

TODAY'S READINGS

Whoever is not against us is for us. (Mark 9:40)
In the first reading, we see how Eldad and Medad created a mess. According to tradition, prophets had to go to the tabernacle outside of the camp in order to receive their prophetic words. But here were Eldad and Medad prophesying in God's name within the encampment. Joshua told Moses to stop them. But Moses replied, "Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets!" (Numbers 11:29)

Moving forward some twelve hundred years, we find John telling Jesus that a man was casting out demons in his name. John wanted to stop him, but Jesus seemed to have no problem. Let him go, even if it gets a bit messy, for "whoever is not against us is for us" (Mark 9:40).

Why couldn't Joshua look at the prophetic words uttered by Eldad and Medad rather than focusing on the protocol? Why couldn't John, who admitted that this stranger was successful in casting out demons, rejoice in his success and believe that this man had been given a gift from God?

Now, move forward to today. We have all heard Pope Francis calling us to create a "mess" in the Church. He has urged us to go out and reach individuals in their needs. "We cannot keep ourselves shut up in parishes, in our communities," he said, "when so many people are waiting for the Gospel." We like to have things neat and tidy in our parishes, but the Holy Father is asking us to embrace the messiness that comes when we place mercy, kindness, and love ahead of propriety and tradition.

Of course Pope Francis honors tradition. Of course he loves truth. But he weeps over the condition of all of God's children. That's why he asks us to create the kind of mess that Jesus created when he welcomed a Roman centurion (Matthew 8:5-13), a divorced woman (John 4:4-42), a prostitute (Luke 7:36-50), and a tax collector (19:1-10). So go out there, and get your hands dirty!

"Here I am, Lord! Send me!"

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

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

Monday 28 Zec 8:1-8 / Lk 9:46-50

St. Wenceslaus, St. Lawrence Ruiz and companions

Tuesday 29 Dn 7:9-10,13-14 / Jn 1:47-51

Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

Wednesday 30 Neh 2:1-8 / Lk 9:57-62

St. Jerome

Thursday 1 Neh 8:1-12 / Lk 10:1-12

St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus

Friday 2 Bar 1:15-22 / Mt 18:1-5,10

The Holy Guardian Angels

Saturday 3 Bar 4:5-12,27-29 / Lk 10:17-24

Sunday 4 Gn 2:18-24 / Heb 2:9-11 / Mk 10:2-16

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!

PARISH CALENDAR

September 27 – October 4

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

Bishop Knestout commissions parish volunteers, ministers and staff at the 11:30am Mass.

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

Monday 28—A **Eucharistic Holy Hour** is held in the Cathedral from 6 to 7pm, with Confessions.

The Social Justice Committee meets at 6:45pm in the East Conference Room.

Tuesday 29—Legión de María se reúne a las 5:30 de la tarde hasta las 7 en el salón del Oeste.

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

Friday 2—**First Friday Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** is held after the 12:10pm Mass till 5pm.

Saturday 3—**First Saturday Devotions** are held after the 12:10pm Mass, followed by Hospitality in the West Conference Room.

Sunday 4—A second collection for Cathedral maintenance is taken at all Masses.

The 8:30am Mass is cancelled.

Cardinal Wuerl celebrates the Red Mass at 10am in English.

Padre Rafael tendrá las confesiones después de la misa de 1 de la tarde.

NEWS & NOTES

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.

Come—Let Us Adore Him! – You are invited to the Cathedral for our monthly evening of Eucharistic Adoration on Monday, **September 28** (rescheduled from September 21) from 6 to 7pm, with confessions available during the hour.

First Friday – First Friday Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on **October 2** following the 12:10pm Mass until 5pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, to the left of the sanctuary. All are welcome to come and adore Our Lord. On Saturday, **October 3**, all are welcome to First Saturday Devotions after 12:10pm Mass followed by Hospitality in the West Conference Room.

Red Mass Next Sunday – The 63rd Annual Red Mass will be held at the Cathedral on Sunday, **October 4** 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 to capacity. Thank you for helping us extend the Cathedral's hospitality for this celebration.

FAITH IN ACTION

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 until October 15, between 6 and 8pm at St. Matthew's Education Center. Language instruction is provided at Level 1 (Beginner) through Level 5 (Advanced). For more information, visit <http://www.stmatthewscathedral.org/outreach/clases-de-ingles-english-language-classes> or contact Peter Bihl at stmattsesl@gmail.com.

