

***Msgr. Jameson and the Staff  
of the Cathedral of  
St. Matthew the Apostle wish  
you and yours a very blessed  
and Merry Christmas!***

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**T***he Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us (John 1:14)*

For two thousands years, we have celebrated this day—and for good reason. This was no ordinary birth! On this day, Jesus, the “bread of God” came “down from heaven and gave life to the world” (John 6:33). So as we celebrate this joyous occasion, let’s look a little more closely at the way Jesus gave life to the world.

When Jesus came, he brought with him a whole new teaching. He taught us how to think, act, and pray in a way that would bring us closer to his Father. He taught us that it is as important to love one another as it is to love God himself. So let’s vow to love one another as Jesus loves us.

Jesus also performed many miracles while he walked this earth. These miracles showed that he had power over nature, over sickness, and over sin. What’s more, he told us that if we believe, we too will be able to perform great miracles (John 14:12). So today, let’s vow to put our faith in Jesus’ words. Let’s renew our belief in him and his power. Let’s pray for miracles, both small and large, and believe that God will answer our prayer.

Jesus came two thousand years ago so that he could save us from sin. He is God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God. Only he has the power to destroy sin and death. So today, let’s look at the baby in the manger and say: “Thank you for saving me and bringing me into eternal life.”

The incarnation is a deep mystery. It is every bit as incomprehensible as the mystery of the Trinity. How can the Creator enter creation? How can the Eternal enter time? Today, and every day for the rest of our lives, let’s all proclaim:

*“Jesus, you are my Lord. I consecrate myself to you.”* Taken from *The Word Among Us*, Advent 2011, Vol. 31, Number 1: Used with permission.

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*“What came to be through him was life,  
and this life was the light of the human race;  
the light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness has not overcome it.”* JOHN 1:4-5

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***Monseñor Jameson  
y el Personal de la Catedral de  
San Mateo Apóstol les desean a  
usted y a los suyos una  
¡Feliz Navidad!***

**LAS LECTURAS DE HOY**

**H***oy brillará una luz sobre nosotros, porque nos ha nacido el Señor y es su nombre: “Admirable, Dios, Príncipe de la paz, Padre perpetuo”, y su reino no tendrá fin. (Antífona de Entrada, 25 de diciembre)*

La Natividad de Jesucristo es el acontecimiento más importante de toda la historia humana. La venida de Jesús al mundo como Dios verdadero y hombre verdadero fue la inauguración de una humanidad completamente nueva, que viviría según un nuevo principio de vida, a la luz del Espíritu Santo. Con Jesucristo llegaba la era de la gracia, el amor y el perdón. Dios se apiadaba del género humano y ponía en acción su divina misericordia.

Unidos a la Iglesia en general y a todos los cristianos, nos admiramos de la maravillosa cercanía de Dios, que ha venido al mundo para quedarse entre nosotros. Pero, ¿queremos gozar de su presencia constante en nuestra vida? ¿Deseamos seguir experimentándola durante semanas, meses y años, y especialmente cuando nos sentimos confundidos y dudamos de su cercanía y de su amor? Si respondemos que “sí”, tenemos que alimentar esa presencia en nuestro corazón adoptando una actitud decidida y positiva de fe: buscar al Señor en la oración, la Eucaristía, la Sagrada Escritura, el arrepentimiento y el amor al prójimo.

¡Alcen la cabeza ustedes, hijos del Rey, y alégrense por la herencia que les espera! Celebren esta fiesta con cánticos de alabanza y gratitud, y rindan honor al Rey que vino humildemente hace dos mil años y que se quedó entre nosotros. Den adoración y alabanza al Rey de reyes y Señor de señores, que va a juzgar a toda la tierra. Prepárense y abran las puertas del corazón para que entre el Altísimo y reine en su vida y acaten la llamada que han recibido. ¡Miren: el Reino de Dios ha llegado!

