#### **TODAY'S READINGS**

The wind ceased and there was great calm. (Mark 4:39) Several years ago, a United States Coast Guard cutter was in port and scheduled to depart the next day. The commander was complaining about gale-force winds, rain, and low visibility. One of the crew felt inspired to tell him, "I know the Man who controls the weather." To which the commander replied jokingly, "Then tell him I want less than ten knots of wind and clear visibility." The next day, that's exactly what he got! That inspired crew member had prayed and felt the Lord say to him, "You can have whatever weather you ask for."

That sounds a little like today's Gospel reading, doesn't it? In both stories, people turned to the Lord, and a storm was calmed. But there's a difference. The apostles called to Jesus out of fear and anxiety. They weren't even sure that he cared that much about what was happening (Mark 4:38). That nameless crew member, on the other hand, believed that his faith could actually change the situation, so he invited the Lord to step in and act.

That's the kind of faith God wants us to have. We may feel insignificant, but he wants us to know that he is in the boat with us, and he will take care of us!

We all know intellectually that God is always with us. We know he has never left our side. We probably even believe that he knows every circumstance we will ever encounter. But we need to act on that knowledge and seek his intervention. We can trust that he will act on our behalf, whether or not we get exactly the results we hoped for.

Just one word of advice: don't wait for the next storm to seek out the Lord's help. It's better to get in the habit of inviting him into your situations when things are calm. Then, when the seas get choppy, you'll turn to the Lord almost reflexively—and you'll see his hand at work!

"Jesus, I believe that you are bigger than all of my fears. I give those fears to you. Lord, I trust in you!"

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#### **THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

Sunday 21	Jb 38:1,8-11 / 2 Cor 5:14-17 / Mk 4:35-41					
Monday 22	Gn 12:1-9 / Mt 7:1-5					
St. Paulinus of Nola, Sts. John Fisher and Thomas More						
Tuesday 23	Gn 13:2,5-18 / Mt 7:6,12-14					
Wednesday 24	Is 49:1-6 / Acts 13:22-26 / Lk 1:57-66,80					
Nativity of St. John the Baptist						
Thursday 25	Gn 16:1-12,15-16 / Mt 7:21-29					
Friday 26	Gn 17:1,9-10,15-22 / Mt 8:1-4					
Saturday 27	Gn 18:1-15 / Mt 8:5-17					
St. Cyril of Alexa	ndria					
Sunday 28	Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24 / 2 Cor 8:7,9,13-15 /					
	Mk 5:21-43					

#### **LECTURAS DE HOY**

Lagua subía dentro de la barca y los discípulos fueron presa del pánico. Cuando se levanta una tempestad, aunque falte poco para llegar a tierra firme, el temor hace ver la distancia como si fueran millas. En toda la Escritura, el mar representa las fuerzas del caos y la oscuridad del mundo.

Sin embargo, pese a la violencia de la tormenta, Jesús dormía plácidamente en la popa. Cuando los discípulos lo despertaron y le dijeron: "Maestro, ¿no te importa que nos ahoguemos?", parecía que ellos sabían que él podía hacer algo, pero se extrañaban de que no se preocupara de la situación. Las muchas ocasiones que tuvieron los discípulos para aprender a confiar en Jesús son motivos de gran esperanza para todos nosotros. Ya habían visto al Señor liberar a los endemoniados y sanar a los enfermos y paralíticos, pero dudaban de que los salvara en el trance en el que ahora se encontraban. Por eso, Jesús les preguntó: "¿Por qué tienen tanto miedo? ¿Aún no tienen fe?"

Este milagro era una señal más de que Jesús está siempre interesado y preocupado de sus fieles, por difíciles que parezcan las circunstancias. Ante las palabras de reprensión de Jesús, las fuerzas de la naturaleza respondieron inmediatamente, dando muestra de que el poder soberano de Cristo es absoluto, ¡incluso sobre la violencia del mar! La tormenta no sólo disminuyó, sino que de inmediato "sobrevino una gran calma."

