Parish Staff

Administrator
Reverend Milton E. Jordan ~ x 203

Administrative Assistant
Ms. Mary Young ~ x 201

Business Manager
Ms. Leslie O’Leary ~ x 202

Director of Faith Formation
Ms. Catherine Tolnay ~ x 205
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Ms. Deborah Kijak-Hess

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Mr. Hector Perez

School Office Staff

Telephone: 301-577-9412

Principal
Mrs. Abigail Greer ~ x 214

Director of Development
and Admissions
Mrs. Vivian O. Richards ~ x 215

Administrative Assistant
Ms. Marsha Blackburn ~ x 212

Sunday Mass Schedule
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 8:00, 10:30 AM and 6:00 PM

Daily Mass Schedule
Monday through Friday: 8:30 AM

Monday Devotion
Adoration and Blessed Sacrament: 6:00 to 8:00 PM
Confessions: 7:00 to 8:00 PM
Benediction: 8:00 PM

Holy Days of Obligation
*Masses at: 7:30 AM, 12 Noon and 7:30 PM
*Unless otherwise announced

Sacrament of Baptism
Parents must be registered at least six months, practicing and attend a mandatory preparation seminar, which may be completed prior to the child’s birth. Please contact the Office of Faith Formation for information and registration.

Sacrament of Marriage
Registered, practicing parishioners must contact a parish priest at least six months in advance of the wedding.

New Parishioners
Welcome! Please fill out a parish census form in the church vestibule or contact the rectory. All parishioners must be registered and practicing in order for us to serve you by issuing a Letter of Good Standing for sponsorship at the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, or Matrimony.

Moving?
Please notify us as soon as possible if you are moving or have had a change of address in order for us to update our records.

The Academy of Saint Matthias the Apostle
9473 Annapolis Road • Lanham, Maryland 20706-3020
Telephone: 301-577-9412 • Fax: 301-577-2060
Pre-K-4 years old to Grade 8
Catholic school whose mission is to provide quality education in a safe and caring environment. Parish students are welcomed throughout the school year. If you’d like to take a tour, please call the school offices for an appointment.
Lent * 2015

The Beginning of Lent
Ash Wednesday February 18th
Ashes will be distributed ONLY during Mass
7:30 AM; 12 Noon; 7:30 PM

Lenten Weekday Mass and Devotions
Daily Rosary prior to Mass at 8:00 AM
Mass: Monday through Friday at 8:30 AM
Sacred Heart Litany and Consecration
First Fridays after Mass

Sunday Masses
Saturday Vigil at 5:00 PM;
Sunday at 8:00 AM; 10:30 AM; 6:00 PM

Stations of the Cross
Every Friday during Lent at 7:30 PM

Confessions
Mondays from 7:00 to 8:00 PM
or by appointment with a parish priest

Lenten Coin Folders and Devotionals
Coin folders and devotionals will be available for those who wish to give alms to the poor during Lent. Lenten spiritual reading materials, including The Word Among Us and Magnificat for Lent, will be available for a modest fee beginning Ash Wednesday in the narthex.

Lenten Regulations for Catholics
Fasting is to be observed by all persons 18 years of age and older, who have not yet reached their 50th birthday. On a fast day one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one’s needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices are allowed. Abstinence is observed by all those 14 years of age and older on Ash Wednesday (February 18th) and all Fridays of Lent, including Good Friday (April 3rd). On days of abstinence, no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not apply. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the parish priest should be consulted. Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.

Lenten Food Drive
The Lenten Hope Food Drive in Prince George’s County will be held the weekend of March 7th/8th. Bags will be given to parishioners after Mass that weekend to be returned the weekend of March 14th/15th. Please be generous in your donations to fill parish and community pantries.

Stewardship Report: Revenue
February 1st: 9,213.00
Faith Direct: 2,585.50
Total Offertory: 11,798.50
Last Year: 13,230.50
Poor Box: 125.00
Every Penny Counts Box: 18.32
Building Fund for February 2015: 2,922.00
Building Fund for February 2014: 5,159.00
Number of Adult Envelopes: 204; Number of Children’s Envelopes: 2; Number of Faith Direct Donors: 65; Number of Regular Households: 806.

Recent Expenditures
Direct Energy: 1,764.75
BGE: 1,374.53
Landscaper (Jan. Maint. & snow plowing): 1,370.00
Adams—Burch, Inc. (Supplies): 1,057.03
Home Depot: 999.97

2015 Cardinal’s Appeal: The Cardinal’s Appeal campaign is much different than a one time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift, payable over ten months. As you think about the work enabled by your contribution, please reflect on God’s gifts to you. Our combined gifts not only signify our gratitude to God, they glorify Him by enabling the work of our archdiocese and give Him thanks for all He has given us. If you received your pledge form in the mail last month, please complete it and mail it back or bring it to Mass next weekend. For those of you who did not receive a mailing or have not had time to respond to it, please consider participating in our in-pew pledge process at all Masses this weekend and next weekend. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

Faith Direct: Fast. Pray. Give up your Envelopes! We invite you to help your parish save money by giving up your offertory envelopes this Lent! Enrolling with Faith Direct will provide Saint Matthias the Apostle with consistent support and simplify your giving without the wasteful envelopes. Join us in giving up envelopes this Lenten season! You can quickly sign up online at www.faithdirect.net using our church code: MD41, or by mailing an enrollment form available in the parish office. God Bless!