*“Dios Todopoderoso y eterno, en este día de enorme gozo cristiano, abrimos el corazón ante Ti, y te damos gracias por la venida de tu Hijo, Jesucristo, nuestro Señor. Por tu gran amor e inmensa misericordia, toda la Iglesia, tu pueblo santo, rebosa de alegría y gratitud por tu gloria y tu bendición.”*

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*“Lo que fue hecho tenía vida en ella,  
y para los hombres la vida era luz.  
La luz brillaba en las tinieblas,  
y las tinieblas no la recibieron.”* JUAN 1:4-5

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## THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

### HIGHLIGHTS

**Monday, December 26**  
*Masses at 8am and 12:10pm only*  
*The Rectory is closed.*

**Friday, December 30**  
**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF**  
**JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**  
*Regular schedule of Masses*

**Sunday, January 1**  
**SOLEMNITY OF MARY,**  
**THE MOTHER OF GOD**  
*Regular Schedule of Masses*

**11:30AM**

**CARDINAL DONALD W. WUERL**

Archbishop of Washington, *Celebrant and Homilist*  
Rev. Msgr. W. Ronald Jameson, *Concelebrant*

#### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

**Sunday 25th** Is 52:7-10 / Heb 1:1-6 / Jn 1:1-18  
*The Nativity of the Lord*

**Monday 26th** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 / Mt 10:17-22  
*St. Stephen*

**Tuesday 27th** 1 Jn 1:1-4 / Jn 20:1,2-8  
*St. John*

**Wednesday 28th** 1 Jn 1:5-2:2 / Mt 2:13-18  
*Feast of the Holy Innocents*

**Thursday 29th** 1 Jn 2:3-11 / Lk 2:22-35  
*St. Thomas Becket*

**Friday 30th** Sir 3:2-7,12-14 / Lk 2:22-40  
*Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph*

**Saturday 31st** 1 Jn 2:18-21 / Jn 1:1-18  
*St. Sylvester*

**Sunday 1st** Nm 6:22-27 / Gal 4:4-7 / Lk 2:16-21  
*The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God*



### MÁS DESTACADO

**Lunes 26 de Diciembre**  
*Misas 8 de la mañana y 12:10 del mediodía*  
*La rectoría estará cerrada.*

**Viernes 30 de Diciembre**  
**FIESTA DE LA SAGRADA FAMILIA DE**  
**JESUS, MARIA Y JOSE**  
*Horario regular de misas*

**Domingo 1 de Enero**  
**SOLEMNIDAD DE MARÍA**  
**MADRE DE DIOS**

*Horario regular de misas*  
11:30 de la mañana Misa presidida  
por el Cardenal Donald W. Wuerl  
**Misa en Español 1:00 de la tarde**

#### LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

**Domingo 25** Is 52:7-10 / Heb 1:1-6 / Jn 1:1-18  
*La Natividad del Señor*

**Lunes 26** Heb 6:8-10; 7:54-59 / Mt 10:17-22  
*San Esteban*

**Martes 27** 1 Jn 1:1-4 / Jn 20:1,2-8  
*San Juan Apóstol y evangelista*

**Miércoles 28** 1 Jn 1:5; 2:2 / Mt 2:13-18  
*Santos Inocentes*

**Jueves 29** 1 Jn 2:3-11 / Lc 2:22-35  
*San Tomás Becket*

**Viernes 30** Ec 3:2-7,12-14 / Lc 2:22-40  
*La Sagrada familia de Jesús, María y José*

**Sábado 31** 1 Jn 2:18-21 / Jn 1:1-18  
*San Silvestre*

**Domingo 1** Núm 6:22-27 / Gál 4:4-7 / Lc 2:16-21  
*La Solemnidad de Santa María Madre de Dios*

### RESPECT LIFE

#### RALLY AND MASS FOR LIFE

Adults and families of the Archdiocese of Washington are invited to **register online now** (registration required) at <http://AdultRallyForLife.EventBrite.com> for the Rally & Mass for Life to be held at St. Matthew's Cathedral on **January 23**, the day of the Annual March for Life. The Rally & Mass will mark remembrance of the 39th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Roe v. Wade*. Gather in prayer for an end to abortion and a renewed recognition that "[m]an has been given a sublime dignity, based on the intimate bond which unites him to his Creator: in man there shines forth a reflection of God himself." (John Paul II, *The Gospel of Life*, n. 34)

