

## TODAY'S READINGS

**W**hoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit. (John 15:5)

A good gardener can seem like a surgeon sometimes: meticulously careful in his goal of removing anything that is a threat to his plantings. He is completely dedicated to making his roses even more beautiful or his grapes more delicious.

Imagine the kind of pruning Jesus, the master Gardener, had to do with Paul. In the days immediately following his conversion, Paul proved needed a lot of work! On fire with his new-found faith, he debated so forcefully with the Jews in Damascus that they tried to kill him. Even the disciples were afraid of him (Acts 9:26-29)! The situation became so drastic that the apostles decided to send Paul back home to Tarsus for a while. They could tell that some time away from all the action would do him good.

This story shows us two ways that God likes to prune us. First, there is quiet time spent with the Lord. Paul spent a number of years in Tarsus praying, studying the Scriptures, and examining his heart. During this time of retreat, he gave the Holy Spirit the opportunity to soften his rough edges, reveal the gospel to him more clearly, and prepare him for his future ministry. The same holds true for us. By sitting quietly before the Lord in prayer, we give the Spirit the opportunity to prune us and form us.

Another way God prunes us is through the steps we take in our walk with him, whether we are sharing our faith or trying to serve our family. As Saul preached, he came to see how argumentative he was. He learned from his mistakes, and over time he learned the art of being both passionate and compassionate in his preaching.

So keep stepping out in faith, but be sure also to keep listening to the Lord in the quiet of your prayer. Let him prune you, and you'll find yourself bearing more and more fruit for his kingdom!

*"Come, Holy Spirit, and make me more like Jesus!"*

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<b>Sunday 3</b>	Acts 9:26-31 / 1 Jn 3:18-24 / Jn 15:1-8
<b>Monday 4</b>	Acts 14:5-18 / Jn 14:21-26
<b>Tuesday 5</b>	Acts 14:19-28 / Jn 14:27-31
<b>Wednesday 6</b>	Acts 15:1-6 / Jn 15:1-8
<b>Thursday 7</b>	Acts 15:7-21 / Jn 15:9-11
<b>Friday 8</b>	Acts 15:22-31 / Jn 15:12-17
<b>Saturday 9</b>	Act 16:1-10 / Jn 15:18-21
<b>Sunday 10</b>	Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48 / 1 Jn 4:7-10 / Jn 15:9-17

## LECTURAS DE HOY

**P**ermanecer en Cristo no es algo pasivo de nuestra parte, ni tampoco significa limitarse a realizar ciertas acciones, pensando que de esa forma ya habremos cumplido con Dios. Vivir unidos al Señor es fundamentalmente una actitud del corazón, es cuestión de corresponder al amor de Cristo de una manera personal y decisiva. El Señor desea ser nuestro confidente y amigo más íntimo, la Persona con quien podemos compartir todo, lo bueno y lo malo, lo agradable y lo desagradable de nuestra vida.

Cuando abrimos el corazón delante de Dios de esta manera, el Señor nos hace ver si entre nuestras motivaciones hay egoísmo; nos consuela en los pesares y nos da a conocer todo aquello que es contrario a su amor y su voluntad. Jesús se alegra sobremanera cuando simplemente le contamos cómo ha sido nuestro día; se regocija de nuestras pequeñas victorias sobre el pecado y recibe con agrado las expresiones de gratitud y alabanza que le ofrecemos.

Pero no siempre es fácil entregarle al Señor todo lo que nos sucede; se requiere decisión y confianza en que él proveerá para nuestras necesidades. En realidad, se requiere la constante determinación de pedirle que nos ayude a discernir lo bueno y lo malo que hay en nuestra vida. Hasta cierto punto, esto se facilita con el tiempo, pero jamás llega a realizarse sin esfuerzo alguno. Por eso, Jesús nos pide que permanezcamos unidos a él, aunque sabemos que si nos apartamos, siempre podremos regresar a su lado, seguros de que él nos perdona y no nos condena.

El verdadero fruto de permanecer en Cristo es llegar a una comunión cada vez más profunda con Dios. Piensa en la persona con quien tengas la relación más agradable y satisfactoria de todas, y luego imagínate que el amor que impregna esa relación se multiplica infinitamente. Eso no es más que una tenue muestra del amor perfecto que todos podemos descubrir si permanecemos en Cristo.

*"Señor mío Jesucristo, quiero permanecer siempre unido a ti. Quitá de mí todo brote de autosuficiencia que me impida llegar a una profunda comunión contigo, y permíteme, Señor, que tu amor eche fuera todo temor, mientras se purifica mi corazón."*

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## WELCOME!

Visitors 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 Washington 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!

