

TODAY'S READINGS

The doors were locked. (John 20:19)
Fear can be such a crippling emotion! Think of how many dreams were never realized because someone was afraid of failure. Think of how many relationships never got started because someone was afraid to make the first move.

Now think of the apostles, locked in the upper room “for fear of the Jews” (John 20:19). What if they had never gotten over that fear and remained in Jerusalem? What if the Church had never grown beyond that small group of disciples? You probably wouldn’t be reading this meditation! We know, of course, that this didn’t happen. That’s why we are celebrating Pentecost today. Empowered by the Spirit, the apostles did overcome their fears. And because of their boldness, all of history has been transformed by the message of God’s love and salvation.

But what of us, who are also called to witness our faith? Maybe we should ask ourselves, as Pope Francis did recently, “Are we open to ‘God’s surprises’? Or are we closed and fearful before the newness of the Holy Spirit?”

It may sound simplistic, but we don’t have to be afraid. God is with us, and as the Holy Father has said, he has wonderful surprises waiting for us if we step out in faith.

This week, let the Lord surprise you—and take a risk by acting on the surprise. If you feel a renewed urge to share your faith, don’t stifle it. If you feel called to pray for someone’s healing or reach out to someone in distress, follow that leading. Try to put your anxieties aside and do what you sense the Lord is asking you to do. You’ll find great freedom, even if you take just one small step of trust in the Lord. Not only that, but God will take this tiny step of faith and turn it into a giant leap forward—for you and for the person you are reaching out to!

“Lord, may the fire of your Spirit burn away every fear that I have. May I follow without hesitation wherever you are leading me!”

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday 24 Acts 2:1-11 / 1 Cor 12:3-7,12-13 / Jn 20:19-23
Pentecost Sunday

Monday 25 Si 17:20-24 / Mk 10:17-27
St. Bede the Venerable, St. Gregory VII & St. Mary Magdalene de 'Pazzi

Tuesday 26 Si 35:1-12 / Mk 10:28-31
St. Philip Neri

Wednesday 27 Si 36:1,4-5,10-17 / Mk 10:32-45
St. Augustine of Canterbury

Thursday 28 Si 42:15-25 / Mk 10:46-52

Friday 29 Si 44:1,9-13 / Mk 11:11-26

Saturday 30 Si 51:12-20 / Mk 11:27-33

Sunday 31 Dt 4:32-34,39-40 / Rom 8:14-17 / Mt 28:16-20
The Most Holy Trinity

LECTURAS DE HOY

Yse les aparecieron lenguas como de fuego, repartidas sobre cada uno de ellos. (Hechos 2, 3)

Cuando llegó el día de Pentecostés, el poder del Espíritu Santo Dios se manifestó como un viento recio que llenó la casa y como lenguas de fuego que se posaron sobre todos los presentes. El fuego significó, al mismo tiempo, la santidad de Dios y su deseo de purificar los corazones de los fieles. La bendición final de la Misa de Pentecostés indica que la Iglesia comprende los designios de Dios: “Que el mismo fuego divino, que de manera admirable se posó sobre los apóstoles, purifique vuestros corazones de todo pecado y los ilumine con su claridad” (Bendición solemne, Misa de Pentecostés).

Esta llama divina de Pentecostés continúa purificando y santificando a los fieles de hoy, porque Dios quiere que seamos auténticos hijos suyos mediante este bautismo del fuego y del Espíritu, que nos transforma y nos renueva en la imagen de su Hijo. El Señor desea que recibamos este fuego de la santidad y dejemos que él produzca en nosotros la maravilla de la purificación.

En este día sagrado, renunciemos a nuestros planes personales y entreguémonos a la acción de Dios, con docilidad de corazón, con amor filial y con el deseo de conocer y hacer la voluntad de Dios: “Santo Espíritu divino, ven como fuego de sacrificio a purificarnos el corazón de todo pecado. Renunciamos a los resentimientos, rencores, odios, celos, apetitos ilegítimos, adicciones desordenadas y ambiciones egoístas. Quémalo todo por completo, Señor, en tu fuego consumidor. Ven como la luz, para que tu esplendor disipe toda la oscuridad de nuestra mente, para que vivamos ‘en la luz como él vive en la luz’ (1 Juan 1, 7). Espíritu de amor, enciende nuestro corazón de amor divino por Jesús, así como el Sagrado Corazón de Jesús arde de amor por su Iglesia.”