Fall Semester of Spanish as a Second Language for Adults – The 10-week fall semester runs from **September 29 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 stmattsesl@gmail.com

MASS INTENTIONS

September 27 – October 4

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)

Monday, September 28

7am – Arthur S. Eason
8am – Marge Murphy
12:10pm – Elizabet Macy
5:30pm – Paula Barnes

Tuesday, September 29

7am – Mark Richard
8am – Kenneth Hartmann
12:10pm – Fr. Larry Swink (living)
5:30pm – Spiro Mouflouze

Wednesday, September 30

7am – Maximo Olitres
8am – Lori Kramer
12:10pm – Edward Carey
5:30pm – Thanksgiving

Thursday, October 1

7am – Cresencia Cortalla
8am – Diane Tighe
12:10pm – Cindy & Marcy Eadie
5:30pm – Carmen Labissiere

Friday, October 2

7am – Thanksgiving
8am – Special Intention JA & V (living)
12:10pm – Aurora G. Garcia
5:30pm – Dionesia Tolibao

Saturday, October 3

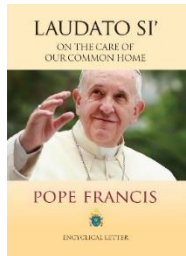
8am – Jenny MacKinaw
12:10pm – George Felix Shevlin III
5:30pm – Moises Lopez

Sunday, October 4

7am – Dynesti Lazina Maraj
10am – All Parishioners
11:30am – Richard S. Schweiker
1pm – Francisco De León
5:30pm – Teresa Cruz

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.



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

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'* \(en español\)](#).

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

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.

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.

Sunday Children's Faith Formation – Classes are held on Sundays, 9:45am – 11am at St. Matthew's Education Center. Registrations are still being accepted.

Spiritual Direction – St. Matthew's provides and refers interested persons to qualified spiritual directors.

Register Now for Faith Foundations Six-Session Sacred Scripture Course – The Archdiocese of Washington's Faith Foundations course on Sacred Scripture will be taught here at St. Matthew's by our own Fr. Jack Hurley. The first session is Saturday, **October 10** (see below). Register now with Theresa Prymuszewski.

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

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](http://cbndc.org/events/gala2015) on **October 1**. Tickets may be purchased at <http://cbndc.org/events/gala2015>.

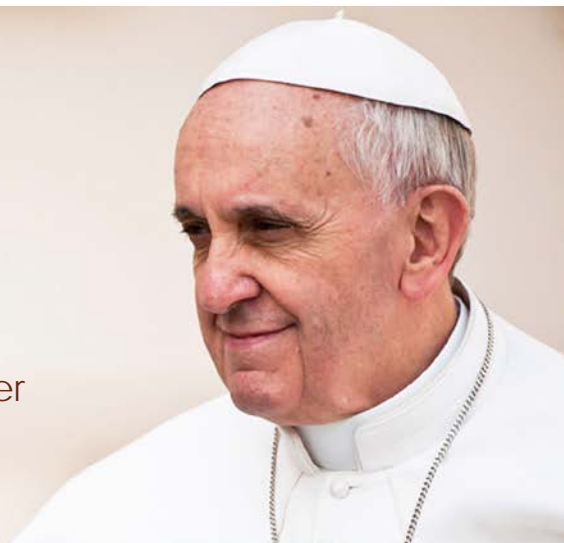
AROUND THE AREA

Walk with Francis at the Interfaith Walk – This annual interfaith walk will be held on Sunday, **September 27**. Opening ceremonies will begin at Washington Hebrew Congregation, 3935 Macomb Street, NW at 1:30pm. Closing ceremonies will take place at The Islamic Center, 2551 Massachusetts Avenue, NW at 4:30pm. The event is free and open to all; no registration required. ASL interpreted. Music, art, food, and a city-wide service project are featured.

POPE FRANCIS:

A Troubadour of Hope On The Path of Ecological Conversion

A focused conversation on the Encyclical Letter *Laudato Si'* with Fr. Jacek Orzechowski, OFM



WHEN:

Tuesday, OCTOBER 6 at 7:00pm

WHERE:

ST. MATTHEW'S CATHEDRAL
1725 Rhode Island Avenue, NW
North Conference Room
(entrance near the parking garage)
Two blocks north of the Farragut North
Metro station, four blocks north of the
Farragut West Metro station

"I urgently appeal, then, for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. We need a conversation which includes everyone, since the environmental challenge we are undergoing, and its human roots, concern and affect us all."

– POPE FRANCIS



FR. JACEK ORZECZOWSKI, OFM was born and grew up in Poland. After immigrating to the United States in 1988, he joined the Franciscan Friars of Holy Name Province and obtained a Master of Divinity degree from Washington Theological Union. For the past seven years, he has been ministering at the St. Camillus multicultural parish in Silver Spring, MD. He also serves as chair of Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Directorate of Holy Name Province and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Franciscan Action Network. Fr. Jacek credits his fellow countryman, Saint John Paul II, with inspiring him as a young man to be actively involved in the struggle for human dignity, justice for immigrants, peace, and care for creation.