## PARISH CALENDAR

May 3 – 10

**Sunday 3**—A second collection for Cathedral maintenance is taken at all Masses.

Hospitality receptions are held after the 8:30am, 10am, 11:30am and 1pm Masses. Las clases de Catequesis, Catecumenado y Catequesis Familiar continúan a las 11:00 de la mañana.

The Ladies' Ancient Order of Hibernians joins us for their annual *Nuns of the Battlefield* Mass at 11:30am.

The Cathedral Coffeehouse meets after the 5:30pm Mass in the West Conference Room.

**Monday 4**—The Parish Council meets at 6:45pm in the East Conference Room.

**Tuesday 5**—Legión de María se reúne a las 5:30 de la tarde hasta las 7 en el salón del Oeste.

El grupo de Oración se reúne a las 7 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Oeste.

**Wednesday 6**—Breaking Open the Word meets at 7pm in the West Conference Room.

**Sunday 10**—A Mother's Day blessing is given at all Masses.

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

The Sacrament of First Eucharist is celebrated at the 11:30am Mass.

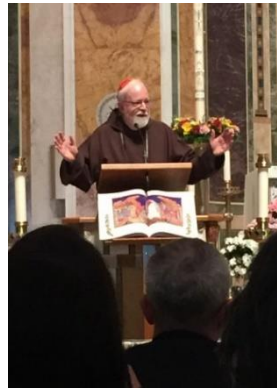
Always God's Children meets in the West Conference Room at 3:30pm.

The Cathedral Coffeehouse meets after the 5:30pm Mass in the West Conference Room.

## 175<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY ADDRESS

Last Sunday in the Cathedral, Cardinal Seán Patrick O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap. delivered a 175<sup>th</sup> Parish Anniversary Address full of warmth, humor and reminscences of his early days in Washington, DC, including as a priest at St. Matthew's.

*"Thank you, Cardinal O'Malley, for inspiring us for the next 175 years!"* —Msgr. Jameson



*Cardinal O'Malley greeted friends and admirers in the Cathedral after the address.*

*For more photos, visit our Facebook page.*



## MUSIC

**West Liberty University Concert Choir Visits** – West Liberty University Concert Choir will sing at our 12:10pm Mass on Thursday, **May 14**. In addition to two preludes prior to the Mass and two motets within the Mass, the choir from Wheeling, West Virginia, will present the Fauré Requiem immediately after Mass, at 12:45pm. Come for the Mass or the concert or both as we welcome this acclaimed collegiate choir under the direction of Dr. Scott Glysson, accompanied by local organ artist, David Lang. The post-Mass concert is free and open to the public.

**Schola Cantorum Openings** – There are a limited number of openings for the Spring in the *Schola Cantorum* for **soprano, alto and bass** voice parts for experienced choral singers. Prospective singers must have significant adult choral experience, good sight-reading skills, and a pleasant, agile voice. The commitment of time and focused energy is significant, particularly at Christmas and during Holy Week. Rehearsals are Wednesdays, 6:45-8:45pm in weeks when the choir sings. If you have the appropriate experience and a desire to serve our parish community in this very special way, please contact the Director of Music Ministries, Tom Stehle, at [tstehle@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:tstehle@stmatthewscathedral.org).

## VOCATIONS



**Br. Gabriel Torretta, O.P.**, a Dominican student brother assigned to St. Matthew's Cathedral,

will be ordained to the priesthood on Friday, **May 22** at 9:30am at St. Dominic's Church (630 E St SW). He will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Matthew's on Pentecost Sunday, **May 24**, at 5:30pm. All are invited to both the ordination and the Thanksgiving Mass!

Br. Gabriel entered the Order of Preachers in 2008; before that, he studied Japanese literature at Columbia University in New York. At the Cathedral, Br. Gabriel has been involved in various sacramental duties, as well as assisting in an adult catechesis program and working with the Cathedral Young Adults, in particular, helping to run the Cathedral Coffehouse evenings after the 5:30pm Sunday Mass. After his ordination, he will serve in Cincinnati, Ohio, as a parochial vicar at the Dominican parish of St. Gertrude.

Br. Gabriel thanks the parishioners, staff, and priests of St. Matthew's for their generosity and friendship over the last two years, and for the opportunity to pray and witness to the faith of Jesus Christ together. Please keep him and all seminarians in your prayers.

**Banns of Marriage** – Gunther Gabbert and Fernanda Maretto de Barros plan to marry at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish in Campinas-SP, Brazil on **May 20 2015**.