“Dios nuestro, tú que concedes a tu Iglesia dones celestiales consérvale la gracia que le has dado, para que permanezca siempre vivo en ella el don del Espíritu Santo que le infundiste; y que este alimento espiritual nos sirva para alcanzar la salvación eterna.”

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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 24 - 31

Sunday 24—Pentecost

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

Bishop Holley confers the Sacrament of Confirmation at a 3pm Mass in the Cathedral.

Fr. Gabriel Torretta, OP celebrates a Mass of Thanksgiving at 5:30pm.

Monday 25—Memorial Day, a federal

Holiday. The Cathedral opens at 7:30am and closes at 1pm. Masses are celebrated at 8am & 12:10pm. There are no Confessions. The Rectory offices are closed.

Tuesday 26—Legión de María se reúne a las 5:30 de la tarde hasta las en el salón del Oeste.

The Social Justice & Community Services Committee meets at 6:45pm in the North Conference Room.

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

Wednesday 27—Breaking Open the Word meets at 7pm in the West Conference Room.

Sunday 31—The Most Holy Trinity

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

Obispo Dorsonville celebrará las Confirmaciones de los jóvenes de la comunidad hispana durante la misa de español a la 1 de la tarde.

NEWS AND NOTES

Confirmation – On Pentecost Sunday, **May 24**, Bishop Holley celebrates a special Mass at 3pm in the Cathedral. Catholics from around the Archdiocese of Washington will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, including 24 people who have been prepared for the sacrament at St. Matthew's. Let us celebrate with them this final step in their initiation and keep them in our prayers.

Memorial Day – Monday, **May 25** is Memorial Day, a federal holiday. Masses will be celebrated at 8am and 12:10pm only. Following the Cathedral's federal holiday schedule, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will not be celebrated.

Memorial Day Masses at Catholic Cemeteries – “We are called to remember everyone, even those who no one remembers,” says Pope Francis. “We remember those who sacrificed their lives to serve others. We especially entrust to the Lord, those who have left us during the past year.”

This Memorial Day, encounter the love of Christ and his Church on the sacred grounds of Catholic Cemeteries. Come pray in loving memory of family, friends, and fellow citizens who have given their lives for our freedom and now experience their destiny in the love of Christ. Special outdoor Masses will be held on Monday, **May 25** at 10am at the cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Washington, including Gate of Heaven Cemetery, 13801 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, MD (301-871-6500), and Mt. Olivet Cemetery, 1300 Bladensburg Rd., NE., Washington, D.C. (202-399-3000).



Schola Cantorum Openings – There are a limited number of openings 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, contact Tom Stehle, Pastoral Associate for Liturgy and Director of Music Ministries, at tstehle@stmatthewscathedral.org.

Mementos of St. Matthew's – St. Matthew's is pleased to offer a 48-page souvenir book on our beautiful Cathedral church featuring the Cathedral's history, art and architecture with photographs by local photographer, Neil Greentree. Also available are sets of note cards picturing the art of the Cathedral, boxed sets of Christmas cards featuring St. Matthew's Crèche, Christmas ornaments and CD recordings of the *Schola Cantorum*. Items may be purchased in the Rectory or by contacting us at 202-347-3215 x517 or gharrington@stmatthewscathedral.org. Visa and MasterCard are accepted.

