

## TODAY'S READINGS

**T**here will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance. (Luke 15:7)

All three of today's stories—the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost son—have two central themes. The first theme focuses on God's desire that all of his children who are lost will be found and come home to him. The second theme focuses on our own calling to go out in search of the lost and bring them home.

These three parables all speak of the great joy that God has whenever a "lost sheep" returns to him. Of course, our Father treasures all of us who are faithful and loyal to him. He loves us more deeply than the most devoted father loves his children. But God rejoices even more when a brother or sister who has been in danger is rescued and brought home safe and sound. The danger is past, and another child has been redeemed!

These parables also tell us about the lengths to which God is willing to go in order to rescue us. Jesus said that a shepherd would be willing to risk ninety-nine sheep just to retrieve one sheep that had wandered away. He would be willing to brave the wolves and hazards of the wilderness—and leave the other sheep unprotected—just to save the one. That's how important lost souls are to him. They are worth all the risk.

Similarly, the woman who lost her coin dropped everything to search her whole house. She left nothing unturned until she found that missing coin. And finally, the father of the prodigal son kept vigil, waiting for his son to come home. He left the running of his estate to others while he stood and watched for his son's return.

Evangelization brings great joy to our Father. In fact, it is sometimes better to neglect some areas of our lives when we find an opportunity to help someone come back to the Lord. There is nothing greater than seeing all heaven rejoice when we do!

*"Father, give me the courage to join you in seeking out the lost!"*

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## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

<b>Monday 13th</b>	1 Cor 11:17-26,33 / Lk 7:1-10
<b>Tuesday 14th</b>	Num 21:4b-9 / Phil 2:6-11 / Jn 3:13-17 <i>The Exaltation of the Cross</i>
<b>Wednesday 15th</b>	1 Cor 12:31—13:13 / Jn 19:25-27 <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i> or Lk 2:33-35
<b>Thursday 16th</b>	1 Cor 15:1-11 / Lk 7:36-50 <i>Sts. Cornelius &amp; Cyprian</i>
<b>Friday 17th</b>	1 Cor 15:12-20 / Lk 8:1-3 <i>St. Robert Bellarmine</i>
<b>Saturday 18th</b>	1 Cor 15:35-37,42-49 / Lk 8:4-15
<b>Sunday 19th</b>	Am 8:7-11,13-14 / 1 Tim 2:1-8 / Lk 16:1-13

## COME—LET US ADORE HIM!

You are invited to the Cathedral for our monthly evening of Eucharistic Adoration next Monday, **September 20**, 6–7pm. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available during the hour.

## LAS LECTURAS DE HOY

**L**os humanos no podemos comprender—sin la luz de la revelación, claro está—que Dios ame al ser humano de una manera incondicional, especialmente a los más rebeldes, inmorales o crueles. Jesús lo dice repetidamente en Lucas 15, cuando enseña acerca de la misericordia, el perdón y el amor.

El hijo pródigo, que no esperaba recibir perdón ni generosidad al regreso a casa, se contentaba con lo que consideraran un asalariado más. Pero el hermano mayor no supo entender el amor generoso con que su padre los amaba a él y a su hermano. Ninguno de los dos jóvenes, como a veces nos sucede también a nosotros, entendía lo que pasaba.

Una razón por la cual no lo comprendemos es porque la lógica del mundo es diametralmente opuesta a la lógica de Dios, la lógica del amor. Qué lástima que no nos diga San Lucas cómo acaba la parábola. Tal vez para que nos sirva a nosotros de reflexión y examen de conciencia.

Al mirar a los tres personajes de la parábola: el padre y los dos hijos, ¿con cuál de ellos nos identificamos más? ¿Cuáles son las realidades que tal vez nos tocan más de cerca: el pecado, la rebeldía, el arrepentimiento, el orgullo, la alegría, la búsqueda del que nos abandonó? Pase lo que pase, no debemos ni podemos olvidar el mensaje del Salmo 33: "¡Gusten y vean qué bueno es el Señor!"

Jesús quiere iluminar la mente y el corazón de sus hijos para que veamos a Dios tal como realmente es: rico en misericordia y amor. Seamos, pues, valientes y abramos el corazón para recibir esa luz. Así, cuando tengas que tomar una decisión difícil o te encuentres en una circunstancia apremiante, pregúntale a Jesús qué debes hacer para actuar según la lógica del amor. Si lo haces, comprobarás que la acción de Jesús te irá transformando hasta lo más profundo de tu corazón.

