



October 2018

My dear parishioners,

As I sit here at my desk, so many thoughts swirl around in my mind. Hurricane Michael is ready to strike the panhandle of Florida. The weather report says summer-like temperatures are finished and colder weather is just around the corner. The formation director from Theological College will be here later for a meeting—I supervise seven TC seminarians this year (as well as six others from religious communities).

Last week we learned that Pope Francis had accepted Cardinal Wuerl's resignation. Although I am sad, I realize the Cardinal had to resign for the good of the Church and the Archdiocese. Hopefully, we can now move on and work at the mission of the Church. I strongly recommend that you read the [Pope's letter to Cardinal Wuerl](#), and the [Cardinal's letter to his people](#), both dated October 12, 2018.

### ***Fall Liturgical Highlights***

At our **Fall Anointing Mass** this past Sunday, **October 21**, the sacrament was celebrated at the regular 11:30am Mass. The next Anointing Mass will be celebrated at the regular Sunday 1pm Spanish Mass on February 10, 2019. Watch the mid-January bulletins to find out how you may participate.

All parishioners, but especially liturgical ministers of the Cathedral, are encouraged to attend a **Liturgical Ministry Day** on Saturday, **October 27** from 9 to 11:30am. We are delighted to have our own Tom Stehle, Pastoral Associate for Liturgy and Director of Music Ministries, as the main presenter. He has recently spoken to the liturgical and lay ministers in two archdiocesan parishes. Two years ago, he gave a well-received talk on the Eucharist here at St. Matthew's.

The **White Mass** honoring the gifts of those with special needs will be celebrated on Sunday, **October 28** at 11:30am. This Mass was begun with the vision of the Eunice and Sargent Shriver family and is sponsored by the Archdiocesan Office of Special Needs Ministry. Come join the celebration.

On Sunday, **November 4**, a special blessing of engaged couples will be given during the 11:30am Mass.

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

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

On **All Souls' Day**, Friday, **November 2**, we commemorate deceased family members and loved ones. **We pray for our departed loved ones and all souls who await the resurrection of their bodies in Christ.** We follow the regular weekday Mass schedule that day.

We remember our deceased loved ones in a special way in November. Each day a special Mass is offered 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*



This year's **All Souls' Concert** will be held on Sunday, **November 4** at 7:30pm as we remember deceased members of our families and friends, especially those who have died in the past year. We also will remember those lost in natural disasters throughout the world, those lost due to war and persecution in the Middle East, and those buried this year from the Cathedral. **To have a deceased loved one remembered and included by name in the concert program**, email Tom Stehle at [tstehle@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:tstehle@stmatthewscathedral.org) by **October 26**. You may make an online memorial donation by clicking [here](#) or contacting Tom.

## *Faith Formation: Welcome Home!*

Always remember, we are members of the Body of Christ. Are you someone, or **do you know someone**, who “used to be Catholic” or “grew up Catholic”? No matter how long they might have “been away,” St. Matthew's **Landings** Team invites them to consider renewing their relationship with Jesus and his Church. Landings is a ministry run by St. Matthew's parishioners. Our fall group starts shortly. Anyone interested may contact Theresa Prymuszewski, Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation, at 202-587-5139 or [tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:tprymuszewski@stmatthewscathedral.org) for a welcome interview.

Check the front page of the parish website, or click [here](#), for more faith formation opportunities.

## *Parish Finances*

Enclosed is our financial statement for 2017-2018 and our budget for 2018-2019. Total income was up by only \$24,540. Operating expenses, however, increased by \$143,310! As you can see, we ran a deficit. While our income has plateaued over the last several years, the present year's income to date shows that we are now trending below that plateau. On the expense side, as we happily note the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the restoration of the Cathedral (can you believe it's been 15 years since the scaffolding?), “things happen” regularly that need attention—and they all cost money. Of course, other parish expenses also tend to pop up.

Please take advantage of **Faith Direct**, our Electronic Giving Program. You may use the registration forms found in the bulletin, or sign up online by clicking [here](#) or visiting [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) (Church code DC284). Why not join the 554 parishioners already enrolled?

