

## *A Letter From the Archbishop of Washington*

Dear Father Defayette,

To you, your staff and the entire Saint Matthias the Apostle Parish community I offer my sincere appreciation for your generous response to the 2008 Archbishop's Appeal. Your efforts have resulted in reaching and exceeding your parish goal of \$58,298 for this year's Appeal. I have been informed that, as of July 16, 2008, 316 pledges in the amount of \$64,103 have been received. Thank you!

The Saint Matthias the Apostle Parish family's recognition of the needs of others throughout the Church of Washington is inspiring. The kindness that has been expressed significantly helps the archdiocese to continue to provide services to the archdiocesan community by providing pastoral, spiritual, educational and social service ministries.

The support that has been shown by your parishioners through their pledges to the 2008 Archbishop's Appeal is a blessing. I would like to recognize the staff and other volunteers who supported the effort by sharing their time and talent to ensure the success of the Appeal. I am equally grateful to the parishioners who made a monetary contribution to the campaign.

In his homily to all of us on the occasion of Mass at Washington Nationals Park on Thursday April 17, our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, reminded us, "Those who have hope must live different lives! By your prayers, by the witness of your faith, by the fruitfulness of your charity, may you point the way towards that vast horizon of hope which God is even now opening up to his Church." Your generosity makes possible the fruitfulness of the ministry in the archdiocese and renews in all of us hope for the future.

With gratitude for your goodness and with a pledge of continued prayers for you and the Saint Matthias the Apostle Parish family, I am

Faithfully in Christ,  
Donald Weurl  
Archbishop of Washington

The LORD is my  
and my LIGHT  
SALVATION

PSALM 27:1

ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL 2008



## Stewardship Report:

### Revenue



<b>July 28:</b>	<b>7,059.00</b>
<b>Faith Direct:</b>	<b>1,286.25</b>
<b>Total Offertory:</b>	<b>8,345.25</b>
<b>Last Year:</b>	<b>9,756.50</b>
<b>Poor Box:</b>	<b>167.89</b>
<b>Every Penny Counts Box:</b>	<b>135.42</b>

Number of Adult Envelopes: 210  
Number of Children's Envelopes: 7  
Number of Faith Direct donors: 34  
Number of Registered Households: 625

**Parish Electrical Bill:** The parish also feels the effect of the current economic hardships felt by our parishioners. Our current BGE bill is for \$11,052.23. This is but one of the bills your weekly offertory contribution helps to pay for our parish.

**Second Collection:** Our second collection **this week** will be for the regular **Building and Maintenance Fund**.

**Summer Stewardship:** Please remember that your parish counts on your weekly sacrifice of treasure, joyfully given to the Lord in gratitude, and that treasure is needed even when you're away from us on vacation. Please remember to mail your offertory envelope to the rectory before you go away on a well-deserved holiday or drop it in the collection basket the week before you leave. Thank you for being a faithful steward!

**Did you know?:** Our parish has more than 600 registered families in our database. Each Sunday we have *less than half* of those families coming to Mass and using their weekly offertory envelopes to give a gift to the Lord in joyful return for all the blessings He bestows in our lives! If you are among the missing half of our parishioners, we hope to see you soon! Your weekly sacrifice of treasure is vital to the missions of the church and our ability to help those in need, especially during this time of economic hardship which affects so many families. Please join your parish family at Mass this week and make a difference!



## Votive Lights

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



### Shrine of the Sacred Heart

**For the Special Intentions of:**  
Christopher Kin & Matthew Kin

### Shrine of the Madonna & Child:

**For the Special Intentions of:**  
Rosemary Ferrara on the occasion of her birthday  
Christopher Kin & Matthew Kin



**PLEASE TAKE NOTE:**

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Holy Day of Obligation for all Catholics!**

This holy day falls on **Friday August 15th**.

The Mass schedule at St. Matthias will be **7:30am** (this replaces the usual 8:30am Mass),  
**Noon** and **7:30pm**

**Other Items of Note:**

**Adult Altar Server Training:** If you are at least 18 years of age and interested in altar serving, we welcome you to join us in our training classes! Classes are scheduled for August 19 through August 21 from 7pm until 8:30pm in the church. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Cynthia Faust at 301-464-1799.