Jesús está siempre con nosotros, incluso durante las tempestades de la vida. En su cruz y su resurrección, no sólo triunfó sobre los poderes de la oscuridad, sino que derrotó a la muerte misma, nuestro peor enemigo. Ahora, resucitado en gloria, Cristo nos ofrece incontables oportunidades para entregarle nuestras preocupaciones y confiar en su auxilio. En efecto, cuando tenemos pruebas y dificultades, el Señor siempre trata de enseñarnos a confiar más en su amor y su protección. Por eso, con toda confianza, depositemos nuestra vida en sus santas y venerables manos.

"Señor Jesús, creemos que siempre nos cuidas, incluso en medio del caos y la confusión. Ayúdanos a entregarnos a ti y confiar en que tú nos llevarás a tu Reino sanos y salvos."

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#### **FAITH FORMATION**

**Summer Small Faith-Sharing Groups** – "Open to the Holy Spirit: Living the Gospel with Wisdom and Power," by Cardinal Wuerl. Have you considered:

- what it means to be filled with the Holy Spirit?
- what the Church teaches about the Spirit?
- the connection between Pope Francis and the Holy Spirit?

Please join us for one of our small faith-sharing groups! We will read and reflect on "Open to the Holy Spirit" over six weeks, beginning this week. These peer-led, small group discussions allow you to connect more deeply with your faith, reinvigorate your own spirit, and enliven your experiences in daily life. Contact Tricia Schmitt at <u>Tricia.Schmittdc@gmail.com</u> for more information.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) Call for

**Team Members and Interested Seekers** – 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. 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).

#### **NEWS AND NOTES**

**Weekday Masses in July and August** – The 7am weekday Mass is not celebrated in July or August. During this period, the Cathedral opens weekdays at 7:30am, Masses are celebrated at 8am, 12:10pm and 5:30pm, and Confessions are heard from 11am until Noon. The 7am Mass resumes Tuesday, September 1.

Have You Made a Pledge to the 2015 Cardinal's Appeal? – Parishioners were asked in February to prayerfully consider and respond to this year's Cardinal's Appeal, bearing the theme "Seek first the kingdom of God." (Matthew 6:33) If you have not yet made a pledge, please do so now. Your participation is needed if we are to reach the parish goals 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 generous response. St. Matthew's Corpus Christ Procession, June 7 For more photos, visit our parish Facebook page.



Jesu, of your love befriend us/ You refresh us, you defend us,/ Your eternal goodness send us/ In the land of life to see. (from the sequence, "Laud, O Zion")



New Pastoral Letter on Catholic Identity – "Identity is a theme to which Pope Francis has returned often in his daily preaching. ... We must talk about the identity we receive in baptism. It cannot be taken away from us. It is permanent. Indeed, it is all we can hope to keep at the end of our earthly life. ... Through the unique gift

of baptism, in divine mercy, our identity as planned by God is reestablished. We are reborn (John 3:3-5)." (*Being Catholic Today: Catholic Identity in an Age of Challenge*, Pastoral Letter issued by Cardinal Wuerl, Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 2015.) *Read the full text of Cardinal Wuerl's new pastoral letter at <u>http://www.adw.org/wp-</u> <u>content/uploads/2015/05/Being-Catholic-Today-</u> <u>Pastoral-Letter.pdf</u>, or see the front page of our parish website for a link.* 

#### PARISH CALENDAR June 21 - 28

- **Sunday 21**—A blessing of fathers is given at all Masses. Padre Rafael tendrá las confesiones después de la misa de 1 de la tarde.
- **Tuesday 23**—Legión de María se reúne a las 5:30 de la tarde hasta las 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 24**—Breaking Open the Word meets at 7pm in the West Conference Room.
- **Saturday 27**—A Rosary for Life is prayed after the 8am Mass in procession to Planned Parenthood.
- **Sunday 28**—A second collection to benefit the works of the Holy Father is taken at all Masses.

#### FAITH IN ACTION

#### Adult English Conversation Classes -

- **When?** June 9 to August 13 (10 weeks), Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30pm
- Where? St. Matthew's Education Center 1726 N Street, NW

#### How much? \$25

Students may register, in person on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 6pm to 8pm 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. Language instruction is provided at Level 1 (Beginner) through Level 5 (Advanced). Student registrations will be accepted until July 1. For more information, visit

http://www.stmatthewscathedral.org/outreach/clas es-de-ingles-english-language-classes or contact Peter Bihl at <u>stmattsesl@gmail.com</u>.