*"Señor mío Jesucristo, ayúdame a librarme de la lógica del mundo y enséñame a vivir según la lógica del amor. Por tu Espíritu Sant, dame fuerzas para perdonar y ser misericordioso. Hoy perdono y bendigo a todos los que de una u otra manera me hayan causado daño y dolor."*

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## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

<b>Lunes 13</b>	1 Cor 11:17-26,33 / Lc 7:1-10
<b>Martes 14</b>	Núm 21:14-9 / Phi 2:6-11 / Jn 3:13-17 <i>La Exaltación de la santa Cruz</i>
<b>Miércoles 15</b>	1 Cor 12:31—13:13 / Jn 19:25-27 <i>Nuestra Señora Virgen, la Dolores</i>
<b>Jueves 16</b>	1 Cor 15:1-11 / Lc 7:36-50 <i>San Cornelio y San Cipriano</i>
<b>Viernes 17</b>	1 Cor 15:12-20 / Lc 8:1-3 <i>San Roberto Belarmino</i>
<b>Sábado 18</b>	1 Cor 15:35-37 / Lc 8:4-15
<b>Domingo 19</b>	Am 8:4-7 / 1 Tim 2:1-8 / Lc 16:1-13

## ADORACIÓN AL SANTÍSIMO SACRAMENTO

Les invitamos este lunes **20 de septiembre** después de la misa de 5:30 de la tarde, a que se unan en adoración al Santísimo, de 6 a 7 de la tarde. El Sacramento de Reconciliación estará disponible durante la hora de la Adoración.

## TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### HEALTH AND WELLNESS FAIR

In addition to a sign-up for flu and pneumonia vaccines to be given on October 17, Hospitality Sunday, this year's Health Fair, to be held today Sunday, **September 12** from 8:30am until 3:30pm in the North and East Conference Rooms, will offer bone density, blood pressure, cholesterol, body mass index, vision/glaucoma, blood glucose, posture, balance, strength, HIV and other screenings by Holy Cross and Providence Hospitals, the Spanish Catholic Center, La Clinica del Pueblo, Friends of the Congressional Glaucoma Caucus Foundation, and George Washington University. Also in attendance will be Iona (senior services), Kaiser Permanente (women's health), American Diabetes Association and the Archdiocese of Washington (advanced directives and other end of life issues). These providers also will provide education and information on general health, nutrition, cancer, access to health services, and much, much more. Please come and take advantage of this opportunity to care for your and your family's health and well-being.



### FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS SEPTEMBER 14



*Behold the cross, which is the altar where the most pleasing sacrifice was offered to God for the living and the dead.*

*He who hung on it offered himself for all, for those living by grace and for those dead through sin.*

—St. Thomas of Villanova

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

Classes during our upcoming Fall semester of ESL will be offered **September 14–December 2** on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings, 6:30-8:30pm, with tutoring from 6pm until 6:30pm. The cost is \$40. Register at the Rectory. New students are required to take a ten-minute placement exam on Monday, **September 13**, between 6:30 and 7:30pm at St. Matthew's Education Center, 1726 N Street, NW. Continuing students may also register at the Center on Monday, **September 13**, between 6:30 and 7:30pm. For more information, contact Fr. Evelio Menjivar at 202-347-3215 x536 or [emenjivar@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:emenjivar@stmatthewscathedral.org), or Silvina Cerezo, ESL Program Coordinator, at [cerezosilvina@hotmail.com](mailto:cerezosilvina@hotmail.com).

### TEACHERS, TUTORS & HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ESL CLASSES

We are looking for volunteer teachers, tutors, and hospitality volunteers for our Fall semester of ESL, which will run **September 14–December 2** (see above). No classes will be held the week of Thanksgiving. If you do not feel comfortable teaching on your own, we can pair you with a more experienced teacher. Volunteers must commit to one night per week. For more information or to volunteer, contact Silvina Cerezo, ESL Program Coordinator, at [cerezosilvina@hotmail.com](mailto:cerezosilvina@hotmail.com).

### WELCOME!

*If you are a visitor to the Cathedral, we want you to know how welcome you are—whether you have come from another part of the country, from across the world, or from another parish here in the Archdiocese or across the river. Thank you for praying with us. Thank you also for your generosity, which helps us to celebrate our liturgies in a fitting and beautiful way, and to offer a wide range of services to needy people in the Washington, DC area. Enjoy your visit!*