VOCATIONS

Congratulations on Ordination –
We congratulate and offer our prayers for **Father Gabriel Torretta, O.P.** on his ordination to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ. Fr. Torretta celebrates his First Mass of Thanksgiving here at St. Matthew's at 5:30pm on Pentecost Sunday, **May 24.**

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

CARDINAL'S APPEAL 2015

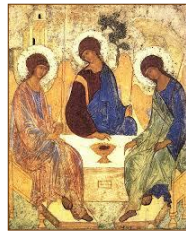
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FIRST
THE
KINGDOM
OF
GOD
Matthew 6:33

Have You Pledged? – Parishioners were asked in February during our Cardinal's Appeal Commitment

Weekend and our Follow-up Weekend to prayerfully consider and respond to this year's Cardinal's Appeal campaign, bearing the theme "Seek first the kingdom of God." (Matthew 6:33) To those households that have not yet made a pledge, we ask that you please do so now. Your participation is needed if we are to reach the goals for our parish set for this appeal. **You may pick up a pledge envelope at the rectory or call the rectory to ask that one be mailed to you.**

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response. For those who have pledged, thank you for your support and generosity.

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



Let us be a reflection of the Most Holy Trinity! – *Next Sunday, May 31, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. The words of Pope Francis remind us of the Trinity as a model for the person and the parish family.*

"... the solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity... presents for our contemplation and adoration the divine life of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit: a life of communion and perfect love, origin and goal of the whole universe and every creature, God. In the Trinity we also recognize a model of the Church in which we are called to love each other as Jesus loved us. Love is the concrete sign that manifests faith in God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Love is distinctive of the Christian, as Jesus told us: "From this everyone will know that you are my disciples" (John 13:15). It is a contradiction to think of Christians who hate. It is a contradiction! And the devil always tries to make us hate because he is always sowing the discord of hate; he does not know love, God is love! ...

The Holy Spirit, gift of the risen Jesus, communicates the divine life to us and thus he draws us into the dynamism of the Trinity, which is a dynamism of love, communion, mutual service, sharing. A person who loves others for the joy itself of loving is a reflection of the Trinity. A parish in which people want what is best for each other and spiritual and material goods are shared is a reflection of the Trinity. . . . " (*Pope Francis, Angelus, Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, Sunday, 15 June 2014*)

YOUNG ADULTS

C+YA for Supper – Thursday, May 28 – 6:30pm – Ted's Bulletin - 14th Street (1818 14th Street NW / U Street) – Young adults and fellow foodies are invited to join us and to bring friends or coworkers as we head to the DC staple, Ted's Bulletin on 14th Street, for comfort food and their famous milkshakes! Sign up [here](http://goo.gl/T0B7Wa) (<http://goo.gl/T0B7Wa>) by Monday, May 25. Email Hannah at hannahrdell@gmail.com for more information.

C+YA / STAY for Happy Hour – Friday, June 19 – 6 to 9pm – The Madhatter (1319 Connecticut Avenue / Dupont Circle) – Join us for the ever popular C+YA / STAY happy hour! Feel free to bring friends or coworkers, or just come on your own to meet other young Catholics in DC at this joint happy hour with St. Thomas Apostle Young Adults (STAY). We have the mezzanine level reserved. Please come up the stairs at the back left of the Madhatter when you arrive; we'll be at the top of the steps. Contact stmattsyam@gmail.com with questions.

DC Catholic Summer Theology on TAPTalks – Series begins **July 7** - Have an idea for a TED-inspired talk? Submit your idea at <http://www.adw.org/tot/>.



Catholic Business Network of Washington D.C. (CBN-D.C.) – Please



join CBN-D.C. for a breakfast networking reception Thursday, **May 28**, 8-9:30am in the Great Hall of St. Matthew's Rectory. The guest speaker will be Tom Murphy of EagleBank. CBN-D.C. is an independent nonprofit organization bringing together businesses and individual professionals to create valuable networking opportunities through monthly receptions and an annual gala. All funds raised go to support students in need at Catholic schools in Washington D.C. For more information or to register, visit www.cbndc.org or contact Justin Silvers at 202-957-5188 or jsilvers@cbndc.org.

Próximamente – El lunes **25 de mayo**, es el Día de Conmemoración, fiesta federal. 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.

Confirmación de los Jóvenes – Únase el domingo **31 de mayo** a nuestra comunidad cuando nuestros jóvenes recibirán el Sacramento de la Confirmación, que será impartido por el **Obispo Mario Dorsonville**. ¡Oremos por ellos, para que continúen en su camino de fe como miembros de la Iglesia Católica!

