

TODAY'S READINGS

Welcome him as you would me. *Philemon 17*
 Anyone who has read Paul's Letter to Philemon could rightfully ask: "Why is this in the Bible?" Perhaps a bit of historical background can help.

Philemon probably lived in Colassae, since eight of the people who are mentioned in the Letter to Philemon are also mentioned in the Letter to the Colossians. Since Paul wrote to Philemon as a close friend, the two must have become acquainted during Paul's time there.

Onesimus was a slave who belonged to Philemon. It appears that Onesimus ran away from Philemon and somehow ended up seeking out Paul while he was in prison in Ephesus. After spending some time with Onesimus, Paul became convinced that he needed to send him back to Philemon. Paul wrote this letter as an appeal to Philemon to accept Onesimus back not as a slave but as a brother in the Lord.

Paul's request that Philemon treat Onesimus as a brother not a slave was revolutionary. Historians tells us that nearly one-third of the people in the first-century Romans Empire were slaves. Slaves were considered to be property, not persons. To ask a master to relate to one as a brother would take nothing less than a full change of heart and mind! Knowing he could not in himself abolish the entire practice of slavery, Paul did what he could to encourage masters to treat their servants kindly and to encourage believing slaves to serve their masters as if serving the Lord himself (Col 3:22-24).

The Letter to Philemon tells us that whatever our social status, we all need to treat each other with dignity and respect, as children of the same heavenly Father. Are you a supervisor at work? Then ask yourself how you are treating those who work for you. Do you work for someone? Then take a moment to examine if you are treating him or her with the respect they deserve.

"Jesus, help me to welcome those I meet today as you welcome me—as your own brother or sister."

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday 6th	1 Cor 5:1-8 / Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday 7th	1 Cor 6:1-11 / Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday 8th	Mi 5:1-4a / Mt 1:1-16,18-23
<i>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	
Thursday 9th	1 Cor 8:1b-7,11-13 / Lk 6:27-38
<i>St. Peter Claver</i>	
Friday 10th	1 Cor 9:16-19,22-27 / Lk 6:39-42
Saturday 11th	1 Cor 10:14-22 / Lk 6:43-49
Sunday 12th	Ex 32:7-11,13-14 / 1 Tim 1:12-17 / Lk 15:1-32

RCIA HAS BEGUN!

Many Catholic parishes structure their adult initiation process (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) around the academic-year calendar. Here at St. Matthew's Cathedral, however, we meet year-round from June to June. The summer months comprise the Precatechumenate stage of the RCIA, the first of four stages that make up the process. If you or someone you know would like to become Catholic, contact Heather Kinney at 202-347-3215 x536 or hkinney@stmatthewscathedral.org now to learn more.

LAS LECTURAS DE HOY

¿Qué es esto de odiar a tu padre y a tu madre, a tu esposa y a tus hijos, a tus hermanos y hermanas? (Lucas 14,26).

Claro que Jesús nos pide que amemos a todos como Él lo hizo, incluida nuestra familia; pero también aclaró que ningún apego—ni siquiera a la familia—debía anteponerse a la lealtad y la devoción que le debemos a Él. Como muchos de los santos lo han demostrado, el ser discípulo de Jesús conlleva a veces la oposición de los propios familiares. Si esto sucede, debemos rechazar sus presiones, pero sin dejar de quererles.

Jesús promete la vida eterna en su reino a quienes le sigan, pero si queremos ser fieles hasta el final, hemos de ser realistas y saber cuál es el precio que habremos de pagar. Tomando la idea del Evangelio de hoy, piensa que estás construyendo, no una torre, sino la casa de tus sueños. ¿Cuánto te costaría? ¿Cuentas con los recursos necesarios?

Todos sabemos lo importante que es planificar para nuestro futuro en este mundo, pero también debemos planificar para el futuro en el reino de Dios. ¿Estás tú invirtiendo en bienes celestiales o sólo en cosas pasajeras? Considera el tiempo, los talentos y las riquezas que Dios te ha dado. ¿Los estás usando para servir al Señor y acumular riquezas en el cielo? ¿Estás dispuesto a renunciar a lo que Dios te pida, sea lo que sea, por amor a Él?