### FERIA DE SALUD

Además de inscribirse para recibir las vacunas para la gripe y neumonía que se administrarán el 17 de octubre, durante el domingo de Hospitalidad, este año en la Feria de Salud que se ofrece, hoy domingo **12 de septiembre** de 8:30 de la mañana a 3:30 de la tarde en los salones de conferencia del Norte y Este, ofreceremos exámenes de densidad de los huesos, presión de la sangre, colesterol, visión/glaucoma, glucosa de la sangre, SIDA y otros. Estos exámenes serán ofrecidos por los hospitales de Holy Cross y Providence, el Centro Católico, Clínica del Pueblo, hospital de George Washington University también el Centro Iona, (servicios para ancianos), Kaiser Permanent (salud para mujeres), Asociación de diabetes, y la Arquidiócesis de Washington (dirigidos a otros problemas concernientes a la salud). Ellos también ofrecerán educación e información en general de salud, nutrición, cáncer, acceso a servicios de salud, y mucho, mucho más. Por favor, vengan y aprovechen esta oportunidad para recibir estos servicios para el bien de su salud.

### COLECTA NACIONAL DE LA UNIVERSIDAD CATÓLICA DE AMERICA

Este fin de semana es la colecta Nacional para la Universidad Católica de America. La Universidad Católica de América es la universidad de la Iglesia Católica en los Estados Unidos; localizada aquí en Washington, DC. Provee una rigurosa educación académica que guía a 6,000 estudiantes cada año en la tradición intelectual católica. Todos los fondos que se recogen, apoyan la ayuda financiera de los estudiantes en todas las diócesis del país incluyendo los nuestros. Por favor, sea generoso.

### CLASES DE INGLÉS PARA ADULTOS

El nuevo semestre de inglés comenzará el martes **14 de septiembre** hasta el jueves **2 de diciembre** los días martes, miércoles y jueves de 6:30 a 8:30 de la noche, con clases de tutoría de 6:00-6:30 de la noche. El costo del curso es \$40. Para inscribirse, puede venir a la rectoría. Nuevos alumnos deberán ser evaluados para determinar el nivel de inglés, por favor presentarse el lunes **13 de septiembre** de 6:30 a 7:30 en St. Matthew's Education Center, 1726 de la calle N, NW. Alumnos regulares también podrán registrarse en St. Matthew's Education Center, el lunes **13 de septiembre** de 6:30 a 7:30. Para más información, contactar al Padre Evelio Menjivar a: [emenjivar@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:emenjivar@stmatthewscathedral.org) o 202-347-3215, o Silvina Cerezo, Coordinadora del Programa ESL a: [cerezosilvina@hotmail.com](mailto:cerezosilvina@hotmail.com).

### CATHEDRAL BULLETIN CALENDAR CALENDARIO DE LA CATEDRAL

September 12 – September 19

**SUNDAY**—A second collection for The Catholic University of America is taken at all Masses.

St. Matthew's Health Fair is held in the North & East Conference Rooms from 9am to 3:30pm.

Las clases de Catequesis, Catecumenado y Catequesis Familiar comienzan a las 11:00 de la mañana.

The Cathedral Club meets after the 11:30am Mass in the West Conference Room.

Always Our Children meets at 3:30pm in the West Conference Room.

**MONDAY**—The Book Club meets at 6:50pm in the West Conference Room.

The Liturgy Committee meets at 6:45pm in the East Conference Room.

**TUESDAY**—El Grupo de Oración en Español se reunirá a las 7:00 de la tarde en el salón de conferencias del Oeste.

**WEDNESDAY**—Breaking Open the Word meets at 7pm in the West Conference Room.

**SATURDAY**—Fr. Hurley's study on the Pentateuch continues at 10:30am in the East Conference Room.

**SUNDAY**—**Feast of St. Matthew.** Hospitality receptions are held in the North Conference Room following all Masses.

Las clases de Catequesis, Catecumenado y Catequesis Familiar comienzan a las 11:00 de la mañana.

### THE NATIONAL COLLECTION FOR THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA

Today's second collection is for The Catholic University of America, the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States, located in Washington, DC. It provides an academically rigorous education guided by Catholic intellectual tradition to 6,000 students every year. Every dollar given directly supports financial aid for students from the dioceses across the country, including ours. Please be generous.

### ALWAYS OUR CHILDREN

Always Our Children, the Gay and Lesbian Ministry of the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle, will hold its first confidential Support Group meeting of the season today, Sunday, **September 12** from 3:30 to 5:15 pm in the West Conference Room. Parents are especially encouraged to attend. Questions? Contact Msgr. Jameson at 202-347-3215 or email us at [alwaysourchildren@verizon.net](mailto:alwaysourchildren@verizon.net).

### BOOK CLUB: *THE MOVIEGOER*

Join the St. Matthew's Book Club on Monday, **September 13** for its discussion of Walker Percy's *The Moviegoer*. The novel tells the story of Binx Bolling, a man on a journey to find meaning in his life. This whimsical tale was Percy's first and most popular work. The meeting will begin at 6:50pm in the West Conference Room. For more information, contact Paul Zummo at [pzummo@gmail.com](mailto:pzummo@gmail.com).

