

## Our 2009 Lenten Schedule Of Worship & Activities

This Lent, our parish and parishes across the Archdiocese of Washington are extending a special invitation to those, who may have drifted away from their faith, to come back to church for prayer and Mass. If you know of a family member, co-worker, friend or neighbor who isn't here with us each week as we celebrate the Eucharist, and should be, consider extending a gentle invitation to welcome him or her back. Starting next week, we will have special invitations for you to give them as well as a new website for additional resources: [www.maybe-its-God.org](http://www.maybe-its-God.org). We hope you will participate in this important initiative and let them know they are welcome and have been missed.

### Lent arrives this week!

A reminder that Lent begins this week on *Ash Wednesday, February 25, 2008. Masses will be celebrated here at 7:30 AM (No 8:30 AM Mass); 12 Noon; and 7:30 PM. Kindly remember that the distribution of ashes takes place ONLY during Mass and not prior to or immediately following the Mass. Please do not ask the priest for "ashes" outside of Mass but plan to arrive on time so as to receive them during the Mass and taking time to receive a far greater gift of Christ in the Eucharist.* This past week, a Lenten mailing was sent to all registered parishioners which included information on Lenten regulations and the Lenten schedule

### Lenten Regulations for Catholics

In preparation for the paschal mysteries of Easter, Catholics are reminded of the following regulations for the forty days of Lent: **All Catholics over fourteen years of age must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday (February 25th) and all Fridays of Lent, including Good Friday (April 10th). On both Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, Catholics between the ages of eighteen and fifty-nine should fast.** This means only one full meal that day. Other meals on those days should be of small portion. Snacking should be avoided. One is excused from the obligation if his/her health or work would be seriously affected by this fast or abstinence. The Lenten observance of our day places emphasis on prayer, the liturgy, good works, self-denial, and the giving of alms to the poor.

### Daily Rosary

Recited at 8:00am Monday through Friday

### Lenten Weekday Mass

Monday through Friday at 8:30am

### Stations of the Cross

Each Friday of Lent at 7:30pm

### Confessions

Every Saturday from 3:30pm to 4:30pm  
Good Friday (April 10th) from 10:00am to 11:00am  
or by appointment with a parish priest

### Lenten Coin Folders

These colorful and simple tools are available for those who wish to have a practical way to give alms to the poor during Lent. Add a quarter or fifty-cents a day to your coin folder and donate the proceeds during Holy Week to the Poor Box.



## Stewardship Report:

### Revenue



<b>January 25:</b>	<b>8,058.00</b>
<b>Faith Direct:</b>	<b>1,351.25</b>
<b>Total Offertory:</b>	<b>9,409.25</b>
<b>Last Year:</b>	<b>9,844.95</b>
<b>Poor Box:</b>	<b>146.00</b>
<b>Every Penny Counts Box:</b>	<b>129.32</b>

Number of Adult Envelopes: 278  
Number of Children's Envelopes: 15  
Number of Faith Direct donors: 37  
Number of Registered Households: 660



The Archbishop's Appeal continues this week! Your pledge goes directly to support the various programs it provides to the community. The Archbishop's Appeal is more than an opportunity for charity, it is an opportunity to provide a source of hope to those many people who turn to Christ's Church for guidance and assistance. Please join the 140 parishes of our Archdiocese to work together in helping others. Saint Paul calls us to do everything for the glory of God. The Archbishop's Appeal gives us an opportunity to participate together in an archdiocesan-wide effort to do all we can, and to do it for the glory of God! Please prayerfully consider your gift to the appeal this Lenten season. God Bless you for your continuing generosity!

## SCHOOL RAFFLE WINNER



**Congratulations to Tiffany Averette  
Winner (receiving \$300)  
& Seller (receiving \$50)  
of this week's winning raffle ticket!**

### Lenten Spiritual Reading

**Please use the attached envelope for the following titles and place in the Every Penny Counts box or collection basket:**

- The Word Among Us (Daily Meditations for Lent 2009): \$4.00
- The Magnificat Lenten Companion (offered at a nominal fee)
- The following titles are available for \$1.00 each:
- Bring Lent Home
- God's Blessing for You
- Blessings of the Cross

### Lenten Spiritual Reading In the Pamphlet Rack

**Please consider a free will gift to the poor box for any materials you take.**

- How Catholics Worship- What We Do and Why We Do It
- The Rite of Penance: Guide to the Ritual of the Sacraments
- Seeds of Hope: The Way of the Cross, Minute Mediations

## Other Items of Note

**St. Matthias CYO Baseball:** Registration for 2009 St. Matthias CYO boys' baseball, girls' softball and coed t-ball is open through February 23rd at [www.stmatthiascyo.org](http://www.stmatthiascyo.org). All St. Matthias students and parishioners and Holy Family parishioners in grades K through 8<sup>th</sup> are welcome to register. We also need volunteers to coach teams. Please email [baseball-softball@stmatthiascyo.org](mailto:baseball-softball@stmatthiascyo.org) if you can help.

**CYO Basketball Payments:** The CYO program offered to the students and parishioners of St. Matthias must be self-supporting and is fully staffed by volunteers who give generously of their time so that our children may have this life-enriching opportunity. However, worn equipment and uniforms must be replaced, and fees to gyms for practices and games, as well as enrollment fees for teams, must be paid. There are currently several parish and school families who have yet to pay their basketball CYO fees. Please set a good example by honoring your financial responsibility to all the other families who participate in CYO activities. Please bring your account current today. If you are not sure of your payment status, or need to discuss payment, contact Nelson Grillo at [njgrillo@verizon.net](mailto:njgrillo@verizon.net).