Si ser discípulo de Cristo te causa aflicciones de vez en cuando, es probable que estés en el camino correcto, porque ese es el mismo sendero que Jesús recorrió hasta el Calvario. Tú tampoco tienes nada que temer y no necesitas una póliza de seguro ni una estrategia de escape por si fracasa la aventura del discipulado. Dios es fiel y jamás te abandonará cuando tengas que pasar las pruebas y dificultades que entraña el vivir como seguidor de Cristo. Aunque el discipulado resulte costoso, somos discípulos del Maestro y Él siempre nos acompaña; además, tenemos la ayuda siempre eficaz del Espíritu Santo, cuyos recursos nunca se agotan.

"Padre eterno, ayúdame a ser un verdadero discípulo de tu Hijo, al precio que sea. Jesús, con la ayuda de tu Espíritu Santo, hoy decido seguirte todos los días de mi vida."

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes 6	1 Cor 5:1-8 / Lc 6:6-11
Martes 7	1 Cor 6:1-11 / Lc 6:12-19
Miércoles 8	Mi 5:1-4 / Mt 1:1-16,18-23
<i>La Natividad de la santísima Virgen María</i>	
Jueves 9	1 Cor 8:1-7,11-13 / Lc 6:27-38
<i>San Pedro Claver</i>	
Viernes 10	1 Cor 9:16-19,22-27 / Lc 6:39-42
Sábado 11	1 Cor 10:14-22 / Lc 6:43-49
Domingo 12	Éx 32:7-11,13-14 / 1 Tim 1:12-17 / Lc 15:1-32

MISA ANUAL POR LA BENDICIÓN DEL TRABAJO

El sábado **11 de septiembre**, la Catedral de San Mateo ofrecerá una Misa Bilingüe a las 5:30 de la tarde en conmemoración de la Fiesta del Trabajo. Esta misa será presidida por el Arzobispo Donald W. Wuerl, Arzobispo de Washington. Todos están invitados. "Vengan a Mí todos los que están fatigados y sobrecargados, y Yo les daré descanso." (Mateo 11:28).

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

POTLUCK FOR FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

Families with young children are invited to an end-of-summer potluck lunch next Saturday, **September 11**. Come and meet other young parents and enjoy home-cooked food while your children meet and play with other kids from the parish. The lunch will follow the 12:10 Mass. Food can be dropped off before the Mass. Please email Jessie Tannenbaum at lawyerjessie@gmail.com to RSVP and let her know what you plan to bring.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) CLASSES – FOR ADULTS

Classes during our upcoming Fall semester of ESL will be offered **September 14–December 2** on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings, 6:30-8:30pm, with tutoring from 6pm until 6:30pm. The cost is \$40. Register at the Rectory. New students are required to take a ten-minute placement exam on Monday, **September 13**, between 6:30 and 7:30pm at St. Matthew's Education Center, 1726 N Street, NW. Continuing students may also register at the Center on Monday, **September 13**, between 6:30 and 7:30pm. For more information, contact Fr. Evelio Menjivar at 202-347-3215 x536 or emenjivar@stmatthewscathedral.org, or Silvina Cerezo, ESL Program Coordinator, at cerezosilvina@hotmail.com.

TEACHERS, TUTORS & HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ESL CLASSES

We are looking for volunteer teachers, tutors, and hospitality volunteers for our Fall semester of ESL, which will run **September 14–December 2** (see above). No classes will be held the week of Thanksgiving. If you do not feel comfortable teaching on your own, we can pair you with a more experienced teacher. Volunteers must commit to one night per week. For more information or to volunteer, contact Silvina Cerezo, ESL Program Coordinator, at cerezosilvina@hotmail.com.

BOOK CLUB: *THE MOVIEGOER*

Join the St. Matthew's Book Club on Monday, **September 13** for its discussion of Walker Percy's *The Moviegoer*. The novel tells the story of Binx Bolling, a man on a journey to find meaning in his life. This whimsical tale was Percy's first and most popular work. The meeting will begin at 6:50pm in the West Conference Room. For more information, contact Paul Zummo at pzummo@gmail.com.