### FAITH IN ACTION

**St. Matthew's Homeless Ministry** provides for the material and spiritual needs of 55-70 homeless adults. The program operates from 7:30am to 11am on Mondays. Most volunteers serve every other Monday. We always need new volunteers to make bag lunches once a month and to serve on Mondays. If you are interested in helping, contact Fr. Evelio Menjivar at [emenjivar@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:emenjivar@stmatthewscathedral.org) or 202-347-3215 x536.

**Clothing donations.** If you have new or gently used men's or women's casual clothing (jeans, shorts, belts, t-shirts, sweaters, sneakers, etc.) to donate or want to purchase items that are most needed, contact Fr. Evelio (contact info above) to make arrangements. Donations will not be accepted at the door without prior approval. Thank you for your understanding.

**Food donations.** If you would like to contribute food (bread, cheese, lunchmeat, fruit, juice, hard boiled eggs or a breakfast casserole) for our Homeless Ministry, to be dropped off in the West Conference Room every other Monday by 7:30am, please contact Jessie Tannenbaum at 202-290-9027 or [JessieTannenbaum@gmail.com](mailto:JessieTannenbaum@gmail.com).

### BECOMING CATHOLIC

Throughout the year, adults come forward seeking to learn about the Catholic faith. For those who are 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. Inquiry meets on the second Wednesday of the month from 6:30 to 7:30pm in the East Conference Room. A brief overview of the entire adult initiation process (RCIA), which begins formally in June each year, can be presented after Inquiry for those who are interested. The next Inquiry will be held Wednesday, **October 13**. For more information, contact Heather Kinney at [hkinney@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:hkinney@stmatthewscathedral.org).

### BAPTISMS AT THE CATHEDRAL

St. Matthew's welcomes into the Church our newest members who were baptized at the Cathedral: Dashiell Coffman ♦ Karina Simone ♦ Ramiro Amurrio Espinosa ♦ Lesly Alcoser Nava ♦ Ignacio Foronda Solarte ♦ Caroline Harkins ♦ Oscar Bubel ♦ Elias Gonzalez ♦ Pete Loyola ♦ Luciana Rosas Sanjines ♦ Patrick Rogaczewski ♦ Trevor Sprague ♦ Alyssa Acosta León ♦ Lesli Herrera Miguel ♦ Daniel Jo ♦ Amy Miranda ♦ Franchesca Gonzalez Guevara ♦ Katarina Gonzalez ♦ Sophie Fichbach.

### ¿SUFRES A CAUSA DE UN ABORTO?

Ven y recibe la sanación que necesitas. El Ministerio del Viñedo de Raquel y el Centro Tepeyac. Te invitan a participar de un fin de semana de sanación que inicia el **22 de Octubre**, desde las 7:00 de la tarde el viernes hasta el domingo en la tarde. Tu llamada será tratada con estricta confidencialidad! Para mayor información contacta a Eugenia al 301-300-1997. ¡HAY ESPERANZA!



The Faith Formation Committee presents:

## FIVE WEEKS ON THE PENTATEUCH

*Time:* 10:30 to 11:45am

(Consider staying for our 12:10 PM Mass afterward.)

*Date:* **Saturdays, September 11, 18, 25  
and October 9, 30**

*Place:* East Conference Room

*Facilitator:* Father Jack Hurley

*During this series, you will learn about the  
first five books of the Old Testament.*

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

*For more information, please contact Heather Kinney,  
Director of Faith Formation, at [hkinney@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:hkinney@stmatthewscathedral.org) or  
202-347-3215, x530.*

# ST. MATTHEW'S CATHEDRAL

*presents the annual*

## *Fall Lecture Series*

### SAVE THE DATE!

This year's Fall Lecture Series will focus on  
*Life Issues.*

Our five-part series will include talks on:

- Beginning-of-Life Issues
- End-of-Life Issues
- Capital Punishment
- War and Torture
- Poverty

The series will begin **Wednesday, September 29**  
and **Thursday, September 30**  
and will continue every **Wednesday** and **Thursday**  
in **October.**

**Wednesday** lectures will be from **12:45PM to 1:45PM** in the **North Conference Room.**

**Thursday** lectures will be from **7:00PM to 8:00PM**  
in the **North Conference Room.**



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St Matthew's Cathedral Young Adult Ministry

# FALL KICKOFF HAPPY HOUR

**"SERVUS DEI: SERVING GOD IN  
OUR MODERN CULTURE"**

**WITH FR. JIM GREENFIELD, OSFS**

**WHEN: Friday, September 24, 6 p.m.**

**WHERE: Madhatter – Upstairs Dining Room**

**1321 Connecticut Ave – 1 block south of Dupont**

Are you or a friend new to town, looking to meet people who might share your faith? Are you single or married, young in age or heart? Have you fallen away from your faith, but are thinking of coming back, and wonder what the Catholic Church offers today? Are you a member of the St. Matthew's Young Adults and excited to get involved again?

