THE AMERICAN CATHOLIC

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

WEEK OF MARCH 4, 2012

The Catholic Community at American University
Kay Spiritual Life Center
4400 Massachusetts Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20016

Register NOW at:
WWW.AUCATHOLIC.NET

Spring 2012 SCHEDULE

Sunday Mass:	11 AM & 10 PM
Daily Mass:	Monday & Wednesday - 6 PM Tuesday & Thursday - 5 PM
Holy Hour:	Mondays - 8 PM (with Night Prayer)
Confessions:	Mondays - 8:15 to 8:45 PM (During the Holy Hour) Sundays - 9:15 to 9:50 PM; By Appointment, contact Fr. Ken Letoile at priest@american.edu

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Dear Members of the Catholic Community at AU,

In the early church, Lent was a period of preparation for those who would be baptized at Easter. Those already baptized joined with those preparing in prayer, fasting and good works with a two-fold purpose: to support those journeying to baptism and to repent of sins committed since baptism. In 1988 the Catholic Church officially renewed the catechumenate and all its rites. This made Lent a time for everyone to repent and prepare to renew baptismal promises at Easter. Setting the tone are those among us preparing for baptism or for the completion of their sacramental initiation into the church.

On Sunday at the 11 a.m. Mass, we will celebrate the "Rite of Sending for Election" for Carla Faustina and Isbella Diaz. On Sunday afternoon they will go to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception along with 733 Catechumans and Candidates throughout the archdiocese. At that ceremony, Cardinal Wuerl will officially "Elect" them as eligible to receive the Easter sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.

Following Spring break on March 18th & 25th, we will celebrate "the Scrutinies" for Carla and Isbella. These prayers during Sunday Mass are meant to heal all that is spiritually weak and strengthen virtues already present. These prayers aid in the complete conversion of those for baptism, confirmation and Eucharist.

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Continued from page 1: They help the rest of us to continue to turn to Jesus for repentance, forgiveness and new life. (We will celebrate our annual penance service in preparation for Easter on Monday, April 2, from 8-9 PM.)

May Carla, Isbella and our alternative Spring breakers remind us while we give up school for a week, to keep in mind the new life to which Jesus invites us in this season. See you on the 18th.

Sincerely, Fr. Ken

P.S. I apologize for allowing a student to film last Sunday's 11 AM Mass, without the permission of the congregation. I am still learning after 38 years of priesthood!

Please pray for those members of our Catholic Community preparing to receive Sacraments of Initiation at the Celebration of the Easter Vigil in Kay Spiritual Life Center:

Catechumen (receiving Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation): Isbella Diaz

Candidate for Full Communion and Confirmation: Carla Faustina

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Spring break Mass Schedule:

No AU Masses on Sunday, March 11.

No 11 AM Mass at AU on Sunday, March 18.
Only the 10 PM Mass will be celebrated at AU March 18.
No Stations of the Cross March 9 and March 16.

Community Stewardship
Sunday, February 26, 2012

11 AM Mass: $34.00
10 PM Mass: $33.57
Thank you for your generous support.

Saint Katharine Drexel—1858 to 1955—(Feast Day-March 3)

Born in 1858, into a prominent Philadelphia family, Katharine became imbued with love for God and neighbor. She took an avid interest in the material and spiritual well-being of Afro-Americans and Native Americans. She began by donating money but soon concluded that more was needed - the lacking ingredient was people. Katharine founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Colored People (the original name of this religious community), whose members would work for the betterment of those they were called to serve. From the age of 33 until her death in 1955, she dedicated her life and a fortune of 20 million dollars to this work. In 1894, Mother Drexel took part in opening the first mission school for Native Americans, in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Other schools quickly followed - for Native Americans west of the Mississippi River, and for the Afro-Americans in the southern part of the United States. In 1915 she also founded Xavier University in New Orleans. At her death there were more than 500 Sisters teaching in 63 schools throughout the country. Katharine was beatified by Pope John Paul II on November 20, 1988.

