



*strengthening our faith*

*by rebuilding our heritage*

October 2016

My dear parishioners,

“Delicious autumn! My very soul is wedded to it, and if I were a bird I would fly about the earth seeking the successive autumns.” Yes, autumn has arrived and I think most of you are definitely enjoying the cooler days! We also have been remembering those very special days just a year ago when **Pope Francis** visited Washington—especially his visit to St. Matthew’s. A truly blest occasion!

This fall the pace has been nonstop and invigorating—weddings, the Feast of St. Matthew, the Red Mass, Alumni Days at my alma mater, Theological College, a spiritual reflection for the Order of Malta, and more. In the wake of Bishop Holley’s appointment as Bishop of Memphis, I have agreed to conduct eight parish visitations in his stead, which means a total of 20 parish visitations for me this year. That should keep me going!



### ***A Season of Remembrance***

On Tuesday, **November 1**, we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints, a Holy Day of Obligation honoring all the saints, known and unknown. All Saints Day Masses will be at 5:30pm on Monday, **October 31**, and at 7am, 8am, 11am, 12:10pm with **Cardinal Wuerl**, 5:30pm and 7pm (Spanish) on Tuesday, **November 1**.

On All Souls Day, celebrated on Wednesday, **November 2**, we commemorate deceased family members and loved ones who await their purification in Purgatory. The Church teaches that some sins can be forgiven even after death (CCC 1031). While these departed souls can pray for us, they can no longer pray for themselves. **That spiritual work of mercy is up to us. We are encouraged to pray for our departed loved ones and all souls who await the resurrection of their bodies in Christ.** **Cardinal Wuerl** will celebrate the 12:10pm Mass on All Souls Day. The regular weekday schedule of Masses will be observed that day.

We remember our deceased loved ones in a special way in November. **Each day** a special Mass is offered at the Cathedral for this intention. **Special envelopes are provided in the pews so that you can list the names of the deceased to be remembered at these daily Masses.** The envelopes, which can be dropped in the collection basket or at the rectory, will be placed on the altar in the Wedding Chapel.

### ***All Souls Concert of Remembrance***



We are honored to offer on Sunday, **November 6** at 7:30pm a special All Souls concert and prayer for Cathedral friends and family who have died. In past years, this remembrance concert has featured Requiems by Gabriel Fauré and Maurice Duruflé. This year’s concert will include meditations on the traditional theological themes of **Rest and Light**. The music will include chants for the Requiem Mass, motets by William Byrd, Heinrich Schutz, and Thomas Tallis, and anthems by Rheinberger, Moruja and Vaughan Williams. Prayers and readings interwoven with the music will make this a true meditation and memorial. **You are invited to have a deceased loved one remembered at this concert and included by name in the program to be printed for that evening.** Please see the parish bulletin for more information.

### ***Liturgy Changes***

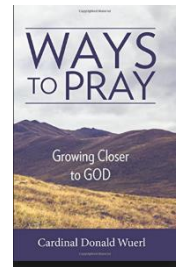
The parish Liturgy staff in the spring began a **review of the parish’s experience of the weekend** Masses in light of the 50 years since the Vatican Constitution on Sacred Liturgy. A special parish team evaluated the **Introductory Rite**—the first of the four major parts of the Mass—using Church guidelines and commentaries.

Each of the 14 team members reviewed two Masses on different weekends. Several suggestions were approved by Msgr. Jameson. Changes involving the worship aid (leaflet) used by the assembly, such as better hymnal references, assembly seating directions, and printing the *Gouin* Gloria in the leaflet, already have been introduced. Aspects of the cantor's welcome and style of assembly invitations, and the music prelude as lead-in to the entrance hymn, also have been changed. Beginning in November, the Book of Gospels will be included in the entrance procession, variable seasonal petitions will be used in the Penitential Act, and presiders and liturgical ministers will be encouraged to lead the assembly by example in liturgical participation through prayer, song and attention.

**Next for review is the Liturgy of the Word**—the second major part of the Mass, consisting of the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading (Hebrew Testament), Psalm Response, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading (the Letters), Gospel Acclamation, 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading (Gospel), Homily, Profession of Faith (Creed) and the Prayer of the Faithful (General Intercessions).

### ***Fall Faith Formation Highlights***

- **Landings International.** St. Matthew's fall Landings series meets on Sundays at 1pm. Contact Deacon Stuart Wilson-Smith, C.S.P. Landings Coordinator, at [swilson-smith@paulist.org](mailto:swilson-smith@paulist.org).
- **Married Couples Group.** This DVD faith sharing and discussion group continues to grow, drawing newly married and more seasoned couples to the biweekly Tuesday evening sessions.
- **Small Faith-Sharing Groups.** Our fall groups will read and discuss Cardinal Wuerl's book, *Ways to Pray: Growing Closer to God*. Register at [Tricia.Schmittdc@gmail.com](mailto:Tricia.Schmittdc@gmail.com).
- **"The ISIS Genocide of the Christians in the Middle East."** This interactive lecture by Nina Shea of the Hudson Institute will be held on Tuesday, **October 25**.
- **RCIA Rite of Acceptance and Welcome** – This rite will occur on Sunday, **October 30** at the 5:30 pm Mass. Pray for our Inquirers on this initial step in their journey towards the Catholic Faith.



