



October 2011

My dear parishioners,

What a beautiful day! I'm sitting here at my desk, sun shining brightly, preparing for a joyful wedding this afternoon, and looking forward to Nationals and Redskins victories tomorrow! A day to give thanks to God for his many blessings as we begin this Year of Faith!

A Season of Remembrance

Special Liturgies ~ On Thursday, **November 1**, we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints, a Holy Day of Obligation honoring all the saints, known and unknown. **Cardinal Donald Wuerl** joins us as celebrant of the 12:10pm Mass. "Exactly as Christian communion among fellow pilgrims brings us closer to Christ, so our communion with the saints joins us to Christ, from whom as from its fountain and head issues all grace, and the life of the People of God itself." (Catechism of the Catholic Church (CC C) 957) All Saints Day Masses will be at 5:30pm on Wednesday, October 31, and at 7am, 8am, 11a.m, 12:10pm, 5:30pm and 7pm (Spanish) on Thursday, November 1.

On All Souls Day, celebrated on Friday, **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, which is also First Friday, with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following the Mass until 5pm, as usual. The regular weekday schedule of Masses will be observed that day.

We remember our deceased loved ones in a special way throughout the month of **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.

Concert of Remembrance ~ On Sunday, **November 4** at 7:30pm, join us for a special concert for Cathedral friends and family who have died, featuring St. Matthew's *Schola Cantorum* and String Orchestra, and Paul Hardy, Cathedral organist. You are invited to have deceased loved ones remembered at the concert and included by name in the printed concert program. Check the *Upcoming Music Events* section of our website (www.stmatthewscathedral.org) for details.

Formation During This Year of Faith

Fall Lectures ~ Our Fall Lecture Series on the Second Vatican Council continues with "On Revelation: 50 Years of *Dei Verbum*" by Dr. Brian M. Doyle, chair of the Theology Department at Marymount University, on Wednesday, **October 24**, or Thursday, **October 25**. The series concludes with "On the Church in the World: 50 Years of *Gaudium et Spes*" by Dr. H. Richard McCord, retired executive director of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Secretariat of Laity, Marriage, Family Life, and Youth, on Wednesday, **October 31** and by Ms. Sheila Garcia, current associate director of the same office, on Thursday, **November 1**. Lectures are in the North Conference Room from 12:45 to 1:45pm on Wednesdays and 7 to 8pm on Thursdays.

Bible Study ~ Fr. Jack Hurley will offer a five-week course on the Historical Books of the Old Testament on Saturdays, **October 27** and **November 3, 10, 17** and **24** from 10:30 to 11:45am. Come to the North Conference Room on the 3rd, 10th, and 24th and the East Conference Room on the 3rd and 17th. Bring a Bible, and consider staying for the 12:10pm Mass. All are welcome!

Your Talent for a Greater Purpose ~ After a successful program this summer, career counselor Ms. Hiranya Fernando, a St. Matthew's parishioner, will repeat a series of classes on finding meaningful work and carrying out a successful job search. "Your Talent for A Greater Purpose" will meet from 7 to 8:30pm in the North Conference Room on Mondays, **October 29; November 5, 12, 19**, and **26**; and **December 5**. Check the bulletin and parish website for more information.

On the Way: Advent & Christmas



Adopt-a-Family ~ Last Christmas, thanks to the enormous generosity of time and treasure of our parishioners, we assisted 35 families and the clients of the parish's weekly Homeless Ministry program. This year has been even more difficult for families and we are asking for your support. If you and your family, friends or co-workers are able, please consider "adopting" one of our needy families at Christmas. For more information, please contact Fr. Evelio Menjivar at emenjivar@stmatthewscathedral.org.

Advent & Christmas Liturgies & Events ~ My Thanksgiving letter will include, in addition to a reminder of our Thanksgiving Day Masses, the Advent and Christmas brochure with a fully detailed schedule. Highlights include the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on Saturday, **December 8**, a Holy Day of Obligation, with our Advent Day of Recollection beginning at 9am that day and ending with Cardinal Wuerl's celebration of the Holy Day Mass at 12:10pm; on Sunday, **December 9**, the celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe at the 1pm Mass followed by a reception; our Festival of Lessons & Carols at 7:30pm on Gaudete Sunday, **December 16**, followed by a parish sing-along; and on Tuesday, **December 18**, our Communal Penance Service at 12:10pm.