**Deacon Kyle Ratuiste**, a seminarian assigned to St. Matthew's for the past two years, will return to his home diocese of Spokane,

Washington to be ordained a priest on Friday, **June 19** by the Most Rev. Thomas Daly, Bishop of Spokane. Deacon Kyle is a fourth-year theologian at Theological College, and he will graduate from the Catholic University of America with a joint Master of Divinity (M.Div) and Baccalaureate in Sacred Theology (S.T.B) degree. In addition to serving and preaching at the various Sunday Masses, he has worked closely with the Hispanic community, taught baptismal classes, celebrated Baptisms, and prepared couples for marriage. Kyle graduated from Gonzaga University and Bishop White Seminary in Spokane with degrees in philosophy and biochemistry. He has organized a summer vocations camp for his diocese, tutored chemistry at Archbishop Carroll High School, and worked at Georgetown University Hospital.

Deacon Kyle is humbled and grateful for the hospitality received, friendships made, and lessons learned over his two years at St. Matthew's. Please keep Deacon Kyle and all our seminarians in your prayers.

**Ordination Anniversaries** – During this ordination season, let us also remember in prayer our St. Matthew's rectory priests as they celebrate their anniversaries of ordination to the priesthood.

Msgr. Ron Jameson – May 18, 1968

Fr. Jack Hurley – May 29, 1982

Fr. Rafael Barbieri – June 15, 2013

Fr. Mel Ayala – June 19, 2010

**Men's Discernment Dinner** – A Men's Discernment Dinner will be held on Sunday, **May 17** from 5 to 8:30pm at the St. John Paul II Seminary (Washington, DC). The evening will include Mass, dinner, and a chance to discuss the priesthood with priests, seminarians, and other young men in discernment. Participants should be single men, college age and up, who are practicing Catholics. If you or someone you know is interested in this event, contact Fr. Carter Griffin, Director of Priest Vocations, at 202-636-9020 or [vocations@adw.org](mailto:vocations@adw.org). Register at [www.dcpriest.org](http://www.dcpriest.org). Questions on discernment to the priesthood? Contact Fr. Rafael Barbieri at 202-347-3215.

## NEWS AND NOTES

**Rectory Hours** – The rectory hours from **April 18** to **May 13** will be:

Saturday and Sunday – Closed

Monday thru Thursday – 9am to 4:30pm

Friday – 9am to 4pm

**Always God's Children** – Always God's Children, the Cathedral parish's ministry to gay and lesbian persons and their family and friends, will meet next Sunday, **May 10** at 3:30pm in the West Conference Room.

## RESPECT LIFE

**Having Unresolved Feelings after Abortion?** – The Archdiocese of Washington's Project Rachel Ministry is forming support group on Wednesday mornings from 9 until 11am. New members may join until **May 13**. The location: Silver Spring/Takoma Park/Wheaton area; exact location is disclosed only to women who register. Contact Alma Maltez at 301-853-4565 or visit [ProjectRachel@adw.org](mailto:ProjectRachel@adw.org). All contacts are confidential.

## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

<b>Domingo 3</b>	He 9:26-31 / 1 Jn 3:18-24 / Jn 15:1-8
<b>Lunes 4</b>	He 14:5-18 / Jn 14:21-26
<b>Martes 5</b>	He 14:19-28 / Jn 14:27-31
<b>Miércoles 6</b>	He 15:1-6 / Jn 15:1-8
<b>Jueves 7</b>	He 15:7-21 / Jn 15:9-11
<b>Viernes 8</b>	He 15:22-31 / Jn 15:12-17
<b>Sábado 9</b>	He 16:1-10 / Jn 15:18-21
<b>Domingo 10</b>	He 10:25-26,34-35,44-48 / 1 Jn 4:7-10 / Jn 15:9-17

temas empiezan después del rosario a las 7:30 de la tarde. El tema para el **19 de mayo** será: El Sexto Mandamiento. El padre Avelino González será el invitado especial.



*Para ver más fotos del Cardenal Seán O'Malley del 175° aniversario, vea nuestra página de Facebook!*

## NOTICIAS DE LA PARROQUIA



### Felicitaciones y oraciones –

Diácono Kyle Ratuiste, un seminarista que fue asignado a la catedral de San Mateo durante los últimos dos años, volverá a su diócesis de Spokane, Washington, para ser ordenado sacerdote el viernes, **19 de junio** por el obispo Thomas Daly, de Spokane. Diácono Kyle está estudiando su cuarto año de

teología en la Universidad Teológica, y se graduará de la Universidad Católica de América con maestría común de la divinidad (M.Div) y bachillerato en teología Sagrada (S.T.B). Además de servir y predicar en varias misas en español el domingo, ha trabajado estrechamente con la comunidad hispana, dio clases de bautismos, celebro bautizos y preparó a parejas para el matrimonio. Diácono Kyle se graduó de la Universidad de Gonzaga y el Seminario de Bishop White en Spokane con títulos de filosofía y bioquímica. Ha organizado un campamento de vocaciones para su diócesis, ha sido tutor de química en la escuela secundaria Arzobispo Carroll y trabajó en el Hospital de la Universidad de Georgetown.