St. Matthew's is a vibrant community with deep commitments to stewardship that enable us to minister to **2000+ people at 7 Masses each weekend** and to deliver on many ministry priorities, particularly in the areas of social justice and faith formation. To maintain our strengths and meet new parish needs, **parishioners must develop their own prayerful commitment to stewardship** at St. Matthew's.

As I wrote to you in September, while over 2,300 households are registered, in the last fiscal year **only 869 could be identified as making offertory contributions!** We aim to increase the overall offertory and **to engage many of the remaining 1,400+ parish households in regular financial sacrificial giving**—the fuel for our parish mission as the hands, voice and face of Jesus.

I remain grateful for your love and service to our parish.

### *Stay Connected and Spread the Word!*

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

Facebook [www.facebook.com/st.matthews.cathedral](https://www.facebook.com/st.matthews.cathedral)

Twitter [msgrjameson](https://twitter.com/msgrjameson)

Instagram [stmatthewscd](https://www.instagram.com/stmatthewscd)

360° Virtual Tour [tour.stmatthewscathedral.org](http://tour.stmatthewscathedral.org)

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Msgr. W. Ronald Jameson  
Rector

**Annual Parish Financial Report**  
**Fiscal year ended June 30, 2018**  
*St. Matthew's Cathedral #101 Washington, DC 20036*

Fiscal year ended June 30,  
**2017                      2018                      2019**  
*Budget*

Balance at June 30,  
**2017                      2018**

Parish			
<b>Income</b>			
Offertory collections	\$ 1,135,747	\$ 1,174,232	\$ 1,259,000
Daily and Holydays	\$ 81,642	\$ 88,393	\$ 93,000
Christmas Collection	\$ 105,579	\$ 117,702	\$ 127,000
Easter Collection	\$ 45,274	\$ 48,336	\$ 54,800
Donations	\$ 330,403	\$ 443,355	\$ 443,430
Bequests	\$ 190,630	\$ 50,005	\$ 25,000
Poor Box Offerings	\$ 101,764	\$ 108,601	\$ 101,650
Rental income	\$ 588,116	\$ 595,386	\$ 595,386
Sacramental Offerings	\$ 118,285	\$ 98,530	\$ 110,200
175th Anniversary Celebration	\$ 3,050		\$ -
Other Income			
<b>Total income</b>	<b>\$ 2,700,491</b>	<b>\$ 2,724,540</b>	<b>\$ 2,809,466</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Parish life and worship	\$ 631,285	\$ 643,259	\$ 696,068
Rectory and parish clergy	\$ 229,487	\$ 230,447	\$ 230,617
Religious education	\$ 98,016	\$ 144,164	\$ 167,492
Social concerns	\$ 95,473	\$ 98,741	\$ 124,130
Administration and other	\$ 378,372	\$ 415,060	\$ 407,532
Facilities and maintenance	\$ 596,112	\$ 590,426	\$ 580,266
Archdiocese assessments	\$ 170,362	\$ 176,135	\$ 176,250
Interparish Support	\$ 56,787	\$ 58,712	\$ 58,750
Parish Other Expenses	\$ 18,280	\$ 60,540	\$ 22,040
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$ 2,274,174</b>	<b>\$ 2,417,484</b>	<b>\$ 2,463,145</b>
<b>Net income</b>	<b>\$ 426,317</b>	<b>\$ 307,056</b>	<b>\$ 346,321</b>
<b>Other uses of funds</b>			
Capital improvements	\$ 51,855		
Loan payments	\$ 355,099	\$ 359,599	\$ 354,999
Subtotal	\$ 406,953	\$ 359,599	\$ 354,999
<b>Net income over (under) expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 19,364</b>	<b>\$ (52,543)</b>	<b>\$ (8,678)</b>

Balance sheet highlights for parish		
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and investments available for operations, at market value	466067	379496
Restricted assets	2292129	1798736
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 2,758,196</b>	<b>\$ 2,178,232</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts Payable		
Loan Balance	\$ 1,987,560	\$ 1,726,322
Assessments		
<b>Total liabilities and fund balance</b>	<b>\$ 1,987,560</b>	<b>\$ 1,726,322</b>

Fiscal year  
**2017                      2018**

National Collections		
Amounts collected and remitted in the Archdiocese National Collections	\$ 77,150	\$ 97,040