

## Introducing Our New Seminarian!

Please join with me in extending a warm St. Matthias welcome to the newest member of our parish, our Seminarian, Jared Suire. Jared has prepared a short biography to introduce himself to our parish family:

Jared Suire is a seminarian studying for the Diocese of Lafayette, Louisiana. He attended the public school system there and graduated in 1997. He became more active in his faith life during high school after attending the March for Life in DC. During this trip he became more convinced of God's true presence in the Eucharist and the need to be involved in the pro-life cause.

Jared attended the University of Louisiana at Lafayette earning a Bachelor of Science in psychology in 2001. There he became familiar with the Newman Club (a Catholic student organization on campus), and he started involvement with mission trips, chaperoning retreats, lecturing, being an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, and attending daily Mass. He completed a Master's degree in psychology in 2003 after finishing a thesis on Alcoholics Anonymous (a spiritual/psychological program). The thought of priesthood came to him every now and then during his graduate studies. After grad school he worked for a brief stint administering psychological tests and assessing client behavior.

Jared felt a need to discern whether or not God was calling him to priesthood, so he entered the seminary in 2004, and has since completed his philosophy studies at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans. Currently he is in his third year of theology studies at Catholic University. He has had several pastoral assignments in Louisiana, in addition to ministering at Children's Hospital in DC. He hopes to combine his interests in religion, psychology, legislative advocacy, and teaching as a priest.

### *Saint Matthias Fall Festival & Flea Market*

Saturday October 11th, 2008  
9:00am - 2:00pm  
Church parking lot and grounds

#### *Festival Fun*

Games, Crafts, Food, BBQ, Square Dancing & More!

#### *Flea Market*

Vendors Welcome! \$25 fee per space, registration required  
Please donate your new and gently used items  
to benefit our church and school...  
please see bulletin insert for full details!

#### **For Information, please contact one of the following:**

Misty Oratokhai at 410-286-0396; Vicky Rookard at 301-537-9086  
Darla Gepert at 301-758-7717; Rosalind Boyer Bernard at 301-805-9283



## Stewardship Report:

### Revenue



<b>September 14:</b>	<b>9,107.20</b>
<b>Faith Direct:</b>	<b>1,321.25</b>
<b>Total Offertory:</b>	<b>10,428.45</b>
<b>Last Year:</b>	<b>12,775.56</b>
<b>Poor Box:</b>	<b>150.00</b>
<b>Every Penny Counts Box:</b>	<b>51.97</b>

Number of Adult Envelopes: 247  
Number of Children's Envelopes: 8  
Number of Faith Direct donors: 36  
Number of Registered Households: 620

**Second Collection:** Our second collection next week will be for the **Church in Africa**.



#### **Did you receive your offertory envelopes for October, November & December?**

Quarterly offertory envelopes should have arrived in your mailbox! If you did not receive your envelopes, please contact Tara in the rectory at 301-459-4814 or email her at [tguevara@stmatthias.org](mailto:tguevara@stmatthias.org) Also, don't forget to sign up for **FAITH DIRECT!** It is an easy way to make your offertory contributions and support our parish! For information and forms, please contact Tara in the rectory.



#### **A Special Thank You To the Men of the African**

**Community:** These generous men collected **\$750** during their annual Father's Day celebration! This money is donated to our parish as an expression of gratitude to God and traditionally used to purchase the sacramental wine used at our Masses throughout much of the year! **God bless them abundantly for their generosity!**



**Every Penny Counts:** Donate your loose change to the "Every Penny Counts" Box which provides funding for the annual Father E. Albert Hughes Scholarship awards. These scholarship awards are given in the form of tuition assistance to deserving children and youth from our parish enrolled at St. Matthias School or a Catholic High School of the Archdiocese of Washington. Together our pennies, nickels, and dimes can make a difference by assisting someone in need with a Catholic education!



### Votive Lights

Sunday, September 21st through  
Saturday, September 27th:

#### Shrine of the Sacred Heart

#### **For the Special Intentions of:**

M/M Phil Ferrara; Madeline White; Anna Marie Zatorski  
Bill & Donna Moore on the occasion of their Wedding Anniversary

#### Shrine of the Madonna & Child:

#### **For the Special Intentions of:**

Lena Jacobs on the occasion of her birthday  
Carole Anne New on the occasion of her birthday

#### **For the Happy Repose of:**

Maria Ibaldo



## *Faith Formation:*

**Classes Begin!!** Faith Formation classes begin tomorrow, Monday, September 22 at 6:30pm in Friendship Hall. If you have a child 5 years and above who is not in Catholic School, they need to attend Faith Formation classes.

**RCIA:** Classes will begin on Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm in the School library. If you are Catholic and not sure of doctrinal issues, or just want to learn more of your faith RCIA will answer most of your questions. Do you have a non-Catholic family member or friend seeking the truth? Ask them to check out RCIA.