Diácono Kyle esta honrado y agradecido por la hospitalidad recibida, amistades hechas y las lecciones aprendidas durante sus dos años en la catedral de San Mateo. Por favor mantengan al diácono Kyle y todos nuestros seminaristas en sus oraciones.

**Horario de la Rectoría** – Empezando el sábado **18 de abril** hasta el **13 de mayo**, la rectoría tendrá el siguiente horario:

Sábado y domingo – Cerrado

Lunes a jueves – 9:00 de la mañana a 4:30 de la tarde

Viernes – 9:00 de la mañana a 4:00 de la tarde

**Formación en la Fe – Grupo de** El grupo de Oración continúa con los temas de Formación en la Fe, durante el grupo de oración, los martes a las 7:00 de la tarde. Estos

**Proclama de Matrimonio** – Gunther Gabbert y Fernanda Maretto de Barros planean casarse en la Parroquia de Nuestra Señora del Rosario en Campinas-SP, Brasil, el **20 de mayo del 2015**.

**El Ministerio del Proyecto Raquel** – ¿Sufre y tiene sentimientos no resueltos después de un aborto provocado? ¿Sientes que Dios nunca podrá perdonarte? ... ¿No puede usted perdonarse a sí misma? El Ministerio del Proyecto Raquel de la Arquidiócesis de Washington quiere ayudarte. Para más información comunícate con Luz Menjivar al 301-853-4565 o puede escribir al [ProyectoRaquel@adw.org](mailto:ProyectoRaquel@adw.org). ¡Absoluta Confidencialidad!

**Música y Sueños: Recaudación de fondos para el Centro Católico Hispano** – ¡Muéstrenos sus pasos de baile en *Música y Sueños*! ¡La noche del viernes, **29 de Mayo** en el Museo de Mujeres en las Artes, Usted podrá tomar un viaje por Latinoamérica, completa con exquisitas tapas, bebidas y clases de baile! Este evento beneficia el Centro Católico Hispano de Caridades Católicas que ofrece a inmigrantes preparación para el trabajo, servicios médicos y dentales, apoyo de vivienda y alimentos. Para boletos y más detalles, visite: [www.musicaysuenos.org](http://www.musicaysuenos.org).

### Catholic Charities Workshop: Supporting Our Neighbors by Sustaining Ourselves –

Join local parish volunteers & staff in learning about compassion fatigue, goals/boundaries & self-care within the context of parish social ministry. Join us on Saturday, **May 9**, 10am to 12pm at Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian Catholic Church (1357 East Capitol Street, SE). Contact: Maria Smith at 202-772-4343 or [maria.smith@catholiccharitiesdc.org](mailto:maria.smith@catholiccharitiesdc.org)

**MASS INTENTIONS****May 3 – 10****Sunday, May 3**

7am – Bridie Doherty (living)  
 8:30am – All Parishioners  
 10am – Moises Lopez  
 11:30am – Ruth Vera  
 1pm – Rosalba Zuluaga  
 5:30pm – Peter Gilmartin

**Monday, May 4**

8am – Panfila Gramajo  
 12:10pm – Scott McMillan  
 5:30pm – Joe Noonan

**Tuesday, May 5**

12:10pm – Bill Welsh  
 5:30pm – José Luis Carrillo

**Wednesday, May 6**

8am – Francis & Olivia Mendes  
 12:10pm – Josefina Hipolito (living)  
 5:30pm – Francesca Mendes (living)

**Thursday, May 7**

8am – Felicisima R. Bautista  
 12:10pm – Corazon M. Gendrano  
 5:30pm – Steve Gogniat (living)

**Friday, May 8**

8am – Vinicio Urribarri  
 12:10pm – Frances Jane Berry  
 5:30pm – Genevieve Kuehl

**Saturday, May 9**

12:10pm – Maria Christine Villafuerte  
 5:30pm – All Parishioners

**Sunday, May 10**

7am – Maria M. Dos Santos  
 8:30am – Kathleen Kuhler  
 10am – James Hash  
 11:30am – Gwen Roherman  
 1pm – Maria Dos Santos  
 5:30pm – Angelica De León

**FAITH FORMATION**

**Spiritual Direction** – St. Matthew's provides and refers interested persons to qualified spiritual directors. Contact Theresa Prymuszewski, Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation, at

202-587-5139 or [tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedra.org](mailto:tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedra.org).

