

TODAY'S READINGS

Where do the conflicts among you come from? (James 4:1)

Our minds have the capacity to do amazing things. They can imagine, memorize, reason, and choose. We use them to solve complex problems, to imagine new possibilities, and to enjoy the beauty of a sunrise. What an awesome gift!

But Scripture tells us that, because of sin, our minds also have a dark side. And sometimes, that dark side causes us to say and do hurtful things. Today's first reading, for instance, talks about a war in our minds between darker elements like jealousy or selfish ambition and lighter elements like purity and mercy.

Today's Gospel has a similar theme. It tells how the apostles were fighting about which one of them was the greatest. You can just hear Peter, saying, "Jesus told me I was the rock," while John replies, "But Jesus called me the beloved apostle," and Andrew says, "Don't forget, I was the first apostle. I've been with him the longest." It can sound a bit silly, but we, too, do this kind of thing, and this is the kind of thing James is talking about.

The problem, James tells us, is that we have a tendency to let our minds roam wherever they want to go. If we don't keep a watch on them, they can wander into the darker areas of our hearts and begin conjuring all kinds of self-centered thoughts.

So here is a little plan to help you keep watch on your mind. Step One is to fill it with thoughts about the Lord every morning and at regular points throughout the day. Step Two is ... well, there is no Step Two. Jesus is all we need!

Filling your mind with Jesus—through the sacraments, prayer, hymns, or Scripture—will dramatically affect the way you think and act. So be disciplined. Spend at least fifteen minutes exclusively with the Lord every morning. Then stop periodically during the day to turn back to the Lord. You will see those darkside drives to sin melt away.

"Jesus, help me say no to every temptation to sin."

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A PRAYER FOR THE PAPAL VISIT

God of all peoples, we give you thanks for your Son, Jesus Christ, whose final prayer for his disciples was, "that they may be one as we are one."

We praise you for the gift of Pope Francis, our Holy Father, who has been given the historic opportunity to proclaim Your love and truth to the heart of our democracy.

We ask that his witness stir in our elected leaders and citizens across our country a renewal of unity in serving the common good of the entire human family. Let this day bring new possibilities

... For the protection of our religious freedom;

... For the respect of all life from conception until natural death;

... For the strengthening of our families, the foundation upon which our whole nation rests;

... For feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and welcoming the migrant;

... For forging racial harmony and seeking peace and solidarity in our communities and throughout the world;

... For protecting the gift of creation, our common home.

May we always proclaim our faith in the public square and be a sign of Your love to all the world.

We ask for all these things through Jesus Christ our Lord, Light to all nations.

Amen.

*—Most Rev. Dennis M. Schnurr,
Archbishop of Cincinnati*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday 20 Wis 2:12,17-20 / Jas 3:16-4:3 / Mk 9:30-37

St. Matthew (celebrated at the 11:30am and 1pm Masses)

Monday 21 Eph 4:1-7,11-13 / Mt 9:9-13

St. Matthew

Tuesday 22 Ezr 6:7-8,12,14-20 / Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday 23 Ezr 9:5-9 / Lk 9:1-6

St. Pio of Pietrelcina

Thursday 24 Hg 1:1-8 / Lk 9:7-9

Friday 25 Hg 2:1-9 / Lk 9:18-22

Saturday 26 Zec 2:5-9,14-15 / Lk 9:43-45

Sts. Cosmas and Damian

Sunday 27 Nm 11:25-29 / Jas 5:1-6 / Mk 9:38-43,45,47-48

Cathedral and Rectory Schedule

Changes during Papal Visit

On Tuesday, **September 22**, the Cathedral will close after the 12:10pm Mass in preparation for a Mid-Prayer Service with Pope Francis and the U. S. bishops to be held in the Cathedral the next day. The Rectory offices will close at 4:30pm.

On Wednesday, **September 23**, the Cathedral will be closed to the public all day for a Mid-Prayer Service with Pope Francis and the U. S. bishops. No Masses or Confessions are scheduled. The Rectory offices will be closed all day.



WELCOME, POPE FRANCIS

2015 APOSTOLIC JOURNEY OF POPE FRANCIS TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

(Source: U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops website)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 (WASHINGTON, DC)

- **4:00 p.m.** Arrival from Cuba at Joint Base Andrews

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 (WASHINGTON, DC)

- **9:15 a.m.** Welcome ceremony and meeting with President Obama at the White House
- **11:00 a.m.** Papal Parade along the Ellipse and the National Mall (time approximate)
- **11:30 a.m.** Midday Prayer with the bishops of the United States, St. Matthew's Cathedral
- **4:15 p.m.** Mass of Canonization of Junipero Serra, Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 (WASHINGTON, DC, NEW YORK CITY)

- **9:20 a.m.** Address to Joint Meeting of the United States Congress
- **11:15 a.m.** Visit to St. Patrick in the City and Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington
- **4:00 p.m.** Depart from Joint Base Andrews
- **5:00 p.m.** Arrival at John F. Kennedy International Airport
- **6:45 p.m.** Evening Prayer (Vespers) at St. Patrick's Cathedral

