



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:



Join us for a special Mass as His Excellency the Most Reverend Donald W. Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington, will be making his first pastoral visit on Thursday, May 14th at 7pm at a special Mass on the Feast of St. Matthias the Apostle and in celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation. All are welcome.

Please remember to wear your Sunday best.

Blessing Prayer for Mothers



Dear Lord and Creator, bless now with Your love and protection all Mothers, that they may treasure the lives and spiritual well-being of their children. Bless my own Mother, she who gave me the great gift of life, that I may continue to be a loving and grateful child. Bless all those who had a mother's influence in my life. Bless all those close to me who are mothers, and bless all those carrying life within them at this moment. Amen.

Paul Murphy

~ Please Clip and Return to School ~



Show Your School Spirit! Purchase a St. Matthias School Car Magnet! Only \$5 each or 5 magnets for \$20.
Name: _____
Address: _____

of Magnets _____ Total Enclosed \$ _____
Make checks payable to: St. Matthias School and send to: St. Matthias School, 9473 Annapolis Road, Lanham MD 20706-3020. Proceeds will be used to support school programs. Magnet size: 5"x5". Thanks for supporting our school!!!



Stewardship Report:



Revenue

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| May 3rd: | 9,585.83 |
| Faith Direct: | 1,712.50 |
| Total Offertory: | 11,298.33 |
| Last Year: | 11,261.96 |
| Building & Maintenance Fund: | 2,459.00 |
| Easter Offerings to Date: | 16,125.00 |
| Easter Offerings Last Year: | 16,189.00 |
| Poor Box: | 189.54 |
| Every Penny Counts Box: | 55.15 |

Number of Adult Envelopes: 251
 Number of Children's Envelopes: 10
 Number of Faith Direct donors: 38
 Number of Registered Households: 668

- **2009 Annual Archbishop's Appeal Progress Report as of May 1st:** Congratulations to St. Matthias Parishioners who helped us achieve our goal. Goal: \$60,253.83 ~ Pledged: \$61,481.00 ~ Amount Received: \$32,350.00 ~ Percentage of Goal: 53.69%. Thanks to all who are contributing and keep up the good work.
- **Forward In Faith Progress Report as of March 31, 2009:** Parishioner gifts to Archdiocese Forward in Faith Campaign benefit not only the Archdiocese, but our own parish as well. We receive a percentage of collected pledges. Collections: \$738,766.16 ~ Parish Share 20%: \$120,000 ~ Parish Share 50%: \$186,731 ~ Distributions to date: \$186,731 ~ We recently received a check in the amount of \$2,652.00! Thank you to all of our generous parishioners who offer the sacrifice of their treasure to better our community of faith, as well as our parish community.
- **Catholic Relief Services:** Our second collection next weekend is for the Catholic Relief Services. This annual appeal supports Migration and Refugee Services and provides a full range of legal and support services to Catholic programs directly representing poor immigrants. Its focus is on reunification of families and protection of those fleeing persecution or civil unrest and the USCC Department of Social Development and World Peace. Please give generously.
- **Father E. Albert Hughes Scholarship:** Applications for this scholarship are available in the Rectory or School offices. The application **deadline is May 15th**. The fruits of the Every Penny Counts Box are ready to be disbursed. For qualifications for this scholarship, please check our webpage at www.stmatthias.org.

SCHOOL RAFFLE WINNER

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Tennyson (school parents) of Glenn Dale MD (winner of \$350) as winner AND seller of this week's ticket!



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.