**Cathedral Book Club** – The next meeting of the Cathedral Book Club, on Monday, **May 11** from 6:45 to 8pm in the West Conference Room, will focus on *Journey to the Sun: Junipero Serra's Dream and the Founding of California*. Last Fall at the Cathedral, the author, Gregory Orfalea, addressed a meeting of the Serra Club, which is named for the book's subject, Fr. Junipero Serra. Fr. Serra is slated to be canonized by Pope Francis when he visits Washington this coming September. All are invited for this timely book discussion.

**Bible Study for the Easter Season** – Fr. Jack Hurley's final session on the Acts of the Apostles, "From Corinth to Rome," will be given on Saturday, **May 16** in the East Conference Room from 10:30am to 11:45am. All are welcome!

**MARRIAGE**

Couples who are interested in celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage at the Cathedral are encouraged to visit the parish website to review our guidelines for weddings. The next step is to call the Rectory at 202-347-3215 and ask for the priest of your choice or the priest on duty, who can speak to you about marriage preparation and the possibility of scheduling your wedding at the Cathedral. Couples are expected to contact us **at least nine (9) months in advance** of the date on which they hope to celebrate their wedding.

**YOUNG ADULTS**

**Cathedral Coffeehouse - Sunday, May 3 – following 5:30pm Mass – West Conference Room** – Join Br. Gabriel, Br. Patrick, and other young

adults after the 5:30pm Mass for Cathedral Coffeehouse. **In 20 minutes or less** we promise you'll learn something new and have a few laughs. This week's topic is *Inquisitions, Crusades, & Killing for God*. Contact: [stmattsyam@gmail.com](mailto:stmattsyam@gmail.com)

**C†YA for a Discussion – Thursday, May 7 - 7 to 8:30pm - Scion Restaurant (2100 P St NW/Dupont Circle)** – The topic is the papal encyclical *Evangelii Nuntiandi (On Evangelization in the Modern World)* by Pope Paul VI. No prior knowledge of the encyclical is required. We look forward to seeing you for a lively discussion! Contact: Mike at [m.owens810@gmail.com](mailto:m.owens810@gmail.com)

**C†YA Spring Retreat: Finding God in All Things – Saturday, May 30 – Sunday 31 – Bellarmine Retreat Center (Waynesboro, PA)** – The theme is "Finding God in All Things." There will be time for quiet prayer, group reflection, hiking, confession, Mass and making friends! Fr. Carter Griffin of the Archdiocese of Washington will join us as well. Scholarships are available for those with financial need. Register [here](http://goo.gl/PYPzex) (<http://goo.gl/PYPzex>) by Friday, May 15. Contact Hannah at [hannahrdell@gmail.com](mailto:hannahrdell@gmail.com) for more information or to get involved as a small group leader.

**C†YA at the Northwest Center – Tuesday, May 12 – 6 to 8pm – Northwest Center (2702 Ontario Road NW / Columbia Heights)** – The Center provides support and comprehensive care that enables women to deliver and care for healthy babies. We visit each month to sort donations or do odd jobs around the Center. To sign up, contact Natalie Committee at [natalie.committee@gmail.com](mailto:natalie.committee@gmail.com).

# 175th Parish Anniversary News



**Memories Wanted!** – Your help is needed to mark the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Parish of St. Matthew the Apostle, now the Cathedral Parish, and since 1939, the seat of the Archdiocese of Washington. **You are invited now and throughout 2015 to share stories and memories of how your Catholic faith has shaped your life, your faith and your family.**

Maybe you have a story of how your Catholic education has made a difference to your future, how you drew

closer to your faith because of your Cathedral involvement, or how

Catholic Charities or a Cathedral program or ministry offered you help, hope, or the chance to serve others when you needed it. Share your favorite memories of parish festivals, volunteering, liturgies, social justice events, Christmas Masses and Easter mornings.

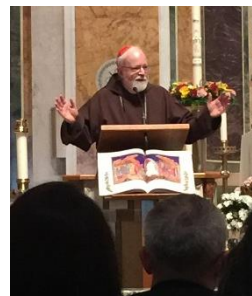
**The anniversary celebration of our parish is best marked by the**

**inspirations, gratitude, joy, and power of faith.** Your stories and those of your ancestors reflect how St. Matthew's had shared the joy of the Gospel in downtown Washington, DC for 175 years. **Check the website front page to read the featured and archived stories!**

Please email stories, in **250 words or less**, to [reply@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:reply@stmatthewscathedral.org), or mail them to Msgr. Ronald Jameson at Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle, 1725 Rhode Island Ave., NW Washington, DC 20036-3001. Please include the words "Anniversary Story" in the email heading or on the envelope.