Grupo de El grupo de Oración – El grupo de oración se reúne los martes a la 7:00 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Oeste. El objetivo del grupo es profundizar nuestra fe por medio de las Sagradas Escrituras. Para más información llame a Fátima al 202-347-3215 x543.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

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La Santísima Trinidad

FAITH FORMATION

New Small Group Facilitators Wanted, and Seasoned Ones Welcomed Back! – This summer St. Matthew's will discuss, "Open to The Holy Spirit" by our own Cardinal Donald Wuerl. Please see the insert in today's bulletin, and contact Tricia Schmitt at Tricia.Schmittdc@gmail.com if you are interested in serving as a small group facilitator. It's fun and a great way to meet new friends while deepening your own faith. No prior knowledge of the book or experience of small group facilitating is needed.

NOTICIAS DE LA PARROQUIA



Campaña del Cardenal 2015 – ¿Se ha comprometido? Durante el fin de semana de la Petición del Cardenal (7-8 de febrero) y nuestro seguimiento (14 y 15 de febrero) se les pidió a todos los feligreses a considerar y responder a la Petición del Cardenal este año con el tema "Buscando

primero el Reino de Dios." (Mateo 6:33) A las familias que aún no han hecho un compromiso, les pedimos por favor hacerlo ahora. Su participación es necesaria para que la Catedral de San Mateo puede alcanzar su meta este año. Si usted necesita un sobre de compromiso puede pasar a la rectoría o llamar a la rectoría y pedir que se le mande por correo. Gracias por considerar esta propuesta en oración y por su generosa respuesta. Para aquellos que se han comprometido, gracias por su apoyo y generosidad.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) Call for Team Members – Would you like to learn more about your faith by sharing it with others? Would you like to be part of a team of Catholics who help others to learn more about the Catholic faith as a sponsor, sponsor coordinator, Wednesday evening presenter, or hospitality coordinator? RCIA is an ongoing process for adults who would like to explore our Catholic faith. Please contact Theresa Prymuszewski, Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation, at 202-587-5139 or tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org.

Spiritual Direction – St. Matthew's provides and refers interested person to qualified spiritual directors. Contact Theresa Prymuszewski (contact info above).

MASS INTENTIONS

May 24 - 31

Sunday, May 24

7am – Gloria Cardona
8:30am – All Parishioners
10am – Mr. & Mrs. John P. Crawford
11:30am – George Tenety
1pm – Maria Mejia
5:30pm – Charles Marciano

Monday, May 25

8am – Jonny B. Bautista
12:10pm – Our Lady of Guadalupe

Tuesday, May 26

7am – Rita Algeo
8am – Paul Myers
12:10pm – John F. Boehne
5:30pm – David Chamberlain (living)

Wednesday, May 27

8am – Maria Da Silva (living)
12:10pm – Fr. Larry Swink (living)
5:30pm – Ellen McCormick (living)

Thursday, May 28

12:10pm – Kenneth Lee Alonso
5:30pm – Arthur E. Cooper

Friday, May 29

12:10pm – Ambassador Lucenario Domingo, Jr.

Saturday, May 30

12:10pm – Edgar Africa
5:30pm – Winfrey Family (living)

Sunday, May 31

7am – All Parishioners
8:30am – James Lee Wagner
10am – Sam Arcuri
11:30am – Paul Laxalt (living)
1pm – Jose Luis Carrillo
5:30pm – Eugene Doherty

To arrange a Mass intention, speak to our receptionist in the Rectory. There is no fee but an offering is customary. Intentions are reserved in advance so particular dates may be unavailable.

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.

BAPTISM

Parents who wish to have their child baptized at the Cathedral should contact the Baptismal Coordinator at baptism@stmatthewscathedral.org or 202-347-3215 x555. Parents are encouraged to contact us **at least six (6) months in advance** of a desired baptismal date, and may ask for the priest of their choice to perform the Baptism. Early contact allows parents to be scheduled for the necessary sacramental formation session and godparents to obtain letters from their pastor.

If you are a registered parishioner at St. Matthew's and need a letter of good standing in order to be a godparent for a baptism to be celebrated at another parish, please call the Cathedral rectory at 202-347-3215 to ask about obtaining a letter.