ABRIENDO PUERTAS RADIO EXPANDS

Abriendo Puertas, the Spanish-language radio program of the Archdiocese of Washington, has expanded and now airs every Sunday, 8am-10am on WACA 1540AM. An all-new format includes music, interviews, reflections and Catholic news from the archdiocese, the USCCB and the Vatican. *Abriendo Puertas* can also be heard online at www.radioamerica.net. If you don't speak Spanish, this is a great opportunity to start while learning more about how our faith impacts family life. For more information, call Manuel Aliaga at 301-853-4567.

WELCOME!

If you are a visitor to the Cathedral, we want you to know how welcome you are—whether you have come from another part of the country, from across the world, or from another parish here in the Archdiocese or across the river. Thank you for praying with us. Thank you also for your generosity, which helps us to celebrate our liturgies in a fitting and beautiful way, and to offer a wide range of services to needy people in the Washington, DC area. Enjoy your visit!

COLECTA NACIONAL DE LA UNIVERSIDAD CATÓLICA DE AMERICA

La Universidad Católica de América es la universidad de la Iglesia Católica en los Estados Unidos; localizada aquí en Washington, DC. Provee una rigurosa educación académica que guía a 6,000 estudiantes cada año en la tradición intelectual católica. El próximo fin de semana es la colecta Nacional para la Universidad Católica de América. Todos los fondos que se recogen, apoyan la ayuda financiera de los estudiantes en todas las diócesis del país incluyendo los nuestros. Por favor, sea generoso.

PRÓXIMAMENTE

Este lunes **6 de Septiembre**, es la Fiesta del Trabajo. La Catedral abrirá a las 7:30 de la mañana y cerrará a la 1:00 de la tarde. Las misas serán a las 8:00 de la mañana y 12:10 del mediodía. No habrá confesiones ese día. La rectoría estará cerrada.

CLASES DE INGLÉS PARA ADULTOS

El nuevo semestre de inglés comenzará el martes **14 de septiembre** hasta el jueves **2 de diciembre** los días martes, miércoles y jueves de 6:30 a 8:30 de la noche, con clases de tutoría de 6:00-6:30 de la noche. El costo del curso es \$40. Para inscribirse, puede venir a la rectoría. Nuevos alumnos deberán ser evaluados para determinar el nivel de inglés, por favor presentarse el lunes **13 de septiembre** de 6:30 a 7:30 en St. Matthew's Education Center, 1726 de la calle N, NW. Alumnos regulares también podrán registrarse en St. Matthew's Education Center, el lunes **13 de septiembre** de 6:30 a 7:30. Para más información, contactar al Padre Evelio Menjivar a: emenjivar@stmatthewscathedral.org o 202-347-3215, o Silvina Cerezo, Coordinadora del Programa ESL a: cerezosilvina@hotmail.com.

NUEVO HORARIO DEL PROGRAMA DE RADIO ABRIENDO PUERTAS

Abriendo Puertas, el programa de radio en español de la Arquidiócesis de Washington, tiene un nuevo horario. Ahora se escucha cada domingo, de 8 a 10 de la mañana, en la onda 1540AM. El lanzamiento del programa incluye nuevos segmentos – musicales, entrevistas, reflexiones con líderes hispanos arquidiocesanos e invitados especiales, noticias del Vaticano, la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de EEUU (USCCB) y de la Arquidiócesis. El programa puede ser escuchado en el sitio de Internet www.radioamerica.net. Para mayor información favor de llamar a Manuel Aliaga al 301-853-4567. *Abriendo Puertas* cumplirá su 11 Aniversario en octubre del 2011.

CATHEDRAL BULLETIN CALENDAR CALENDARIO DE LA CATEDRAL

September 5 – September 12

SUNDAY—A second collection for Cathedral maintenance is taken at all Masses.

MONDAY—Labor Day, a Federal holiday. Masses are celebrated at 8am and 12:10pm with no Confessions. The Cathedral opens at 7:30am and closes at 1pm.

The parish offices are closed.

TUESDAY—El Grupo de Oración en Español se reunirá a las 7:00 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Oeste.

The Parish Council meets at 6:45pm in the East Conference Room.

WEDNESDAY—Breaking Open the Word meets at 7pm in the West Conference Room.