**Help St. Matthew's Discover its History!** – The 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Publication Committee needs volunteer researchers, writers, and editors to assist with compiling and publishing a new history of St. Matthew's. Researchers are needed to visit libraries and archives in the DC area for research in May 2015, to supplement existing resources in the Cathedral Archives and help fill in the gaps in St. Matthew's parish history. Writers and editors are needed to help write and edit text in June and July 2015. Volunteers with access to library research databases are particularly needed as are those with extensive writing and editing experience. Training will be given to all volunteers. Please contact Dan Evans at [175thanniversary@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:175thanniversary@stmatthewscathedral.org) to volunteer.

**Call for Cathedral Parish Life Photos** – Do you have photos of your parents' or grandparents' wedding at St. Matthews? Photos of baptisms? Or of your family standing in front of the altar at Easter? The 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Publication Committee seeks historic photos of events at St. Matthew's for potential use in our anniversary documents. Please submit photos with the date and description of the event to Dan Evans at [175thanniversary@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:175thanniversary@stmatthewscathedral.org) or contact Dan at 202-587-5138. We can assist with scanning and copying your originals. All submissions will be become part of the Cathedral Archives.



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR ST. MATTHEW'S PARISH 175TH ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL EVENTS

- **Sunday, April 26, 3:00 pm**  
Address by Cardinal Seán O'Malley, followed by a reception **\*\*We hope you were able to attend! For more photos of Cardinal O'Malley's warm and inspiring address, check our Facebook page.\*\***
- **Sunday, October 11, after all Masses**  
Celebration of our many cultures, with traditional food, dress, music and dance
- **Saturday, October 17, 6:00 pm**  
175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala, with cocktails, dinner and dancing
- **Sunday, November 1, 12:00 noon (combining 11:30 am and 1:00 pm Masses)**  
Bilingual Mass celebrating the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of St. Matthew's Parish, with Cardinal Wuerl as Principal Celebrant, followed by a reception
- **Sunday, November 22, 7:30 pm**  
175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert, featuring the Schola Cantorum and Festival Singers
- **Sunday, December 13, 7:30 pm**  
Lessons and Carols, a celebration of the Birth of Christ in Word and Song, featuring the Schola Cantorum

*Times subject to change.*

*Watch for future*

## Easter (Paschal) Candle

The Easter Season is visibly and singularly marked by the large, decorated candle that is prominent in the sanctuary, located by the ambo. The origin of its use during the Easter season is hard to establish in researching the dim past of the early Church. Some church historians suggest that its origin may be in the lamps used in the synagogues and is a reminder from the Old Testament of the 'pillar of fire' denoting 'God's presence.' Some scholars find allusions to it in the early documents of Justin Martyr (103-165AD) who writes of the baptism ceremony being an illumination. In the time of Emperor Constantine (272-337AD), St. Eusebius writes that the "emperor transformed the night of the sacred vigil (Easter) into the brilliancy of day by lighting the whole city with pillars of wax so that this vigil is rendered brighter than the brightest daylight." The descriptor "Paschal" comes from the Hebrew word 'pesach' or Passover, the Jewish feast so closely associated with Holy Week and Easter.

Later Church writings further heightened its symbolic relationship to Christianity. For Christians in these early centuries, the candle came to symbolize Christ: the true light that enlightens each person who comes into this world; its virgin beeswax: the most pure flesh of Christ; its wick: the human soul of Christ; its flame: the divinity of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Person of the Trinity; the five grains of affixed incense: the sacred wounds of Christ.

Over the centuries, the candle's symbolic representation magnified its fabrication and its use. In many places, at the end of each year, the candle was melted down and used the next year as smaller candles to be carried by the newly baptized at Easter and all those present at the Easter vigil. In the 8th century, it became the practice in Rome to inscribe the candle with the date of the current year, since it was crafted new each year. In many cathedrals, in order for it to be seen throughout the church, its size grew so that in some places, like Salisbury Cathedral in England, it was 36 feet tall. Its principle, but not exclusive, decorations are: the year of its use; the Greek letters for A and O referring to Christ as the "Alpha (beginning)" and "Omega (end);" and five grains of incense in the form of a cross.

The candle begins its liturgical life each year at the Easter vigil on Holy Saturday evening. At the beginning of the vigil celebration, the presider lights the candle from the Easter fire that has just been lit and then inserts the grains of incense and blesses it. The candle, carried by the deacon, leads the way into the cathedral and its flame is used to light the people's candles. After reaching the sanctuary, the candle is placed in its holder next to the ambo where it remains during the entire Easter season, lit for each liturgy until the conclusion of the feast of Pentecost.