Because of her lifelong dedication to her faith and her selfless service to the oppressed, Pope John Paul II canonized her on October 1, 2000 to become only the second recognized American-born saint.
Source: www.catholic.org

Support Operation Rice Bowl this Lent

Operation Rice Bowl Reflection: Call and Response—In the first reading (Genesis 22:1-2, 9, 10-13, 15-18) Abraham responds faithfully to God, and God bestows blessings on him and all of his descendants. During Lent, we are called to listen to God's voice in our lives and to respond in faith. This week through Operation Rice Bowl, we learn about adults and children in Vietnam who struggle with disabilities. We pray that we may recognize the inherent dignity in all of God's people, and we fast so that our sacrifices may bring new life to others. We give so that CRS can continue to help people with disabilities receive a quality education and find productive work. CRS is committed to serving the poor overseas who are facing hunger and additional hardships. Please return Rice Bowl boxes to the Catholic Chaplaincy Office by Palm Sunday, April 1.

Christian Appalachian Project—Spring Break

Over Spring break, eight AU students will be attending WorkFest with the Christian Appalachian Project (CAP). They will be spending the week serving the impoverished of Kentucky by building and repairing homes. Please pray for their safe journey and for the people that they serve.

Alli Schultz
Amanda Smith
Jonathan Ferraro
Katherine Hayes

Laura Flanagan
Merrick Miller
Rebecca Furgalack
Stephanie Christel

Interfaith Events

- "Interfaith Perspectives on the Environment", Tuesday, March 6, in Butler Board Room
- Shabbat Service and Fasting Discussion, Friday, March 23, 6 PM worship, 7:15 dinner in Kay Lounge, $5.00 donation. Fr. Ken will be on the panel.

CSA T-Shirts are here!

Support the CSA by buying a T-shirt. T-shirts are available after Masses today and during the week in the Catholic Chaplaincy offices. $20 each.

Missing Something?

A Sony Media Player was found in the Kay Chapel after Mass. Please contact Martha Kerley at kerley@american.edu or 202-885-3327 if you think this item is yours.

Local Mass times during Spring break:

St. Ann Catholic Church

4001 Yuma Street NW ,Washington, D.C.
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 Noon
Weekday Masses Mass
Monday - Friday: 7 a.m. & 12 noon; **Saturday**: 7:15 a.m.

Annunciation Catholic Church

3810 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC
Saturday Vigil: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m., and 12:30 p.m.
Weekday Masses
Monday - Friday: 8 a.m. & 11 a.m.; **Saturday**: 9 a.m.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY ALIVE!

AU Catholic Women's Group Meetings

Totus Tuus Maria is a women's faith sharing group run by AU students, for AU students. Come join other Catholic AU students to discuss the Gospel, share our lives as Christian women, and pray together. Meetings will be at 7 PM in the Kay Spiritual Life Center lower level. No meeting during spring break.

AU Catholic Men's Group Meeting

Join your fellow Catholic men of the AU Catholic Community in discussing the Gospel, prayer, fellowship, and food! Please contact Fr. Ken Letoile, OP, at priest@american.edu for more information. Meetings will be at 7 PM in the Kay Spiritual Life Center lower level. No meeting during spring break.

Bible Study Spring Semester

Bible Study meets Tuesdays at 8:15-9:15pm at the Catholic Couches in the Kay Spiritual Life Center (note new location). Please contact Fr. Ken at priest@american.edu with any questions. No meeting during spring break.

Give the Gift of a Mass! A True Sacrifice —

A personalized Mass card will be given in your name.
Contact Martha Kerley (kerley@american.edu) to schedule an available Mass.
Offerings help fund our Catholic Chaplaincy!

Register at www.AUCatholic.net
for the latest Catholic Community emails and announcements.

MASS SCHEDULE	Mass	Mass Intention
Sunday, Mar. 4— Second Sunday of Lent	11 AM Mass	Pro Populo
	10 PM Mass	Ed Strauss (D)
Monday, Mar. 5—Monday of the Second Sunday of Lent	6:00 PM Mass	Available
Tuesday, Mar. 6—Tuesday of the Second Sunday of Lent	5:00 PM Mass	Available
Wednesday, Mar. 7—Wednesday of the Second Sunday of Lent	6:00 PM Mass	Available
Thursday, Mar. 8—Thursday of the Second Sunday of Lent	5:00 PM Mass	Available
Friday, Mar. 9—Friday of the Second Sunday of Lent	**No AU Mass**	**No AU Mass**
Saturday, Mar. 10—Saturday of the Second Sunday of Lent	**No AU Mass**	**No AU Mass**
Sunday, Mar. 11— Third Sunday of Lent	**No AU Mass**	**No AU Mass**
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† *Please contact Mrs. Martha Kerley (kerley@american.edu) to offer a Mass intention. Customary offering $5.00*