SATURDAY—Fr. Hurley's study on the Pentateuch begins at 10:30am in the East Conference Room.

Archbishop Wuerl celebrates the Mass for Blessing on Human Labor at 5:30pm.

SUNDAY—A second collection for The Catholic University of America is taken at all Masses.

St. Matthew's Health Fair is held in the North & East Conference Room from 9am to 3:30pm.

Las clases de Catequesis, Catecumenado y Catequesis Familiar comienzan a las 11:00 de la mañana.

The Cathedral Club meets after the 11:30am Mass in the West Conference Room.

Always Our Children meets at 3:30pm in the West Conference Room.

ALWAYS OUR CHILDREN

Always Our Children, the Gay and Lesbian Ministry of the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle, will hold its first confidential Support Group meeting of the season on Sunday, September 12 from 3:30 to 5:15 pm in the West Conference Room. Parents are especially encouraged to attend. Questions? Contact Msgr. Jameson at 202-347-3215 or email us at alwaysourchildren@verizon.net.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS FAIR

In addition to a sign-up for flu and pneumonia vaccines to be given on October 17, Hospitality Sunday, this year's Health Fair, to be held on Sunday, **September 12** from 8:30am until 3:30pm in the North and East Conference Rooms, will offer bone density, blood pressure, cholesterol, body mass index, vision/glaucoma, blood glucose, posture, balance, strength, HIV and other screenings by Holy Cross and Providence Hospitals, the Spanish Catholic Center, La Clinica del Pueblo, Friends of the Congressional Glaucoma Caucus Foundation, and George Washington University. Also in attendance will be Iona (senior services), Kaiser Permanente (women's health), American Diabetes Association and the Archdiocese of Washington (advanced directives and other end of life issues). These providers also will provide education and information on general health, nutrition, cancer, access to health services, and much, much more. Please come and take advantage of this opportunity to care for your and your family's health and well-being.



FAITH IN ACTION

St. Matthew's Homeless Ministry provides for the material and spiritual needs of 55-70 homeless adults. The program operates from 7:30am to 11am on Mondays. Most volunteers serve every other Monday. We always need new volunteers to make bag lunches once a month and to serve on Mondays. If you are interested in helping, contact Fr. Evelio Menjivar at emenjivar@stmatthewscathedral.org or 202-347-3215 x536.

Clothing donations. If you have new or gently used men's or women's casual clothing (jeans, shorts, belts, t-shirts, sweaters, sneakers, etc.) to donate or want to purchase items that are most needed, contact Fr. Evelio (contact info above) to make arrangements. Donations will not be accepted at the door without prior approval. Thank you for your understanding.

Food donations. If you would like to contribute food (bread, cheese, lunchmeat, fruit, juice, hard boiled eggs or a breakfast casserole) for our Homeless Ministry, to be dropped off in the West Conference Room every other Monday by 7:30am, please contact Jessie Tannenbaum at 202-290-9027 or JessieTannenbaum@gmail.com.

ARCHDIOCESAN RESPECT LIFE MASS & PRAYER PROCESSION AT ST. MATTHEW'S

As stated by Pope John Paul II in the *Gospel of Life*, "a great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world." With more than 40 percent of all pregnancies in the District of Columbia ending in abortion, an urgent prayer is desperately needed in our nation's capitol.

Please join parishioners and friends from around the Archdiocese of Washington at the Cathedral on Saturday, **September 18** for a Mass and Procession as we witness to the dignity of every human life. Fr. William Byrne will celebrate the 8am Mass and lead a prayerful procession to the Planned Parenthood facility on 16th Street, NW. Additional "Witness to Life" events are planned for the following Saturdays in 2011: January 8, April 2 and July 16.