**Recycling Makes a Difference:** Please remember to help beautify the environment and save a tree or two along the way by recycling the paper products of your home. You also end up helping our school raise a little extra money for your efforts. About a year ago we signed up to have a special dumpster on our parish property to collect waste paper for recycling. The dumpster for waste paper is located in the rear parking lot next to the storage sheds. It is bright yellow and green and marked clearly **“for paper only”!** You may drop off your paper recycling products anytime...***we accept newspapers, scrap paper and mail; magazines, small catalogs, junk mail, and the like.*** We **DO NOT accept the following: NO CARDBOARD; NO PHONE BOOKS, NO PLASTIC BAGS OR DEBRIS (use a PA-PER bag to place your waste paper in for drop off!)**. Amazingly between the rectory and school alone we collected nearly 25 tons of waste paper since last year. Join us in being faithful stewards of creation by recycling instead of throwing things away. It’s easy and it helps save the planet for our children and it helps us to educate them right now. Make a difference by pitching in! Start your own home recycling bin today!

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE:** All parish organizations should be aware that Friendship Hall will be unavailable for use during the entire month of August so that maintenance crews can clean, strip and wax the floors. NO ACTIVITIES will be scheduled during August for the space and any previously scheduled activities are CANCELLED. We regret any inconvenience. Please contact Tara in the rectory if you have any questions.

**Food Pantry Donations:** Please remember the less fortunate people in our community this summer by donating to our Parish Food Pantry. The pantry runs low during the summer months although the number of families in need has recently increased. Non-perishable food items such as pasta, rice, cereal, crackers, peanut butter and canned items such as soups, vegetables, meats and fruits are needed. Items can be dropped off at any time at the rectory during normal business hours.

**St. Matthias School Raffle 2008**

**For the July 28th Drawing:**  
Winner & Seller ~ The Abell Family  
Of Glenn Dale, MD



**Mass Intentions for the  
Eighteenth Week in  
Ordinary Time**

**Monday, August 4: John Mary Vianney, priest**

8:30 am Rita Walters

**Tuesday, August 5**

8:30 am Robert Smith

**Wednesday, August 6: Transfiguration of the Lord**

8:30 am Rosario “Charito” Beal

**Thursday, August 7: Sixtus II, pope, martyr**

8:30 am Joseph Flannick

**Friday, August 8: Dominic, priest**

8:30 am Joey P. Manlapaz (living)

**Saturday, Aug 9: Vigil– Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**3:30 pm to 4:30pm—Confessions**

5:00 pm Anthony & Stephanie Bello (lvg– anniv)

**Sunday, Aug 10: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 am Lydia Fernandez

9:30 am Olivia Sweeney

11:30am Baterno Garcia

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

Virgie Azarcon; Barbara Brink; Linda Bryans; Fidel dela Cuesta; Lisa Cuthbert; Eleanor DeMarco; Lisa Farland; Karen Fisher; Jose Guevara; Joseph Harrison; Robert Hoke; Anne Mbimi Ifouini; Charles Jones; Paula Kelly; Robyn Kirby; Nancy Maimone; Albertine Mandzo; Luke Martellotti; Bob Martin; Willie (Bill) Moore; Bernadette Murphy; Larry Murphy; Rosemarie Nardozzi; David Obi; Peter O’Neill; Thomas Opalski; Joseph Otero; Evelyn Pierce; John Rampono; Jose Ocasio Rodriguez; Joe Sico; Marian C. Wahle; Judy Widdis; Jean Zanin; Ryan Zawada **†For Our Military Serving in Afghanistan or Iraq:** Spc. Michael J. Chiddo; Ryan A. Morgan **†Names will be placed on our prayer list for three weeks. To add a name or to request continuing prayers, call Tara Guevara at 301-459-4814 or email [tguevara@stmatthias.org](mailto:tguevara@stmatthias.org).**

**Faith Formation:**

**Young Adult Ministry:** Are you just getting out of college and not sure what the Church has for you? Or are you working, and in the bracket we call Young Adult and find no place within the Church? Well, something new is happening here at St. Matthias through the power of the Holy Spirit.

A group of young adults will to get together to discuss things pertaining to their faith and other aspects of life. Why not come and find out what all this is about? There will be a brief meeting after the 9:30 a.m. Mass on August 17<sup>th</sup> in the school library. Be sure to stop over and be properly informed. Our faith matters. Let us make it come alive!

Any questions? Please contact Dorothy Mensah-Aggrey in the rectory office at 301-459-4814 x 205