#### Summer Semester of Spanish Conversation Classes

**for Adults** – The 10-week summer semester will run from **June 9** to **August 13**. During this period, classes will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 6:30 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, and priority registration will be given to those students who are parishioners of St. Matthew's and currently involved in a ministry. Students for all levels may register in person on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, between 6 and 8pm, at St. Matthew's Education Center, 1726 N Street, NW. The cost of the 10-week semester is \$50. For more information, contact Peter Bihl at stmattsssl@gmail.com.

#### Join the Respect Life Ministry - Following 8am Mass

"Caring for life from the beginning to the end. What a simple thing, what a beautiful thing... So, go forth and don't be discouraged. Care for life. It's worth it." —Pope Francis

This month's rosary procession to the abortion clinic, Planned Parenthood, will take place on Saturday, **June 27** at 8:30am, following the 8am Mass. To participate, please gather at the main entrance of the Cathedral. For more information on service opportunities and involvement with the Respect Life Ministry, contact Justin Silvers at <u>stmatthewsrespectlife@yahoo.com</u>.



Summer Dinner for the Homeless

 The Social Justice & Community Services Committee is hosting a dinner for our homeless friends on Sunday, **June 28** at 3pm.

Contact Paulin Leonida at <u>Imapaulina@gmail.com</u> or 703-931-0407 to help with any of the following:

- Set up, serve, and provide hospitality to our guests
- Make or purchase food for the dinner
- Give a monetary donation towards food and supplies

These biannual dinners are a huge success because of YOU! We look forward to hearing from you.

#### **YOUNG ADULTS**

<u>C†YA for Supper</u> – Thursday, June 25 – 7pm - <u>Ankara</u> (1320 19th Street NW / Dupont Circle) – All young adults and fellow foodies are encouraged to join us for our monthly suppers. Friends or coworkers welcome! This month we're headed to the new Turkish restaurant in Dupont Circle, Ankara. Check out their authentic menu <u>here</u>. Sign up\_here

http://goo.gl/T0B7Wa by Monday, June 22. Email Carolyn cewait.10@gmail.com for more information.

<u>C†YA for #NatsMass & a Nats Game!</u> – Sunday, August 9 - 12 Noon - <u>St. Vincent dePaul</u> (14 M Street SE / Navy Yard) – Join the Cathedral Young Adults for

an afternoon at the ballpark! We'll begin with #NatsMass at St. Vincent de Paul at noon, followed by first pitch at 1:35pm against the Colorado Rockies! Tickets are \$15 and space is limited, so register soon. Contact Hannah at <u>hannahrdell@gmail.com</u> or <u>stmattsyam@gmail.com</u> with questions.

#### LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo 21 Jo	b 38:1,8-11 / 2 Co 5:14-17 / Mc 4:35-41					
Lunes 22	Gén 12:1-9 / Mt 7:1-5					
San Paulino Nola, San Juan Fisher y Santo Tomás More						
Martes 23	Gén 13:2,5-18 / Mt 7:6,12-14					
Miércoles 24	Is 49:1-6 / He 13:22-26 / Lc 1:57-66,80					
La Natividad de san Juan Bautista						
Jueves 25	Gén 16:1-12,15-16 / Mt 7:21-29					
Viernes 26	Gén 17:1,9-10,15-22 / Mt 8:1-4					
Sábado 27	Gén 18:1-15 / Mt 8:5-17					
San Cirilo de A	lejandría					
Domingo 28	Sab 1:13-15; 2:23-24 /					
	2 Cor 8:7,9,13-15 / Mc 5:21-43					

#### **NOTICIAS DE LA PARROQUIA**

**Misas en julio y agosto durante la semana** – La misa de 7 de la mañana no se celebrará en la Catedral durante los meses de julio y agosto. Durante esos meses, la Catedral abrirá a las 7:30 de la mañana, las misas se celebrarán a las 8 de la mañana, 12:10 del mediodía y 5:30 de la tarde, y confesiones se ofrecerán a las 11 de la mañana hasta las 12 del mediodía. La misa de 7 de la mañana, se resumirá el martes, 1 de septiembre.