WELCOMING ALL

For wheelchair access, enter the driveway to the parking garage next to the Cathedral. Ring the door buzzer at the bottom of the driveway to enter. Take the elevator up to the Cathedral level.

A sign language interpreter is present at the Sunday 11:30am Mass and at special liturgies throughout the

year. An induction loop is provided for the benefit of hearing aid users. Those desiring to take advantage of the induction loop should sit in pews B1, B3, A1 or A3 and switch their hearing aids to "T."

Speaking of Welcoming: Pope Francis on Children's Tears – During a Mass in Rome in 2014, "Pope Francis told parents that children's tears were 'the best sermon,' as reported on catholicculture.org. . . . Pope Francis said '...children cry, they are noisy, they don't stop moving. But it really irritates me when I see a child crying in church and someone says they must go out. God's voice is in a child's tears: they must never be kicked out of church.' A good thing to remember the next time your child is making a scene at Mass, or the next time you hear someone else's child losing it. Thanks, Pope Francis!" (Catholic News Agency blog, December 30, 2014, by Mary Rezac)

MORNING PRAYER

As morning breaks I look to you, O God, to be my strength this day. (Psalm 63)

Morning Prayer, one of the offices of the Liturgy of the Hours, is prayed on Wednesdays and Fridays at 7:30am in St. Anthony's Chapel, following the 7am Mass. We gather to give praise for a new day and all that is yet to be, relying on the Holy Spirit who unites the Church at prayer. Feel free to join this small group. Prayer leaflets are available each day, and we will help you to participate. Visitors and drop-ins are welcome! You are welcome to be present in silence, if you do not wish to join in the prayer. Come and enjoy a few moments of communion with the Lord, surrounded by mosaics of the Umbrian hill towns of Italy with St. Francis, St. Clare, St. Anthony and St. Bonaventure, and underneath the mosaics, the words of St. Francis' "Canticle of the Sun." Questions? Call 202-587-5143.

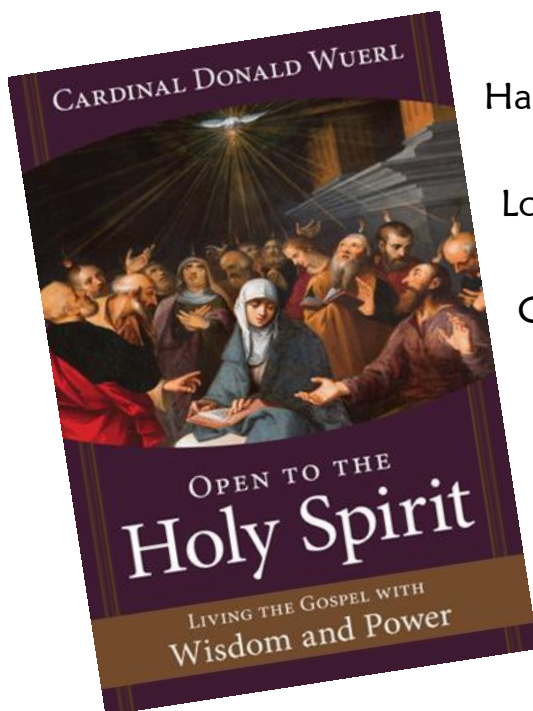
ST. MATTHEW'S FAITH FORMATION COMMITTEE PRESENTS
SMALL FAITH-SHARING GROUPS



on
Open to the Holy Spirit
by
Donald Cardinal Wuerl

We need to invoke the Holy Spirit constantly. . . . It is like being plunged into the deep and not knowing what we will find.

—Pope Francis, *The Joy of the Gospel*



Has the Holy Spirit made a difference in your life?

Looked to him for comfort?

Called on him in prayer today, last year, ever?

If you have yet to tap into this wellspring of life, or if you have but want to go deeper, please join us for our small faith-sharing groups to understand how we can call on the Holy Spirit in our lives.

We will read and reflect on *Open to the Holy Spirit* over six weeks starting **June 21, 2015**. These peer-led, small group discussions will allow you to connect more deeply with your faith, reinvigorate your own spirit, and enliven your experiences in daily life.

