



Forward in Faith was implemented in 2004 to raise money to support the ministries and programs that are provided by the Archdiocese of Washington, Catholic Charities and many other Catholic agencies.

As of December 31, 2008, Forward in Faith had raised more than \$100 million dollars in support of the six priorities (*Education, Catholic Charities, Pastoral Services, Multi-Cultural Apostolates, Parish Sharing and Ministry Enhancement*) that were outlined for the campaign. Please visit the Forward in Faith section of the Archdiocese of Washington website at adw.org to learn more about the campaign's education, pastoral and ministerial objectives.

This spring, Masses will be celebrated throughout the Archdiocese of Washington to acknowledge the work of Forward in Faith and to thank its supporters. Each Mass will be followed by a reception and fellowship. The closest Mass to us will be at St. Joseph's in Largo on May 21st at 7pm with Bishop Barry C. Knestout celebrating. All are welcome. For additional information about the Forward in Faith Mass and Reception schedule, please contact 301-853-5344.

Welcome to Archbishop Wuerl:



His Excellency the Most Reverend Donald W. Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington will be making his first pastoral visit on Thursday, May 14th at 7pm on the Feast of St. Matthias the Apostle. All are welcome. Please remember to wear your Sunday best.

Please Note

Mass Intentions: Many parishioners are aware how quickly our Mass schedule fills with requests for particular intentions. If you desire to have a Mass offered on the anniversary date of the death of your loved one, relative, or friend, please think ahead and arrange for your Mass **at least three months in advance!** If the date for the Mass intention is not crucial, you may make your arrangements at any time. Requests for particular dates are taken on a first come, first served basis. Mass intentions (that you see published weekly in the bulletin) may be offered for someone who is deceased, for the intentions of someone who is living and perhaps ill or in special need, or for a special occasion like a birthday or a wedding anniversary. An offering of \$10 is suggested for each Mass intention requested and the offering must be made at the time the Mass is scheduled. Cards are available to send to a grieving family or to someone living for their intentions. Please stop by the rectory offices during business hours to schedule your intention and to select your card.

Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 9am to 4pm and Friday 9am to 1pm

Take Pride in Your Parish! Many parishioners are commenting how beautiful our grounds are looking with our flowerbeds, statues, manicured lawns, and neat appearance overall! Help us keep St. Matthias a beautiful place. When you see trash and debris, please pick it up and place it in a trash can, don't be afraid to pull up a weed if you spot one, and as you leave church, help the ushers place kneelers in an upright position, remove papers, and place the hymnals back in their pew pockets. Together we show our community that all that we do reflects a reverence for God and the many things He has blessed us with in our church and school!



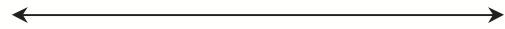
Stewardship Report:



Revenue

April 26th:	8,630.52
Faith Direct:	1,712.50
Total Offertory:	10,343.02
Last Year:	8,742.05
Easter Flowers to Date:	3,062.00
Easter Offerings to Date:	16,095.00
Easter Offerings Last Year:	16,189.00
Poor Box:	240.00
Every Penny Counts Box:	59.15

Number of Adult Envelopes: 248
Number of Children's Envelopes: 13
Number of Faith Direct donors: 38
Number of Registered Households: 668



- **Building Maintenance:** Our second collection **this** weekend is for our regular **Building and Maintenance Fund**. This monthly collection enables us to make ongoing repairs, upkeep, improvements to our parish and school buildings as well as our parish grounds. May we suggest a minimum contribution of \$20 per household. As always we thank you for your continuing generosity.
- **Our Counters need your help:** You can make our volunteer counters very happy if you would avoid "scotch-taping" or "stapling" the envelopes shut, as well as not folding the bills multiple times when placing in the collection basket.
- **Scripture on Stewardship:** In today's Gospel reading we hear Jesus referring to Himself as "the good shepherd." His sheep know Him, trust Him, listen to Him and follow Him; having faith that no harm will come to them as long as they stay close to Him. We reaffirmed our faith in Christ when we renewed our baptismal promises at Easter. As stewards of our relationship with Jesus Christ, are we, like the sheep, willing to listen to Jesus, follow Him, trust Him?

SCHOOL RAFFLE WINNER

Congratulations to Donna Nunn of New Carrollton MD (winner of \$350) as winner AND seller of this week's ticket!



Outdoor Votive Light Offerings:

The votive lights burning from
Sunday, May 3rd through Saturday, May 9th:

Shrine of the Sacred Heart

For the Special Intentions of:
Fran Zatorski, Helen Zatorski, Ann Halbe and Dennis A. George

For the Happy Repose of:
Gordon Clark and George Kosko

Shrine of the Madonna & Child

For the Special Intentions of:
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Falls, for new Baby Wrigley and for Kaitlyn DeMaio on the occasion of her birthday



Faith Formation

Faith Formation: Classes are being held at the usual time, 6:30 p.m. Please keep our First Communicants and Confirmation candidates in your prayers as they prepare to celebrate these sacraments next week.

Baptism Prep Seminar: This seminar will be held on Wednesday, May 6 for registered parishioners only. Call the Faith Formation office at 301-459-4814 ext. 205 if you have any questions.