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 (NEW YORK CITY)

- **8:30 a.m.** Visit to the United Nations and Address to the United Nations General Assembly

- **11:30 a.m.** Multi-religious service at 9/11 Memorial and Museum, World Trade Center
- **4:00 p.m.** Visit to Our Lady Queen of Angels School, East Harlem
- **5:00 p.m.** Procession through Central Park (time approximate)
- **6:00 p.m.** Mass at Madison Square Garden

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 (NEW YORK CITY, PHILADELPHIA)

- **8:40 a.m.** Departure from John F. Kennedy International Airport
- **9:30 a.m.** Arrival at Atlantic Aviation, Philadelphia
- **10:30 a.m.** Mass at Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul, Philadelphia
- **4:45 p.m.** Visit to Independence Mall
- **7:30 p.m.** Visit to the Festival of Families Benjamin Franklin Parkway

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 (PHILADELPHIA)

- **9:15 a.m.** Meeting with bishops at St. Martin's Chapel, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary
- **11:00 a.m.** Visit to Curran-Fromhold Correctional Facility
- **4:00 p.m.** Mass for the conclusion of the World Meeting of Families, Benjamin Franklin Parkway
- **7:00 p.m.** Visit with organizers, volunteers and benefactors of the World Meeting of Families, Atlantic Aviation
- **8:00 p.m.** Departure for Rome

LINKS TO PAPAL VISIT INFORMATION

- ◆ Prayers for a Virtual Pilgrimage with Pope Francis (U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops) - <http://www.usccb.org/about/leadership/holy-see/francis/papal-visit-2015/upload/papal-visit-2015-virtual-pilgrimage-prayer-english.pdf>
- ◆ Schedule for Pope Francis' Apostolic Visit to the U. S. (U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops) - <http://www.usccb.org/about/leadership/holy-see/francis/papal-visit-2015/2015-papal-visit-schedule.cfm>
- ◆ Parade route for Pope Francis in Washington (Archdiocese of Washington) - <http://adw.org/2015/09/10/archdiocese-of-washington-announces-parade-route-for-pope-francis-in-washington/>
- ◆ Road closures and detours during Pope Francis' visit to Washington (District of Columbia Government, Department of Transportation) - <http://ddot.dc.gov/page/road-closures-and-detours-during-papal-visit>

HAPPY FEAST OF ST. MATTHEW!

The Solemnity of St. Matthew –

Today Sunday, **September 20** at the 11:30am and 1pm Masses, our parish family observes the Solemnity of St. Matthew, apostle and evangelist, and patron saint of civil servants. Jesus' calling of Matthew to discipleship is depicted in the mural in the west transept of the Cathedral (above the two confessional boxes) entitled *The Calling of St. Matthew*. In the mural scene, Christ calls St. Matthew (above), who appears astounded by the Master's words. Take a moment to look at the mural. St. Peter, with his keys, stands to the left of Christ. On either side of the central figures are a man and a woman. The couple on the left looks scornfully at the scene, while the other stands by in veneration. The setting is a portico beyond which are the Lake of Galilee and the distant hills. Above, a choir of six angels offers incense.

St. Matthew, pray for us!



PARISH CALENDAR

September 20 – 27

Sunday 20—Solemnity of St. Matthew (celebrated by our Cathedral parish at the 11:30am and 1pm Masses)

Hospitality receptions are held in the North Conference Room following all Masses except the 7am.

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

Monday 21—Solemnity of St. Matthew (Proper)

Wine and Wisdom meets at 7pm in the East Conference Room.

Tuesday 22—The Cathedral closes after the 12:10pm Mass.

The Rectory offices close at 4:30pm.

Legión de María NO se reúne hoy. El grupo de Oración NO se reúne hoy.

Wednesday 23—The Cathedral is closed to the public all day for a Mid-Prayer Service with Pope Francis and the U. S. bishops.

The Rectory offices are closed.

Saturday 26—A Rosary for Life is prayed at 8:30am in the Cathedral.

Sunday 27—A Run for Vocations bake sale is held from 9am to 2pm in front of the Cathedral.

The RCIA Team meets following the 11:30am Mass at the door near the organ.

MASS INTENTIONS

September 20 – 27

Sunday, September 20

7am – All Parishioners
8:30am – Julian Raymond Sparrow
10am – John & Jane Gagat
11:30am – Jacob Timothy Jacobsen
1pm – Special Intention
5:30pm – Julio Cesar Villatoro

Monday, September 21

7am – Donald G. Eason
8am – Dorval
12:10pm – Teopista Sabelino
5:30pm – Ausberto Puerta

Tuesday, September 22

7am – Arthur Croall
8am – Lina Padilla (living)
12:10pm – Steven & George Nuvaky

Thursday, September 24

7am – Brooksie, Myrtle & Bessie Banks
8am – Margie McDevitt
12:10pm – Dario Rianzares
5:30pm – Mary & Ellen Croall

Friday, September 25

7am – Special Intention JA & V (living)
8am – Custodio Baldonado
12:10pm – Tommy Flynn