## Faith Formation

**First Communion Parent Meeting:** A mandatory meeting for PARENTS ONLY is scheduled for Monday, February 23rd at 6:45pm.

**RCIA:** Please remember the RCIA candidates in your prayers as they begin this final phase towards full reception and communion into the church. Next Sunday we will celebrate the Rite of Welcoming and Sending and later that same afternoon, we will travel to the Basilica for the Rite of Continuing Conversion.

**Have You Thought Of Any Lenten Practices?:** "Give and gifts will be given to you, a good measure, packed together, shaken down, overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." (Luke 6:38) Gifts could be the gift of friendship, a listening ear, a kind act or word. Gifts are not always monetary in value. In fact, gifts of the heart last longer than monetary gifts. So what gift do you have to offer Our Lord Jesus Christ this Lenten season? Maybe spending extra time with the Lord, especially before the Blessed Sacrament will do? Don't limit yourself! There are so many other ways of giving back to Jesus. Explore within yourself this Lenten season!

### Directions to Our Father's House:

Make a right onto Believethe Boulevard  
Keep straight and go through the green light, which is Jesus Christ.  
There, you must turn on the Bridge of Faith,  
which is over troubled water  
When you get off the bridge, make a right turn and keep straight  
You are on the King's Highway- Heaven Bound  
Keep going straight for three miles  
One for the Father, One for the Son and one for the Holy Spirit.  
Then exit off onto Grace Boulevard.  
From there, make a right turn on Gospel Lane.  
Keep straight and make another right on Prayer Road  
As you go on your way, yield not to the traffic on Temptation Avenue  
Pass up Envy Drive and Hate Avenue  
Also, pass Hypocrisy Street, Gossiping Lane, and Backbiting Boulevard  
However, you have to go down Long Suffering Lane,  
Persecution Boulevard and Trials and Tribulations Avenue  
But that's all right, because VICTORY Street is straight ahead!!  
Amen! Life is God's gift to you.  
The way you live it...is your gift to God.



## Mass Intentions for the Seventh Week in Ordinary Time & Beginning of Lent

### Monday, February 23: Polycarp, bishop & martyr

8:30 am John R. Swann

### Tuesday, February 24:

8:30 am Jane Defayette (living, birthday)

### Wednesday, February 25: ASH WEDNESDAY

#### Lent Begins- Day of Fast and Abstinence

7:30 am Carmen Kosko (living, birthday)

12 noon Ponfilio Ventresca

7:30 pm Reverend Paul E. Murray

### Thursday, February 26:

8:30 am Reverend Seth Arwo-Dogu

### Friday, February 27: Lenten Day of Fast & Abstinence

8:30 am Guadalupe Manlapaz

### Sat., February 28: Vigil- First Sunday of Lent

#### 3:30 pm to 4:30pm—Confessions

5:00 pm Cheryl Zollo

7:30 pm Stations of the Cross

### Sunday, March 1: First Sunday of Lent

8:00 am Rev. Msgr. Armando Jiminez

9:30 am Betty Moriarty

11:30am Cynthia Amanyiwe (living)

### Please Pray for: †The Sick and Homebound In Our Parish:

Phil Ates; Virgie Azarcon; Ann Benson; Leslie Berkey; Barbara Brink; Margaret Carr; Fidel dela Cuesta; Don and Muriel Delaney; Eleanor DeMarco; Lisa Farland; Dennis George; Cristin Green; Francis Greenfield; Kitty Hamby; Leslie Hand; Joseph Harrison; Charles Henry; Lena Jacobs; Father Keene; Robyn Kirby; Laura Elaine Kiessling; Ray Krok; Nancy Maimone; Joe Makowski; Mary McGrail; Willie (Bill) Moore; Rosemarie Nardozi; Mary Nelson; David Obi; Peter O'Neill; Alice Parker; Dawn Pearson; June Provini; Rohland Reich; Joe Sico; Walter Stewart; Margaret Zanin; Ryan Zawada †**For the Deceased:** Reverend Paul E. Murray; Carl Meyers †*Names will be placed on our prayer list for three weeks. To add a name or to request continuing prayers, contact Tara Guevara by phone at 301-459-4814 or email [tguevara@stmatthias.org](mailto:tguevara@stmatthias.org).*

## Youth Group

**Retro Talent Showcase:** Do you like to laugh and have fun? Do you enjoy entertaining and being entertained? Then the Youth Group 70-80's Showcase of Talent is looking for you! This project is for ALL members of our "Faith Community"... this includes parents, grand-parents and extended family members. We will draw from the following categories, **Music, Dance, History Tidbits, Fashion and TV Commercials!** For further information contact Ms. Zita Givens 301-577-1853, Ms. Karen Jackson 202-486-7290, Dr. Ugo Amanyiwe 301-875-9113 or Mrs. Moore 301-459-4814.

**SUMMER JOBS:** IRS Student Summer Internship Program is now accepting applications! This is a great opportunity to learn from business professionals at the Internal Revenue Service (IRS); establish an early career path in computers and acquire basic office skills. They are seeking to attract local high school (ages 16 and above) and college students. E-mail resumes and transcripts (a scanned copy is fine) to Summer Hire Program Coordinator [Denise.K.Roper@irs.gov](mailto:Denise.K.Roper@irs.gov).