

Faith Formation:

Drop Off and Pick Up: Children are being dropped off later and later as the weeks go by. Parents, please remember that when children are late, the whole class is adversely affected and that is not fair to either the catechists or the students. Let us manage our time well and get our children here on time just you would for sporting activities.

Sacramental Fees: We appreciate the effort most of you have made in paying the sacramental fees. There are a few still outstanding. Please make sure to pay the appropriate fees if you have not already done so. The fees are \$50.00 for Confirmation and \$35.00 for First Communion. These fees are already heavily subsidized; therefore any delinquencies will weigh heavily on the funding of our programs.

Baptism: Please read the Bulletin carefully. Families must be registered for at least six months before any sacraments including Baptism may be administered. Look at it from another angle. Six months will give you enough time to decide if you really want to be a part of this parish; and, it will also show us your commitment to this parish which is a key component within any community.

Other Items of Note:

Mother's Day Novena: Cards for this year's Novena will be sold after all masses by the Ladies of Charity. Make an offering to purchase a card or spiritual bouquet so that a special mother in your life (living or deceased) can be remembered at our Masses during the Mother's Day Novena. Cards will also be available in the rectory office during regular business hours.

Find Support and Understanding As You Grieve: For those who have experienced significant losses in their lives, St. Matthias Parish offers an opportunity to obtain grief support. Sessions are held at 9AM each Saturday in the school library. For more information please contact - Miriam Jacik MSN, MSPsy at (301) 345-6054.

St. Matthias Leisure Club Seeks New Members!: If you are 55 or over, the Saint Matthias Leisure Club is the meeting place for you! Meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month with lunch in Friendship Hall beginning at noon. If you are interested in joining, please come to any of our regular meetings; we look forward to having you there. Our next scheduled meeting is at noon on April 28th in Friendship Hall and will feature an international menu of members' favorite dishes.

Jubilarian Mass: On Sunday June 8, 2008 at 2:00pm, Archbishop Donald Wuerl will celebrate the annual Jubilarian Mass honoring married couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 50+ years of marriage at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Personalized scrolls signed by Archbishop Wuerl will be distributed to the couples being honored. Please contact Tara in the Rectory to sign up for this special Mass. You can reach her by phone at 301-459-4814 (x 201) or by email at tguevara@stmatthias.org.

The Word Made Flesh- Letting out the Light of the Sacred through Painting: Father Jerry will be teaching an artist workshop at the Washington Theological Union where he is an Artist in Residence. Workshop dates are June 18th, 20th, 25th and 27th from 10am until noon at a cost of \$200. This workshop will show you how to do "the visual reality check" and go ahead on your spiritual journey. If you find God's inspiration in writings and ideas, his fingerprints in nature, so you should be able to see traces of his touch in you. This art studio workshop will help you to start by taking a look at your own inspired image "expressed" onto canvas through the act of painting. For information, contact Enrollment Services: 202-541-5210; admissions@wtu.edu; www.wtu.edu



Mass Intentions for the Sixth Week of Easter

Monday, April 28: Peter Chanel, priest, martyr

8:30 am Gina Pezzuti

Tuesday, April 29: Catherine of Siena, virgin, doctor

8:30 am Virginia Craig

Wednesday, April 30: Pius V, pope

8:30 am Carl Levoch

Thursday, May 1: Easter Weekday

8:30 am Norm Wolford

Friday, May 2: Athanasius, bishop, doctor

8:30 am Margaret E. Donohue

Saturday, May 3-Vigil: the Ascension of the Lord

3:30 pm to 4:30pm—Confessions Fr. Jeff

5:00 pm Helen Maria Jones Fr. Jeff

Sunday, May 4: the Ascension of the Lord

8:00 am Carl Levoch Fr. Bob

9:30 am Severino Santos Fr. Bob

11:30am Fr. Augustine Kizito Abizi Fr. Jeff

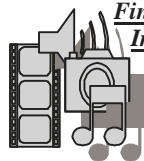
Please Pray for: †The Sick and Homebound In Our Parish:

Pearl Aitcheson; Virgie Azarcon; Audrey Brown; Linda Bryans; Dan Comeaux; Fidel dela Cuesta; Lisa Cuthbert; Mary Ennis; Lisa Farland; Karen Fisher; Ferris (Bo) George; Joseph Harrison; Robert Hoke; Charles Jones; Katie Kennedy; Robyn Kirby; Nancy Maimone; Bob Martin; Carol McDonagh; Willie Moore; Larry Murphy; Michael & Rosemarie Nardoizzi; David Obi; Peter O'Neill; Thomas Opalski; Charles Shryock; Ryan Zawada

†For Our Military Serving in Afghanistan or Iraq: Spc. Michael J. Chiddo; Brian A. Densmore; Ryan A. Morgant

† Names will be placed on our prayer list for three weeks. To add a name or to request continuing prayers, call Tara Guevara at 301-459-4814 or email tguevara@stmatthias.org.

Youth News:



Finding His Presence in Song Through Photography and Images Part II :

Our talented youth group has embarked on a project that involves interpreting meaningful song lyrics through use of their original photographs and artwork. The youth have been challenged to find songs that inspire them and that illustrate Christian values. They have chosen the following songs: **Take Me Back** (Jeremy Camp), **Lean On Me** (Remake of Bill Withers, by Kirk Franklin), **Imagine** (Remake of Beatles, by AI's David Archuleta) and **My Help** (Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir) They will interpret the feeling and inspiration of their chosen song into a visual presentation through use of original photography and art which inspires them to see God's presence in the world around them. The teens will be taking pictures around the church, home and community, so please cooperate should they need your assistance! Remember that the Holy Father often speaks of the gifts the youth bring to the Church and that they are the future of our Church. Let's embrace them as they go forward to find "HIS" Presence. Keep watch for a planned exhibit to show the parishioners the inspiring work of our wonderful and talented youth!

"How Many Teens Do You Know"? Keep an eye on this space for an up and coming contest!