



Ladies of Charity of Saint Matthias The Apostle Church Lanham, MD

"Service is the rent we pay to be living.
It is the very purpose of life and not something you do in your spare time."

Marian Wright Edelman

Dear Parishioners:

We hope that you had a blessed summer! We are so blessed to have you all as fellow parishioners, and we want to say a special "THANK YOU" for supporting our food pantry. We asked, and you gave so willingly this summer when our pantry was low. Each week, volunteers from the Ladies of Charity (LOC) pack grocery bags to distribute the food that you donate to the needy in our area.

Also, because of your support with our various fundraising activities like the Missal and Christmas card sales, we were able to make a contribution to Peru's earthquake disaster victims.

This spring and summer was a busy and fulfilling one for the LOC. We started with the Mother and Daughter Mass & Communion Breakfast on May 6. Mothers, daughters, and other important females in their lives got together in a loving and memorable way to celebrate Mass together followed by a lovely breakfast in the church hall. Our speaker, Anne Ballenger, encouraged our young ladies of Elementary thru High School age to join the Junior LOC. Carmen Kosko and Nwaneka Onuaku received "Women of the Year" awards. It was a lovely event.

In June, several LOC members hosted a birthday party for the residents of Sacred Heart Home in Hyattsville, Maryland, and we gave gifts to the birthday celebrants. The residents were treated to ice cream, drinks, and sugar-free cakes provided by the LOC. The event featured a piano player who entertained us during the party.

The LOC continues to make a difference by volunteering. We welcomed four Vietnamese Dominican Sisters (Sr. Marie Therese, OP; Sr. Martina, OP; Sr. Teresa, OP; and Sr. Theresa Marie, OP) by preparing the St. Matthias Convent for their arrival. We cleaned and decorated the bedrooms and bathrooms, as well as the dining and living room areas. Sister Ann, who until just recently was the only nun at the Convent, graciously served us lunch for the two days that we were house cleaning. Like any good home, we wanted it to be as comfortable as possible for the nuns coming in.

On Sunday August 12th, the LOC assisted our African Community by co-hosting a luncheon to say farewell to Father Martins Emeh who has been such a wonderful presence in our Parish as a guest celebrant and friend to us all for nearly two years. It was truly a lovely occasion.

The Ladies of Charity was founded by St. Vincent de Paul in France in 1617. The United States Chapter of the LOC was founded in 1857 at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Souldard, St. Louis, MO. The St. Matthias LOC was established in 1966.

Motto of the Ladies of Charity:

To serve rather than be served in humility, simplicity and charity



Ladies of Charity of Saint Matthias The Apostle Church

Lanham, MD



WE WANT YOU TO JOIN US

Our meetings are on the second Thursday of each month.

We meet in the "Greenroom" at the rectory after Mass, usually from 9:00AM til 11:00AM.

Please fill out the slip below and drop it in the mail slot at the rectory.



Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____