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
Adult & Youth Religious Education and Sacramental Preparation

**Director of Music Ministry**
Ms. Regina Loffredo 301-464-9193

**Organist**
Ms. Deborah Kijak-Hess

**Maintenance Supervisor**
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.
Bless Your Home on Epiphany

The gospel tells us that the magi found Christ “on entering the house.” The door to your home is a holy threshold. You can bless those who come in and go out by inscribing above the door in chalk the first two numbers of the $20 + C + M + B + 15$. Tradition tells us that the letters stand for the names of the magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. Adolph Adam points out that it may also mean “Christus mansionem beneficat” or “May Christ bless this dwelling.” It’s appropriate to bless your door in January—janua means “door” and the first month is the door to the New Year.

After inscribing the doorway, say this prayer:

God of Bethlehem and Cana, God of Jordan’s leaping waters, in baptism you bring us into your family. You wed us and embrace us as your beloved.

May we fill this place with kindness to one another, with hospitality to guests, and with abundant care for every stranger.

By the gentle light of a star, guide home all who seek you on paths of faith, hope and love.

Then we will join the angels in proclaiming your praise:

Glory in heaven and peace on earth, now and forever.

Amen.

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Message From Father Milt and Father Stan

We would like to extend to all those parishioners who sent cards or brought us a personal gift for Christmas, our sincere and heartfelt thanks for your kind and thoughtful remembrance of your parish clergy and assisting priests at Christmas. The words of affirmation that you offered when you wrote notes in your cards and time spent in baking, shopping or monadically supporting us are all gestures of your love and affection for your pastors. This is a great reward of the priesthood, to be loved and cherished by the People of God and appreciated for the work we do year round for you. Know that each of you who remembered us will be remembered in our prayers, especially at Mass during this Christmas Season! May God bless you all.

Celebrant Mass Schedule for the Weekend of January 10th/11th

5:00 pm Monsignor Balbago
8:00 am Father Stan
10:30 am Father Milt
6:00 pm Father Milt

Academy of Saint Matthias Lottery

Prize is $300 per each weekly drawing
Plus $50 to seller of winning ticket!
Sell the ticket to yourself and WIN $350!!!
One fee of $25 for the entire eight months!
Contact Vivian Richards at 301-577-9412 x 215.
Drawing begins January 5th.

Stewardship Report: Revenue

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Number of Adult Envelopes: 196; Number of Children’s Envelopes: 10; Number of Faith Direct Donors: 64; Number of Regular Households: 806.

Building and Maintenance Fund: Our second collection this weekend is for our regular Building and Maintenance Fund. This monthly collection enables us to make ongoing repairs to our parish and school buildings and grounds.

End of the Year Contribution Statements: In the next few weeks, our office will begin to prepare contribution statements for the year 2014 (for regular envelope users and Faith Direct contributors). Faith Direct also sends statements. The parish is not obligated under the law to send these statements, but rather it is done as a courtesy to our parishioners to gratify for their faithful sacrifices of treasure. Contribution statements will be mailed at the beginning of February to parishioners who contributed more than $250 to the parish during the past year. However, others may request a statement. We strive for accuracy in our recordkeeping, but occasionally, through human or technical errors, we may make mistakes. If there are discrepancies in your statement, please call Mary Young in the Father Hughes Center. Your canceled checks will greatly assist us in correcting our records! Thank you to everyone who uses offertory envelopes or Faith Direct and for your weekly sacrifice of treasure to our Lord.

Reminder: Please be sure your most current address is on file.

Support Our Patrons: Each week we are able to produce and publish our parish bulletin through the generosity of the advertisers you see listed on the back cover. Many of these advertisers are fellow parishioners and local businesses in our community. Please patronize them when you are in need of their particular services. Remember to mention that you saw their advertisement in our bulletin and to thank them for making your weekly parish news source a reality.

A Stewardship Moment: The three wise men who came from the East to pay homage to the infant Jesus brought Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh as part of their worship. What gifts have I brought to this celebration to offer to the newborn Savior?
SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Flower Offerings

In Honor Of: Ambrose Ezike; Grace Felix; and D/M Esmerando Juanitez.

In Memory Of: Ezinne Elizabeth Ezike, Kenneth Ezike, Alfredo Felix, Ernesto Felix, Helen Okolo, and Igwe John Okolo.

Items of Note

Training for Altar Servers: An orientation meeting for altar servers (grades 4th through adult) is scheduled for Tuesday, January 13th at 7:00 pm in the church. If you are interested in becoming an altar server, please call or email your name and contact information to Cynthia Faust at cfaust@atelierarchitects.com or 301-464-1799.