**Young Adult Ministry:** Our sessions will begin on Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm in the faculty lounge. Young Adult Ministry (YAM) is for college age students and those just out of college who seek to deepen their faith. Come and see how good the Lord is!

**Christian Morality Course:** One of the Hearts Aflame core courses for Catechist and Religion Teacher certification is in progress. We will meet in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade classroom for the next two Saturdays: September 27<sup>th</sup> and October 4<sup>th</sup>. The topics are interestingly tied to issues that many Catholics battle with: what is sin? Human sexuality? When is sin mortal? And how about the dreaded “A” word, abortion? Parishioners are welcome to sit in listen to the teachings of the Church regarding moral issues or join the rather animated and lively discussions.

**Baptism:** Families must be registered members of St. Matthias the Apostle for a period of six months before any sacraments will be administered especially that of Baptism. It is the responsibility of parents and not the Church to ensure this requirement. As a parent you owe it to your child to practice the faith you profess and not just to come in when you need another mark on your “faith report card”.

## *Youth News:*

**Youth Group Begins:** We officially start Friday September 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in Friendship Hall! Are you between the ages of 14 and 17 and looking for something new, fun and different? Then Youth Group is for you! Parents please encourage your teens to be a part of this wonderful organization. We hope to see you there!

**Youth Concert Correction & Updates:** Youth Group will sponsor a concert on **November 23<sup>rd</sup>** titled **“An Evening of Thanksgiving and Praise.”** All rehearsals will take place in the church on Sundays from 3:00 to 4:30pm. Rehearsal dates are September 28<sup>th</sup>, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and November 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. The concert will feature various in house and guest choirs and dance ministries. Our guest director is Mr. George Stewart, a Howard University Music Major Graduate. Teens and Young Adults, if you have something to be thankful for then come join us. It is said that when you sing you are praying twice! Contact Mrs. Moore 301-459-4814 at ext 204 or Mrs. Zita Givens 301-451-8394.



## *Mass Intentions for the Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time*

### Monday, September 22:

8:30 am Virginia Craig

### Tuesday, September 23: Pio of Pietrelcina, Priest

8:30 am John Huber

### Wednesday, September 24:

8:30 am Lena Jacobs (living– birthday)

### Thursday, September 25:

8:30 am Carole Anne New (living)

### Friday, September 26: Cosmas & Damian, martyrs

8:30 am Joseph Dziduch

### Sat., Sept 27: Vigil – Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**3:30 pm to 4:30pm—Confessions**

5:00 pm Martha Dosh

### Sunday, Sept 28: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Family of Mary Friend (Living)

9:30 am Caroline Curran

11:30am Bill & Donna Moore (living– special intentions)

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

Phil Ates; Virgie Azarcon; Barbara Brink; Audrey Brown; Linda Bryans; Fidel dela Cuesta; Eleanor DeMarco; Rosita Dietrich; Jerry Edwards; Lisa Farland; Karen Fisher; Joseph Harrison; Charles Henry; Robert Hoke; Lena Jacobs; Anne Mbimi Ifouini; Charles Jones; Paula Kelly; Robyn Kirby; Laura Elaine Kiessling; Nancy Maimone; Joe Makowski; Albertine Mandzo; Luke Martellotti; Bob Martin; Willie (Bill) Moore; Bernadette Murphy; Larry Murphy; Rosemarie Nardozi; David Obi; Peter O’Neill; Thomas Opalski; Joseph Otero; Alice Parker; Dawn Pearson; Evelyn Pierce; Jose Ocasio Rodriguez; Joe Sico; Walter Stewart; Jean Zanin; Ryan Zawada  
**†For Our Military Serving in Afghanistan or Iraq:** Spc. Michael J. Chiddo  
**†For Our Deceased:** Betty Ann Mills; Deacon Jerry Tintle; Barbara Engle; Randall Rushford  
**†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).**

## *Other Items of Note:*

**Music Ministry:** All singers are welcome to join our choirs! No experience is necessary and we have many musical choirs to choose from. Instrumentalists are encouraged to contact Regina Loffredo.

- Traditional Choir, contact Regina Loffredo at 301-464-9193– rehearsals begin on Wednesday September 24<sup>th</sup> in the church
- Youth Choir, contact Regina Loffredo at 301-464-9193– rehearsals begin on Thursday October 2<sup>nd</sup> in Friendship Hall
- Filipino Choir, contact Nenita Richardson at 301-464-3137
- African Choir, contact Dorothy Mensah-Aggrey at 301-459-4814

**October Parish Food Drive:** The Ladies of Charity would like you to watch for information about their upcoming October Parish Food Drive. The LOC operates our Parish Food Pantry which provides bags of wholesome, non-perishable foods each Friday from 9am until 12pm to needy families in our community. We need your help to keep our shelves stacked in order to help those less fortunate member of our community. Please assist us in continuing this vital community service!