

Cathedral † Young Adults



Cathedral Coffeehouse
 – Join the [Cathedral Young Adults](#) for Coffeehouse in the West Conference Room, right after the 5:30pm Mass.

On **September 16**, Fr. Conrad kicks off a new series, "Get More out of Mass," with a talk on the Introductory Rites of the Mass. Next Sunday, **September 23**, the topic is the Liturgy of the Word. Come on down!

Archdiocesan Young Adult Retreat – How do I hear God speak? How do I discern a job, relationship, or big decision? "Into the Deep," to be held Friday – Saturday, **September 28 – 29**, is a retreat for young adults (college-age through 30s) with practical lessons on prayer, discernment, and listening to the voice of God. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

Outreach

Fall Semester of English & Spanish as a Second Language for Adults – The Fall Semester of our ESL and SSL program runs from **September 11 to December 13**, with classes on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30pm. Until classes are filled, students may register in person at St. Matthew's Education Center on class evenings beginning at 6pm. The cost is \$40 for ESL and \$80 for SSL. For more information, please visit <http://www.stmatthewscathedral.org/outreach/clases-de-ingles-english-language-classes> or contact Allison Theveny at stmatts esl@gmail.com.

News & Notes

Eucharistic Holy Hour and Confessions – All are invited to our monthly Eucharistic Holy Hour on **Monday, September 17** from 6 to 7pm, with confessions during the hour in English and Spanish. Come, spend a few moments with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, and pray for His Church, and yours. *Oremus pro invicem. Let us pray, one for the other.*

Cathedral Book Club – Join us Monday, **September 17** from 6:45 to 8pm in the West Conference Room, for a discussion of Francisco Cantú's recently published book, "The Line Becomes a River: Dispatches from the Border." In this NY Times bestseller, Cantú remarkably captures the cast of characters involved in the story of immigration along the southern U.S. border.

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 the Archdiocese or across the river. Thank you for praying with us. Thank you also for your generosity, which helps us to celebrate our liturgies in a fitting and beautiful way, and to offer a wide range of services to needy people in the Washington, DC area. Enjoy your visit!

Solemnity of St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist, our Patron Saint –
 Join us Friday, **September 21** as St. Matthew's



celebrates the feast of its patron saint as a solemnity at all Masses, with organ and cantor at the 12:10pm and 5:30pm Masses. We also will celebrate our patronal feast as a parish family on Sunday, **September 23** at the 11:30am and 1pm Masses. Jesus' calling of Matthew to discipleship is the subject of the Gospel reading at these special Masses. This Gospel event is depicted in the mural in the west transept of the Cathedral entitled *The Calling of St. Matthew* (above). Take a moment, and take a look!

Hospitality for our Patronal Feast – Join us on Sunday, **September 23** for Hospitality in the North Conference Room after the 8:30am, 10am, 11:30am and 1pm Masses! In addition to our usual offerings, we are partnering with the Faith Formation Committee to include information about St. Matthew. Questions? Email us at StMattsHospitality@gmail.com. We hope to see you there!

Red Mass – The [66th Annual Red Mass](#) will be celebrated at the Cathedral on Sunday, **September 30** at 10am. The John Carroll Society hosts the Red Mass for its members and guests, including many government officials with attendant security. It is open to the public, but attendance is very high. If you normally attend the 10am Mass, you may wish to attend another Mass that weekend. **The 8:30am Mass is cancelled that day.** If you plan to attend the Red Mass, please arrive early as the fire marshal will not allow entry once the Cathedral is filled. Thank you for helping us extend the Cathedral's hospitality for this celebration.

Faith Formation

Catechetical Sunday: "Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ" – St. Matthew's Sunday Faith Formation catechists, and members of RCIA, Landings, RENEW Teams and the Consortium of Faith Formation Ministries, are commissioned at the 11:30am Mass on Sunday, **September 16**. Each Catechetical Sunday, we reflect on the role we play, by virtue of our Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all of us to rededicate ourselves to this mission as a community of faith.

RCIA Sponsor Workshop – Sara Blauvelt, Director of Catechesis for the Archdiocese of Washington, leads an RCIA Sponsor Workshop here at St. Matthew's on Sunday, **September 23** at 1pm. Current and prospective RCIA sponsors are welcome. To preregister, contact Theresa Prymuszewski, Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation, at 202-587-5139 or tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org.

Adult Confirmation – Each spring during the Easter season, St. Matthew's offers adult Confirmation preparation for active, baptized Catholics who already have received their First Eucharist. Registration forms for our 2019 Confirmation group are available at the rectory office or by clicking [here](#).

Save the Dates! – This year's [Fall Lecture Series](#) topic is *Gaudete et Exsultate (Rejoice and Be Glad)*, Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation on the Call to Holiness in Today's World. Theresa Prymuszewski, Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation, introduces the document by unpacking the Pope's theme of "activity that sanctifies" on Tuesday, **October 11**. Fr. Timothy Kesicki, S.J. President of the Jesuit Conference for Canada and the U.S., highlights Chapter 3, "The Beatitudes" on **October 30**. Fr. Sean Michaelson, S.J. Socius of the Jesuit Conference, concludes the discussion with the "Signs of Holiness in Today's World" on **November 6**.