The Rally will kick off at 9am with prayer, music and inspirational speakers including Loretta Fleming from the National Committee for a Human Life Amendment,

and the St. Margaret of Scotland Gospel Choir. Mass begins at 10am. After Mass, many will gather for the Rally on the National Mall and the March for Life.

#### PROJECT RACHEL SUPPORT GROUPS

*Having unresolved feelings after abortion? Feeling that God could never really forgive you, nor can you forgive yourself?* Project Rachel Ministry, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington, is hosting support groups for women who feel shame, guilt, sadness and other difficult emotions over an abortion experience. The groups are forming in DC and Southern Maryland and will meet either Sunday afternoons or Thursday evenings. For more information, contact Julia Shelava at 301-853-4565 or [ProjectRachel@adw.org](mailto:ProjectRachel@adw.org). All contacts are confidential.

## FAITH IN ACTION

### ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) CLASSES – FOR ADULTS

Classes in the upcoming Spring semester of our ESL Program will be held **January 17 to March 29** on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, 6:30-8:30pm, with optional tutoring 6-6:30pm. Students may register, in person, Wednesday, January 11 between 6:30 and 8pm at St. Matthew's Education Center, 1726 N Street, NW. At registration each student will be assessed to determine the appropriate class level. Student registrations will be accepted until February 2. The cost of the 11-week program is \$40. For more information, please contact the ESL Program Coordinator at [stmattseslprogram@gmail.com](mailto:stmattseslprogram@gmail.com).

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ESL PROGRAM – TEACHERS, TUTORS & PERSONS OF HOSPITALITY

We are looking for volunteers to serve as teachers, tutors, and persons of hospitality **one night per week** (Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday) in the Spring semester of our ESL Program, which will run **January 17 to March 29** (see above for more details.) While volunteers are not required to have formal training in teaching English as a second language, we expect their native language to be English. Classes will be taught in English only. If you are not comfortable teaching a class on your own, we can pair you with a more experienced teacher. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the ESL Program Coordinator at [stmattseslprogram@gmail.com](mailto:stmattseslprogram@gmail.com).

### SPANISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (SSL) PROGRAM – FOR ADULTS

Classes in the upcoming Spring semester of our SSL Program will be held **January 17 to March 29** on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, 6-8:30pm, with optional tutoring 6-6:30pm. Language instruction will be provided at Level 1 only. Students may register, in person, Wednesday, January 11 between 6:30 and 8pm at St. Matthew's Education Center, 1726 N Street, NW. The cost of the 11-week program is \$50, plus \$30 for the textbook that will be used during the semester. Student registrations will be accepted until January 24. For more information, please contact the SSL Program Coordinator at [stmattsclassesdespanol@gmail.com](mailto:stmattsclassesdespanol@gmail.com).

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SSL PROGRAM – TEACHERS

We are looking for volunteers to serve as teachers, tutors, and persons of hospitality **one night per week** (Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday) in the Spring semester of our SSL Program, which will run **January 17 to March 29** (see above for more details.) While volunteers are not required to have formal training in teaching Spanish as a second language, we expect their native language to be Spanish. Also, each volunteer should possess a university degree. Classes will be taught in Spanish only. If you are not comfortable teaching a class on your own, we can pair you with a more experienced teacher. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the SSL Program Coordinator at [stmattsclassesdespanol@gmail.com](mailto:stmattsclassesdespanol@gmail.com).

## CATHEDRAL CALENDAR

December 25 – January 1

**SUNDAY**—Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord. The parish offices are closed.

**MONDAY**—See prior page for the Mass schedule. The parish offices are closed.

**TUESDAY**—El Grupo de oración en Español se reunirá a las 7 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Oeste.