5:30pm – Albert “Terp” Norman Ward, II

Saturday, September 26

8am – Mary Alice Croall
12:10pm – Trista Jimenez
5:30pm – Denis Young

Sunday, September 27

7am – S. Sheikh (living)
8:30am – All Parishioners
10am – Gorospe Family (living)
11:30am – Robert Minges
1pm – Amelia Ortiz de Castro
5:30pm – Jaime Cancio (living)

EVENTS

Respect Life Ministry – Rosary in the Cathedral – The abortion clinic, Planned Parenthood, which was located on 16th Street, is now closed. The need to pray for a change of hearts on abortion and to uphold the dignity of all human life, continues. Join us for our monthly rosary for life, facing the main altar this Saturday, **September 26** at 8:30am, after the 8am Mass. For more information on the Respect Life Ministry, contact Justin Silvers at stmatthewsrespectlife@yahoo.com.

Bake Sale in Support of Seminarians – Run for Vocations supports vocations by raising funds to assist seminarians with unanticipated expenses. Laypeople, religious, and clergy from around the Archdiocese of Washington team up to Run for Vocations in October's Marine Corps Marathon/10K. Each runner must raise \$250. On Sunday, **September 27**, our parish's running team will hold a bake sale in front of the Cathedral from 9am to 2pm. Questions? Email Justin Silvers at just1justin@yahoo.com.

Monthly Eucharistic Holy Hour (Rescheduled) – Our Eucharistic Holy Hour for September is rescheduled to Monday, **September 28** from 6 to 7pm, with confessions in English and Spanish available during the hour.

FAITH FORMATION

For more information or to follow up on items below, 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 persons to qualified spiritual directors.

RCIA – RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is an ongoing process for adults who would like to explore our Catholic faith. Newcomers are always welcome! RCIA meets on Wednesdays, 7–9pm, in the North Conference Room.

Fall Small Faith-Sharing Groups – *Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home* – Pope Francis' new encyclical gets its title from the phrase, "Laudato Si' mi' Signore," meaning "Praised be to you my Lord" from St. Francis of Assisi's "Canticle of the Creatures." You are invited to join one of our upcoming small faith-sharing groups to read and reflect on "Laudato Si'" over six weeks starting the second week of October. Sign up at the table at the main entrance after Mass on Sunday, **September 27**. Contact: Tricia Schmitt at Tricia.schmittdc@gmail.com

Pope Francis' Encyclical Letter, ***Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home***, is available online. Search by the title or [click here to read *Laudato Si'* \(en español\)](#).

Fall Small Faith-Sharing Group Leaders – Are you interested in co-leading a small faith-sharing group this fall? We will read and discuss the Papal encyclical ***Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home*** (see above). If you are interested in serving as a small group leader this

fall, please call Tricia Schmitt at Tricia.schmittdc@gmail.com.

Grupo Pequeño de Líderes en el Otoño – ¿Estaría interesado en dirigir un grupo pequeño de fe compartida este otoño? Leeremos y discutiremos la Encíclica Papal "Laudato Si', en el cuidado de nuestra casa en común." Laudato Si', mi' Signore" - "Gracias a ti, mi Señor" nos recuerda que nuestra casa es como una hermana con quien compartimos nuestra vida y una madre maravillosa que abre sus brazos para abrazarnos. Necesitamos su ayuda para formar pequeños grupos de fe, compartida. Puede ponerse en contacto con: tricia.schmittdec@gmail.com si está interesada en servir como líder de un grupo pequeño este otoño.

FAITH IN ACTION

2015 CBN-DC Clergy of the Year – Congratulations to Cathedral Rector, **Msgr. W. Ronald Jameson**, the Catholic Business Network of Washington, DC's **2015 Clergy of the Year Awardee!** Msgr. will receive the award at the **2nd Annual CBN-DC Gala** on **October 1**. Tickets may be purchased at <http://cbndc.org/events/gala2015>.



Adult English as a Second Language Classes
When? September 29 to December 17 (10 weeks), Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30pm
Where? St. Matthew's Education Center, 1726 N Street, NW
How much? \$40
Students may register, in person on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings between 6 and 8pm at St. Matthew's Education Center. Language

instruction is provided at Level 1 (Beginner) through Level 5 (Advanced). Registrations will be accepted until October 15. For more information, visit <http://www.stmatthewscathedral.org/outreach/clases-de-ingles-english-language-classes> or contact Peter Bihl at stmattsssl@gmail.com.

