



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 last Mass to be celebrated will be at St. Peter's in Waldorf, MD on May 28th at 7:00pm and the celebrant will be Bishop Martin D. Holley. All are welcome. For additional information about the Forward in Faith Mass and Reception schedule, please contact 301-853-5344.

Xtreme Teens Safe Summer: The Department of Parks and Recreation is launching a county-wide initiative called Safe Summer for young people ages 12-24 providing a safe haven after dark. The theme of the Safe Summer program is **Change Starts With Me**. Let your family, friends and neighbors know about Safe Summer and tell them to visit www.PGSafeSummer.com.

Always Our Children: The Cathedral of Saint Matthew the Apostle's Gay and Lesbian Ministry will hold its final confidential support group meeting for the year on Sunday, June 14, 2009 from 3:30-5:15pm in the West Conference Room of the Cathedral. The purpose of this meeting is to share experiences, ask questions, and receive support in a non-judgmental, Christian setting. Parents are especially encouraged to attend. If you can lend a compassionate ear you are also welcome to attend even if you are not gay or lesbian. The purpose of this group is not to change the individual, but to meet them where they are on their journey and offer support. If you have any questions regarding the meeting, please contact Msgr. Ronald Jameson at 202-347-3215 or via email:

Outdoor Parish Shrines, Memorials and Tributes:

The votive lights burning from **May 24th** through **May 30th**

Shrine of the Sacred Heart

For the Special Intentions of: Dennis George.

For the Happy Repose of: Pearl and Stanley Aitcheson; Philomena Chappell; Mary Garner; Manuel Patrick Prieto and Jane Radcliffe .

Shrine of the Madonna & Child

For the Special Intentions of: Father Jerry Gamrot; for Natalie Brace and Kaitlyn DeMaio on the occasion of their Birthdays. For the Happy Repose of: Pearl and Stanley Aitcheson.



Stewardship Report:



Revenue

May 17th:	7,456.31
Faith Direct:	1,565.00
Total Offertory:	9,021.31
Last Year:	8,988.31
Catholic Relief Services:	622.00
Poor Box:	172.00
Every Penny Counts Box:	41.42

Number of Adult Envelopes: 255
Number of Children's Envelopes: 14
Number of Faith Direct donors: 45
Number of Registered Households: 668



- Thank you! Because of your generosity, The Catholic Relief Services Collection will be able to support disaster and emergency relief, refugee resettlement, advocacy, development, and legal services for people in need all around the world. Together, we will restore hope to *Jesus in disguise*, who reminds us that Christ is present in those who suffer—and in those who respond compassionately to their needs.
- **A Stewardship Moment:** Before He ascended into heaven, Jesus instructed His disciples to proclaim the Gospel to all of creation. As stewards of this legacy, we too are called to give witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our words and actions; in how we live and how we treat others. Are we sharing the life of Christ with others in our day-to-day lives? In what ways do we see ourselves proclaiming the Gospel? In what ways can we do better?

~ 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!!!



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

Our Maternal Thanks

Thank You: We would like to thank all of the women who graciously offered to serve in the various ministries during this special Mother's Day liturgy and exhibit the diversity in this parish. **Altar Servers:** Anoucheka Cherisca - Haiti; Catherine Nwosu - Nigeria; Debbie Self - USA; **Lectors:** Sr. Theresa Marie Chau, O.P., - Vietnam; Cynthia Amanyeiwe - Nigeria; **Ushers:** Margaret Fonju - Cameroon; Veronica Ike - Nigeria; Gina Okolo - Nigeria; Doris Onyima - Nigeria; **Gift Bearers:** Natasha Andrews - Trinidad & Tobago; Charity Ezenwa - Nigeria; Angie Ingram - USA; **Prayers of the Faithful:** Trinidad & Tobago - Sybil Wilson; Vietnamese - Sr. Martina Lai, O.P.; Nigerian - Catherine Nwokefor; French - Sabar Massouop; Philipino - Christina Buan; Cameroonian - Thecla Nkemateh; German - Hildegard Jorgensen; USA - Zita Givens; **Offertory Procession Organizers:** Donna Moore - USA; Charity Ezeani - Nigeria.