**WEDNESDAY**—Breaking Open the Word does not meet.

**FRIDAY**—Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

**SUNDAY**—Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. Cardinal Wuerl is the celebrant and homilist at the 11:30am Mass.

## NEWS AND NOTES

### PARKING

Penn Parking has informed us of the following holiday hours for the garage next to the Cathedral:

**December 31**, New Year's Eve – 7am–9pm

**January 1**, New Year's Day – 6:30am–7pm

Contact Michael P. Amoroso at Penn Parking at 410-782-9110 with any questions.

### RETREAT IN DAILY LIFE – GOD'S ABIDING LOVE

Interested in a retreat but do not have the time to go away? The Ignatian Retreat Team of Holy Trinity Church will offer a Scripture-based retreat from **January 29 to February 4**. This is a retreat in daily life, so you continue with your daily activities at home and work. Each day from Monday to Friday, participants are asked to carve out 30 minutes to reflect with a suggested Scripture passage and to meet privately for 30 minutes with a trained spiritual director. A director will be available at **St. Matthew's between 11am and 2pm daily**. The retreat will begin with a group meeting on Sunday, **January 29** from 3pm to 5pm and end with a second group meeting on Saturday, **February 4** from 8:30am to 10:30am. **Group meetings will be held at Holy Trinity Church, 3513 N St., NW**. For more information, contact Martina O'Shea at 202-903-2810 or [moshea@holytrinitydc.org](mailto:moshea@holytrinitydc.org). Register by **January 17**.

## FAITH FORMATION

### BECOMING CATHOLIC

Throughout the year, adults come forward seeking to learn about the Catholic faith. For those interested in learning about the Catholic faith or thinking about becoming Catholic, St. Matthew's offers Inquiry, a casual, ongoing conversation about the Catholic faith, once a month. Inquiry is the first step in the process of discerning one's commitment to full initiation in the Catholic Church. We meet on the second Wednesday of the month, 6:30-7:30pm, in the East Conference Room. An overview of the adult initiation process (RCIA), which begins formally each June, can be presented after Inquiry for those who are interested. The next Inquiry will be Wednesday, **January 11**. For more information, contact Heather Kinney at [hkinney@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:hkinney@stmatthewscathedral.org).

### BOOK CLUB:

#### **THE STORIES OF J.F. POWERS**

Please join St. Matthew's Book Club for its next meeting Monday, **January 23**. The group will discuss *The Stories of J.F. Powers*, a single volume collection of all of J.F. Powers' short stories. Flannery O'Connor ranked Powers "among our greatest living storytellers." His short stories covered a variety of issues, but his most famous works concentrate on the lives of priests in the Midwest. The book club meets at 6:45pm in the West Conference Room. Please contact Paul Zummo at [pzummo@gmail.com](mailto:pzummo@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

### ADULT CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

St. Matthew's offers adult Confirmation preparation for *active Catholics who have received both the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist* in the weeks between Easter and Pentecost. The celebration of adult Confirmation occurs at a special Mass on Pentecost Sunday, which will be May 27 in 2012 (Memorial Day weekend). The preparation includes five weekly sessions on consecutive Thursday evenings -- tentatively set for April 19, 26 and May 3, 10, and 17 -- and a Saturday retreat tentatively set for May 19. Registration begins in January, so please follow announcements in the bulletin and the website for information on how to register.

## NOTICIAS DE LA PARROQUIA

### CATEQUESIS

Les dejamos saber que los domingos **25 de diciembre**, y **1 de enero** no habrá clases de catecismo y catecumenado. Las clases se reanudarán el domingo **8 de enero** con el mismo horario. Les deseamos ¡Feliz Navidad y Año Nuevo!

