

Thank you very much!

Father Jeff and the Parishioners of
St. Matthias the Apostle Catholic Church,

Thank you for the gifts and the warm welcoming we received when we visited St. Matthias for Jared's first Mass as a deacon and his reception. You were all so kind and had many nice things to say about our son. We look forward to visiting with you again when we visit during the next school year.

Sincerely,
Glenn and Beverly Suire



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.

~ 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. Magnet size: 5"x5". 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. Thanks for supporting our school!!!



Stewardship Report:



Revenue

May 10 th :	8,809.89
Faith Direct:	1,565.00
Total Offertory:	10,374.89
Last Year:	11,535.00
Fr. Hughes Scholarship Fund:	1,403.00
Easter Offerings to Date:	16,175.00
Easter Offerings Last Year:	16,189.00
Poor Box:	213.00
Every Penny Counts Box:	747.71

Number of Adult Envelopes: 266
Number of Children's Envelopes: 11
Number of Faith Direct donors: 45
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 **this** weekend is for the Catholic Relief Services. The Catholic Relief Services Collection supports resettlement services for refugees, serves victims of human trafficking, and provides pastoral care and advocacy. Of the 50,000 total refugees authorized to enter the United States in 2007, nearly one-third were helped by USCCB Migration and Refugee Services, one organization receiving funds from the Collection. The Collection also supports legal services for refugees, advocacy, relief and development, and disaster/emergency relief. When you donate to The Catholic Relief Services Collection, you give hope. Please be generous in today's collection.
- **A Stewardship Moment:** Jesus calls His disciples His "friends" and commands them to love one another as He has loved them. We are called to be stewards of this friendship; to love one another as Jesus loves us. Do we give serious attention to what this love requires of us? Does this require us to actively seek the welfare of others? What is the price of this friendship with the Lord?



Pastor's Holiday: The School and Rectory will be closed on Friday, May 22nd as traditionally a Pastor's Holiday is celebrated around the time of the patronal feast day of the parish.

Memorial Day: Our Rectory and School Offices will be closed for the Memorial Day Holiday on Monday, May 25th. May everyone have a nice long relaxing weekend...

Faith Formation

Faith Formation: Our last session will be held tomorrow, Monday, May 18, 2009. All students are to be present for this final session. Parents, if your child missed the final assessment last week, make sure to contact the office to schedule a time for this assessment to be completed. **No student will be moved to the next grade level automatically unless an assessment has been duly completed.** This applies to grades three through seven.

Confirmation: Congratulations to all candidates who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation last Thursday: Megan Ardovini, Irvin Diaz, Lucas Gepert, Camille Idedevo, Jasper Igbokwe, Ogechi Ihegbe, Ronald Jones, Albert Millard, Jr., Ginka Okolo, Chioma Okwara, Jason Onuoha, Javier Rivera and Dylan Vaughn.

Young Adult Ministry: Come join us tomorrow, Monday, May 18th at 7:00 pm. There will be a presentation on Pentecost by Dorothy Mensah-Aggrey.

Registration for Next Academic Year: Parents, please check your mail and the bulletin for information regarding registration for the next academic year to begin in early June.

Gratitude: Thank you, catechists and aides and all who helped with any aspect of Faith Formation this year: **Magdalene Ibeuchi** (Kindergarten) **Edward Johnson** (Grade 1), **Sandy Midgley** and **Sr. Martina Lai, O.P.** (Grade 2), **Kevin Butler** and **Anthony Okolo** (Grade 3), **Suzanne Pouliot** (Grade 4), **Nwaneka Onuaku** and **Sr. Therese Nguyen, O.P.** (Grade 5), **Dr. Cosmas Nwokefor** (Grade 6), **Christine Idedevo** and **Sr. Ann Diep, O. P.** (Grade 7), **Emmanuel Amanyeiwe** (Grade 8), **Ingelise Gordon** and **Natasha Andrews** – administrative help, teen helpers – **Chinwe Amazu, Kingsley, Brian** and **Michael Nwadije, Chinedu Nwokefor, Golden Okolo** and **Stephanie Zetterstrom.** Thank you and have a wonderful summer.

Other Items of Note



Be sure to watch our visiting priest, Father Charles Connor, on “EWTN Live” with Father Mitch Pacwa on Wednesday, May 20th at 8:00pm. He will be there to promote his new series on the Spiritual Legacy of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen.



Congratulations: Our winners of the two floral arrangements made by Fr., Jeff are: **Debbie Self** won the larger of the two arrangements, and **Stella Odidika** won the small table-top arrangement. Don’t fret if you didn’t win ~ Father is already working on arrangements for the next raffle.



Ladies of Charity: Next weekend, the Ladies of Charity will be collecting non-perishable food donations for the parish pantry. Items in short supply are cereal, canned fruit, pasta sauce, peanut butter, jelly, canned meats and tuna fish. Please place your bag in the back of the church. We thank you for helping to feed the poor in our area.

Outdoor Parish Shrines; Memorials and Tributes:

The votive lights burning from **May 17th** through **May 23rd**

Shrine of the Sacred Heart

For the Special Intentions of: Carmen and Richard Kosko; and for Joseph Hugay on the occasion of his birthday.

Shrine of the Madonna & Child

For the Special Intentions of: Father Jeff on the occasion of the 21st anniversary of his Ordination.



Mass Intentions for the Sixth Week of Easter

Monday, May 18: John I, pope & martyr

8:30 am Luisa Compas

Tuesday, May 19:

8:30 am Marthe Nguyen T. Uyen

Wednesday, May 20: Bernardine of Siena, priest

8:30 am Intentions of Khephren Andrews—Surgery

Thursday, May 21:

8:30 am Intentions of Fr. Jeff—21st Anniv of Ordination

Friday, May 22: Rita of Cascia, religious

8:30 am Marian Wahle

Saturday, May 23: Vigil – The Ascension of the Lord

3:30 pm to 4:30pm—Confessions

5:00 pm Intentions of the Donors of the Parish Food Pantry

Sunday, May 24: The Ascension of the Lord

8:00 am Intentions of Ernie Felix—Birthday

9:30 am Pearl Aitcheson

11:30am Intentions of Cynthia Amanyeiwe

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

Karen Adkins; Khephren Andrews; Magdalene Bell; Mary Bittner; Margaret Brooks; Audrey Brown; Father Jim Downs; Lisa Farland; 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:** Fiorello Cicala **†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.**

SCHOOL RAFFLE WINNER

Congratulations to Judy Vaughn of New Carrollton, MD (winner of \$350) as winner AND seller of this week’s ticket!



Written Calendar Party: Chairs of those committees and organizations, which use space in the school or church during the years, are kindly asked to submit requests for any meetings or events taking place from July, 2009 to the end of December 2009 in writing to Carmen Kosko by no later than Friday, June 19th. You may also e-mail Carmen at ckosko@stmatthias.org. **Please make sure your requests have the following information:** contact person or chairperson’s name; a home and work telephone number; event/meeting to be held; time of meeting/event; preference for meeting space/room. Requests will be processed on a first come, first served basis with parish/school business taking priority. You will be notified if there are any conflicts with other groups or organizations once the rough draft of the calendar is completed.



Out of the Mouths of God’s Kids

The CCD teacher asked, “Now, Johnny, tell me, do you say prayers before eating?” Johnny replied, “No Sir, we don’t have to. My Mom is a good cook!!”