Fall Semester of Spanish as a Second Language for Adults – The 10-week fall semester runs from **29 September to December 17**. Classes are held Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings, 6:30-8:30pm. Language instruction is provided at Level 1 to 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. Priority registration is given to St. Matthew's parishioners and those currently involved in a ministry. Students may register in person on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings between 6 and 8pm at St. Matthew's Education Center, 1726 N Street, NW. The cost is \$80. Contact: Peter Bihl at stmattsssl@gmail.com

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo 20 Sa 2:12,17-20 / San 3:16—4:3 / Mc 9:30-37
San Mateo (celebra en las misas de 11:30 de la mañana y 1:00 de la tarde)

Lunes 21 Ef 4:1-7,11-13 / San Mateo Mt 9:9-13

Martes 22 Esd 6:7-8,12,14-20 / Lc 8:18-21

Miércoles 23 Esd 9:5-9 / Lc 9:1-6
San Pio de Pietrelcina

Jueves 24 Ha 1:1-8 / Lc 9:7-9

Viernes 25 Ha 2:1-9 / Lc 9:18-22

Sábado 2 Za 2:5-9,14-15 / San Cosme Lc 9:43-45
y San Damián

Domingo 27 Núm 11:25-29 / San 5:1-6 / Mc 9:38-43,45,47-48

LECTURAS DE HOY

Cuando el Señor predijo por segunda vez su pasión y su resurrección, quería que sus discípulos entendieran cuál era su misión mesiánica: morir y luego resucitar, a fin de inaugurar el Reino de Dios. Pero ellos tenían la mente cerrada, y no atinaban a reaccionar a sus enseñanzas, y en lugar de servirse mutuamente, discutían acerca de quién era el más importante entre ellos.

Por esto, el Señor les dijo: "Si alguno desea ser el primero, que se haga el último y el servidor de todos" y, para ilustrar su enseñanza, puso en medio a un niño pequeño para hacerles ver que así como él había venido a servir a los humildes, los marginados y los indefensos sin esperar retribución alguna, ellos debían hacer lo mismo.

La grandeza en el Reino de Dios no exige ocupar cargos importantes en la iglesia, ni en una institución de caridad o servicio social. Estos trabajos son importantes y muy meritorios, pero no garantizan la grandeza en el Reino de Dios. Lo que sí vale, en la tierra y en el cielo, es el servicio fiel y humilde, como el de Cristo, sin esperar recompensa ni reconocimiento.

El servicio cristiano comienza en la propia familia o comunidad religiosa. Los esposos pueden servirse mutuamente, ayudándose y alentándose con amor. Los ministros ordenados y los que tienen votos religiosos pueden hacer lo mismo. Los padres sirven a sus hijos cuando les dan buen ejemplo y les enseñan acerca del amor de Dios, la obediencia y el respeto. Los hijos sirven a sus padres cuando los respetan y les obedecen, en lugar de rebelarse y quejarse contra ellos.

Todos podemos servir a los necesitados de nuestras comunidades (los sin casa, los inválidos, los ancianos, los enfermos) y compartir con ellos el amor de Dios. Cualquier servicio prestado con amor y generosidad a los demás, sean quienes sean, habla con voz elocuente del amor de Cristo.

"Padre celestial, ayúdanos a servir a los demás con alegría porque, al hacerlo, servimos a Cristo Jesús, nuestro Señor."

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NOTICIAS DE LA PARROQUIA

Cambio de Horario de la Catedral y la Rectoría durante la Visita del Papa – El martes **22 de septiembre**, la Catedral se cerrará después de la misa de 12:10 del mediodía en preparación para un Servicio de Oración al mediodía con el Papa Francisco y los obispos de Estados Unidos que se celebrará en la Catedral el día siguiente. Las oficinas de la rectoría cerrarán las 4:30 de la tarde. El miércoles, **23 de septiembre**, la Catedral estará cerrada al público durante todo el día para el Servicio de Oración al mediodía con el Papa Francisco y los obispos de Estados Unidos. No habrá misas ni confesiones ese día. Las oficinas de rectoría estarán cerradas todo el día.

¡Vea al Papa Francisco! – Invitamos a todos los miembros de la comunidad de San Mateo a participar en la santa misa el **23 de septiembre**, a las 6 de la mañana, en la iglesia Inmaculada Concepción (calle 8 y la calle N, NW en Washington, DC). Después de la misa se hará una peregrinación hacia el Eclipse y en las calles más cercanas al Mall para cantar y animar al Papa Francisco mientras conduce en el Papamóvil. El acceso a esta zona protegida, será por orden de llegada y no se podrá entrar después de la 10 de la mañana. Si está interesado en participar, por favor llame a la rectoría y hable con el padre Rafael o con Fátima Aybar.

La Hora Santa Mensual al Santísimo Sacramento – Nuestra Hora Santa al Santísimo Sacramento mensual de septiembre fue cambiada para el lunes **28 de septiembre** de 6:00 a 7:00 de la tarde, habrá confesiones en inglés y español durante la hora.

Ministerio de Respeto a la Vida – El rosario en la Catedral – La clínica de aborto, Planned Parenthood, la cual estuvo localizada en la calle 16, está cerrada. La necesidad continua, de rezar por el cambio de corazones sobre el aborto y para que siempre se pueda reconocer la dignidad de toda vida humana. Nuestra oración del rosario continuará dentro de la Catedral, frente al altar. Únase a nosotros el sábado **26 de septiembre**, a las 8:30 de la mañana, después de la misa de las 8. Para más información sobre oportunidades de servicio y participación en el Ministerio de Respeto a la Vida, póngase en contacto con Justin Silvers al stmatthewsrespectlife@yahoo.com. También puede llamar a la rectoría al 202-347-3215.