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME** to join us for a Happy Hour on Friday September 24 at 6 pm at the Madhatter in Washington, D.C.

Fr. Greenfield is the Provincial Superior of the Province of the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales and a frequent celebrant at the Cathedral of St Matthew. His topic will focus on balancing the needs of work, family, and friends while serving God and helping those less fortunate.

Join us for food, drink, fellowship, and fun—and bring a friend!

For more information, contact Kirse Kelly ([kirsekelly@gmail.com](mailto:kirsekelly@gmail.com)).

**OKTOBERFEST – SAVE THE DATE!** October 23, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. has been confirmed as the date for the Annual Oktoberfest celebration—be sure save the date on your calendar and don't miss this fantastic event! Remember, all are welcome to volunteer (and get \$10 off your tickets)!

Contact Chris Early ([earlychris@juno.com](mailto:earlychris@juno.com)) for more information.



# Back to School

*Are you a college graduate making the transition from campus ministry to parish ministry?*



## Welcome to the Archdiocese of Washington!

Not only do we have a large young adult presence here, we also have dedicated pastors who are enthusiastic about your faith and your leadership!

On the reverse side of this card, you will find a listing of active young adult communities.



**OFFICE OF YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY**

**301-853-4559**

[www.adw.org/parishes/yam.asp](http://www.adw.org/parishes/yam.asp)

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### ACTIVE YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITIES BY PARISH

- Our Lady of Lourdes (Bethesda)
- St. Joseph (NE Capitol Hill)
- St. Peter (SE Capitol Hill)
- Annunciation (Cathedral Heights)
- Blessed Sacrament (Chevy Chase)
- Shrine of the Sacred Heart (Columbia Heights)
- Cathedral of St. Matthew (Farragut North)
- St. Stephen Martyr (Foggy Bottom)
- Mother of God Community (Gaithersburg)
- St. Rose of Lima (Gaithersburg)
- St. Martin of Tours (Gaithersburg)
- Holy Trinity (Georgetown)
- St. John Regis (Hollywood)
- St. Matthias (Latham)
- St. Mary of the Mills (Laurel)
- St. James (Mount Rainer)
- St. Andrew Kim (Olney)
- Our Lady of Mercy (Potomac)
- St. Raphael (Rockville)
- St. Camillus (Silver Spring)
- St. Michael the Archangel (Silver Spring)
- St. Augustine (U Street)
- St. Thomas the Apostle (Woodley Park)

See other side for info  
about Saint Matthew's  
**KICK OFF HAPPY HOUR**  
Friday Sept 24!



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## Looking for a convenient way to support our parish offertory?

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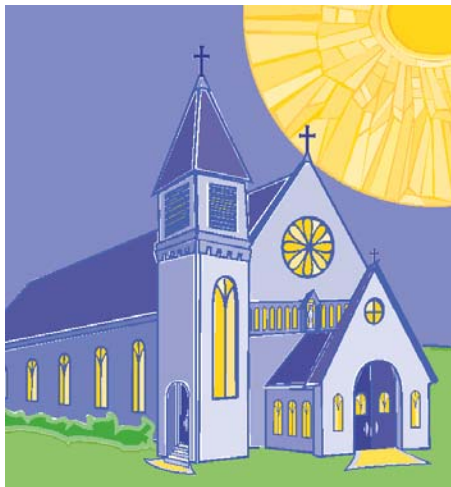
Sign up using the enrollment form on the other side or go online to [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our parish code **DC284** to enroll today!

**ENROLL TODAY!**

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Transactions take place once per month on the 4<sup>th</sup> or the next business day. The total amount of your gifts for that current month (both offertory & second/special collections) will be debited in one monthly total. The Cathedral will receive the funds 4 business days later.

### *Can I stop, increase, or decrease my payment at any time?*

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### *How does the Cathedral benefit from my participation with Faith Direct?*

The Cathedral will see a substantial increase in net revenue, a decrease in administrative costs, and a clearer picture of cash flow for their needs.