FERIA DE SALUD

Además de inscribirse para recibir las vacunas para la gripe y neumonía que se administrarán el 17 de octubre, durante el domingo de hospitalidad, este año la Feria de Salud será el domingo **12 de septiembre** de 8:30 de la mañana a 3:30 de la tarde en los salones de conferencia del Norte y Oeste. Ofreceremos exámenes de densidad de los huesos, presión de la sangre, colesterol, visión/glaucoma, glucosa de la sangre,

SIDA y otros. Estos exámenes serán ofrecidos por los hospitales de Holy Cross y Providence, el Centro Católico, Clínica del Pueblo, hospital de George Washington

University también el centro Iona, (servicios para ancianos), Kaiser Permanente (salud para mujeres), Asociación de diabetes, y la Arquidiócesis de Washington (dirigidos a otros problemas concernientes a la salud). Ellos también ofrecerán educación e información en general de salud, nutrición, cáncer, acceso a servicios de salud, y mucho, mucho más. Por favor, vengan y aprovechen esta oportunidad para recibir estos servicios para el bien de su salud.



Looking for a convenient way to support our parish offertory?

Faith Direct is the innovative solution that allows you to support our parish using electronic funds transfer from either a credit card or bank account. It is a hassle-free, simple solution for today's busy families.

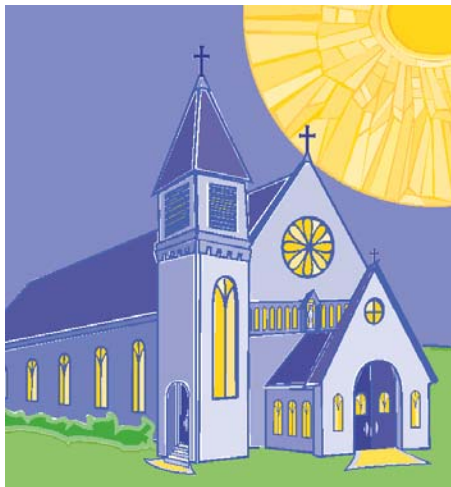
Sign up using the enrollment form on the other side or go online to www.faithdirect.net and use our parish code **DC284** to enroll today!

ENROLL TODAY!

How does Faith Direct work?

Faith Direct is a secure system that works directly with your bank or credit card—much the same as other direct payments you may have set up for utility bills or mortgage payments.

When do transactions take place?



Transactions take place once per month on the 4th or the next business day. The total amount of your gifts for that current month (both offertory & second/special collections) will be debited in one monthly total. The Cathedral will receive the funds 4 business days later.

Can I stop, increase, or decrease my payment at any time?

Yes, by calling *Faith Direct* at 1-866-507-8757 (toll free) by emailing info@faithdirect.net, or by logging in to your account through www.faithdirect.net.

How does the Cathedral benefit from my participation with Faith Direct?

The Cathedral will see a substantial increase in net revenue, a decrease in administrative costs, and a clearer picture of cash flow for their needs.

If you have any questions about the *Faith Direct* program, please call 1-866-507-8757 {toll free} or send an email to info@faithdirect.net, or contact Pam Erwin at the Rectory at 202-347-3215 x537 or perwin@stmatthewscathedral.org.

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“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” (Peter 4:10)

Weekly Offertory contribution: \$ _____

(Note: Total contribution amount will be debited on the 4th of the month or the next business day. The total amount will be determined by the number of Sundays in the month. Some months have 5 Sundays.)

You may also choose to give to the following second and special collections.

The amount indicated will be debited in the month listed as part of the regular monthly transaction.

COLLECTIONS	AMOUNT	MONTH	COLLECTIONS	AMOUNT	MONTH
<input type="checkbox"/> Cathedral Maintenance	\$ _____	Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/> Holy Father	\$ _____	June
<input type="checkbox"/> Music Ministry	\$ _____	Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/> Latin America	\$ _____	July
<input type="checkbox"/> Poor Box/Outreach	\$ _____	Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/> Catholic Communications	\$ _____	August
<input type="checkbox"/> Solemnity of Mary	\$ _____	January	<input type="checkbox"/> Assumption	\$ _____	August
<input type="checkbox"/> Black & Indian Missions	\$ _____	January	<input type="checkbox"/> Catholic University	\$ _____	September
<input type="checkbox"/> Church in Central & Eastern Europe	\$ _____	February	<input type="checkbox"/> Church in Africa	\$ _____	September
<input type="checkbox"/> Ash Wednesday	\$ _____	February	<input type="checkbox"/> Propagation of the Faith	\$ _____	October
<input type="checkbox"/> Holy Thursday	\$ _____	March/April	<input type="checkbox"/> All Saints Day	\$ _____	November
<input type="checkbox"/> Holy Land	\$ _____	March/April	<input type="checkbox"/> All Souls Day*	\$ _____	November
<input type="checkbox"/> Easter Flowers	\$ _____	March/April	<input type="checkbox"/> Camp. for Human Development	\$ _____	November
<input type="checkbox"/> Easter Sunday	\$ _____	March/April	<input type="checkbox"/> Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ _____	December
(In addition to regular Sunday gift)	\$ _____	March/April	<input type="checkbox"/> Immaculate Conception	\$ _____	December
<input type="checkbox"/> Catholic Home Missions	\$ _____	April	<input type="checkbox"/> Christmas Flowers	\$ _____	December
<input type="checkbox"/> Catholic Relief Services	\$ _____	May	<input type="checkbox"/> Christmas	\$ _____	December