**Campaña del Cardenal 2015** – ¿Se ha comprometido? Se les dio un llamamiento a los feligreses en febrero a considerar y responder a la Campaña 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 y pedir que se le mande por correo. Gracias por su generosa respuesta.

Únase al Ministerio de Respeto a la Vida – después de la Misa de las 8:00 "Sentir cariño hacia la vida desde el principio hasta el fin. Qué cosa tan simple, que cosa tan hermosa... De este modo, vayan adelante y no se desanimen. Sientan cariño por la vida. Vale la pena." – Papa Francisco

La procesión mensual del rosario a la clínica de aborto, *Planned Parenthood*, será el sábado **27 de junio**, a las 8:30 de la mañana, después de la misa de las 8 de la mañana. Para participar, reúnanse en la entrada central de la catedral. Para más información sobre oportunidades de servicio y participación en el Ministerio de Respeto a la Vida, póngase en contacto con Justin Silvers al <u>stmatthewsrespectlife@yahoo.com</u>. También puede llamar a la rectoría al 202-347-3215.

#### Clases de Conversación en Ingles para Adultos -

¿Cuándo?	9 de junio al 13 de agosto (10 semanas)
	Los martes y miércoles de 6:30 a 8:30
	de la noche
¿Dónde?	St. Matthew's Education Center
	(Centro de Educación de San Mateo)
	1726 calle N, NW, Washington, DC
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#### ¿Cuánto? \$25

Los estudiantes pueden matricularse en persona entre las 6:00 y las 8:00 de la noche en el St. Matthew's Education Center. Cada estudiante recibirá un breve examen para determinar cuál es el nivel de clases más apropia-do para él/ella. Las clases de inglés serán impartidas desde el Nivel 1 (principiante) hasta el Nivel 5 (avanzado). Los estudiantes se podrán registrar hasta el **1 de julio**. Para más información, visite http://www.stmatthewscathedral.org/outreach /clases-de-ingles-english-language-classes o póngase en contacto con Peter Bihl al <u>stmattsesl@gmail.com</u>.



**Cenas para las Personas sin Hogar en Verano** – Los comités de Justicia Social y Servicios Comunitarios, están auspiciando una cena para las personas sin hogar de nuestra vecindad, el

domingo **28 de junio**. Si desea ayudar en diferentes aspectos de la cena, puede llamar a Paulin Leonida al 703-931-0407 o <u>Imapaulina@gmail.com</u> o a la rectoría 202-347-3215. Formas de ayudar:

- Preparar las mesas, servir y proveer hospitalidad a nuestros invitados
- Comprar alimentos para la cena o cocinar para la cena
- Dar una donación monetaria para la cena o suplementos

Estas cenas anuales, son de gran éxito ¡gracias a USTEDES! Espero oír de ustedes.



Nueva Carta Pastoral sobre la identidad del Católico – El Cardenal Wuerl emitió una nueva carta pastoral el domingo de Pentecostés titulada "Ser Católico Hoy." Vean el texto completo de la carta del Cardenal Wuerl en: http://www.adw.org/wp content/uploads/2015/05/ DWW-PastoralLetter-Ser-Catolico-Hoy.pdf.

#### MASS INTENTIONS June 21 - 28

Sunday, June 21 7am – Jacinto Mendez 8:30am – Jose Francisco Oliva 10am – Stephen Haggerty 11:30am – Timothy Smith 1pm – Oliverio & Paulina Paez 5:30pm – Showgirl Creech-Ward

Monday, June 22 7am – Dora Puga de Abad 8am – Francis Stein & family (living)

12:10pm – Christopher Stein (living)

5:30pm – Jean Alexander (living)

**Tuesday, June 23** 7am – Dorothy Cecilia Chiccini 8am – Special Intention 12:10pm – Marcel Carmi 5:30pm – Mark Parks

Wednesday, June 24 7am – Nicholas Chiccini 8am – Lawrence Zelonis 12:10pm – Antonin Wiszczor 5:30pm – Aimee Coath Wilson

**Thursday, June 25** 7am – Fr. Juan Pablo (living) 8am – Stella Zelonis 12:10pm – Bob Schmader 5:30pm – Ryan Dewitt

Friday, June 26 7am – Loretta Curran 8am – Grace Rimassa 12:10pm – Kenneth Featherstone 5:30pm – Yeisser A. Martinez

Saturday, June 27 8am – Kevin M. Hurley (living) 12:10pm – Francesca Castro 5:30pm – Jack Winter

**Sunday, June 28** 7am – All Parishioners 8:30am – Chuck Chiccini 10am – Steven M. Pellerito 11:30am – Roseann Chiccini 1pm – Maria y Hermes Perez 5:30pm – Edward Zelonis

#### 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 <u>baptism@stmatthewscathedral.org</u>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."