This event is open to the public and free of charge.
A suggested donation of \$15 would be welcomed and much appreciated.

Sponsored by the Faith Formation and Social Justice Committees of the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle.

Multicultural Celebration

Celebrating St. Matthew's many cultures

Join Us!

**For a day of celebration with
traditional food, dress, music and dance**

Sunday, October 11th, 2015

9:30am to 3:30pm

Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle



Celebración Multicultural

Celebrando las diversas culturas

de San Mateo

¡Únase a nosotros!

**Por un día de celebración con comida
típica, trajes tradicionales, música y baile**

Domingo 11 de octubre de 2015

9:30 de la mañana a 3:30 de la tarde

Catedral de San Mateo Apóstol



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.



Parish Pastoral Council

Would you like to help shape the future of the mother church of the Archdiocese of Washington?

Would you like an opportunity to get to know the priests, deacons and staff who serve the Cathedral, as well as many of your fellow parishioners?

Would you like to expand your service and contribution to the vitality of St. Matthew's?

Here's your chance!

The St. Matthew's Parish Pastoral Council has six vacancies (4 filled by election, and 2 appointed by the Rector) for 3-year terms beginning in December. We need you to join us!

What is the Parish Pastoral Council?

The Council is a diverse group of 18 parishioners, who advise and assist the Rector on ministries, programs and other important activities of the Parish. We participate in strategic planning for the Parish, as well as in the hands-on work of the life of the Church. You can find much more information at

<http://www.stmatthewscathedral.org/about/parish-council>.

Interested?

If you would like to be considered as a candidate for the Parish Council, or just want more information, please e-mail us at stmatthewsppc@gmail.com. Or you can write to Dan Evans, Parish Pastoral Council Election Co-Chairman, at the parish offices. Either way, please provide your contact information, and tell us something about yourself (e.g., years of being a Catholic, your spiritual journey, what you do for a living, current or past ministry involvement for St. Matthew's or another parish, etc.).

We look forward to hearing from you by October 6th !!!



Consejo Pastoral Parroquial

¿Te gustaría ayudar a formar el futuro de la iglesia madre de la Arquidiócesis de Washington?

¿Quieres una oportunidad de conocer a los sacerdotes, diáconos y empleados que sirven a la Catedral, al igual que muchos de sus feligreses?

ÉSTA ES TU OPORTUNIDAD!

El Consejo Pastoral Parroquial de San Mateo tiene seis vacantes (4 llenada por elección, y 2 designados por el Rector) por un período de 3 años a partir de diciembre. ¡Únete a nosotros!

¿Qué es el Consejo Pastoral de la Parroquia?

El Consejo es un grupo diverso de 18 feligreses, que asesora y asiste al Rector en los ministerios, programas y otras responsabilidades de la parroquia. Participamos en la planificación estratégica de la parroquia, así como de las actividades diarias de la vida de la Iglesia. Puedes encontrar mucha más información en: <http://www.stmatthewscathedral.org/about/parish-council>.

¿INTERESASDO/A?

Si te gustaría ser considerado como candidato/a para el Consejo Parroquial, o simplemente deseas más información, por favor envíanos un correo electrónico a stmatthewsppc@gmail.com. O bien, puedes escribir a Félix Fernández Pizzi, Co-Presidente para la Elección del Consejo Pastoral Parroquial, en las oficinas parroquiales. De cualquier manera, por favor proporciona tu información de contacto y dinos algo acerca de tí (por ejemplo, años de ser católico, tu vida espiritual, tu actividad diaria, tu participación actual o pasada en ministerios San Mateo o de otras parroquias, etc).

ESPERAMOS CON MUCHO INTERES RECIBIR TUS NOTICIAS HASTA EL 6 DE Octubre!

LECTURAS DE HOY

Jesús dio a sus seguidores un sinnúmero de ejemplos para hacerles entender el costo del discipulado auténtico, hasta llegar a la cruz con él. Les previno acerca del peligro de la ambición personal, del perjuicio de rechazar a los demás por envidia o intolerancia y del grave pecado del escándalo, que incita al pecado.

¡Qué importantes son las palabras de Jesús para nosotros hoy! En estos tiempos modernos, se exalta a la persona humana por sobre todas las cosas. Se nos urge defender nuestras propias opiniones, y a veces hacerlas prevalecer sobre las enseñanzas de Jesús. Sustentar nuestras ideas es visto como muestra de templanza, y no hacerlo es considerado debilidad y timidez. Sin embargo, parte de nuestra entrega a Jesús es ir a la cruz con él y someternos a su doctrina.