**Please call the church at 202-347-3215 with the names of your intentions for this collection.*

I would like to enroll in the Faith Direct program for the benefit of the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle. I understand that my total monthly contribution amount will be transferred directly from my checking account or credit card as stated above, a record of my gifts will appear on my bank or credit card statement, and my transfers will begin on the 4th or next business day of the month following my enrollment. I understand that I can increase, decrease, or suspend my giving by contacting Faith Direct toll free at 1-866-507-8757. *{All gifts provided to your Church originating as Automated Clearing House transactions comply with US law.}*

Signature: X _____ Date: _____

Name(s): (please print) _____

Street Address: _____

Church Envelope #: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Name as I/we would like it to appear on Offertory Cards: _____

I do not wish to receive Offertory Cards to place in the collection basket as a sign of my electronic giving.

If you choose to enroll by mail, you can contact Faith Direct at 1-866-507-8757 {toll-free} to set up online access to your account.

For Checking Account Debit: Please return this completed form and a voided check to Faith Direct Enrollment.

For Credit Card Debit: Please complete the following... VISA MasterCard American Express Discover

Credit Card #: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Print Name as Appears on Card: _____

Signature: _____

If you have any questions about the Faith Direct program, please contact us at 1-866-507-8757 {toll free} or info@faithdirect.net.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

September 5 – September 11

SUNDAY: 5:30pm (Vigil) Philip Andrew Piel; 7am Julie Bennett (living); 8:30am Thanksgiving (living); 10am All Parishioners; 11:30am Ethie Radanovich; 1pm Américo Melean; 5:30pm Aline Pace (living).

MONDAY: 8am Captain Joseph A. Sestak; 12:10pm Patrick & Anne McEvoy.

TUESDAY: 7am Harold M. Keshishian; 8am Deacon John Marinari; 12:10pm Alphonse & Mary Di Battista; 5:30 Dessources Family.

WEDNESDAY: 7am Josephine Klug Kuhn; 8am Lorna E. Ramos 12:10 Joe Di Battista; 5:30pm Linda & Frank Marutullo (living).

THURSDAY: 7am Harold M. Keshishian; 8am Beato Espinas; 12:10pm Edgar Batarado; 5:30pm Corazon A. Baquirab (living).

FRIDAY: 7am Fr. Patrick Driscoll (living); 8am Felicidad Santos; 12:10pm Marilyn Joan Lee; 5:30pm Msgr. Bernard Gerhardt.

SATURDAY: 8am Beato Espinas; 12:10pm Ana Springer; 5:30pm All Parishioners.

MASS FOR THE BLESSING OF HUMAN LABOR

All are invited to attend the annual archdiocesan celebration and blessing of human labor on Saturday, *September 11* at the 5:30pm Vigil Mass here at the Cathedral. Archbishop Wuerl will be the celebrant and homilist.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS AT CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

The feast of Our Lady of Sorrows is commemorated in every Catholic Church all over the world. Remembrance of this day can be especially consoling to families who have recently lost a loved one. Come seek the consolation of our Blessed Mother at a special Mass and Rosary at Catholic cemeteries. The Commemoration of Our Lady of Sorrows will be held on Wednesday, *September 15*, 9am at Gate of Heaven Cemetery (13801 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring–301-871-6500); Mt. Olivet Cemetery (1300 Bladensburg Rd., NE–202-399-3000); Resurrection Cemetery (8000 Woodyard Rd., Clinton–301-868-5141); and 5pm at St. Mary's Queen of Peace Cemetery (38888 Dr. Johnson Rd., Mechanicsville–301-475-5005). For more information, call 301-871-1300 or visit www.ccaw.org.