#### TOURS

Visitors are invited to schedule a guided tour of the Cathedral or take a self-guided tour using the color brochures available inside the main entrance of the Cathedral. Guided tours are available free of charge. To schedule a guided tour, contact us at <u>mhurley@stmatthewscathedral.org</u> or 202-587-5143. Donations to the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle are always appreciated and may be given to your tour guide or our Rectory receptionist.

#### **MORNING PRAYER**

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. Feel free to join this small group. Prayer leaflets are available and we will help you to participate. You also are welcome to be present with us in silence. Questions? Call 202-587-5143.

#### **CATHEDRAL GIFTS**

St. Matthew's is pleased to offer a 48page 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.



## Multicultural Celebration

### Celebrating our many cultures!

We need your help in putting together our multicultural celebration, taking place on October 11 as part of our parish 175th anniversary festivities.

We would like to showcase the many diverse cultures of our parish family. If you would like to participate with traditional food, dress, decorations, music, dance or presentations from your country of origin, please contact stmatthewsmulticultural175@gmail.com or call Norma at (202) 347-3215 x552.







# Celebrando nuestras diversas culturas!

Necesitamos su ayuda en organizar la celebración multicultural, que se llevará a cabo el 11 de octubre como parte de nuestras festividades del 175 aniversario de nuestra parroquia.

Quisiéramos presentar las diversas culturas de nuestra familia parroquial. Si está interesado en participar con elementos tradicionales de su país como comida, trajes de vestir, decoraciones, música, bailes o presentaciones, por favor póngase en contacto con stmatthewsmulticultural175@gmail.com o llame a Fatima al (202) 347-3215 x543 o a (202) 365-2017.

#### **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 1916 – The sanctuary mosaics of St. Matthew and the Angel and The Angels of the Crucifixion are put in place (continuing into 1917). 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 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 be become part of the Cathedral Archives.

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

- 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 announcements.





#### 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 <u>www.faithdirect.net</u> and use our parish code **DC284** to 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, 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 <u>info@faithdirect.net</u>, or contact Pam Erwin at the Rectory at 202-347-3215 x537 or <u>perwin@stmatthewscathedral.org</u>.

## **E-GIVING ENROLLMENT FORM**



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





Faith Direct · Attention: Enrollment · P.O. Box 7101 · Merrifield, VA 22116-7101 · 1-866-507-8757 {toll free} · www.faithdirect.net

#### **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: Uweekly Gift: Monthly Gift: One-Time: Gift

COLLECTION	AMOUNT	MONTH	COLLECTION	AMOUNT	MONTH
Cathedral Maintenance	\$	Monthly	Holy Father	\$	June
Music Ministry	\$	Monthly	Catholic Communications &		
Poor Box/Outreach	\$	Monthly	Human Development	\$	August
			□ Assumption	\$	August
Solemnity of Mary	\$	January	Catholic University	\$	September
Church Missions within the US	\$	January	Propagation of the Faith/		
Ash Wednesday	\$	March	World Missions	\$	October
Churches in the Developing World	\$	March	All Saints Day	\$	November
□ Holy Thursday	\$	March/April	□ All Souls Day *	\$	November
□ Holy Land	\$	March/April	Archdiocesan Priests' Retirement	\$	November
□ Easter Flowers	\$	March/April	Retirement Fund for Religious	\$	December
Easter Sunday			□ Immaculate Conception	\$	December
(In addition to regular Sunday gift)	\$	March/April	Christmas Flowers	\$	December
Catholic Relief Services	\$	May	Christmas	\$	December
* Please call the	on.				

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City/State/Zip Code:					
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