

✠ From The Pastor ✠

✠ Golden Jubilee Weekend Set ✠

Saturday, June 19th and Sunday, June 20th 2010

Our Theme for the Jubilee Year:

1960 ~ Golden Jubilee Year ~ 2010

Saint Matthias the Apostle Church + Lanham, Maryland

✠ Honor Our Past ✠

✠ Celebrate the Present ✠

✠ Commit to Our Future ✠

I received a response from my recent letter to Archbishop Wuerl (published a few weeks ago in our bulletin) regarding my request for him to be the Principal Celebrant and Homilist for our Golden Jubilee celebration in June of next year. He has asked to come on Saturday evening, June 19th at our 5:00 PM Vigil Mass to be the Principal Celebrant and Homilist for the Golden Jubilee of our parish's establishment. With this confirmation, we now have a focal point for our upcoming Jubilee Year celebration. On Sunday, June 20th at 9:30 AM, we will celebrate the Fiftieth Anniversary of the parish with (tentative) plans for a parish cook-out and festival that same afternoon on the back playing field. I ask all parish organizations and ministries to kindly not schedule any other events or meetings for that weekend so that our efforts and planning can focus on making this a true parish-based family celebration of all that we have accomplished through God's abundant grace and guidance. Our celebration will also help us to inaugurate the next phase of our parish's life as we venture forth into the next fifty years that will culminate with a centennial celebration in the year 2060 AD.

My hope in the coming weeks is to formally establish a group of energetic, hard working parishioners who will make up the committee's core. Several have approached me with a genuine desire to serve the parish in this capacity, and I hope others who may be interested will continue to seek to be included in this great labor of love. Members of this committee will have many long hours to work putting together such a grand and noteworthy celebration. We will formally begin our Jubilee Year on Christmas Eve of this year and bring it to closure on Christmas Eve of 2010 AD.

Currently, I am searching for a talented and organized person or persons who would be willing to dedicate themselves to review and order our parish archival documents; labeling parish historical photos by date and pertinent information and placing them into acid free albums. Do you have photographs of the church and school structures being built? Photos of special events in our first fifty years? Pictures of notable parishioners? I would very much like to ask you to search your photo albums for St. Matthias memorabilia of any sort and a) consider donating it to our parish archives or b) lending it to us for a brief period so that copies can be made. Speaking of photographs...as part of our Jubilee Year celebration we are planning a new pictorial directory of the parish and its members. Many of you may recall we did one some seven years ago; the first of its kind in our parish history. Parish groups and organization that desire to be represented or serve in some capacity during the Jubilee Festival should write to me so that I can be certain to invite a member of your organization to serve in advisory capacity. Mark that 2010 calendar today...come join us in celebrating a noble past and rededicating our efforts toward the success of our future!



Countdown to the Golden Jubilee
50th Anniversary
1960 ~ 2010
329 Days



Stewardship Report:
Revenue



July 19 th :	6,833.85
Faith Direct:	1,597.75
Total Offortory:	8,431.60
Last Year:	10,363.50
Poor Box:	141.00
Every Penny Counts Box:	87.93

Some of our Recent Expenditures: School Technology, \$2,262.00; Organ maintenance, \$304.00; Baltimore Gas & Electric, \$4,987.39; Trash Collection, \$506.00 per mo; Verizon, \$604.24; Supplies for Worship, \$1,808.13.

Number of Adult Envelopes: 199
Number of Children's Envelopes: 11
Number of Faith Direct donors: 45
Number of Registered Households: 668



- **Collection for the Church in Latin America:** The second collection today helps fellow Catholics in Latin America and the Caribbean who are rich in spirit, but lacking in material resources, to participate more fully in the life of the Church. Collection proceeds support training for seminarians and religious men and women; pastoral care of the sick; formation for lay leaders; family and youth ministries; and religious education for all age groups. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/latinamerica. Please contribute generously.
- **Building Maintenance:** Our second collection next 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.
- **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 serve 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 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.
- **A Stewardship Moment:** The story of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes is a familiar one, and has many lessons, not least of which is how our willingness to share who we are and what we have - exercising good stewardship - releases God's power and bountifulness on the world and its people. Do we realize that there is enough for all if we are willing to share? Are we aware that God is at work when we share our time, our money, and our other resources in His Name?

Faith Formation:

Faith Formation Registration: This is a reminder that **ALL STUDENTS must be registered** before they can be placed in a class. Registration forms were mailed home the first week of June. If you did not receive your copy, do stop by the office during regular hours to pick up one. You may also pick up a copy from the pamphlet rack in the back of the church. If you are new to the parish, make sure to fill out a Parish Registration Form as well as the Faith Formation Registration Form. **Don't forget beginning August 1, there will be a late charge of \$25.00 per family.**

First Communion Photos and DVDs: The photos and DVDs are in, so if you ordered copies, please stop by the office to pick them up.