Please contact Tricia Schmitt at Tricia.Schmittdc@gmail.com for more information.

RSVP by June 6th

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175th Parish Anniversary News



Memories Wanted! – Your help is needed to mark the 175th 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.

MILESTONES IN CATHEDRAL HISTORY

1909 – February 25: The sale of the old St. Matthew’s church was completed, and in a short time wreckers were demolishing it to make room for the new Southern Building which was to be erected on that site. The sale of the old church property provided a large sum of money toward completion of the new building.

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, 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 175th 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 during 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 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 175th 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 or contact Dan at

202-587-5138. We can assist with scanning and copying your originals. All submissions will 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
- **Sunday, October 11, after all Masses**
Celebration of our many cultures, with traditional food, dress, music and dance
- **Saturday, October 17, 6:00 pm**
175th 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 175th 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**
175th 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 announcements.*



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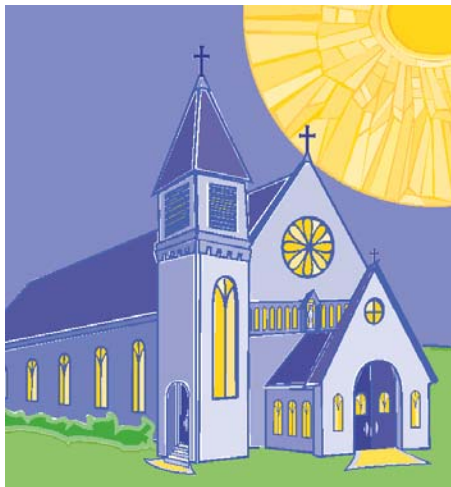
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Can I stop, increase, or decrease my payment at any time?

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

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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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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: _____

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



Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle
English as a Second Language Program
Programa de Inglés como Segundo Idioma



The English as a Second Language (ESL) Program forms part of the Cathedral's Social Justice & Community Services Ministries. This all-volunteer program provides English language instruction to adults (ages 18 and up) during three semesters each year: Fall, Spring, and Summer. Language instruction is provided at Level 1 (Beginner) through Level 5 (Advanced) and classes are held at St. Matthew's Education Center, 1726 N Street, NW. The following is information regarding the upcoming Summer Semester.

**Summer Semester of
English Conversation Classes**

The 10-week Summer Semester will extend from **June 9 to August 13**. During this period, classes will be held Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 6:30pm to 8:30pm, with optional tutoring from 6:00pm to 6:30pm. Language instruction will be provided at Level 1 (Beginner) through Level 5 (Advanced). Students may register in person, **starting June 4, between 6:00pm and 8:00pm**, at St. Matthew's Education Center. At registration, each student will be assessed to determine the appropriate class level in which he/she will be placed. Student registrations will be accepted until July 1. The cost of the 10-week semester is \$25.

For more information, visit the Cathedral website and click on "English Language Classes" under the "Social Justice" tab, or contact Peter Bihl at stmattsesl@gmail.com.

El Programa de Inglés como Segundo Idioma (ESL, por sus siglas en inglés) forma parte de los Ministerios de Justicia Social & Servicios Comunitarios de la Catedral. Es un programa de voluntariado que proporciona enseñanza del idioma inglés para adultos (de 18 años de edad en adelante) durante tres semestres al año: Otoño, Primavera y Verano. Las clases de inglés se imparten desde el Nivel 1 (principiante) hasta el Nivel 5 (avanzado) en el Centro de Educación de San Mateo (St. Matthew's Education Center), que está ubicado en 1726 N Street, NW. Lo siguiente es información sobre el semestre de verano.

