



*strengthening our faith*

*by rebuilding our heritage*

October 2013

My dear parishioners,

What a beautiful day! I'm sitting here at my desk, sun shining brightly, getting ready for this year's Red Mass.

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

On Friday, **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 Thursday, **October 31**, and at 7am, 8am, 11a.m, 12:10pm, 5:30pm and 7pm (Spanish) on Friday, **November 1** (also First Friday, with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following the Mass until 5pm, as usual).

On All Souls Day, celebrated on Saturday, **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 Saturday 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.

### ***Faith Formation During This Year of Faith***

Our Fall Lecture Series on the Nicene Creed continues with a talk on "The Holy Spirit" by Fr. Kevin Nadolski, OSFS, director of development and communications for the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales, on Wednesday, **October 23** (12:45 to 1:45pm) or Thursday, **October 24** (7 to 8pm). Both talks will be in the North Conference Room. The series concludes with a talk on "The Church" by Cardinal Donald Wuerl at 7pm on Thursday, **October 31** in the Cathedral.

Please pray for our sixteen RCIA catechumens and candidates (pictured right), as we celebrate the Rite of Acceptance and Welcoming with them at the 5:30pm Mass on Sunday, **October 27**. This combined rite signifies their desire and readiness to continue with the RCIA process as well as our community's promise of prayer and support throughout this journey.



Fr. Jack Hurley will offer the first part of a course on the Gospel of John on Saturdays, **November 2, 9, and 16** from 10:30 to 11:45am in the East Conference Room. Bring a Bible, and consider staying for the 12:10pm Mass. All are welcome! The second part of this course on the Gospel of John will be in the spring.

### ***Liturgy Enrichment Day***

The Liturgy Committee is sponsoring its annual Liturgy Enrichment Day on Saturday, **November 16**. This year the event is honoring in a special way the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Second Vatican Council document reforming the Church's liturgy: "Sacrosanctum Concilium." This anniversary comes at a time when the Church is also giving special emphasis to promoting the Gospel message, otherwise known as "evangelization." In a particular way, liturgy is the foundation of evangelization. In that context, the Liturgy Enrichment Day will be devoted to how liturgy becomes evangelization, especially in the ministries associated with liturgy: Servers, Communion, Lector and

Hospitality. Each of these has an important role in evangelization and how it derives from liturgy. Our guest speaker and facilitator of the day is Dr. Rodica Stoicoiu, whose academic and teaching background is in liturgy and who has explored the notion of liturgical evangelization. The day will begin at 9am with Morning Prayer and will include a lecture, discussion sessions with refreshments and lunch, ending at 2:30pm. More detailed information will be published in the bulletin and on our website. This is an important undertaking in our continuing parish commemoration of the Vatican II anniversary. I strongly encourage all our parish liturgical ministers and the general parish to take part in this special event.

***Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of  
the Death and Funeral of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy***

The Cathedral of Saint Matthew the Apostle will observe the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of President John F. Kennedy throughout the month of November. The significance of this anniversary for the Cathedral lies not only in Kennedy's distinction as the nation's first Roman Catholic president, but also in that his Funeral Mass was celebrated at this site on November 25, 1963.

On Sunday, **November 3** at 7:30pm, the Cathedral's Schola Cantorum will present the annual Concert of Remembrance featuring the Requiem of Maurice Duruflé, as well as anthems and motets chosen as reflections on the life, aspirations and accomplishments of the Thirty-fifth President of the United States. The one-hour concert is free and open to the public. Free-will offerings will be gratefully accepted. Parking will be available in the garage adjacent to the Cathedral.

On Friday, **November 22** at 5:30pm, the Cathedral will mark the anniversary of the day of President Kennedy's death with a Eucharistic celebration including choral music. I will be the presiding celebrant, and Reverend Bryan Hehir will be the homilist at this Eucharist. Father Hehir is the Professor of Religion and Public Life at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government. Parking will be available in the garage adjacent to the Cathedral as well as in the commercial lot across Rhode Island Avenue.