Other Items of Note

Food Drive: Due to the kindness and generosity of Saint Matthias parishioners, we have replenished our pantry shelves which will go a long way in helping the needy of our local area. The Ladies of Charity would like to express their heartfelt thanks to all who helped by bringing in bags of groceries!

Forty-second Annual Memorial Day Mass: The Most Rev. Barry C. Knestout will celebrate Mass at Resurrection Cemetery on Monday, May 25th at 10:00am. In the event of inclement weather, the Mass will be held under a tent. For information, please call Resurrection Cemetery at 301-868-5141 or for information on other Catholic Cemeteries visit www.ccaw.org.

SOME 40th Anniversary Inaugural Concert: Please join SOME (So Others Might Eat) as it commemorates 40 years of service to the homeless and poor in Washington, DC, with a special benefit concert at the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine on Wednesday, July 1 at 7:30 p.m. The renowned Georgetown Chorale will lead a choir of 100 voices in a performance of Henry Mollicone's moving *Beatitude Mass (for the homeless)* and selections from *Les Misérables*. Weaving interviews with homeless women and men into pieces of Masses, the moving words and music of the *Beatitude Mass* convey the struggles and hopes of the homeless women and men that inspired composer Henry Mollicone's dramatic piece. Mr. Mollicone apprenticed under Leonard Bernstein and has been lauded by the *Washington Post* as "one of the most distinctive American opera composers." Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children and students and are available at www.georgetownchorale.org. Concert proceeds will help SOME to continue to feed, clothe and serve the most vulnerable members of our community in these most difficult economic times. Learn more at www.some.org.

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 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.



Mass Intentions for the Seventh Week of Easter

Monday, May 25: Bede the Venerable, priest & doctor
Note: Rectory & School Offices closed for Memorial Day
 8:30 am Henry Len
Tuesday, May 26: Philip Neri, priest
 8:30 am Helen Jacik
Wednesday, May 27: Augustine of Canterbury, bishop
 8:30 am Virginia Craig
Thursday, May 28:
 8:30 am Manuel Patrick Prieto
Friday, May 29:
 8:30 am Maria Mu Tuony
Saturday, May 30: Vigil – The Solemnity of Pentecost
3:30 pm to 4:30pm—Confessions
 5:00 pm Charlotte Daly
Sunday, May 31: The Solemnity of Pentecost
 8:00 am Rev. Msgr. William F. O'Donnell
 9:30 am Intentions of Ngozi Ihegbe
 11:30am Intentions of Ulrich & Nkengafac Alemkang

Please Pray for: †The Sick and Homebound In Our Parish: Karen Adkins; Khephren Andrews; Magdalene Bell; Mary Bittner; Margaret Brooks; Lisa Farland; Dennis George; Helen Guditis; Charles Henry; Lena Jacobs; Ray Krok; Joe Makowski; Willie (Bill) Moore; Peter O'Neill; Joe & Irene Pezzuti; Bill Pinchback; Rohland Reich; Molly & Marshall Sashkin; Joe Sico; Margaret Tolzman; Anita Topnick; Margaret Zanin **†For the Deceased:** Frank Vitale **†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 ext 201.**

Carroll's Spring Benefit: Archbishop Carroll High School is hosting its 17th Annual Spring Benefit and Hall of Honor Inductions at the Kennedy Center on Tuesday, June 9, 2009 from 6:00-9:00pm. Tickets are available by calling Ms. Dana Peters at 202-529-1193. This year Carroll will welcome Dr. Lawrence Smith, '55 and Father John Mudd, '61 into the school's Hall of Honor. Bishop Martin Holley and Bishop Francisco González, will also be given special awards for their pastoral service and leadership at Archbishop Carroll.

Wanted: We are in need of a school nurse for the 2009-10 school year. Please contact Mrs. Wilson at 301-577-9412.

SCHOOL RAFFLE WINNER

Congratulations to Janice Brown of Gaithersburg, MD (winner of \$350) as winner AND seller of this week's ticket!



Life after Death:

The boss asked one of his employees, "Do you believe in life after death?" The new employee replied, "Yes, Sir." The boss went on, "Well, then, that makes everything just fine. After you left early yesterday to go to your Grandmother's funeral, she stopped in to see you!!"