Me, a Catechist? The Archdiocese of Washington requires two adults in each "classroom", thus we are always in need of catechists. Life happens and at times despite our best intentions, we may not be able to make it to class ... having two adults per class helps a great deal. Yes, it is time-consuming and at times challenging but have you considered the benefits you will reap from sharing the Word of God with our young parishioners? Do consider giving back to God who has been so gracious to you. Remember, no one gives more than God. Right now we have one adult per class so we do need help. You do not have to teach right away, you can actually be an observer for several months till you feel comfortable to teach. If we want our children to be fully equipped with the Word of God as they make major decisions in the future, then **it is our collective responsibility** to at least ensure that they know the Catholic Faith. Out of all 14 catechists, only two have their children in the program. You can help us to help your children better by partnering with us.

Baptism: Parents must be registered parishioners and must also register with the Office for Faith Formation before the Baptism preparatory seminar. If in doubt call the office at 301-459-4814 x 205. The next set of Baptisms will be held in September if parents have fulfilled the requirements.

RCIA –WELCOME BACK HOME!! Are you or someone else you know interested in becoming Catholic or simply learning more about the Catholic faith? The Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is tailored to address such needs. A few people have already inquired. Classes are held on Tuesday evenings from 7:00pm to 8:15pm in the School Faculty Lounge. We will have our first session on Tuesday, September 22. Please call the office at 301-459-4814 x 205 ahead of time to register.

Young Adult Ministry: Have you checked us out on Facebook? Yes, Facebook! Log on and find out all the "happenings" around our Washington DC region.

Items of Note

Please take note: All parish organizations should be aware that Friendship Hall will be unavailable for use for 2 weeks starting August 1st through August 15th so that maintenance crews can clean, strip and wax the floors. NO ACTIVITIES will be scheduled during those 2 weeks. We regret any inconvenience. Please contact Jef in the rectory if you have any questions.

CYO Athletics: 2009 Fall Soccer sign-ups are online now. Fall soccer for 3rd through 8th grade students will begin late August 2009. K through 2nd grade intramural soccer will begin after school starts in September. Decisions on Fall 2009 teams will be made based on sign-ups. Right now, we do not have enough players to field any 3rd—8th grade teams. Register now at www.stmatthiascyo.org! All students returning for the 2009-10 school year should **register with the Archdiocese of Washington CYO** at www.washcyosignup.com.

Take Pride in Your Parish: 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, and as you leave the church, help ushers place kneelers in an upright position, remove papers and place hymnals back in their 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!

School Registration: There are still limited openings for the 2009 school year for grades 1 - 7. Inquiries may be made by calling the school office at (301) 577-9412.

SCHOOL RAFFLE WINNER

Congratulations to **Bobby and Janice Enoch** of Springdale, Maryland (winner of \$300) and (\$50.00 as seller) of this week's ticket!



Mass Intentions Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, July 27:

8:30 am Andres De La Cruz

Tuesday, July 28:

8:30 am Corazon Biljera

Wednesday, July 29: Martha

8:30 am Margaret Talzman

Thursday, July 30: Peter Chysologus, bishop & doctor

8:30 am Anna Marie Juanitez

Friday, July 31: Ignatius of Loyola, priest

8:30 am Alfredo and Engracia Felix

Saturday, August 1: Alphonsus Liguori, bishop & dr.

3:30 pm to 4:30pm—Confessions

Vigil – Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Susie Martinez

Sunday, August 2: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Intentions of Frank Vitale

9:30 am Intentions of Samantha Barahona

11:30 am This Mass has been canceled for the summer.

Please pray for: ♦The Sick and Homebound In Our

Parish: Stephen Adamczyk; Ann Benson; Mary Bittner; Margaret Brooks; Audrey Brown; Alice Campbell; Eleanor DeMarco; Elizabeth Drako; Paul Gambrell; Helen Guditis; ; Charles Henry; Lena Jacobs; Charles Jones; Tyler Johnson; Elizabeth Kin; Ray Krok; Zelmer LaFavers; Elizabeth Lancon; Joe Makowski; Willie (Bill) Moore; Rosemarie Narvozzi; Peter O'Neill; Joe & Irene Pezzuti; Bill Pinchback; Rohland Reich; Sam Spell; Teresa Staronka; Joe Sico; James Wills; **may God's healing grace be theirs.** ♦**For Our Military Serving in Iraq:** James Kodak; Gerard Johnson, **protect them all from harm.** ♦**For the Deceased:** Cheryl Aitcheson; Gertrude J. Monaco; Helen Okolo; **may they rest in peace.** Names will be placed on our prayer list for three weeks. To add a name or to request continuing prayers, please contact Jef McConnell by phone at 301-459-4814 ext 201 or by email at

Outdoor Parish Shrines; Memorials and Tributes:

The votive lights burning from **July 26th** through August 1st

Shrine of the Sacred Heart

For the Special Intentions of: The Ferrara Family;
For the Special Intentions of: Ferris (Bo) George, Sr.

Shrine of the Madonna & Child

For the Intentions of: Dennis George.

A Precious Moment:



A father was at the beach with his children when his four-year old son ran up to him, grabbed his hand, and led him to the shore, where a seagull lay dead in the sand. 'Daddy, what happened to him his son asked. 'He died and went to Heaven,' the dad replied. The boy thought a moment and then said, 'Did God throw him back down?'