during the event*



*Gentlemen it's a New Orleans Tea Party do you have a crazy hat or even an ascot?*

*If you would like to donate a dish you may contact Lydia Clegg or Norma Canedo*

*Any additional questions please contact:*

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