### APARCAMIENTO

El aparcamiento Penn que está a la derecha de la Catedral, nos ha informado del horario durante los siguientes días:

**31 de diciembre** Fin de Año de 7 de la mañana a 9 de la noche

**1 de enero** Año Nuevo de 6:30 de la mañana a 7 de la noche

Para más información puede llamar a Michael P. Amoroso al 410-782-9110.

### EL PROGRAMA DE ESPAÑOL COMO SEGUNDA LENGUA (SSL) – PARA ADULTOS

Buscamos voluntarios que puedan servir como maestros una noche a la semana (martes, miércoles o jueves) para el semestre de primavera del programa de SSL de San Mateo, el cual se llevará a cabo del 17 de enero hasta 29 de marzo, 6:30 a 8:30 de la noche. No es necesario que los voluntarios sean entrenados en la enseñanza del español como segunda lengua, pero insistimos que el español sea su lengua natal. Además, cada voluntario debe tener título universitario. Las clases se enseñarán solo en español. Si usted está interesado en ser voluntario por favor póngase en contacto con el Coordinador del Programa SSL al [stmatsscldespanol@gmail.com](mailto:stmatsscldespanol@gmail.com).

### CLASES DE INGLÉS PARA ADULTOS

El nuevo semestre de inglés comienza el **martes 17 de enero hasta el jueves 29 de marzo**. Las clases serán de 6:30 a 8:30 de la noche. Nuevos alumnos necesitan venir el miércoles 11 de enero, entre las 6:30 y 8:00 de la noche, en el Centro Educativo St. Matthew, que queda en 1726 N Street, NW y deberán tomar un examen que determinará el nivel de clase que les corresponde. El costo es de \$40 por el programa de 11-semanas. Para más información, contactar al Coordinador de ESL al siguiente correo electrónico: [stmatsseslprogram@gmail.com](mailto:stmatsseslprogram@gmail.com).

### PROYECTO RAQUEL

*¿Ha tenido usted sentimientos no resueltos después de un aborto? ¿Ha sentido que Dios nunca podría perdonarla y seguramente no puede perdonarse usted misma?* Hemos empezando un grupo de apoyo "Una Experiencia de Esperanza", para ayudarle a superar ese dolor en su vida y compartir con otras mujeres que han pasado por un embarazo no deseado y optaron por provocarse un aborto. En las reuniones del grupo de apoyo usted sentirá tranquilidad y la fortaleza que necesita para sanar. El Proyecto Raquel, un Ministerio patrocinado por la Arquidiócesis de Washington, proveerá apoyo a mujeres que sienten vergüenza, culpabilidad, tristeza y otras emociones difíciles que llegan después de un aborto. Las reuniones del grupo de apoyo serán los domingos de 4:00 a 6:30 de la tarde. La primera reunión será el 22 de Enero. Para una información incluyendo el lugar donde se llevara a cabo puede llamar a Luz Menjivar 301-853-4565 o enviar un correo electrónico a [ProyectoRaquel@adw.org](mailto:ProyectoRaquel@adw.org). Todos los contactos son confidenciales.

**MASS INTENTIONS****Sunday, December 25**

4:30pm (vigil) –

The Wilson Family (living)

6:30pm (vigil) – Modesta Castro

10pm (vigil) – Fr. Keith Ramey

8:30am – Ronald J. Hilgert

10am – John Pripusich

11:30am – Ming Fa-Yu

1pm – Francisco y

Angélica De León

**Monday, December 26**

8am – Margaret Hughes

12:10pm –

Nicholas A. Canuso, M.D.

**Tuesday, December 27**

7am – Mel Hancock

8am – Fr. William J. Witt

12:10pm – Louis Hartman

5:30pm – Brigitte Kekeh

**Wednesday, December 28**

7am – Joan O'Reilly

8am – Robert B. Duncan

12:10pm – Alphonse &amp;

Mary Di Battista

5:30pm – Dennis O'Connell

**Thursday, December 29**

7am – Hipolito y Angelica Palomino

8am – Consuelo Herron

12:10pm – Ronaldo Mendoza

5:30pm – Richard Long

**Friday, December 30**

7am – Mr. Dearnley

8am – Mr. Donkerley

12:10pm – Jon Scharfenberger

5:30am – Charles B. Young

**Saturday, December 31**

8am – Clarence Allen Carey, Jr.