**Semestre de verano de las
clases de conversación en inglés**

El Semestre de verano, con una duración de 10 semanas, empezará el **9 de junio a 13 de agosto de 2015**. Durante este periodo las clases se llevarán a cabo los martes, miércoles y jueves de 6:30 a 8:30 de la tarde, con la opción de tutoría de 6:00 a 6:30. Las clases serán impartidas desde el Nivel 1 (principiante) hasta el Nivel 5 (avanzado). Los estudiantes pueden inscribirse en persona **a partir del 4 de junio, de las 6:00 a las 8:00 de la tarde** en el St. Matthew's Education Center (Centro de Educación de San Mateo), 1726 N St., NW. Durante la inscripción a cada estudiante se le hará un examen para determinar cuál es su nivel de clase más apropiado. Se aceptarán inscripciones hasta el 1 de julio. El costo del semestre es de \$25.

Para más información, visite a la página de web de la Catedral y haga clic a la frase "Clases de Inglés" bajo la ficha de "Social Justice", o póngase en contacto con Peter Bihl al stmattsesl@gmail.com.

Volunteers Needed for ESL Program: Teachers, Tutors, & Persons of Hospitality

We are looking for volunteers to serve as teachers, tutors, and persons of hospitality **one night per week** (Tuesday, or Wednesday) in the Summer Semester of the ESL Program. Please see above for more details.

While volunteers are not required to have formal training in teaching English as a second language, we expect their native language to be English and that they have at least one university diploma. Classes for the Summer Semester are conversation based and will be taught in English only. If you are not comfortable teaching a class on your own, we can pair you with a more experienced teacher. There will be a volunteer orientation on the evening of June 3.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Peter Bihl at stmattsesl@gmail.com.



Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle **Spanish as a Second Language Program**



The Social Justice & Community Services Ministry provides the Spanish as a Second Language (SSL) Program, an all-volunteer program that offers Spanish language instruction to adults (ages 18 and up) during three semesters each year: Fall, Spring, and Summer. Language instruction is provided at Level 1, Level 2, and Level 3. Classes are held at St. Matthew's Education Center, 1726 N Street, NW. While the SSL Program seeks to provide Spanish language instruction to persons engaged in serving their brothers and sisters in our parish community, as well as in other Hispanic communities of the Washington, DC metropolitan area, the program also accepts students who are interested in learning Spanish solely for their personal enrichment.

Summer Semester of Spanish Conversation Classes

The 10-week summer semester will run from **June 9 to August 13, 2015**. During this period, classes will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Language instruction will be provided at Level 1, Level 2, and Level 3. Students registering for Level 2 and Level 3 instruction must have the prior approval of the Level 2 lead instructor. Priority registration, which takes place during the first week, will be given to those students who are parishioners of St. Matthew's and currently involved in a ministry. Students for both levels may register in person, **starting Thursday, June 4, between 6:00pm and 8:00pm**, at St. Matthew's Education Center, 1726 N Street, NW. The cost of the 10-week semester is \$50. For more information, please contact Peter Bihl at stmatsssl@gmail.com.

Volunteer Teachers Needed for SSL Program

We are looking for volunteers to serve as teachers **one night per week** (Tuesday or Wednesday) in the Summer Semester of the SSL Program, which will run from June 9 to August 13, 2015. Please see above for details.

While volunteers are not required to have formal training in teaching Spanish as a second language, we expect their native language to be Spanish. Also, volunteers are expected to have at least one university degree. Classes will be taught in Spanish only. If you are not comfortable teaching a class on your own, we can pair you with a more experienced teacher. Volunteer orientation will be held on the evening of June 3.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Peter Bihl at stmatsssl@gmail.com.

Se Solicita Maestros Voluntarios Para el Programa SSL

Buscamos voluntarios para servir como maestros **una noche por semana** (martes o miércoles) durante el Semestre de Verano del Programa SSL que se impartirá del 9 de junio al 13 de agosto. Por favor mire arriba para más detalles.

No es un requisito que los voluntarios tengan una capacitación formal como maestros de español como segundo idioma, sin embargo esperamos que la lengua materna de los voluntarios sea el español. Además, se espera que los voluntarios tengan por mínimo un título universitario. Las clases serán impartidas sólo en español. Si usted no se siente a gusto dando la clase por sí solo podemos acomodarlo junto con otro maestro con más experiencia. Habrá un día de orientación para voluntarios la tarde del 3 de junio. Si usted está interesado en participar como voluntario por favor póngase en contacto con Peter Bihl al stmatsssl@gmail.com.