Por eso se nos dice que debemos tolerar a todos los que invocan el nombre de Jesús, aunque no sean parte de nuestro grupo. Se nos advierte no escandalizar, ni incitar al pecado al prójimo. Finalmente, se nos manda despojarnos de todo lo que pueda llevarnos al infierno. Cuántas veces vemos que esto contradice nuestra manera de pensar o sentir; pero, en realidad, ¡qué necesario es hacerlo si queremos caminar con Jesús!

¿Nos parece que las palabras del Señor contradicen nuestro parecer? Quizás lo veamos así al principio, porque nos cuesta ajustar nuestros puntos de vista a los de Jesús, debido a que somos egoístas y obstinados. Pero no desesperemos. La gracia de Dios y su palabra están allí para reconfortarnos y ayudarnos a crecer en la fe. A medida que nos empeñemos por imitar a Cristo, comenzaremos a experimentar el gozo que produce la obediencia a los mandatos de Dios. La iluminación de la voluntad divina nos capacitará para aceptarla mejor, e infundir en nuestro interior un gran deseo de obedecer.

“Señor, queremos conocer y experimentar las delicias de la vida nueva que ganaste para nosotros en tu santa cruz, una vida de discipulado, que sí tiene un costo, pero que nos llenará de fe y regocijo.”

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

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Santos Arcángeles Miguel, Gabriel y Rafael

Miércoles 30 Ne 2:1-8 / Lc 9:57-62

San Jerónimo

Jueves 1 Ne 8:1-12 / Lc 10:1-12

Santa Teresa del Niño Jesús

Viernes 2 Bar 1:15-22 / Mt 18:1-5,10

Santos Ángeles Custodios

Sábado 3 Bar 4:5-12,27-29 / Lc 10:17-24

Domingo 4 Gén 2:18-24 / Heb 2:9-11 / Mc 10:2-16

NOTICIAS DE LA PARROQUIA

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

Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento – Les invitamos el **lunes 28 de septiembre** a que se unan en adoración al Santísimo, de 6 a 7 de la tarde, habrá confesiones en inglés y español durante la hora.

Primer Viernes y Primer Sábado – Primer viernes de Exposición y Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento se celebrará después de la misa 12:10 del mediodía hasta 5:00 de la tarde el viernes **2 de octubre** en la Capilla del Santísimo Sacramento. Todos son bienvenidos a adorar a nuestro Señor. El sábado **3 de octubre** todos son bienvenidos a las devociones del primer sábado después de la misa de 12:10 mediodía, seguida de hospitalidad en el salón de conferencia del Oeste.

Clases de inglés como segundo idioma para adultos

¿Cuándo? **29 de septiembre a 17 de diciembre, 2015** (diez semanas)

Los martes, miércoles y jueves de 6:30 a 8:30 de la noche

¿Dónde? St. Matthew's Education Center
(Centro de Educación de San Mateo)
1726 N Street, NW

¿Cuánto? \$40

Los estudiantes pueden matricularse en persona, los martes, miércoles o jueves en la tarde entre las 6:00 y las 8:00 de la noche, en el St. Matthew's Education Center. Las clases de inglés serán impartidas desde el Nivel 1 (principiante) hasta el Nivel 5 (avanzado). Para más información, por favor visite <http://www.stmatthewscathedral.org/outreach/clases-de-ingles-english-language-classes> o póngase en contacto con Peter Bihl al stmattsesl@gmail.com.

175th PARISH ANNIVERSARY

Call for Cathedral Parish Life Photos – Do you have photos of your parents' or grandparents' wedding at St. Matthew's? Photos of baptisms? Or of your family standing in front of the altar at Easter? The 175th Anniversary Publications 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.



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 has shared the joy of the Gospel in downtown Washington, DC for 175 years. ***Check the website front page for a link to the featured and archived stories!***

Please email stories, in **250 words or less**, to reply@stmatthewscathedral.org, or mail them to Msgr. W. 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.

MILESTONES IN CATHEDRAL HISTORY

1925 – September 20: A new parish school opens at 1726 N Street, NW. The school was named The Calvert School in honor of George Calvert, first Lord Baltimore, founder of the province of Maryland. Tuition and books were furnished free of charge to children of the parish and the Sisters of the Holy Cross were invited to take charge of Calvert School.

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.

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 202-347-3215 X555 or baptism@stmatthewscathedral.org. 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.

CATHEDRAL GIFTS

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