**If you have any questions about the *Faith Direct* program, please call 1-866-507-8757 {toll free} or send an email to [info@faithdirect.net](mailto:info@faithdirect.net), or contact Pam Erwin at the Rectory at 202-347-3215 x537 or [perwin@stmatthewscathedral.org](mailto:perwin@stmatthewscathedral.org).**



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*“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” (Peter 4:10)*

Weekly Offertory contribution: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Note: Total contribution amount will be debited on the 4th of the month or the next business day. The total amount will be determined by the number of Sundays in the month. Some months have 5 Sundays.)*

You may also choose to give to the following second and special collections.  
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COLLECTIONS	AMOUNT	MONTH	COLLECTIONS	AMOUNT	MONTH
<input type="checkbox"/> Cathedral Maintenance	\$ _____	Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/> Holy Father	\$ _____	June
<input type="checkbox"/> Music Ministry	\$ _____	Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/> Latin America	\$ _____	July
<input type="checkbox"/> Poor Box/Outreach	\$ _____	Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/> Catholic Communications	\$ _____	August
<input type="checkbox"/> Solemnity of Mary	\$ _____	January	<input type="checkbox"/> Assumption	\$ _____	August
<input type="checkbox"/> Black & Indian Missions	\$ _____	January	<input type="checkbox"/> Catholic University	\$ _____	September
<input type="checkbox"/> Church in Central & Eastern Europe	\$ _____	February	<input type="checkbox"/> Church in Africa	\$ _____	September
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<input type="checkbox"/> Holy Land	\$ _____	March/April	<input type="checkbox"/> All Souls Day*	\$ _____	November
<input type="checkbox"/> Easter Flowers	\$ _____	March/April	<input type="checkbox"/> Camp. for Human Development	\$ _____	November
<input type="checkbox"/> Easter Sunday	\$ _____	March/April	<input type="checkbox"/> Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ _____	December
(In addition to regular Sunday gift)	\$ _____	March/April	<input type="checkbox"/> Immaculate Conception	\$ _____	December
<input type="checkbox"/> Catholic Home Missions	\$ _____	April	<input type="checkbox"/> Christmas Flowers	\$ _____	December
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*\*Please call the church at 202-347-3215 with the names of your intentions for this collection.*

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## TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### ARCHDIOCESAN RESPECT LIFE MASS & PRAYER PROCESSION AT ST. MATTHEW'S

As stated by Pope John Paul II in the *Gospel of Life*, "a great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world." With more than 40 percent of all pregnancies in the District of Columbia ending in abortion, an urgent prayer is desperately needed in our nation's capitol.

Please join parishioners and friends from around the Archdiocese of Washington at the Cathedral on Saturday, **September 18** for a Mass and Procession as we witness to the dignity of every human life. Fr. William Byrne will celebrate the 8am Mass and lead a prayerful procession to the Planned Parenthood facility on 16th Street, NW. Additional "Witness to Life" events are planned for the following Saturdays in 2011: January 8, April 2 and July 16.

#### MASS INTENTIONS

##### September 12 – September 18

**SUNDAY:** 5:30pm (Vigil) All Parishioners; 7am Mary Agnes Blum; 8:30am Kathrine Gough; 10am John & Jane Gagat; 11:30am Ruth Fisher; 1pm Nestor Ledesma Padilla; 5:30pm Mrs. Frances N. Maher.

**MONDAY:** 7am George J. Desorcy; 8am Moen family (living); 12:10pm Philip Cunningham; 5:30 Harold M. Keshishian.

**TUESDAY:** 7am Josephine Klug Kuhn; 8am Maureen Leon; 12:10pm Sandra Ann Haasl (living); 5:30 Elizabeth Scully.

**WEDNESDAY:** 7am Hernaldo Nuñez; 8am Eleuterio Cruz Perez; 12:10 Patricia Day 5:30pm Mrs. Audrey Ferguson.

**THURSDAY:** 7am Bonnie Spears Tanous; 8am John Kekeh; 12:10pm Louis Hartman; 5:30pm Charles Whyte.

**FRIDAY:** 7am Mr. Duane Packard (living); 8am Michael Talbot; 12:10pm Richard Carr; 5:30pm Marina Maldonado.

**SATURDAY:** 8am Msgr. Louis Quinn; 12:10pm Amelia Nusrala; 5:30pm Walter P. O'Rourke, Jr.

#### BAKE SALE FOR VOCATION

Join us in front of the Cathedral on Sunday, **September 26** after the 10am, 11:30am or the 1:00pm Masses for a bake sale in support of vocations. Run for Vocations is a ministry that supports vocations by raising funds to assist seminarians with unanticipated expenses. Laypeople, religious and clergy from around the Archdiocese of Washington have teamed up to "Run for Vocations" in the upcoming Marine Corps Marathon/ 10K on Sunday, October 31. The St. Matthew's Run for Vocations Team has committed to raising at least \$250 per person to support our Archdiocesan seminarians and we invite you to support this mission by buying home-baked items at the bake sale and also keeping our seminarians and team members in your prayers. We look forward to seeing you on September 26. For more information or to contribute baked good, contact Sarah at [sarahdc77@gmail.com](mailto:sarahdc77@gmail.com) or Pati at [Pati\\_Abad@hotmail.com](mailto:Pati_Abad@hotmail.com).