12:10pm – Theresa Spadaro

5:30pm – Maria Laura Seña

**Sunday, January 1**

7am – All Parishioners

8:30am – Lawrence A. Mora &  
Family (living)

10am – Dorothea V. Derba

11:30am – Fr. Leo Creamer

1pm – Lola &amp; Aura Benavides

5:30pm – Faye Regan

*To arrange a Mass intention, speak to our receptionist in the Rectory.*

*There is no fee but an offering is customary. Intentions are reserved in advance so particular dates may be unavailable.*

**MARRIAGES**

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 ceremony 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.

**BAPTISMS**

Parents who wish to have their child baptized at the Cathedral should contact the Baptismal Coordinator at the Rectory at 202-347-3215 x555. Parents are encouraged to make contact with us **at least six (6) months in advance** of a desired baptismal date, at which time they may ask for the priest of their choice to perform the Baptism. This early contact enables parents to be scheduled for the necessary sacramental formation session before the child's baptism and allows time for sponsors to obtain letters from their parish pastor.

**CATHEDRAL TOURS**

Visitors are invited to schedule a guided tour of the Cathedral or to do a self-guided tour using the color brochures available at the inside entrance to the Cathedral. Guided tours are given free of charge. Donations to the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle are always appreciated and may be given to your tour guide or to our receptionist at the Rectory. To schedule a guided tour, contact us at 202-347-3215 x512 or 202-587-5143 or [mhurley@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:mhurley@stmatthewscathedral.org).

*Please check our parish website regularly for updates on liturgies and events at St. Matthew's!*

[www.stmatthewscathedral.org](http://www.stmatthewscathedral.org)

**\*\* PARISH PILGRIMAGE \*\*  
TO SPAIN AND PORTUGAL**

Join Msgr. Jameson and fellow parishioners and friends on a pilgrimage to Madrid, Fatima and Lisbon in April 2012! The itinerary showcases the best of Madrid while affording you time to explore the city. Spend time at the famous site in Fatima where Our Lady appeared six times to Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco and take time to reflect and pray. Discover interesting, artsy and unique parts of Lisbon and hip surrounding towns. The group will leave Washington on Wednesday, April 11, 2012, and return on Sunday, April 22, 2012. Enroll by **February 1, 2012**. For more information, see the brochure on our website, pick one up at the rectory or call Msgr. Jameson.

**GIFT ITEMS**

St. Matthew's is pleased to offer a 48-page souvenir book on our beautiful Cathedral church written by Richard Schmidt and Claudia Rousseau, with Joseph Carey, Nancy McKinley and Elizabeth Sullivan. It features the Cathedral's history, art and architecture vividly portrayed through photographs by local photographer, Neil Greentree.

Also available are sets of six note cards picturing the art of the Cathedral, boxed sets of ten Christmas cards featuring St. Matthew's Crèche, Christmas ornaments and several CD recordings of the Cathedral's *Schola Cantorum*. CD titles are listed on our website.

Items are available for purchase in the Rectory during office hours. Unless otherwise indicated in this bulletin, the Rectory is open Monday through Thursday from 9am until 8pm and Friday through Sunday from 9am until 4pm. You also may order items by contacting us at 202-347-3215 x 517 or at [gharrington@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:gharrington@stmatthewscathedral.org). MasterCard and Visa are accepted.



**St. Matthew's Cathedral  
Adopt-A-Family Program  
Christmas 2011**



**Thank you!!!**

The extraordinary generosity of the parishioners and friends of St. Matthew's Cathedral has made it possible for the Adopt-A-Family program to meet the needs of 33 families this year! Thank you to everyone who made a financial donation or returned a beautifully wrapped gift. Your support brought joy and the spirit of Christmas to your neighbors in need this year!

