

Faith Formation:

Classes Have Begun! This is a truly busy and blessed time of the year for us as we launch the beginning of our Faith Formation programs! We are pleased to see growth this year and hope that all members of our parish will utilize the classes we offer not only to help build up the faith of our youth and newcomers, but to participate in our programs as well. Come learn more about our Catholic Faith, introduce a new person to our church or become a catechist and give of your time and talent to those seeking to know more about Christ. For information, please contact Dorothy Mensah-Aggrey, Director of Faith Formation at 301-459-4814 ext. 205

Youth News:

The Archdiocese of Washington’s CD (Chastity Day) 2008: Our teens will attend Chastity Day on Sunday October 19th at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. There will be a breakfast in Friendship Hall prior to departure. Come listen to teen witnesses and hear answers to the questions most frequently asked by youth. Parents, if you find it difficult to discuss, or don’t have the time to discuss Chastity, then this is a **MUST** for you and your family! A donation of \$2.00 per person is needed to offset program cost. Parents will be needed to help transport teens. We will have rehearsal for our upcoming concert at Our Lady of Perpetual Help immediately afterwards. Please contact Mrs. Moore at 301-459-4814 –ext 204 for more information or to attend this trip!

Other Items of Note:

CYO News: St. Matthias is now registering children in kindergarten through 8th grades for basketball. Please see our website at www.stmatthiascyo.org for more information or to sign up!

Leisure Club Road Trip: The St. Matthias Leisure Club is sponsoring a bus trip to Midway Slots in Harrington, Delaware on **October 30th**. The bus will leave the church parking lot at 9:30am and return by 5:00pm. The cost is \$24 per person and the casino gives a \$15 play credit upon arrival. For more information to reserve your place for the trip, please call Duke Sczuka at 301-577-3916.

Welcome New Choir Members! Please join us for one of 4 choirs offered here at St. Matthias. We have the Youth Choir, Traditional Choir, African Choir & Filipino Choir to join! Please contact the Parish Musical Director, Regina Loffredo, at 301-464-9193 for additional information. If you have an instrumental talent to share, please let us know!

Volunteers Wanted! Our parish school is seeking adult volunteers to work with teacher and children in the classroom and to assist with light administrative work. Child protection compliance is required. If you have a few hours to spare each week to help our school continue to provide a quality Catholic education to our students, please contact Pat Wilson at 301-577-9412.

Votive Lights: at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart and the Blessed Mother will be available only through November. If you would like a candle burned in honor of, in memory of, for the intentions of, or happy repose of someone, please schedule your request in the rectory.

Current Parishioners: Do you have a new member in your family? Have you changed addresses? If so, please send your updates to the rectory. You may use the Parish Registration Form for your convenience. We have had a noticeable increase in the amount of returned mail. We need your current information for our Parish Census reports and to ensure you receive important parish mailings!



Mass Intentions for the Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, October 13: COLUMBUS DAY



School & Rectory CLOSED
NO Faith Formation
8:30 am Alphonse T. Migneco

Tuesday, October 14: Callistus I, pope, martyr

8:30 am Alice Ballard

Wednesday, October 15: Theresa of Jesus, virgin, doctor

8:30 am Father E. Albert Hughes, Founding Pastor

Thursday, October 16: Hegwig, religious

8:30 am Margaret Donohue

Friday, October 17: Ignatius of Antioch, bishop, martyr

8:30 am Leo Guevara (Living, Birthday)

Sat., Oct 18: Vigil – Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:30 pm to 4:30pm—Confessions

5:00 pm Robert Bello

Sunday, Oct 19: Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Karen Dix

9:30 am Caroline Curran

11:30am Pamela, Margaret, Caroline and Roselyn & Ruth Fonju (living, for blessings received)

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; Francis Greenfield; Joseph Harrison; Charles Henry; Lena Jacobs; Anne Mbimi Ifouini; Charles Jones; Rev. Patrick Keeny; Paula Kelly; Robyn Kirby; Laura Elaine Kiessler; Nancy Maimone; Joe Makowski; Albertine Mandzo; Luke Martellotti; Bob Martin; Willie (Bill) Moore; Bernadette Murphy; Larry Murphy; Rosemarie Nardozzi; 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: Jose A. Guevara

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.



Food Drive to Benefit the St. Matthias Food Pantry



October is the month traditionally chosen for the **annual food drive** sponsored by the Ladies of Charity to support our parish food pantry. Two weeks ago, a full page bulletin insert announced to the parish the needs of the food pantry. **PLEASE support our program to help the needy of our community by donating a bag or two of non-perishable food items to our pantry.** At this time of year, our food supplies run dangerously low and jeopardize our ability to meet the most basic food requirements of those in our community who are the most needy. Bags can be dropped off in the back of the church after Mass or at the rectory during regular business hours. Your generosity is most appreciated.