Celebrant Mass Schedule for the Weekend of February 14th/15th
5:00 pm 8:00 am 10:30 am 6:00 pm
Father Stan Father Milt Father Gerard Father Milt

School Raffle Winner
Congratulations!
Kelvin Blake, Sr. of Bowie is the winner and seller of $350 for the February 2nd drawing.
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SAVE THE DATE
The parish will celebrate the 53rd Anniversary of the blessing and dedication of our parish church by the then Archbishop Patrick O’Boyle with Mass at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, February 25th. Let’s fill the church! Punch and cookies afterwards in the Father Hughes Center.

Items of Note

Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner: Knights of Columbus Mother Seton Council will celebrate Shrove Tuesday with a Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 17th in Saint Matthias’ Friendship Hall from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Prices are $8.00 per adult and $4.00 per child with a special family rate of $20.00 (2 adults and children). Price includes pancakes, sausage, and one beverage (soda or coffee). Please call John Murray at 301-257-5342 or Don Aitcheson at 240-481-0622 for information or pickup orders. No reservations necessary.

2015 Annual Jubilarian Mass: Cardinal Donald Wuerl will celebrate the annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years on Sunday, June 21st at 2:00 pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Please call the parish office to register. Names of Jubilarians need to be submitted to the parish office by Monday, April 13th.

40 Days for Life: Join us from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm on Saturday, February 14th at Saint Mary of the Mills Church, 114 St. Mary’s Place, Laurel, and hear the inspiring story of a faithful Catholic woman who turned a crisis pregnancy into a blessing. The rally will also feature a talk from a Catholic Charities adoption services specialist. Enjoy music, refreshments, and prayer resources. For more information, call Joan O’Reilly at 240-393-1940.

Lobby Night: Pope Francis urges us to gather in the public square and lend our voices to building up the common good. Join Maryland’s bishops and fellow Catholics on Presidents’ Day – Monday, February 16th, from 2:30 – 8:00 pm – for the 31st annual Catholic Lobby Night in Annapolis and make your voice heard. Lobby Night is an advocacy event that gives Catholic voters the opportunity to speak in person with their elected officials about issues including the Maryland Education Credit and other legislation supporting our Catholic schools, end-of-life issues, the dignity of work and the dignity of life, and more. Registration is required. Visit www.mdcatcon.org/lobbynight or call the Maryland Catholic Conference at 410-269-1155/301-261-1979 to register or for more information.

Mass Intentions
Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, February 9:
8:30 am Carmen Kosko (Living - Birthday)
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Adoration and Blessed Sacrament
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Confessions
8:00 pm Benediction

Tuesday, February 10: Saint Scholastica, Virgin
8:30 am Raphael Onyewu (Living)

Wednesday, February 11: Our Lady of Lourdes
8:30 am Raphael Onyewu (Living)

Thursday, February 12:
8:30 am Peter O’Neill

Friday, February 13:
8:30 am Henry Kosko

Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Saturday, February 14: Saints Cyril, Monk & Methodius Vigil -
5:00pm Larry Faass

Sunday, February 15:
8:00 am James Crytze
10:30 am Dorothy Oleru
6:00 pm Katherine Conrad

Please pray for the sick and homebound in our parish, our neighbors, family, and friends: Fernando Altare; Margie Baker; Jackie Bates; Melvin and Elaine Brooks; Muriel Brown; Shawn Brown; Yvonne Brown; George Burns; Olen Dovel; Rizalina Galicinao; Joan George; Emma Graham; Francis Greenfield; Dorothy Johnson; Jack Jordan; Kay Kaderabek; John and Joan Kodak; Ethel Levock; Joe Makowski; Carole New; Molly Onwukwe; Raphael Onyewu; William Pinchback; Audrey Rebello; Nicole Riley; Anna and Miriam Rizui; Pablo Rocha; Ben Self; Pat Springman; Lucille Strenge; Marian Thomas; Kay Vilemni; and Eugene Zehner; may God’s healing grace be theirs. For our military serving overseas: Ryan Morgan; protect them from all harm. For all the faithful departed; Irene Pezzuti; may she rest in peace.

Names will be placed on our prayer list for four weeks. To add a name or to request continuing prayers, contact Mary Young at 301-459-4814 or e-mail myoung@stmathias.org.

Old Palm Branches Needed
Parishioners are invited to bring back the dried palm branches that were blessed at the beginning of previous Holy Week celebrations on Palm/Passion Sunday. Often these blessed branches are placed in one’s home over or near an object of devotion such as a crucifix or holy image or painting of Christ, our Blessed Mother Mary, or one of the saints. These palm branches will be burned and reduced to ash for the distribution of ashes here in our own parish at Ash Wednesday Masses (February 18th). There will be a designated receptacle at the entryway to the church for you to deposit your palm branches.

Pictorial Directory
Thank you to the more than 150 families who had their pictures taken for the Pictorial Directory. Due to the weather conditions, a day photo sessions had to be cancelled. In the spring, the photographer will return for one week for anyone whose session was cancelled and for those who still wish to have their pictures taken. The days are yet to be determined.

Pope Francis’ Resolution For the Month
“Take care of your spiritual life, your relationship with God, because this is the backbone of everything we do and everything we are.”