

Our heartfelt congratulations and prayerful best wishes are extended in a special way this weekend to,

Reverend Mr. Jared Suire

our seminarian from Theological College serving here at Saint Matthias over the past year and will return to be with us for another year beginning in the fall was ordained a transitional deacon Saturday morning in the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception. Deacon Suire was ordained for service to the Church of Lafayette (Louisiana). He is beginning his diaconal ministry with us this Sunday morning as he formally serves in the ministerial role of deacon and proclaims and preaches the Gospel for the first time. He'll then be heading off on a missionary trip to Africa and then has been assigned by his bishop to the Cathedral parish in Lafayette for the summer months.

We welcome to our parish his parents,
Glenn and Beverly Suire

as well as other members of his family, classmates, and friends who join us in celebrating this occasion.

Please continue to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Join us after the 9:30 AM Mass in Friendship Hall for refreshments and fellowship.

The Christian Testament attests to the formation of various ministries during the first centuries of the Church in the Acts of the Apostles and the Pastoral Letters. One of these developing ministries was that of the deacon, who was charged with assisting in the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to be of service to the bishop. In these initial centuries of the Church's history the serving role of the deacon became central to the life of the Church, and in the Middle Ages became the last step in the process of priestly formation. The Second Vatican Council revived the earliest traditions and made the diaconate one of three ordained ministries of service to the People of God

along with that of bishop and priest.

At its heart, the ministry of the deacon is to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ along with all the baptized faithful. The deacon also administers Baptism, distributes Holy Communion, presides at Marriage...witnessing to the exchange of vows, leads the faithful People of God in worship and prayer, proclaims and preaches the Gospel at Mass and other liturgical celebrations, and presides at the Rite of Christian Burial.

Included in the Ordination Rite will be the promises to remain celibate, to be obedient to the bishop and all of his successors, and to pray the Liturgy of the Hours, the daily universal prayer of the Church.



Stewardship Report:



Revenue

April 12:	8,142.82
Faith Direct:	1,712.50
Total Offertory:	9,855.32
Last Year:	9,458.21
Poor Box & Lenten Coin Folders:	1,084.00
Every Penny Counts Box:	191.37
Easter Flowers To Date:	2,962.00
Easter Offerings To Date:	14,164.00
Easter Offerings Last Year:	16,189.00
Holy Thursday	1,314.00
Good Friday/Holy Land	1,547.00

Number of Adult Envelopes: 230
 Number of Children's Envelopes: 16
 Number of Faith Direct donors: 38
 Number of Registered Households: 668

Thank You From Your Pastor

Over the past several weeks there have been innumerable parishioners who have spent countless hours in various parish ministries preparing for the Masses, services, and the devotions of Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. In your name I express to each and every parishioner (and most especially my staff and our regular volunteers) our collective thanks for their many hours of faithful service. Our Music Ministry, our Ushers, our Ministry of Hospitality, our Lectors, our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, our Altar Servers, and our decorating volunteers have worked so hard to make this a memorable and joyous Easter. Please commit all of our staff and volunteers, as well as their intentions, to your Easter prayers, especially at Mass. To all of our parishioners who today made a special sacrifice in the Easter collection, I say thank you to you as well! Finally, to all of you who were kind enough to remember your pastor at Easter with your cards, gifts, Easter treats and delicacies, thank you for your kind expressions of prayer, esteem, and affection. The people of Saint Matthias have a long tradition of supporting their parish priests I ask you to continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life...as you all know so well, there is still much work to do for and with the Risen Christ!

**Outdoor Votive
Light Offerings:**

The votive lights burning from
**Sunday, April 19th through
Saturday, April 25th :**

**Shrine of the Sacred
Heart**

**For the Special Intentions of:
The Wahle Family**

**For the Happy Repose of:
Hans I bald; Concepcion Soberanis;**

**SCHOOL RAFFLE
WINNER**

**Congratulations to
Karin Sellers (winner of \$350)
as winner AND seller of this
week's ticket!**



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Youth Group

RETRO SHOWCASE OF TALENT UPDATES:

- Singing acts will rehearse Fridays from 7-10pm and dance acts will rehearse Wednesdays from 7-8:30pm. All rehearsals will take place in Friendship Hall.
- Volunteers are needed to assist with the environment, giving Friendship Hall a 70-80's look, as well as run the concession stand. For further information or to volunteer please contact Donna Stewart-Moore or Dorothy Mensah-Aggrey at 301-459-4814 ext 204/205
- Tickets will go on sale Sunday, April 26th. The cost in advance is Children 3 and under (free), ages 4-12 (\$5.00), and ages 13 and over (\$8.00). Cost at the door: Children \$7.00 Adults \$10.00.

Faith Formation

Classes Resume Monday, April 20th at 6:30 pm!