Venta de Pasteles en Apoyo a los Seminaristas – *Run for Vocations* o Carrera por las Vocaciones apoya a las vocaciones recaudando fondos para ayudar a seminaristas con gastos inesperados. Laicos, religiosos y clérigos de toda la Arquidiócesis de Washington participan en *Run for Vocations* que es parte del Maratón de la Infantería Marina/10K en octubre. Cada corredor tiene que recaudar \$250. El **27 de septiembre** miembros del equipo de nuestra parroquia venderán pasteles al frente de la catedral de 9:00 de la mañana a 2:00 de la tarde. ¿Tiene preguntas? Mande un mensaje a Justin Silvers a just1justin@yahoo.com también puede llamar a la rectoría y pregunte por Norma.

FAITH FOUNDATIONS

SACRED SCRIPTURE

Saturdays 10:00am – 12:00pm

October 10, 17, 24 & 31; November 14 & 21

Cathedral of Saint Matthew the Apostle

1725 Rhode Island Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20036

Instructor: Rev. John Hurley

Registration: Theresa Prymuszewski

202-587-5139 tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org

Cost: \$29.00 / Discount available for catechists



175th Parish Anniversary News



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.



MILESTONES IN CATHEDRAL HISTORY

1924 – The Convent of the Sacred Heart at 1719 Massachusetts Avenue, NW was established at the invitation of Monsignor Edward L. Buckley, and in response to the requests of many Washingtonians who had attended schools conducted elsewhere by the Society of the Sacred Heart.

shared the joy of the Gospel in downtown Washington, DC for 175 years. **Check the website front page for a link 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, with "Anniversary Story" in the email heading or on the envelope.

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 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



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**
[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.*



Monsignor W. Ronald Jameson
and the Staff of the Cathedral Parish of
St. Matthew the Apostle
cordially invite you to

St. Matthew's 175th Anniversary Gala

Saturday, October 17, 2015

Cocktails 6:00 pm

Dinner 7:00 pm

Dancing

National Press Club

Ballroom, 13th Floor

529 14th St. NW

Washington, DC

For directions and parking information, visit <https://www.press.org/about/visit-us>.

Semiformal attire

\$175 per person

Please reply by October 2, using the form on the reverse.

St. Matthew's 175th Anniversary Gala

Yes! I/we accept your invitation to the St. Matthew's 175th Anniversary Gala on October 17.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Number of guests: _____ at \$175 each, total \$_____

For those interested in reserving a table: 10 seats per table

☐ Check enclosed for \$_____

(payable to St. Matthew's Cathedral)

☐ Credit card: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express ☐ Discover

Amount: \$_____

Name on card: _____

Credit Card Number: _____

Expiration date: _____ Security Code: _____

Signature: _____

To reserve your seats at the Gala, please complete this form
and return it to the Rectory Office:

175th Anniversary Gala
Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle
1725 Rhode Island Avenue NW
Washington DC 20036

[You also may reserve seats online by clicking here.](#)

Please reply by October 2.



175TH ANNIVERSARY

CATHEDRAL OF ST. MATTHEW THE APOSTLE
Sharing the Joy of the Gospel in Our Nation's Capital for 175 Years

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

This year the community of St. Matthew's Cathedral is celebrating the 175th Anniversary of the founding of the parish.

Because of your steadfast support, St. Matthew's is a spiritual home to Catholics throughout the Washington area. The Cathedral attracts visitors from around the world, of all faith traditions. People come here to pray, to be inspired by sacred music, to spend a few quiet minutes with our Lord, to receive the sacraments. Couples come to marry and to baptize their children. Grieving families come to mourn loved ones. Homeless men and women come for sanctuary and assistance. Without your support, St. Matthew's would not be able to serve the physical and spiritual needs of our community.

From its beginning at 15th and H Streets NW, through its move to Rhode Island Avenue, NW after 1893 and its designation as the Cathedral of the new Archdiocese of Washington in 1939, St. Matthew's has played a central role in the Catholic life of Washington, DC. World leaders crowded the Cathedral for the funeral of President John F. Kennedy. Pope John Paul II celebrated Mass at the Cathedral. U. S. Supreme Court justices and other leaders of the legal community gather each year on the Sunday before the first Monday in October for the Red Mass. Later this year Pope Francis will visit the Cathedral to pray with the U.S. Bishops.

Every day you impact many lives through your gifts of time, talent and treasure. You are a critical part of the life of St. Matthew's Cathedral Parish. I thank you for all you have done to support our ministry.

To recognize and celebrate all the living stones of our community, we are hosting many special Anniversary events. Already, the inaugural event in January brought together Washington area faith communities for a beautiful Choral Vespers and Ecumenical Prayer Service. In April, Cardinal Seán O'Malley gave a wonderful talk remembering his years of service as a young priest at St. Matthew's and the impact our parish had on his life. In June, we held a special dinner for our homeless neighbors.