Sacramental Fees: There are still a few parents who have not paid the sacramental fees for First Communion and Confirmation. Please do so as soon as possible as these programs are already heavily subsidized.

Youth Group

Showcase of Talent: Come out for an evening of fun on Sunday, May 17th at 5:00pm! Remember when we sang along with the records?! Wear your favorite 70-80's attire. Remember, ladies, when you had the choice of wearing a Micro, Mini or Maxi length skirt!!! Guys, pull out your Nehru Jackets and bell bottoms. Let's not forget those muumuus, kaftans...teased hair and bushes! Yes, we wore it all, but with pride. Tickets for the 70-80's "Showcase of Talent And More" will be on sale after all the Masses. Cost in Advance: Children (4-12) \$5.00, at the Door \$8.00; Adults (13 and up) \$8.00, at the Door \$10.00. Concession stand will be available. Why, you will even be able to purchase some of Father Jeff's baked treats!!! Mmm-Mmm Good, Mmm-Mmm Good! Oops that's Campbell's Soup!!

Other Items of Note

Father E. Albert Hughes Scholarship: Applications for this scholarship are available in the Rectory or School offices. The application deadline is May 15th.

St. Matthias 8th Annual Golf Tournament: Registration is now underway for the 8th Annual St. Matthias Golf Tournament! This year's tournament will be held on Friday May 15th, 8am shotgun start, at the Glenn Dale Golf Club. Join us for fun, food and prizes; individual players are \$100 and foursomes are \$360. This includes continental breakfast, 18 holes, contests, lunch and a free clinic. We are also seeking volunteers, sponsors, and prize donations. For more information, please contact golfinfo@stmatthias.org, or call Cornelia Sykes, 301-429-8813 or Rhonda Taylor, 301-350-9591.



Our Flower Bulb order is being processed and delivery is anticipated here by mid-week. We will try to have all orders ready for pick-up by the weekend. Volunteers in the final sorting process would be most welcome. Please call the business office for further information if you can help on Thursday or Friday. This fundraiser has yielded \$2,140.00 to the parish and school, and we would appreciate hearing from you about how your garden grows and whether this is a fundraiser you would be willing to support in the future. Thank you for your continuing help!

Living Rosary: The Living Rosary will be held on Tuesday, May 12th at 7:30pm at St. Matthias the Apostle Church. The social reception following the Living Rosary will be held in the School Library. Please make a note of this and invite your family and friends to attend.

Marriage: Has your Marriage become cold or unloving? Are you making plans to move out, considering separation or even divorce? There is a Catholic Program called Retrouvaille (French for Rediscovery and pronounced Re-tro-vi) that can help you rediscover one another. Our next weekend is May 15-17, 2009. All calls and inquiries are confidential. For more information please call 410-647-0350 or 301-468-6764 or visit our web site at: www.HelpOurMarriage.com. If you would like to receive information in the mail, email us at: TomnCaroll@comcast.net.



Mass Intentions for the Fourth Week of Easter

Monday, May 4:

8:30 am Guadie M. Montesa (Living)

Tuesday, May 5:

8:30 am Gordon Clark & George Kosko

Wednesday, May 6:

8:30 am Charles Pouliot (Living - Birthday)

Thursday May 7:

8:30 am Fran Zatorski (Living)

Friday, May 8:

8:30 am Roger Guevara (Living—Birthday)

Saturday, May 9: Vigil – Fifth Sunday of Easter

3:30 pm to 4:30pm—Confessions

5:00 pm Mother's Day Novena

Sunday, May 10: Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 am Mother's Day Novena

9:30 am Mother's Day Novena

11:30am Mother's Day Novena

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

Mary Bittner; Audrey Brown; Father Jim Downs; Adeola Fayoni; Dennis George; Charles Henry; Lena Jacobs; Bud Jones; Charles & Yvonne Jones; Ray Krok; David Loughman; Joe Makowski; Willie (Bill) Moore; Peter O'Neill; Margaret Opalski; Joseph Pezzuti; Bill Pinchback; Robert Rau; Rohland Reich; Joe Sico; Margaret Tolzman; Margaret Zanin †For the Deceased: Charles Adegbesan; Rev Msgr William F. O'Donnell; David Kellerman; Henry Len †Names will be placed on our prayer list for three weeks. To add a name or to request continuing prayers, please contact Carmen Kosko by email at ckosko@stmatthias.org or by phone at 301-459-4814.

Apostleship of Prayer—Our Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of May 2009:

That the laity and Christian communities may embrace their responsibility for promoting vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Special Pilgrimage to Lourdes:

The annual U.S. National Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place on July 1st-10th, with an optional extension to Paris, Nevers and Lisieux on July 10th-13th; Celebrating the "Year of Bernadette." This pilgrimage is accompanied by a medical staff, clergy and volunteers to assist the needs of the pilgrims and is open to all. For details, contact the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office: 5505 Granby Road, Rockville, MD 20855. You may also send an e-mail to: lourdespilgrimageoffice@comcast.net or visit our Website at: www.lourdes-pilgrimage.com. By phone call 301-740-9332, or toll free at 1-877-276-7279.



Signs and Wonders

A sign in front of a small church in a Southern town:
"Strawberry Festival next weekend.
(Due to a shortage of strawberries, prunes will be served.)"