### JOHN CARROLL SOCIETY

#### FALL LECTURE AT ST. MATTHEW'S

Archbishop J. Augustine Di Noia will deliver the John Carroll Society Fall Lecture on Tuesday, **September 28** at 6:45pm in the Cathedral. Archbishop Di Noia's topic for the lecture is: "Why Do Catholics Go to Mass?" Archbishop Di Noia is a theologian who now serves as Secretary of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments at the Vatican. Previously, he held the post of Under-Secretary at the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. Before that, he was director of the Intercultural Forum for Studies in Faith and Culture at the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center and executive director of the Secretariat for Doctrine and Pastoral Practices at the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Admission to the lecture is free, and a reception with light refreshments will follow. For more information call 301-654 4399 or [www.johncarrollsociety.org](http://www.johncarrollsociety.org).

#### RED MASS AT ST. MATTHEW'S ON OCTOBER 3

The 57th Annual Red Mass will be held at the Cathedral on Sunday, **October 3**, at 10am. The John Carroll Society hosts the Red Mass for its members and guests, including many government officials with attendant security. It is open to the public, but attendance by the Society's members and guests is very high. If you attend the 10am Mass, you may wish to consider attending another Mass that weekend **Please note that the 8:30am Mass is cancelled that day.** If you plan to attend the Red Mass, please arrive early as the fire marshal will not allow entry once the Cathedral is filled to capacity. Thank you for helping us extend the Cathedral's hospitality to the John Carroll Society for this celebration

#### THEOLOGICAL REFLECTION AT ST. MATTHEW'S

Msgr. Peter J. Vaghi, pastor at Church of the Little Flower in Bethesda MD, resumes his 8-part series of First Thursdays and First Fridays theological reflections in October. His first talk will be on Wednesday, **October 6**, at 6pm (following the 5:30pm Mass) in the East Conference Room. The title for the reflection is "Authentic Lay Spirituality," subtitled "Where Charity and Love Prevail." Subsequent reflections at St. Matthew's will be on the First Thursdays 2010-2011. Msgr. Vaghi is the Chaplain of the John Carroll Society and author of *The Faith We Profess: A Catholic Guide to the Apostles' Creed* and *The Sacraments We Celebrate: A Catholic Guide to the Seven Mysteries of Faith* (Ave Maria Press)).

#### SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS FOR BLESSED TERESA OF CALCUTTA

On Saturday, **September 18**, a Morning of Recollection at the Shrine of St. Jude, Rockville, will be led by Fr. Mark Ivany, Parochial Vicar at Little Flower. Fr. Ivany, ordained in 2008, has worked in India with the Missionaries of Charity and will share the impact of the sisters on his personal call. The morning will begin with 8:30am Mass, will include a continental breakfast, rosary, reflection by Fr. Ivany, Holy Hour, and confession, and will end at Noon. For directions, visit [www.shrinesstjude.org](http://www.shrinesstjude.org). This day is open to all.

### OUR LADY OF SORROWS AT CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

The feast of Our Lady of Sorrows is commemorated in every Catholic Church all over the world. Remembrance of this day can be especially consoling to families who have recently lost a loved one. Seek the consolation of our Blessed Mother at a special Mass and Rosary on Wednesday, **September 15**, 9am at: Gate of Heaven Cemetery (13801 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring-301-871-6500); Mt. Olivet Cemetery (1300 Bladensburg Rd., NE-202-399-3000); Resurrection Cemetery (8000 Woodyard Rd., Clinton-301-868-5141); or 5pm at St. Mary's Queen of Peace Cemetery (38888 Dr. Johnson Rd., Mechanicsville-301-475-5005). For more information, call 301-871-1300 or visit [www.ccaw.org](http://www.ccaw.org)

### YOUNG ADULT EVENT

Join a conversation on "The Role of Women in the Church" sponsored by the Archdiocesan Office of Young Adult Ministry on **September 16**. Dr. Susan Timoney and Sr. Maria de la Revelacion Castañeda, SSVM will conduct a Q&A session beginning at 7:30pm at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 805 Wayne Avenue, Silver Spring, MD. Free and open to the public. "[Young adults] said that they need a forum not only where misgivings and doubts can be expressed but also where the teachings of the Church can be clearly articulated in response...much of what young adults feel regarding the institutional Church arises from a misunderstanding of what the Church actually teaches." (Sons and Daughters of the Light, USCCB) For more information, contact Laura Ferstl at 301-853-4559 or [yam@adw.org](mailto:yam@adw.org).