### ***A Word on Planned Giving and Faith Direct***

Planned gifts are very important in furthering the Cathedral's mission of continuing Christ's work here on earth. **Bequests** allow you to leave something to your parish without loss of comfort or security in your lifetime. If your estate is subject of estate tax, your gift is entitled to an estate tax charitable deduction for its full value. Securities are another option. The best stocks for charitable giving are those that have increased in value, particularly those producing little income. Selling the stock would require payment of capital gains tax. Increases in value of donated stocks, however, are exempt from capital gains tax.

Please consider taking advantage of **Faith Direct**, our **Electronic Giving Program**. You may sign up online at [www.stmatthewscathedral.org](http://www.stmatthewscathedral.org). Why not join the 546 parishioners who already have enrolled?

### ***St. Matthew's Christmas Cards***

Boxed sets of our beautiful **Christmas cards featuring the St. Matthew's Crèche scene** in full color are available for purchase at the rectory for \$15 (10 cards and envelopes). The rectory opens at 9am every day and closes at 8pm Monday through Thursday and at 4pm Friday through Sunday.

### ***Parish Pilgrimage to India***



Would you be interested in a possible 8 – 10 day parish pilgrimage to **India in April 2017**, to include Mumbai (modern-day Bombay), Agra, and possibly Jaipur, Goa and New Delhi? If so, feel free to contact me at [rjameson@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:rjameson@stmatthewscathedral.org), and I will be happy to give you more information.

Please be assured that you are in my prayers; I ask for yours, as well. I thank you for all that you do for our parish and for one another.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'W. Ronald Jameson'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rev. Msgr. W. Ronald Jameson  
Rector



**St. Matthew's Cathedral**  
**Social Justice & Community Services Ministry**  
**Adopt-A-Family Christmas Program 2016**

**Program Overview**

For over 14 years, St. Matthew's Cathedral has sponsored the Adopt-A-Family Program, which seeks to assist low-income families and individuals in our community at Christmas time. Last year, the program served **53 families** and over **100 men and women from our Homeless Ministry**. We were also able to contribute gifts to the local **L'Arche communities**, which serve adults with intellectual disabilities. Additionally, we included **youth from the DC General family shelter** in our program. The gifts given to these individuals and families addressed fundamental material needs and included clothing items, personal items, bedding, household items, as well as toys for the children.

**Sponsorship Opportunities**

This program is successful through the support of our neighboring business community and the help of many volunteers. Last year, in addition to the parish's participation, 27 sponsors helped take care of the needs of the families in our program.

***Please consider the following ways your organization/group can serve as a sponsor:***

- ***Adopt more than one family:*** This option is appropriate for large organizations with many willing and generous participants. The group will receive specific "wish lists" for each family and be responsible for purchasing items for all family members.
- ***Adopt one family:*** A group representative will receive a specific "wish list" of items from the family, along with ages of family members. You will then be responsible for purchasing items for all family members.
- ***Adopt a child (or a few children):*** A group representative will receive the "wish lists" of either one or a few children within a family or from where there is a need, and will purchase their gifts (three gifts per child).
- ***Contribute to the program:*** Your group can either collect money from employees or make a financial contribution to the program. The contribution will be used to purchase gifts for a family.

**Volunteer Opportunities & General Inquiries**

We are always in need of helping hands to make sure things run smoothly and efficiently. Please contact the Christmas Program Coordinator, Pam Quinn, for more information: [pquinn505@aol.com](mailto:pquinn505@aol.com).

**Timeline**

You will receive a profile on the family and their "wish list" in November. You are asked to deliver wrapped and labeled gifts to the Cathedral by the first week of December. More details will be provided to you at a later time.

***If possible, please confirm your participation by October 28:***

The Director of Social Justice, Fr. Rafael Barbieri and Norma Canedo the Coordinator for Social Justice can be reached at the parish rectory at (202) 347-3215 or by email at [socialjustice@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:socialjustice@stmatthewscathedral.org). Fax (202) 347-7184.



**Adopt-a-Family Program Christmas Gift Drive  
Sponsor Application**

**Contact Information**

<b>Date:</b>	
<b>Company/Group Name:</b>	
<b>Street Address:</b> *Please indicate if gift tags and letters may be mailed to this address: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
<b>City ST ZIP Code:</b>	
<b>Name of Primary Contact:</b>	
<b>Phone:</b>	
<b>E-Mail Address:</b>	
<b>Name of Alternate Contact:</b>	
<b>Phone:</b>	
<b>E-Mail Address:</b>	
<b>Additional Details:</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To whom (Name, Title) should the "thank you" letter be addressed to?</li> <li>To which address/email should it be sent to?</li> </ul>

**Useful Notes & Guidelines**

A wish list/s will be given to your group's primary contact, reflecting the sponsorship level you have requested to offer. The following lists the gift quantities for each family and individual:

- Each **Family** receives two household items.
- Each **Adult** receives 2 gifts.
- Each **Child** receives 3 gifts.

All gifts should be new, wrapped, and labeled with the coded gift tags we will provide for you by the first week of December.

**Sponsorship Level**

Please indicate your sponsorship level below.

<b>___ Adopt 1 Family:</b>	___ One Individual Adult ___ Smaller-sized Family (2-3 family members) ___ Larger-sized Family (4-6 family members)
<b>___ Adopt Multiple Families:</b>	<b>Indicate how many families you would like to adopt next to each family size:</b> ___ One Individual Adult ___ Smaller-sized Family (2-3 family members) ___ Larger-sized Family (4-6 family members)
<b>___ Adopt 1 or more Children:</b>	___ One Individual Child ___ Multiple Children (Indicate how many children you would like to sponsor)