5th Annual Longest Married Couple: Worldwide Marriage Encounter wants to honor the longest-married couple. Nominations are open to all husband and wife couples, regardless of religious affiliation, and may be submitted by email (wwmelmc2015@gmail.com), calling 321-613-5180 or regular mail (Dick and Diane Baumbach, 8924 Puerto Del Rio Drive, Suite 402, Cape Canaveral, FL 32920). Please provide the name of the couple, their wedding date, where they reside, and phone number or email address of the individual nominating the couple. The deadline for nominations is January 10th. For more information, visit wwwme.org.

Winter Baseball Camps: Catholic University Advanced Development Baseball Camps will be offered this winter on Sunday mornings from January 11th through February 15th for players ages 7 to 18. For more information, contact the Head Baseball Coach, Ross Natoli at 202-919-6092, natoli@cua.edu or visit www.rossnatolibaseballcamps.com.

Celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: The annual concert and liturgy celebrating the legacy of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. will be held on Saturday, January 17, 2015 at Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian Church in Washington, DC (1357 East Capitol Street, SE). The 3:00 pm concert will feature the Archdiocese of Washington Mass Gospel Choir directed by Kenneth Louis. Cardinal Donald Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington, will be the celebrant and homilist for the 4:30 pm Mass.

English and Spanish as a Second Language: English (ESL) and Spanish (SSL) as a Second Language programs at Saint Matthew’s Cathedral will begin on January 13, 2015. The program is currently looking for native English and native Spanish speakers to volunteer as teachers and tutors one night per week (Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday). Volunteers are not required to have formal training in teaching English or Spanish. Interested students can register for class beginning on Thursday, January 8, 2015, at 6:00 pm. The Cathedral is located on the red line between DuPont Circle and Farragut North. Help build God’s kingdom here in Washington! If you are interested in volunteering or attending class, please contact Dan Horning at stimattsesl@gmail.com or visit stimathewscathedral.org/outreach/clases-de-ingles-english-language-classes.

Mass Intentions for the Christmas Season

Monday, January 5: Saint John Neumann, Bishop
8:30 am Father William Hines
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Adoration & Blessed Sacrament
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Confessions
8:00 pm Benediction

Tuesday, January 6: Saint Andre Bessette, Religious
8:30 am Louise MacDonald

Wednesday, January 7: Saint Raymond of Penyafort
8:30 am Father Michael Blackwell

Thursday, January 8:
8:30 am Father An Vu

Friday, January 9:
8:30 am Christopher Hutton

The Baptism of the Lord

Saturday, January 10:
Vigil -
5:00pm Lucille Snowden

Sunday, January 11:
8:00 am Dick Ager
10:30 am Elmer Atchison
6:00 pm Eleanor Murphy

Please pray for the sick and homebound in our parish, our neighbors, family, and friends: Melvin and Elaine Brooks; Shawn Brown; Father John Clark; Diane Cowan; Ambrose Ezike; Joan George; Emma Graham; Francis Greenfield; Dorothy Johnson; Jack Jordan; Kay Kaderabek; John and Joan Kodak; Arleen Long; Joe Makowski; Carole New; Molly Onwukwe; Irene Pezzati; William Pinchback; Al Porazzo; Roy Roberts; Pablo Rocha; Ben Self; Lucille Streng; Kay Villemi; Carmella Wayson; 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; Connor McCrory; may he 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 501-459-4814 or cmyoung@stmatthias.org.

Trip to Spain: Join Father Jerry Gamrot, priest at Saint Matthias from 2005 until 2006, for an exciting pilgrimage to a strikingly beautiful and historically rich part of Spain to celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the birth of Saint Theresa of Avila. We travel to Avila, Segovia, Salamanca, Toledo and one of the most important pilgrimage destinations - Fatima in Portugal. This program is open to members of Saint Matthias, their friends and traveling companions, and members and friends of other parishes in the Archdiocese. Don’t miss this wonderful program and the chance to travel again with Father Jerry to celebrate our religious heritage and explore the wonderful food and culture of Spain and Portugal. To learn more about program details, itinerary, inclusive features, and cost, call Michael Hartwig at Illume 1-800-368-6757 x131 or visit www.travelillume.com/trc/gwb. Registration deadline is January 20, 2015.

“The most incredible thing about miracles is that they happen.”
—G. K. Chesterton

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