During the rest of the liturgical year, it is also lit for all baptisms and for all funerals where it is placed at the head of the deceased's remains, signifying the beginning and ending of one's life in Christ. It is also lit for the sacrament of confirmation and may be lit for the other sacraments (e.g. anointing and matrimony) to mark other important milestones in our Christian life.

-- Deacon Bartholomew Merella



## 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.

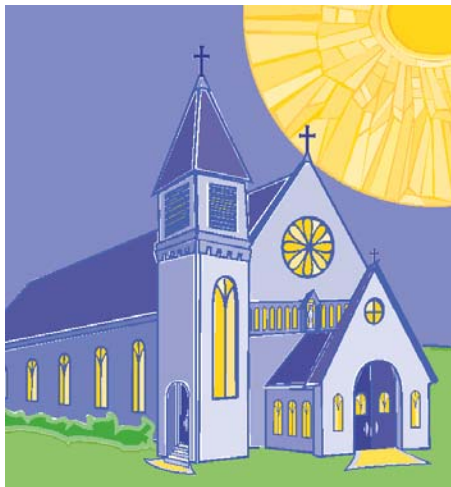
Sign up using the enrollment form on the other side or go online to [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our parish code **DC284** to enroll today!

**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:info@faithdirect.net), or by logging in to your account through [www.faithdirect.net](http://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](mailto:info@faithdirect.net), or contact Pam Erwin at the Rectory at 202-347-3215 x537 or [perwin@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:perwin@stmatthewscathedral.org).**



# E-GIVING ENROLLMENT FORM



Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle  
1725 Rhode Island Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20036

To enroll online, use code  
below or scan here: →

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**Process my gifts on the:**  4th *or*  15th of the month *(please check only one box)*

*"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 Gift: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*(Note: 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 as part of the regular monthly transaction.

**Organ Completion Fund:**  Weekly Gift: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  Monthly Gift: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  One-Time: Gift \$ \_\_\_\_\_

COLLECTION	AMOUNT	MONTH	COLLECTION	AMOUNT	MONTH
<input type="checkbox"/> Cathedral Maintenance	\$ _____	Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/> Holy Father	\$ _____	June
<input type="checkbox"/> Music Ministry	\$ _____	Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/> Catholic Communications & Human Development	\$ _____	August
<input type="checkbox"/> Poor Box/Outreach	\$ _____	Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/> Assumption	\$ _____	August
<input type="checkbox"/> Solemnity of Mary	\$ _____	January	<input type="checkbox"/> Catholic University	\$ _____	September
<input type="checkbox"/> Church Missions within the US	\$ _____	January	<input type="checkbox"/> Propagation of the Faith/ World Missions	\$ _____	October
<input type="checkbox"/> Ash Wednesday	\$ _____	March	<input type="checkbox"/> All Saints Day	\$ _____	November
<input type="checkbox"/> Churches in the Developing World	\$ _____	March	<input type="checkbox"/> All Souls Day *	\$ _____	November
<input type="checkbox"/> Holy Thursday	\$ _____	March/April	<input type="checkbox"/> Archdiocesan Priests' Retirement	\$ _____	November
<input type="checkbox"/> Holy Land	\$ _____	March/April	<input type="checkbox"/> Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ _____	December
<input type="checkbox"/> Easter Flowers	\$ _____	March/April	<input type="checkbox"/> Immaculate Conception	\$ _____	December
<input type="checkbox"/> Easter Sunday (In addition to regular Sunday gift)	\$ _____	March/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 Bank Account Debit:** Please return this completed form and a voided check to Faith Direct Enrollment.

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

Credit/Debit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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ST. MATTHEW'S CATHEDRAL  
RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Invites you to participate in our parish

**MOTHER'S DAY DRIVE**

**SUNDAY, MAY 10**

**ALL MASSES**

**For the**

**Northwest Pregnancy Center**

**We will be collecting the following items:**

- Diapers
- Baby wipes
- Baby formula

Monetary donations are greatly appreciated. Please make checks out to St. Matthew's Cathedral with "Northwest Center" on the note line.

For more information, contact Respect Life coordinator, Justin Silvers, at [stmatthewsrespectlife@yahoo.com](mailto:stmatthewsrespectlife@yahoo.com).



**THE NORTHWEST CENTER**

Serving Women in the DC Area since 1981

**Mission:** The Northwest Center seeks to promote the dignity of women and a respect for all human life.

They seek to accomplish this goal by offering the loving support and comprehensive aid necessary to enable all women to continue their pregnancies, deliver healthy babies, and adequately care for themselves and their children.





CATEDRAL DE SAN MATEO  
MINISTERIO DE RESPETO A LA VIDA

Los invita a participar en  
**LA COLECTA DEL  
DÍA DE LAS MADRES**  
**DOMINGO, 10 DE MAYO**  
**TODAS LAS MISAS**  
Para  
**El Centro Northwest**

**Estamos recogiendo lo siguiente:**

- Pañales
- Toallitas húmedas
- Fórmula de bebe

Donaciones monetarias también son agradecidas.