YOUNG ADULT EVENT

Join a conversation on "The Role of Women in the Church" sponsored by the Archdiocesan Office of Young Adult Ministry on *September 16*. Dr. Susan Timoney and Sr. Maria de la Revelacion Castañeda, SSVM will conduct a Q&A session beginning at 7:30pm at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 805 Wayne Avenue, Silver Spring, MD. Free and open to the public. "[Young adults] said that they need a forum not only where misgivings and doubts can be expressed but also where the teachings of the Church can be clearly articulated in response...much of what young adults feel regarding the institutional Church arises from a misunderstanding of what the Church actually teaches." (Sons and Daughters of the Light, USCCB) For more information, contact Laura Ferstl at 301-853-4559 or yam@adw.org.

THE NATIONAL COLLECTION FOR THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA

The Catholic University of America is the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States, located in Washington, DC. It provides an academically rigorous education guided by Catholic intellectual tradition to 6,000 students every year. Next weekend is the National Collection for the Catholic University of America. Every dollar given directly supports financial aid for students from the dioceses across the country, including ours. Please be generous.

SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS FOR BLESSED TERESA OF CALCUTTA

On Saturday, *September 18*, a Morning of Recollection at the Shrine of St. Jude, Rockville, will be led by Fr. Mark Ivany, Parochial Vicar at Little Flower. Fr. Ivany, ordained in 2008, has worked in India with the Missionaries of Charity and will share the impact of the sisters on his personal call. The morning will begin with 8:30am Mass, will include a continental breakfast, rosary, reflection by Fr. Ivany, Holy Hour, and confession, and will end at Noon. For directions, visit www.shrinesstjude.org. This day is open to all.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

If you are seeking more intimacy and harmony in your marriage, decide now to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter. The next encounter weekends in the area are *September 24-26* and *November 12-14*. For more information, visit dc.wwme.org or call 301-541-7007.

SEPARATION, DIVORCE AND BEYOND

Separated and Divorced Catholics (SDC) of the Archdiocese of Washington sponsors "Separation, Divorce, and Beyond" every fourth Sunday of the month at 7:30pm in the library of St. John the Evangelist School (10201 Woodland Dr., Silver Spring). The program provides a Catholic perspective on the process of recovery from separation and divorce. Facilitators will use the book "Divorce and Beyond" as a discussion starter. For more information, contact SDC at sdinfo@rc.net or 301-906-9422 or Peter Murphy at 301-853-4546.

JOHN CARROLL SOCIETY FALL LECTURE AT THE CATHEDRAL

Archbishop J. Augustine Di Noia will deliver the John Carroll Society Fall Lecture on Tuesday, *September 28* at 6:45pm in the Cathedral. Archbishop Di Noia's topic for the lecture is: "Why Do Catholics Go to Mass?" Archbishop Di Noia is a theologian who now serves as Secretary of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments at the Vatican. Previously, he held the post of Under-Secretary at the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith and before that was director of the Intercultural Forum for Studies in Faith and Culture at the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center and executive director of the Secretariat for Doctrine and Pastoral Practices at the US Conference of Catholic Bishops. Admission to the lecture is free, and a reception with light refreshments will follow. For more information: www.johncarrollsociety.org or 301-654 4399.



The Faith Formation Committee presents:

FIVE WEEKS ON THE PENTATEUCH

Time: 10:30 to 11:45am

(Consider staying for our 12:10 PM Mass afterward.)

Date: **Saturdays, September 11, 18, 25
and October 9, 30**

Place: **East Conference Room**

Facilitator: **Father Jack Hurley**

*During this series, you will learn about the
first five books of the Old Testament.*

Please bring a Bible and your own morning beverage.
Homemade coffee cake will be provided.

*For more information, please contact Heather Kinney,
Director of Faith Formation, at hkinney@stmatthewscathedral.org or
202-347-3215, x530.*