In addition to providing over 600 gifts for families this year, your generosity made it possible to provide new warm clothing to the adults we serve in the Homeless Ministry.

A very special thank you to the sponsors who supported an individual or family:

Elizabeth Argeris  
Preet Bilinski and friends  
Jeffrey and Lilliam Collmann  
Lori Keffer and colleagues at McGuire Woods  
MC King and colleagues at the Membership Office of the Kennedy Center  
The Lampkin Family  
The Marventano Family  
Kim and Brian O'Shea  
Julia Rocchi and friends  
Enrique and Nancy Sotelo  
Barbara Valentino and friends

Thank you once again to everyone who participated, especially our Adopt-A-Family volunteer team. A special thanks to Pam Quinn for leading this program. Your tireless hours of dedication made this program a success!

“Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.”  
(Mt. 25:40)

**New Dates! \*\*\* See Below! \*\*\* New Dates! \*\*\* See Below!**

The Faith Formation Committee presents:

**THE GOSPEL OF MARK:**  
**A GOSPEL FOR THE**  
**NEW EVANGELIZATION**



**Time: 10:00 to 11:45am**

*Consider staying for our 12:10pm Mass afterward.*

**\*\*\*Dates: Saturdays, January 21, 28 & February 11, 18**

*Come any or all Saturdays.*

**Place: North Conference Room**

**Facilitator: Father Kevin Regan**

***Join us as we explore the Gospel of Mark, the first written of the Gospels. Particular attention will be given to the themes and unique characteristics of Mark.***

Please bring a Bible and your own morning beverage.  
Homemade coffee cake will be provided.

**NO RSVP NECESSARY & NO COST TO ATTEND!**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Contact: Heather Kinney, Director of Faith Formation,  
[hkinney@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:hkinney@stmatthewscathedral.org)

## Parish Council Highlights

The Parish Pastoral Council wound up the 2011 calendar year with action, change, and praise. For action, the Council has formed a task force to deal with safety and security related issues, led by PPC member Gregg Glotnis, with a mandate to include a broad representation of parishioners, to develop specific recommendations for continuous improvement.

In forming the task force, the Council emphasized Catholic Social Teaching in that it is our honor and duty to be given the opportunity to love and serve our homeless neighbors by helping them find adequate food, shelter, health care, and employment. At the same time, giving money handouts on the steps of the Cathedral can raise harassment and security issues, and inadvertently contribute to underlying addiction problems. Noting the Cathedral's active homeless ministry, poor box for donations, and outreach in the community, Council Chair Ken Quinn said: "We encourage parishioners and visitors to direct their generosity into our more effective and comprehensive programs to help the homeless and those less fortunate," Quinn said.

For change, the Council recognized with *Servus Dei* pins outgoing Vice Chair **Joe Drozd**, Faith Formation Chair **Tony Annett**, and Liturgy Chair Nancy **McDermott**. "Joe, Tony, and Nancy have selflessly given of their tremendous talents and precious time to bring us all closer in faith," Quinn said. Also given a *Servus Dei* pin was Council member **Jillian McMahon**, who has worked tirelessly in a variety of ministries, including the Young Adults Ministry, which is experiencing an upsurge in interest and activity. "We're thrilled to see the renewed vibrancy of our young adult social, service, and spiritual offerings," Quinn said.

On December 4, 2011, the parish elected the following parishioners to the Council: **Iker Aceves, Grace Alvicar, Jeff Bedia, Dan Evans, Felix Pizzi**, and **Jillian McMahon**. In addition, Monsignor Jameson has appointed **Jeff Colman** to the Council. Msgr. Jameson declared: "We're very blessed to have such talented and diverse people who are willing to help represent their fellow parishioners and advise me on pastoral matters." All parishioners are asked to pray for them and get involved by participating in one of the Council's committees, available on the Cathedral's Web site. "With now over 3,000 registered parishioner households," Quinn noted, "we need each parishioner to prayerfully reflect on their time, talent, and treasure to see if they can go beyond mass attendance and engage more fully as God's disciples."