Additional important events are still ahead: a multicultural celebration on October 11, a Gala on October 17, a special 175th Anniversary Mass and Reception on November 1, a major concert on November 22 and Advent Lessons and Carols on December 13. All this, **and** we must continue our ongoing ministries of social justice, music, faith formation, hospitality, and other efforts.

I write now to invite you to participate in our Celebration in a very special way: as a financial patron.

Will you invest in the future of St. Matthew's and serve as a 175th Anniversary Host (\$10,000 gift), a Benefactor (\$5,000 gift), a Patron (\$2,500 gift), a Sustainer (\$1,000 gift), a Sponsor (\$500 gift) or a Friend (\$250 gift) for our 175th Anniversary Celebration?

A gift at the Host, Benefactor or Patron level is recognized with reserved seats at the Gala on October 17 as described in the enclosed Reply Form. The Gala, which will be held in the Ballroom of the National Press Club, will feature a cocktail reception, sit-down dinner and live music with dancing. It will be great fun and a wonderful opportunity to build our St. Matthew's community!

Your leadership gift will make our 175th Anniversary celebration possible, while continuing our outreach to people in spiritual and material need throughout the Washington area.

I am so excited about this 175th Anniversary celebration. It celebrates not only our parish heritage, but also our graced growth into a vibrant, diverse community that is alive in Christ's love. It secures our future ability to bring that love and care to others here in the heart of Washington, DC.

Please read over the enclosed Reply Form and prayerfully consider what part you will play in this milestone celebration. Feel free to call me if you have any questions or want to discuss any aspect of your support.

I look forward to seeing you soon and hope you will participate in our historic 175th Anniversary Celebration!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "W. Ronald Jameson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "W." and last name "Jameson" clearly legible.

Rev. Msgr. W. Ronald Jameson
Rector

P.S. I hope you will consider making a special gift in this anniversary year by completing the enclosed Reply Form. God bless you for all you do in our community.



175TH PARISH ANNIVERSARY

CATHEDRAL OF ST. MATTHEW THE APOSTLE

- October 11 Multicultural Celebration with traditional food, dress, music and dance, and presentations from many countries
- October 17 Gala with cocktails, dinner and dancing at the National Press Club
- November 1 Bilingual Mass with Cardinal Wuerl as Principal Celebrant
Reception at the Madison Hotel
- November 22 175th Anniversary Concert featuring the *Schola Cantorum* and Festival Singers
- December 13 Lessons and Carols featuring the *Schola Cantorum*

Yes, I/we will support St. Matthew's 175th Anniversary Celebration by serving as a:

- ☐ **175th Anniversary Host**
\$10,000 contribution – You will receive recognition in the Gala and Anniversary Concert programs, a table for ten at the **Gala**, special recognition at the Gala, and ten tickets for the **November 1 Reception**. This contribution has a tax-deductible value of \$8,050.
- ☐ **Benefactor**
\$5,000 contribution – You will receive recognition in the Gala and Anniversary Concert programs, four seats at the **Gala**, special recognition at the Gala, and eight tickets for the **November 1 Reception**. This contribution has a tax-deductible value of \$4,140.
- ☐ **Patron**
\$2,500 contribution – You will receive recognition in the Gala and Anniversary Concert programs, two seats at the **Gala**, special recognition at the Gala, and eight tickets for the **November 1 Reception**. This contribution has a tax-deductible value of \$1,990.
- ☐ **Sustainer**
\$1,000 contribution – You will receive recognition in the Gala and Anniversary Concert programs, and six tickets for the **November 1 Reception**. This contribution has a tax-deductible value of \$880.
- ☐ **Sponsor**
\$500 contribution – You will receive recognition in the Gala and Anniversary Concert programs, and four tickets for the **November 1 Reception**. This contribution has a tax-deductible value of \$420.
- ☐ **Friend**
\$250 contribution – You will receive recognition in the Gala and Anniversary Concert programs, and two tickets for the **November 1 Reception**. This contribution has a tax-deductible value of \$210.
- ☐ **Good Neighbor**
I am unable to contribute at the levels described above, but I would like to make a contribution of \$_____ to assist in the 175th Anniversary Celebration.

(Please complete all information on the reverse.)

(In the near future there will be an opportunity to buy additional tickets for the **Gala** and the **November 1 Reception**.)

St. Matthew's 175th Parish Anniversary Donor Reply Form

Please complete this entire form so that we can be sure to have the correct information. Thank you!

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

(Please print clearly. E-mail will be our primary means of contacting you.)

Individual or Company Name as it should appear in the programs:

You may make your contribution by check or credit card.

☐

Check for \$_____ enclosed. (Please make your check payable to
St. Matthew's Cathedral)

☐

Credit card: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express ☐ Discover

Amount \$_____

Name on card: _____

Card Number: _____

Expiry Date: ____/____ Security Code: _____

Signature: _____

Please return this form in the enclosed envelope to:

St. Matthew's 175th Anniversary Celebration
Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle
1725 Rhode Island Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20036

You may also make your contribution online.

Please go to the parish website at <http://www.stmatthewscathedral.org/> and click on
"Supporting Our 175th Anniversary Celebration."