First Communion: The retreat is scheduled for Saturday, April 25, 2009 from 9:30am to 12 noon. There is plenty of time to make alternate arrangements for any other events. If you and your child are absent from this retreat that will be an indication that you have made a decision to postpone the celebration of this sacrament to next year. Please make sure to drop off the permission slips and photo forms by the due date. It gets more costly when photos and DVDs are ordered after the event. Remember the most important event of that day is encountering Jesus in a very special way-by receiving him Body and Soul.

Young Adult Ministry: Do you know of any parishioners who are sick and, therefore, homebound? Members of the Young Adults Ministry would like to be of assistance to any such parishioner. Please call the Faith Formation Office (x205) for more information or to let us know if you, or someone you know, could benefit from this program. The assistance will be in the form of home visitation and/or running errands. Of course, there will be time for prayer, the most effective balm for the sick.

Other Items of Note

2009 Annual Jubilarian Mass: The annual Jubilarian celebration of marriage to honor couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 50+ years will be held Sunday June 7, 2009 at 2:00pm at the National Shrine. Archbishop Wuerl will be the celebrant. To register, please contact Tara in the rectory at 301-459-4814 or by email at tguevara@stmatthias.org. All names must be submitted by **APRIL 20TH** in order to be included.

Saint Matthias School Reunion: Did you go to St. Matthias Apostle School in the 1980s? Want to join us for a reunion of your classmates and teachers? Please join us on Saturday June 27th from 4pm-9pm in Friendship Hall for a school reunion. Contact Stacey for information and cost @ 301-502-2741 or StacCleve@aol.com.

Mother Seton Ladies Auxiliary: is sponsoring a Polish dinner and polka dance on Saturday, April 25, 2009 in St Matthias' Friendship Hall from 6pm to 10pm. Food by Laurie, music by Joe Shelko. Tickets are \$25.00 each, advance reservations only. Call Phyllis Sczuka at 301-577-3916, Ann Degraff at 301-474-7869 or Kay Kaderabek at 301-577-1423.

Retreat for Women: Treat yourself to a weekend at Dominican Retreat in McLean VA, June 5th-7th, to experience God's peace and presence. Our theme this year is "*Behold, I make all things new.*" (Rev. 21:5). Retreat director is Fr. Jude Winkler, OFM, Conv., who preaches for many retreats, has taught in the EPS program (Education for Parish Service), and gives daily online Scripture reflections for Companions of St. Anthony. For reservations or information, call Dominican Retreat at 703-356-4243, or see www.dominicanretreat.org.



Mass Intentions for the Second Week of Easter

Monday, April 20:

8:30 am Sylvester Ugoh

Tuesday, April 21: Anselm, bishop & doctor

8:30 am Brandon Troup & Anthony Bello (living, birthday)

Wednesday, April 22:

8:30 am Alexandre Pham B. Thuong

Thursday April 23: George, martyr

8:30 am Elisa Beall

Friday, April 24: Fidelis, priest & martyr

8:30 am Teresa Staronka

Saturday, April 25: Vigil- Third Sunday of Easter

3:30 pm to 4:30pm—Confessions

5:00 pm Ray Degraff

6:00 pm Polish Dinner and Polka Dance in Friendship Hall

see bulletin insert for additional details

Sunday, April 26: Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 am Cindy Gilbert (healing intention)

9:30 am Chikwendu Anyatonmu

11:30am Daniel Enahoro

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

Virgie Azarcon; Ann Benson; Leslie Berkey; Barbara Brink; Margaret Carr; Sherry Cash; Fidel dela Cuesta; Eleanor DeMarco; Father Jim Downs; Lisa Farland; Dennis George; Leslie Hand; Joseph Harrison; Jim Hennessy; Charles Henry; Lena Jacobs; Bud Jones; Charles & Yvonne Jones; Robyn Kirby; Laura Elaine Kiessling; Ray Krok; Henry Len; Nancy Maimone; Joe Makowski; Mary McGrail; Willie (Bill) Moore; Rosemarie Nardozi; Mary Nelson; David Obi; Peter O'Neill; Alice Parker; Dawn Pearson; Irma Perez; Bill Pinchback; Rohland Reich; Joe Sico; Margaret Tolzman; Margaret Zanin †**For the Deceased:** Reverend G. William Finch; Edmund Jesiolowski; Concepcion Soberanis; Marian C. Wahle †
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.



Mother's Day Novena: Cards for this year's Novena will be sold by the Ladies of Charity after all Masses in the coming weeks.. A suggested \$5 offering will enroll your mothers (living or deceased) in this spiritual Novena where they will be remembered at our Masses. Cards will also be available in the rectory office during regular business hours.

THE LORD'S LAUGHTER

One Easter Sunday morning, as the minister was preaching the children's sermon, he reached into his bag of props and pulled out an egg. He pointed to the egg and asked the children, "Do you know what is in here?" "I know!" exclaimed on little boy. "Pantyhose!"