Los cheques pueden ser dirigidos a la Catedral de San Mateo con "Northwest Center" en la línea de nota. Para más información, póngase en contacto con el coordinador de Respeto a la Vida, Justin Silvers, al [stmatthewsrespectlife@yahoo.com](mailto:stmatthewsrespectlife@yahoo.com).



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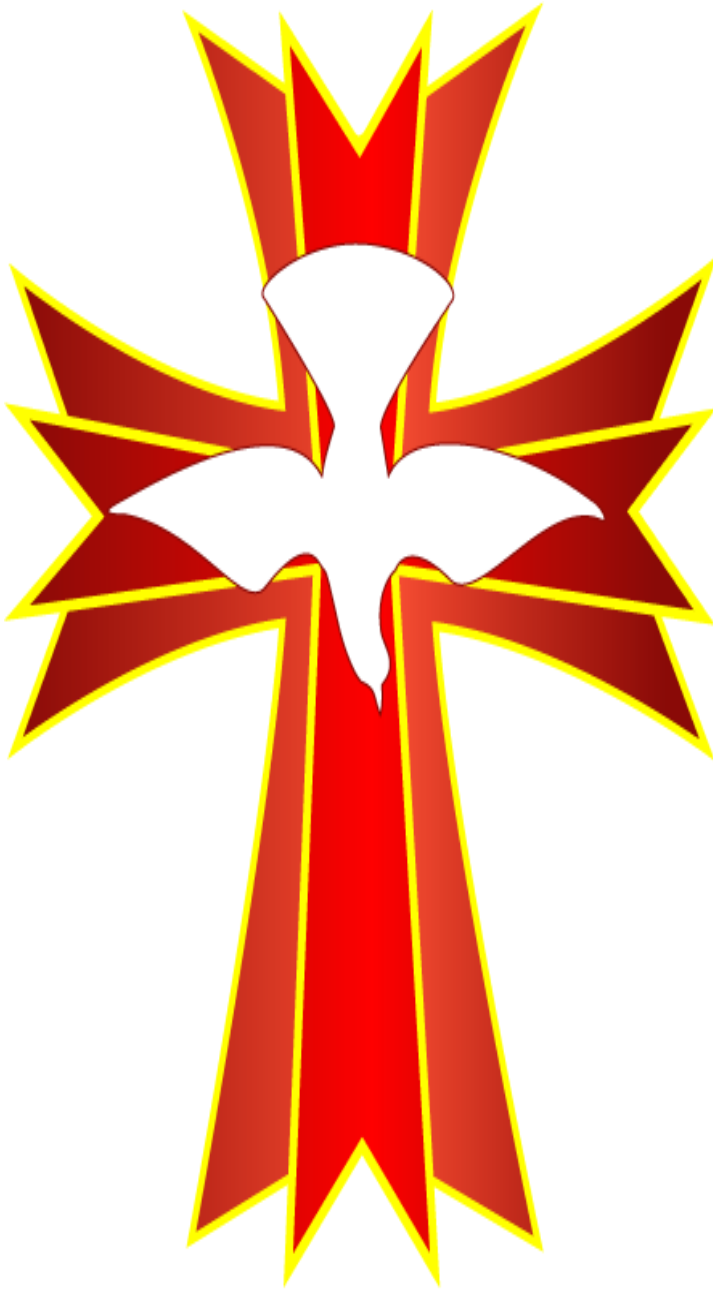
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**Misión:** El Centro Northwest busca promover la dignidad de las mujeres y el respeto de toda vida humana. Tratan de lograr esta meta ofreciendo el apoyo amoroso y comprensivo y la ayuda necesaria para que todas las mujeres puedan continuar con sus embarazos, tener bebés sanos y poder ofrecer el cuidado adecuado para ellas y sus hijos.



ST. MATTHEW'S FAITH FORMATION COMMITTEE PRESENTS

# SENT FORTH BY THE SPIRIT: A PENTECOST RETREAT



*Join our Catholic adults preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation as together we ready ourselves to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit at the Great Feast of Pentecost. We will explore devotion to the Holy Spirit through Scripture reflection, Church teachings, and personal and communal prayer, notably the Novena to the Holy Spirit.*

**Saturday, May 16**

**10:00 am to 3:00 pm**

(12:10pm Mass available during our lunch break)

**Retreat Leader** ~ Theresa Prymuszewski  
Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation

*Reservations accepted through*

**Monday, May 11**

202.587.5139 (direct line) or

[tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org)

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