The new Council joined a host of new *Servus Dei* pin recipients at a reception December 5 to thank them for extraordinary service at the Cathedral. Noting that any parishioner can nominate a fellow parishioner for *Servus Dei* recognition, with more in the pipeline in the New Year, Quinn observed "These are just small tokens of our appreciation to thank fellow parishioners for their dedication to the Cathedral and extraordinary service to others," said Quinn.

Receiving *Servus Dei* pins were **Adam Kline** for his service as an Extraordinary Minister of Communion (EMC) and active volunteer; **Aldona Robbins** as a leader of the ministers of hospitality and Chair of the Parish Finance Council; **Adiela Castano** for her leadership of the Ministers of the Spanish Mass and warm hospitality; **Betty Sullivan**, for her superb management of the scheduling, training, and recruiting of lectors; **Brian Fish**, for his service at the Monday morning Homeless Ministry, lector, and Books to Prison ministry; **Delores Reyes**, as a minister of hospitality, Hispanic Prayer Group member, and volunteer at special events; **Ismael Castillo**, a minister of hospitality for 15 years and Hispanic special events volunteer; **Emily Kolakowski**, for organizing the parish's highly successful Health and Wellness Fairs; **Fatima Aybar**, for her tireless efforts and leadership at nearly every special event; **Franz Kuo**, for his leadership as Vice Chair of the Social Justice & Community Services Committee, EMC, and representative to the Washington Interfaith Network; **Jim Walsh**, for his dedication and leadership of the Homeless Ministry and as a lector; **Jason Cho**, for his dedication in building, launching, and maintaining the parish Web site; **Jeff Bedia**, for his service as an altar server and EMC; **Jim Anthony**, for his nearly 20-year service as part of the Easter and Christmas decoration teams, minister of hospitality, and parish mailings and offertory assistance; **Maria Menacho**, for her leadership as a past PPC Chair, member of the Parish Finance Council, and coordinator of the Holy Land pilgrimage; **Mary Moran**, for her leadership on the fundraising committee; **Stephanie Jacobs**, for her efforts on grant writing, donor solicitation, and foundation work; **Mike Duffy**, for his leadership and efforts for the Ministry to the Sick, Seniors, and Homebound; **Nancy Lutz**, for serving as interim chair of Hospitality, homeless dinner organizer, teacher for English as a Second Language (ESL), lector, and minister of hospitality; **Neal Osten**, for his superb leadership of the Cathedral's EMCs; **Ngoc Le**, for her service as Assistant EMC coordinator, coordinator of Anointing of the Sick masses and novenas; **Pat Durham**, for her longtime, dedicated service to the Faith Formation Committee; **Pam Quinn**, for coordinating the Adopt-a-Family program this year; **Patricia Abad** for coordinating the lunch-making volunteers for our homeless ministry and raising money for a Peru orphanage; **Paul D'Amico**, for his outstanding leadership as coordinator of our ESL program; **Pedro Carroll** for his photography, video and graphics assistance for ministry of the month, special events, Health and Wellness Fairs, and as an altar server; **Ron Linton**, for his leadership on safety/security issues, Faith Direct, and on the Parish Finance Council; **Sharon Savinski**, for her assistance with our homeless ministry; **Steve Yoder**, for his leadership in our Young Adults Ministry and as a lector; **Susan Billheimer**, for her service on the Stewardship Committee and partnership efforts with John Carroll Society; and **Tiffany Waits**, for her innovative leadership with our Wine and Wisdom program and as sponsor in our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program.

“We are blessed to have a large number of ordinary people doing extraordinary things for others, where we can see the hand of God,” Quinn said. “We are both humbled and inspired by their example of quiet faith and service.” “I hope when people see folks wearing *Servus Dei* pins, they take a moment to thank their fellow parishioners and be inspired to lend a hand to put faith into action,” Quinn said,