***On the Way—Advent and Christmas, and Adopt-a Family!***

Last Christmas, thanks to the enormous generosity of time and treasure of our parishioners, we assisted 53 families and 80 guests of the parish's weekly Homeless Ministry program. We were also able to supply gifts for four homes of the L'Arche Community which serve adults with intellectual disabilities. 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. Rafael or Norma Canedo at the Rectory.

***Parish Finances***

I am enclosing our financial statement for 2012-2013 and our budget for 2013-2014. You will notice that last year our OPERATIONAL statement was not good. Christmas and Easter offertory collections were down, and we had NO bequests last year! The good news was that poor box offerings and sacramental offerings (weddings) were up significantly. Expenses were generally the same overall except for capital improvements (e.g., the new sidewalk in front of the Cathedral). Not a pretty picture!

Most of the deficit was paid from our special operating investment fund. However, that fund is going down far too rapidly. That must stop. In fact, we should be adding money to it. We can do it if we all work together. 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. An easy way to help us and yourselves as parish members is to use Faith Direct ([www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net); Church code DC284)—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 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, 2013**  
*St. Matthew's Cathedral #101 Washington, DC 20036*

Fiscal year ended June 30,  
**2012                      2013                      2014**  
*Budget*

Parish			
<b>Income</b>			
Offertory collections	\$ 1,001,149	\$ 1,042,396	\$ 1,055,000
Daily and Holydays	\$ 89,645	\$ 89,893	\$ 95,000
Christmas Collection	\$ 128,082	\$ 114,626	\$ 124,500
Easter Collection	\$ 62,295	\$ 54,869	\$ 63,000
Donations	\$ 287,972	\$ 213,292	\$ 211,665
Bequests	\$ 120,822	\$ -	\$ 50,000
Poor Box Offerings	\$ 75,323	\$ 105,600	\$ 82,300
Forward in Faith	\$ 2,250	\$ 1,315	\$ -
Rental income	\$ 538,134	\$ 552,935	\$ 554,280
Sacramental Offerings	\$ 83,609	\$ 118,083	\$ 124,000
Donation for New Piano		\$ 55,000	
Other Income			
<b>Total income</b>	<b>\$ 2,389,281</b>	<b>\$ 2,348,008</b>	<b>\$ 2,359,745</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Parish life and worship	504,576	526,263	531,882
Rectory and parish clergy	241,552	196,169	202,979
Religious education	78,212	75,001	105,207
Social concerns	40,490	65,295	86,763
Administration and other	319,793	312,555	324,682
Facilities and maintenance	503,734	526,705	542,859
Archdiocese assessments	210,241	156,359	146,250
Interparish Support		52,120	48,750
Parish Other Expenses	13,868	21,299	20,359
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,912,466</b>	<b>\$ 1,931,765</b>	<b>\$ 2,009,731</b>
<b>Net income</b>	<b>\$ 476,815</b>	<b>\$ 416,243</b>	<b>\$ 350,014</b>
<b>Other uses of funds</b>			
Capital improvements	40,578	109,565	13,000
Loan payments	465,974	465,974	465,974
Subtotal	506,552	575,539	478,974
<b>Net income over (under) expenditures</b>	<b>\$ (29,737)</b>	<b>\$ (159,296)</b>	<b>\$ (128,960)</b>

Balance at June 30,  
**2012                      2013**

Balance sheet highlights for parish		
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and investments available for operations, at market value	\$ 399,192	\$ 266,851
Restricted assets	1,999,948	1,996,267
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 2,399,141</b>	<b>\$ 2,263,118</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts Payable		
Loan Balance	3,219,365	2,937,972
Assessments	52,933	56,674
<b>Total liabilities and fund balance</b>	<b>\$ 3,272,299</b>	<b>\$ 2,994,646</b>

Fiscal year  
**2012                      2013**

National Collections		
Amounts collected and remitted in the Archdiocese National Collections	\$ 62,213	\$ 69,918