If you have any questions, please feel free to call
Pam Erwin or Dan Evans at 202-347-3215.

Thank you, and God bless you!



175TH ANNIVERSARY

CATHEDRAL OF ST. MATTHEW THE APOSTLE
Sharing the Joy of the Gospel in Our Nation's Capital for 175 Years

Mis queridos feligreses y amigos:

Este año la comunidad de la Catedral de San Mateo celebra el 175 aniversario de la fundación de la parroquia.

Debido a su apoyo constante, San Mateo es una casa espiritual para los católicos a través del área de Washington. La Catedral atrae visitantes de todo el mundo, de todas las tradiciones de fe. La gente viene aquí a rezar, inspirados por la música sagrada, pasar unos minutos en silencio con el Señor, recibir los sacramentos. Parejas vienen a casarse, bautizar a sus hijos. Familias en dolor vienen a celebrar funerales por sus familiares. Personas sin hogar, vienen para recibir ayuda. Sin su apoyo, San Mateo no podría servir las necesidades físicas y espirituales de nuestra comunidad.

Desde su comienzo en las calles 15 y H en el noroeste, y a través de su movida a la Avenida de Rhode Island, después de su designación como la Catedral de la nueva Arquidiócesis de Washington en 1939, San Mateo ha jugado un papel central en la vida católica de Washington DC. Líderes del mundo vinieron a la Catedral para el funeral del Presidente John F. Kennedy. El Papa Juan Pablo II, celebró misa en la Catedral. Líderes de la Corte Suprema se reúnen cada año en el domingo antes del primer lunes de octubre para la Misa Roja. Más tarde, el Papa Francisco visitará la Catedral para rezar con los Obispos de los Estados Unidos.

Cada día ustedes hacen un gran impacto en muchas vidas a través de sus regalos de tiempo, talento y tesoro. Son una parte esencial de la vida de la parroquia de San Mateo. Les agradezco todo lo que están haciendo para apoyar nuestro ministerio.

Para reconocer y celebrar todas las piedras vivientes de nuestra comunidad, estamos auspiciando muchos eventos especiales del aniversario. El evento inaugural en enero, reunió a las comunidades de fe de Washington, para un servicio de Oración Ecuménico y servicio Coral de Vísperas. En abril, el Cardenal Seán O'Malley nos habló de sus años como sacerdote en San Mateo y el impacto de nuestra parroquia que tuvo en su vida. En junio tuvimos una comida especial para nuestros vecinos sin hogar.

Tendremos más eventos importantes: una celebración multicultural el 11 de octubre, una Gala el 17 de octubre, una Misa de Aniversario especial y recepción el 1 de noviembre, un gran concierto el 22 de noviembre, y Villancicos de Adviento el 13 de diciembre. Todo esto, y también debemos continuar con nuestros ministerios de justicia social, música, formación de fe, hospitalidad y otros esfuerzos.

Les escribo ahora, para invitarles a participar en nuestra celebración de una forma muy especial como benefactor financiero.

¿Invertirían en el futuro de San Mateo y servirían como anfitrión/a en el 175 Aniversario (\$10,000 de regalo), como benefactor/a con (\$5,000 de regalo), como patrocinador o protector (\$2,500 de regalo), como soporte o apoyo (\$1,000 de regalo), como contribuyente constante (\$500 de regalo), o como amigo (\$250 de regalo), para nuestro 175 aniversario de celebración?

Un regalo a nivel de Anfitrión, Benefactor, o Protector, es reconocido con asientos reservados en la Gala el 17 de octubre, como se describe en la hoja adjunta para que la manden de vuelta. La Gala se ofrecerá en el Ball Room del Club Nacional de Prensa; la recepción consistirá en un cóctel, una cena y música viva con baile. Será de gran diversión y una ¡gran oportunidad de construir nuestra comunidad de San Mateo!

Su regalo hará que nuestro 175 aniversario de celebración sea posible, al mismo tiempo que continuamos nuestro alcance a las necesidades espirituales y materiales de mucha gente a través del área de Washington.

Estoy muy contento con la celebración del 175 aniversario. No solo celebra el patrimonio de nuestra parroquia, pero también, el crecimiento en una comunidad vibrante y diversa que está viva en el amor de Cristo. Asegura nuestra futura capacidad de proporcionar el amor y el cuidado a otros aquí, en el corazón de Washington, DC.

Por favor, lean la hoja adjunta a esta carta y en oración, consideren cual es la parte que desean participar en esta celebración milenaria. No duden en llamarme si tienen alguna pregunta o quieren discutir algún aspecto de su apoyo financiero.

Espero verles pronto y también espero ¡que participen en nuestra celebración histórica del 175 aniversario!

Suyo en Cristo



Rev. Mons. W. Ronald Jameson
Rector

PD. Espero que consideren el hacer un regalo especial en este aniversario, completando la hoja adjunta con la carta. Dios les bendiga por todo lo que hacen en nuestra comunidad.