Music

Great Organ Completion Update – Twenty-three years ago, the first phase of the installation of our Great Organ was begun. Although it is visually impressive and appears complete, only 2/3 of the pipes were installed then. Even unfinished, it was hailed as one of the most impressive pipe organs in the region and is perfectly enhanced by the acoustics of our Cathedral.

A partial dismantling of the organ began in late June. New structural supports for the new chests were installed in August. This week, pipes and chests arrive and are installed. After the Red Mass on **September 30**, you will see scaffolding and some façade pipes missing. When the organ is complete this fall or early winter, you will notice dozens of sounds that you have never heard before. It will be as if whole sections of an orchestra that have been silent are now playing!

None of this would have been possible without the generous support of hundreds of parishioners and friends who have embraced the vision of a completed instrument and sacrificed to make it possible.

If you have questions about the completion of the organ, contact Tom Stehle, Pastoral Associate and Director of Music Ministries, at tstehle@stmatthewscathedral.org,

who will try to answer them in these bulletin updates.

Spanish Mass Choir – Singers proficient in Spanish may have an interest in joining the choir for the Hispanic Mass here at the Cathedral. For more information, see the director, Christine John, before or after the 1pm Sunday Mass, or contact Tom Stehle (contact info above).

Schola Fall Season – The Schola Cantorum returned from its summer hiatus last week, and will sing every Sunday through the Baptism of the Lord (January 13, 2019). Thanks for your support! As described in the parish website front page feature, [Choral Highlights](#) (featuring descriptions and digital music samples of versions of the Sunday music), the Schola this Sunday, **September 16**, sings about taking up and embracing the Cross, with motets from the English and Dutch renaissance and music inspired by the Shaker and American revivalist traditions. Enjoy

Schola Openings – There are a limited number of openings in all voice parts. 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, 7 - 9pm, in weeks when the choir sings. Contact Tom Stehle (contact info above).

Volunteer Cantor Position – The Cathedral Music Ministry is looking for experienced cantors to be placed in occasional rotation for the 5:30pm Saturday evening Mass and the 8:30am Sunday Mass. If you have an interest and the requisite skills, please contact Tom Stehle (contact info above).



WELCOME RETURNING CATHOLICS

Are you someone who “used to be Catholic” or “grew up Catholic”?
Are you a Catholic who is searching for a more spiritually fulfilling life?
Are you thinking about becoming more active in your Catholic community?
Would you like to participate more fully in the Catholic liturgy and sacraments?

No matter how long you have been away for whatever reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with Christ and His Church through LANDINGS.

LANDINGS is a Paulist Ministry, run by St. Matthew’s parishioners, aimed at welcoming Catholics who want to deepen their faith and commitment.

LANDINGS is:

- A small group of Catholics walking together toward understanding and healing.
- An open, nonjudgmental place to ask questions about Christ and the Catholic faith.
- A community where you will be respected and listened to.
- Led by fellow parishioners who have also journeyed in their Catholic faith.
- Guided by the Holy Spirit.

LANDINGS is not:

- Pressure
- Judgment
- Condemnation or Blind to Hurt

Sundays at 1pm on October 7, 14, 21, 28, November 4, 11, 18 and December 2

Call for a welcome Interview

Sessions are held at

The Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle
1725 Rhode Island Avenue, NW

Washington, DC 20036

2 blocks north of the Farragut Metro Station

Interested in Learning More?

Contact Theresa Prymuszewski at 202-587-5139 or tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org
Or visit landingsintl.org

The most basic principle of the Christian moral life is the awareness that every person bears the dignity of being made in the image of God. (USCCA 310)



Archdiocese of Washington Faith Foundations – Morality

Join us as we deepen our awareness of the inherent dignity of all human beings and its implications on our call to live moral, Christian lives.

Cathedral of St Matthew
1725 Rhode Island Ave NW
Washington, DC 20036
North Conference Room

Thursdays
6:30pm – 9:00pm
October 11, 18, 25 & November 1, 8, 15

Instructor: Theresa Prymuszewski
To register, please contact Theresa Prymuszewski
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For more live opportunities, please visit: <https://adw.org/learning-the-faith/faith-formation/certification/>





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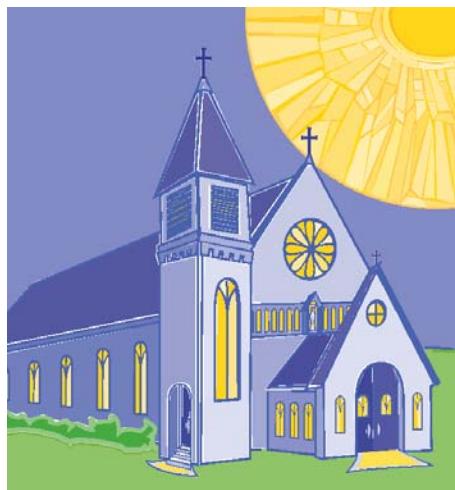
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