### TALK ON THE GIFT OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

On Thursday, **September 23** at 8pm, Mary Ann Kuharski, Director of PROLIFE Across AMERICA, Catholic wife and mother of 13 children will speak on "Raising Catholic Children and the Gift of Marriage and Family" at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, 4835 MacArthur Boulevard, Washington, DC. Mrs. Kuharski is the author of *Raising Catholic Children, Parenting with Prayer, Building a Legacy of Love and Outnumbered Raising 13 Kids with Humor and Prayer*. All are welcome.

### FR. GROESCHEL TALK ON THE AFTERLIFE

Fr. Benedict Groeschel, noted author and EWTN host, will speak on the Church's teaching on the afterlife at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More, 3901 Cathedral Lane in Arlington, VA, on Thursday, **September 23** at 7:30pm. The event is sponsored by the Institute of Catholic Culture, a nonprofit Catholic educational organization dedicated to the re-evangelization of our society through educational and cultural programs offered to the public at no charge.

### HURTING FROM AN ABORTION?

Come and get the healing that you need. Rachel's Vineyard Ministries© & Centro Tepeyac invite you to a healing weekend starting Friday evening, **October 22** until Sunday afternoon. Strict confidentiality! For more information, call Eugenia at 301-300-1997 or Deborah at 240-423-6083.

## YOUNG ADULTS

*St. Matthew's Cathedral Young Adult Ministry (SMYA) brings people in their 20s and 30s together in community to develop our Catholic faith through social, spiritual and service activities.*

### FALL KICKOFF: MADHATTER HAPPY HOUR WITH FR. JIM GREENFIELD

Are you or a friend new to town, looking to meet people who might share your faith? Are you single or married, younger in age or heart? Have you fallen away from your faith, but thinking of coming back and wondering what the Catholic Church offers today? Join us on Friday, **September 24** at the Madhatter, 1321 Connecticut Ave NW, beginning at 6pm for happy hour sponsored by the St. Matthew's Cathedral Young Adult Ministry, with very special guest, Fr. Jim Greenfield, OSFS. Fr. Greenfield, who has served as Catholic Chaplain at GW University and Georgetown Visitation, is Provincial Superior of the Province of the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales and frequently celebrates the 5:30pm Sunday Mass at the Cathedral. His topic, "Servus Dei: Serving God in our Modern Culture," will focus on balancing the needs of work, family, and friends while serving God and helping those less fortunate. Come join us, and bring a friend! For more information, contact Kirse Kelly, [kirsekelly@gmail.com](mailto:kirsekelly@gmail.com).

**OKTOBERFEST – SAVE THE DATE! October 23** at 6:30pm has been confirmed as the date for the Annual Oktoberfest celebration, sponsored by the St. Matthew's Cathedral Young Adult Ministry and St. Thomas the Apostle Young Adults, to be held at the St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Hall. Tickets will be on sale within the week, so be sure to save the date so that you don't miss this fantastic event!

**OKTOBERFEST – VOLUNTEERS** Exciting news! All are welcome to volunteer at the Annual Oktoberfest celebration this year, get \$10 off your tickets (and a t-shirt and commemorative glass!), and join in the fun! Please contact Chris Early [earlychris@juno.com](mailto:earlychris@juno.com) or 202-986-234 for more information.

### NUEVO HORARIO DEL PROGRAMA DE RADIO ABRIENDO PUERTAS

*Abriendo Puertas*, el programa de radio en español de la Arquidiócesis de Washington, tiene un nuevo horario. Ahora se escucha cada domingo, de 8 a 10 de la mañana, en la onda 1540AM. El lanzamiento del programa incluye nuevos segmentos – musicales, entrevistas, reflexiones con líderes hispanos arquidiocesanos e invitados especiales, noticias del Vaticano, la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de EEUU (USCCB) y de la Arquidiócesis. El programa puede ser escuchado en el sitio de Internet [www.radioamerica.net](http://www.radioamerica.net). Para mayor información favor de llamar a Manuel Aliaga al 301-853-4567. *Abriendo Puertas* cumplirá su 11 Aniversario en octubre del 2011.