175 ANIVERSARIO DE LA PARROQUIA

CATEDRAL DE SAN MATEO APÓSTOL

11 de octubre	Celebración Multicultural con comidas tradicionales, trajes típicos, música y bailes y presentaciones de muchos países
17 de octubre	Gala con cócteles, cena y baile en el Club Nacional de Prensa
1 de noviembre	Misa bilingüe con el Cardenal Wuerl como celebrante principal Recepción en el hotel Madison
22 de noviembre	Concierto del 175 aniversario, presentando a la <i>Schola Cantorum</i> y Festival Singers
13 de diciembre	Villancicos en Adviento, presentando a la <i>Schola Cantorum</i>

Si, apoyaré en la celebración del 175 aniversario de San Mateo, sirviendo como:

☐ **Anfitrión/a en el 175 aniversario**

\$10,000 de contribución – será reconocido en los programas de la Gala y Aniversario del Concierto, será reconocido especialmente en **la Gala**, una mesa para diez en la Gala, y diez entradas para **la Recepción el 1 de noviembre**. Tiene una deducción de impuestos de \$8,500

☐ **Benefactor**

\$5,000 de contribución – será reconocido en los programas de la Gala y Aniversario del Concierto, cuatro asientos en **la Gala** y reconocido especialmente en la Gala, y ocho entradas para **la recepción del 1 de noviembre**. Tiene una deducción de impuestos de \$4,140

☐ **Patrocinador/Protector**

\$2,500 de contribución – será reconocido en los programas de la Gala y Aniversario del Concierto, dos asientos en **la Gala**, reconocido especialmente en la Gala y ocho entradas para **la Recepción del 1 de noviembre**. Tiene una deducción de impuestos de \$1,990.

☐ **Apoyar**

\$1,000 de contribución – será reconocido en los programas de la Gala y Aniversario del Concierto, y seis entradas para **la Recepción del 1 de noviembre**. Tiene una deducción de impuestos de \$880.

☐ **Contribuyente**

\$500 de contribución – será reconocido en los programas de la Gala y Aniversario del Concierto, y cuatro entradas para **la Recepción del 1 de noviembre**. Deducción de impuestos de \$420.

☐ **Amigo**

\$250 de contribución – será reconocido en los programas de **la Gala** y Aniversario del Concierto, y dos entradas para **la Recepción del 1 de noviembre**. Deducción de impuestos de \$210.

☐ **Buen Amigo**

No puedo contribuir a los niveles que se describen arriba, pero me gustaría hacer una contribución de \$_____ para ayudar en la celebración del 175 aniversario.

(Por favor, rellene toda la información en la parte de atrás).
(En un futuro habrá más oportunidades para comprar más entradas para la Gala y la Recepción del 1 de noviembre.)

Formulario de Respuesta para Donación del 175 Aniversario de San Mateo

Por favor, complete el formulario entero para que nos aseguremos
que tiene la información correcta. ¡Gracias!

Nombre(s): _____

Dirección: _____

Ciudad: _____ Estado: _____ Código Postal: _____

Teléfono: _____

Correo electrónico: _____

(Por favor, escriba claramente, será nuestra forma de contacto con ustedes.)

Nombre de la persona o compañía como deba ir en el programa:

Puede hacer su contribución por medio de cheque o tarjeta de crédito.

☐

Cheque por \$ _____ adjunto. (Haga el cheque a nombre de
St. Matthew's Cathedral)

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Tarjeta de crédito: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express ☐ Discover

Cantidad \$ _____

Nombre en la tarjeta: _____

Número de tarjeta: _____

Tiempo de Expiración: ____/____ Código de seguridad: _____

Firma: _____

Por favor, regrese el formulario en el sobre a:
Celebración del 175 Aniversario de San Mateo
Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle
1725 Rhode Island Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20036

También pueden hacer su contribución en la página digital:

<http://www.stmatthewscathedral.org/>

y haga un clic en: **“Support the 175th Anniversary Celebration.”**

Si tiene alguna pregunta, por favor llame a Pam Erwin o Dan Evans al 202-347-3215.

¡Muchas gracias, y que Dios les bendiga!



Looking for a convenient way to support our parish offertory?

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

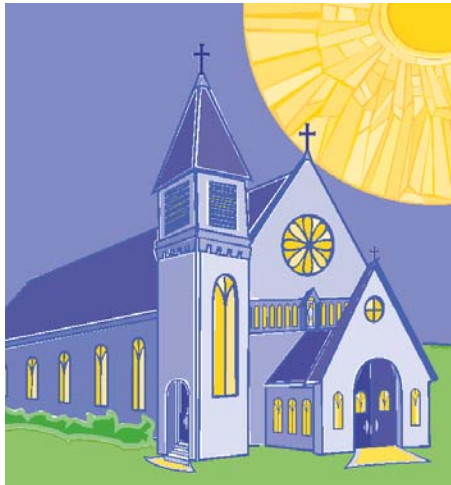
Sign up using the enrollment form on the other side or go online to www.faithdirect.net and use our parish code **DC284** to enroll today!

ENROLL TODAY!

How does Faith Direct work?

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

When do transactions take place?



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

** 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: _____

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.