Faith Formation

Congratulations to our students who received their First Holy Communion this weekend. Congratulations as well to our students who will be confirmed by Archbishop Donald Wuerl, S.T.D. on Thursday, May 14th at 7:00 pm here. On behalf of the entire parish community we extend a special thanks to our teachers and catechists: Becky Horning, Sandy Midgley, Patti Shaffer and Emmanuel Amanyeiwe for working tirelessly with our students to fully prepare them to celebrate these Sacraments of Initiation. We ask God's abundant blessing on them, who tirelessly give of their time and talent in evangelizing the youth of our parish. **Students who received their**

First Holy Communion: *Keonyegwahi Agboha; Neviasuo Agboha; Achalefac Akem; Stephanie Akukwe; Kofi Okang Ames; Joseph Michael Buan; Hilton Hayes Carroll; Jayden Courtney Clyne; Melissa Ann dela Cuesta; Ruth Abangamo Fonju; Christopher Grillo; Jazmin Nicole Ingram; Bill Kengne Ndetan; Christine Fuabeh Njinkeng; Ugonna Chimzimuzo Nwafor; Emenike Onyejiuwa; Nnedi Onyejiuwa; Omonse Elizabeth Okojie; Ifeoma Courtney Okwara; Lexi Chideraa Onuoha; Diana Osuji; Christianna Pablo; Jeffrey Mason Perez; Sebastien Sanon; Antonio Somerville; and Kayla Valdellon.*

Students who received Confirmation: *Megan Ardovini; Charles Chijioko; Irvin Diaz; Lucas Gepert; Camille Idedevo; Jasapser Igbokwe; Ogechi Ihegbe; Ronald Jones; Albert Millard, Jr.; Ginika Okolo; Chioma Okwara; and Jason Onuoha.*

End of Year Faith Formation Matters: Our last session will be held on Monday, May 18th. All those receiving First Holy Communion, Confirmation and RCIC students are still required to participate in classes till the last day. We will have our end of year celebration on the last day.

Registration for next year will be mailed home. Make sure to fill out the forms and return them to the office with the fees no later than June 30th. When we order our books early, we cut down on costs and for this reason a late fee is charged for late registration. Any registration forms received after June 30th will incur a late fee of \$25.00 with no exceptions. Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to call Dorothy Aggrey, Director of Faith Formation at the rectory, ext 205.

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 of 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. There will be a Concession stand 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

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.

Give a carnation, Save a life: Give your Mom or a favorite person a carnation today and show how important life is to you. The Prince George's County Right to Life is requesting a \$1.00 donation for each carnation as proceeds will help to continue their education on protecting life in all stages. These flowers will be available after all Sunday Masses this weekend. Thank you for your support.



Mass Intentions for the Fifth Week of Easter

Monday, May 11:

8:30 am Mother's Day Novena

Tuesday, May 12: Nereus, Achilleus & Pancras, Martyrs

8:30 am Mother's Day Novena

7:30 pm Living Rosary

Wednesday, May 13: Our Lady of Fatima

8:30 am Mother's Day Novena

7:00 pm Confirmation Rehearsal

Thursday May 14: Matthias, apostle Parish Patronal Feast Day

8:30 am Mother's Day Novena

7:00 pm Intentions of our Confirmandi; and for the People of the Parish Principal Celebrant: Archbishop Wuerl All are welcome!

Friday, May 15: Isidore the Farmer

8:30 am Mother's Day Novena

Saturday, May 16: Vigil – Sixth Sunday of Easter

3:30 pm to 4:30pm—Confessions

5:00 pm Mother's Day Novena

Sunday, May 17: Sixth 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; **Margaret Brooks**; 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; **Molly & Marshall Sashkin**; Joe Sico; Margaret Tolzman; **Anita Topnick**; Margaret Zanin **†For the Deceased:** Mrs. Mary S. Pollard **† 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.**

Outdoor Parish Shrines; Memorials and Tributes:

The votive lights burning from **May 10th** through **May 16th:**

Shrine of the Sacred Heart

For the Special Intentions of: Raymond Pouliot; Mary Ellen Keleti

For the Happy Repose of: Rev. Joseph Howarth; Eufrasia Centeno

Shrine of the Madonna & Child

For the Happy Repose of: Ann Tach; Mariette Pouliot

Out of the Mouths of God's Kids



Asked what the difference is between moms and dads, one child said, "Moms have magic. They make you feel better without medicine."