Parish Finances

Our Financial Picture ~ I am enclosing our financial statement for 2011-2012 and our budget for 2012-2013. On paper, we were in the black last year. Don't jump for joy just yet, though, as several large bills were not paid until the new fiscal year. Reviewing our finances brings to mind how very grateful I am for those who support the parish week after week. One special blessing this past year was a large bequest that *really* helped to balance the budget.

Our Shared Obligation ~ A realistic perspective is needed. I ask *every household* to make a sacrificial contribution, the specific amount remaining between you and God. Fewer than one-third of our households have given a recognizable gift in our offertory. Even a small gift from the other two-thirds would make a REAL difference in funding our parish operations. Our heating and air conditioning bills, staff and clergy salaries, funding for the poor and homeless, the costs of the music events that so many enjoy, and other expenses of our parish must be borne. An easy way to help us and yourselves as parish members is to use *Faith Direct*—set the amount you want to give, large or small. If each household for whom we have no record of a gift were to give \$1 a week via *Faith Direct*, we would enjoy additional annual income of nearly \$100,000 for our work of building up the Kingdom of God!

To those who give each week and in so doing, make a real sacrifice, I am so very grateful. You keep us afloat and keep all of our programs going. *Thank you so very much. Muchas gracias.*

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Msgr. W. Ronald Jameson
Rector

Annual Parish Financial Report
Fiscal year ended June 30, 2012
St. Matthew's Cathedral #101 Washington, DC 20036

Fiscal year ended June 30,
2011 2012 2013
Budget

Parish			
Income			
Offertory collections	\$ 967,755	\$ 1,001,149	\$ 1,048,000
Daily and Holydays	\$ 81,812	\$ 89,645	\$ 92,000
Christmas Collection	\$ 103,546	\$ 128,082	\$ 135,500
Easter Collection	\$ 68,183	\$ 62,295	\$ 67,000
Donations	\$ 195,685	\$ 287,972	\$ 242,315
Bequests	\$ 30,856	\$ 120,822	\$ 50,000
Poor Box Offerings	\$ 61,699	\$ 75,323	\$ 60,700
Forward in Faith	\$ 2,331	\$ 2,250	
Investment income	\$ 61,057	\$ 51,787	\$ 100,000
Rental income	\$ 535,686	\$ 538,134	\$ 538,134
Sacramental Offerings	\$ 112,049	\$ 83,609	\$ 100,000
Restricted building fund contributions			
Other Income			
Total income	\$ 2,220,659	\$ 2,441,068	\$ 2,433,649
Expenses			
Salaries and benefits	\$ 1,013,985	\$ 1,112,574	\$ 1,077,413
Parish life and worship	125,911	128,805	152,867
Rectory and parish clergy	36,841	38,969	39,825
Religious education	8,950	8,812	33,657
Social concerns	35,055	29,568	47,663
Administration and other	100,568	87,983	87,800
Facilities and maintenance	298,854	291,117	301,550
Archdiocese assessments	203,229	210,241	220,080
Parish Other Expenses	14,943	13,868	18,580
Total expenses	\$ 1,838,336	\$ 1,921,936	\$ 1,979,435
Net income	\$ 382,323	\$ 519,131	\$ 454,214
Other uses of funds			
Capital improvements	15,910	40,578	13,000
Loan payments	465,974	465,974	465,974
Subtotal	481,884	506,552	478,974
Net income over (under) expenditures	\$ (99,560)	\$ 12,579	\$ (24,760)

Balance at June 30,
2011 2012

Balance sheet highlights for parish		
Assets		
Cash and investments available for operations, at market value	\$ 392,397	\$ 399,192
Restricted assets	1,999,730	1,999,948
Fixed assets	32,055,008	32,105,057
Total assets	\$ 34,447,135	\$ 34,504,197
Liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 3,558,047	\$ 3,284,768
Restricted liability	2,195,215	2,053,341
Fund balance	30,253,787	30,253,787
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$ 36,007,049	\$ 35,591,897

Fiscal year ended June 30,
2011 2012

National Collections		
Amounts collected and remitted in the Archdiocese National Collections	\$ 74,328	\$ 62,213

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Parish census data		
Registered Households	2679	2715
Sacraments celebrated		
Baptism	161	176
First Communion	39	45
Confirmation	177	154
Matrimony	82	68