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Director of Development
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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.
LENT * 2015

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
Note: The Academy of Saint Matthias Class of 2015 will
sponsor a fish fry before and after the Stations of the Cross
on March 13th (4:00 to 9:00 PM)

CONFESSIONS
Mondays from 7:00 to 8:00 PM,
or by appointment with a parish priest,
with Adoration from 6:00 to 8:00 PM closing
with Benediction at 7:45 pm

LENTEN COIN FOLDERS AND DEVOTIONALS
Coin folders and devotions are available for those who
wish to give alms to the poor during Lent. Lenten spiritual
reading materials such as The Word Among Us and
Magnificat for Lent are available for a modest fee 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 59th 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 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 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 Catholic Charities’ Annual Lenten Food Drive 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 15th: 3,736.00
Faith Direct: 2,148.00
Total Offertory: 5,884.00
Last Year: 8,728.00
Poor Box: 62.00
Every Penny Counts Box: 35.95
Number of Adult Envelopes: 114; Number of Children’s
Envelopes: 8; Number of Faith Direct Donors: 65;
Number of Regular Households: 807.

Recent Expenditures
Chase Credit Card: 1,464.85
EverBank (Copiers Lease for February): 1,480.00
Tonini Church Supply (Communion Wine): 480.42

Church in the Developing World: Our
second collection next weekend is for the
Church in the Developing World. The
Church in Latin America, Africa, and
Eastern Europe often struggles to meet basic
pastoral, educational, and infrastructure
needs that are necessary for their success in deepening
the faith of their members and through their
evangelization. Your contribution makes a difference to
these struggling Catholic faith communities.

2015 Cardinal’s Appeal: A significant
gift to the Cardinal’s Appeal will touch
the lives of many others in a very
positive way. 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
gives us. Saint Matthias’ goal for the 2015 Cardinal’s
Appeal is $81,186. If you received your pledge form in
the mail last month, please complete it and mail it back
or bring it to Mass. 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.
Thank you for your prayerful consideration and
generous response.

EASTER DUTY
The Easter Duty is more properly called the Paschal
Precept. This states that all the faithful, after they have
been initiated into the Eucharist, are obliged to receive
Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept must
be fulfilled between the First Sunday of Lent and Trinity
Sunday. Those in serious sin are also bound to go to
confession at least once a year, preferably during this time
(Canons 920 and 989).

School Raffle Winner
Maria Thompson is the winner of $300; The Stallings
Family is the seller for $50 for the February 18th drawing.
53rd Anniversary of Parish Mass
The parish will celebrate the 53rd Anniversary of the blessing and dedication of our parish church by 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

Dance Ministry: The Saint Matthias Liturgical Dance Ministry is recruiting interested young ladies (seventh-twelfth graders) to join this ministry. Dance Ministry rehearsals are held on Tuesdays from 7:00-8:00 pm in the Church. If the weather cooperates, we hope to begin rehearsals on Tuesday, March 3rd. If you are interested in joining this ministry, please contact Zita Givens, Coordinator, at 301-577-1853.

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.

Summer Camp: Registration for the Knights of Columbus Camp has begun! Swim lessons, arts and crafts, games, sports, and free swim are offered. The registration form can be downloaded at http://kofccamp.wordpress.com. For more information, contact Anne Irwin at 240-393-2468 or email kofccamp@gmail.com.

A Prayer for Healing
“Lord, look upon me with eyes of mercy, may your healing hand rest upon me, may your life giving powers flow into every cell of my body and into the depths of my soul, cleansing, purifying, restoring me to wholeness and strength for service in your kingdom. Amen.”

Holy Angels Annual Seafood Dinner: On Sunday, March 29th, from 11:30 am until 4:00 pm, Holy Angels Church in Avenue, MD, will be serving a delicious Seafood Dinner. The menu includes: Fried Oysters, Steamed Spiced Shrimp, Crab Balls, Fried Chicken, Parsley Potatoes, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Pickled Beets, and all the trimmings! Adults - $26.00; Children (6 to 12) - $8.00; and Children (5 & under) - Free. Carry-outs are available at $24.00 each. There will be delicious homemade desserts and a craft table! The Raffle Prize this year is for a total of $1,500 in cash! First prize is $1,000 and the second prize is $500. You do not need to be present to win. Holy Angels Church’s address is 21340 Colton Point Road, Avenue, Maryland. For more information or to purchase advance tickets, please call the rectory at 301-769-3332 or email holy0langeels@aol.com.

Pope Francis’ Resolution For the Month
“Take care of your family life, giving your children and loved ones not just money, but most of your time, attention and love.”

Mass Intentions
First Week of Lent Events

Monday, February 23: Saint Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr
8:30 am John Huber
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Confessions
8:00 pm Benediction

Tuesday, February 24:
8:30 am Monsignor Paul Gozaloff

Wednesday, February 25:
8:30 am Jane Defayette (Living - Birthday)

Thursday, February 26:
8:30 am Angelo Mayoral

Friday, February 27:
8:30 am Guadalupe Manlapaz
7:30 pm Stations of the Cross

Second Sunday of Lent

Saturday, February 28:
5:00pm Gertrude M’Carthy

Sunday, March 1:
8:00 am Bernard Campbell, Jr.
10:30 am Peter Ezafulukwe
6:00 pm Vincent Charles

Please pray for the sick and homebound in our parish, our neighbors, family, and friends: Fernando Alatares; Margie Baker; Melvin and Elaine Brooks; Muriel Brown; Shawn Brown; Yvonne Brown; Martina Coleman; Olen Dovel; Rizalina Galicinio; Joan George; Emma Graham; Francis Greenfield; Sylvester Ikpi; Dorothy Johnson; Jack Jordan; Kay Kaderabek; John and Joan Kodak; Ethel Levock; Ed Mahlin, Jr.; Joe Makowski; Carole New; Molly Onwukwu; Raphael Onyewu; William Pinchback; Audrey Rebello; Nicole Riley; Anna and Miriam Rizui; Pablo Rocha; Ben Self; Pat Springer; Eric Stelmuck; Lucille Strenge; Marian Thomas; Kay Villemi; Jean, John, and Sam Zanin; 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; Rita Wright (mother of Father Frank Wright); may she rest in peace.

Are You A Member in Good Standing?
We receive many requests from parishioners who wish to be eligible for school vouchers or weddings, to be godparents or sponsors for the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, and to rightfully enjoy the many services offered at Saint Matthias. Part of the request is to be able to verify that a person is an “active member” of Saint Matthias. Because of the nature of our congregation, having so many visitors, it is difficult to know each of you personally.

An “active member” of this parish is one who:
• Is properly registered and on the parish rolls
• Faithfully attends Mass on Sundays and Holy Days
• Participates in parish activities when possible
• Regularly contributes through the Sunday offertory collection by use of the parish envelope system or through Faith Direct according to one’s means.

While assessment of an inquirer’s status will be made individually, above are the main factors that will be considered in making that determination.

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