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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.
First Week of Ordinary Time

In this first week of Ordinary Time, we might find ourselves feeling a little let-down after the Christmas season, especially in parts of the world where it seems cold and dark most days. This is where we can ask for the grace to let the stories of the gospels come alive in our hearts.

The stories from Mark’s gospel offer a vivid look into the life of Jesus and his followers on such a human level. Many are stories of healing and the week begins and ends with invitations from Jesus to us -- and to his disciples. To Simon Peter and Andrew, Jesus invites, “Come after me.” To the tax collector Levi he beckons, “Follow me.”

The invitation to healing we are offered can be a part of our own reflection as we begin a new year and want to somehow “fix” what is broken in us. The healing happens if we allow Jesus into our hearts and lives.

As we look at our lives, we may find a loneliness or separation from people in our family or others. We have parts of our lives that are dark and embarrassing and seem unchangeable. It is into this very darkness and discomfort that Jesus is moved with pity for us, stretches out his healing hand to us and says, “I do will it. Be made clean.”

We can hear the summons to follow him as a clear and personal call to us from Jesus, the one who already knows us and our failings and yet asks us to be with him. We can hear this invitation more clearly if we can be touched with awareness of our own failings and understand more deeply how much we need a savior in our lives. It is then that our hearts are open to accept this invitation.

We can pray to Jesus this week for the strength to be healed of the patterns and habits of our lives that so often turn us away from him and ask for the grace to make a new beginning in our lives. If we can sit with our hands open in humility, we can accept that we can’t do this on our own, but know in our hearts that with the help of God, nothing is impossible.

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Online Prayer Resources

Are you seeking a new ways to include prayer in your busy daily schedule? Visit Creighton University’s online ministries (http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html) to get online materials to help you with your prayer journey this new year.

First School Raffle Winner

Congratulations!
Dave Olney of Greenbelt, winner of $300
James Kalshoven, seller for $50
for the January 5th drawing.

Stewardship Report: Revenue

December 28th: 7,731.00
Faith Direct: 2,917.00
Total Offertory: 10,648.00
Last Year: 9,854.60
Poor Box: 1,461.00
Every Penny Counts Box: 125.44
Flowers Collection for 2014: 2,268.00
Flowers Collection for 2013: 3,606.00
Christmas Collection for 2014: 37,618.50
Christmas Collection for 2013: 39,828.38

Number of Adult Envelopes: 185; Number of Children’s Envelopes: 3; Number of Faith Direct Donors: 64; Number of Regular Households: 805.

January 4th: 10,921.50
Faith Direct: 2,917.00
Total Offertory: 13,838.50
Last Year: 13,280.60
Poor Box: 647.50
Every Penny Counts Box: 66.72
Building Fund - January 2015 to date: 2,835.50
Building Fund - January 2014: 5,081.00
Solemnity of Mary for 2015 to date: 3,973.00
Solemnity of Mary for 2014: 3,430.03

Number of Adult Envelopes: 197; Number of Children’s Envelopes: 8; Number of Faith Direct Donors: 64; Number of Regular Households: 805.

Church Missions Within the United States: Our second collection next weekend is for the Church Missions within the United States. This is a combined collection for the Black and Indian Missions and the Catholic Home Missions. Your contributions make a difference to these Catholic faith communities.

End of the Year Contribution Statements: In the next few weeks, our office will begin to prepare contribution statements for the year 2014. 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 in gratitude for their faithful sacrifices of treasure. Contribution statements will be mailed 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. Please be sure your most current address is on file.

Celebrant Mass Schedule for the Weekend of January 17th/18th

5:00 pm Father Mill
8:00 am Father Stan
10:30 am Father Gerard
6:00 pm Father Mill
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.

Knights of Columbus: The Mother Seton Knights Pro-Life and monthly Mass will be held on Sunday, January 18th at 6:00 pm. Father Jordan will be the celebrant. A brief reception will follow in the Hughes Center.

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 17th at Holy Comforter-Saint Cyprian Church in Washington, DC (1357 East Capitol Street, SE). The 5:00 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 Tuesday January 13th. 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 stmattsesl@gmail.com or visit stmatthewscathedral.org/outreach/clases-de-ingles-english-language-classes.

Evening Prayer for Christian Unity: The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins with Evening Prayer on Sunday January 18th, 4:00 pm at the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land. A tradition dating to 1908, this year’s theme is Jesus’ call to the woman at the well to “Give Me A Drink.” (John 4:7). A reception follows. The monastery is at 1400 Quincy Street, NE, Free on-site parking/116 bus. For details, contact Father Jim Gardiner at 202-526-6800 or visit myfranciscan.org.

Project Rachel Ministry: Project Rachel Ministry, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington, is forming a support group on Thursday, February 19th to help those with unresolved feelings after an abortion. Spend time with others who faced an unplanned pregnancy and found themselves having an abortion. In this support group, you will experience the safety and encouragement you need, to heal and become whole. Exact location is only disclosed to women who register. For additional information, call or email Alma Maltez at 501-853-4565 or ProjectRachel@adw.org. All contacts are confidential.

Mass Intentions

First Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, January 12: Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys
8:30 am Carmelo Gugliotta
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Adoration & Blessed Sacrament
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Confessions
8:00 pm Benediction

Tuesday, January 13: Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor
8:30 am Monsignor Paul Gozaloff

Wednesday, January 14:
8:30 am Connor McCrory

Thursday, January 15:
8:30 am Martin Nzelfi

Friday, January 16:
8:30 am Kitty Hamby

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 17: Saint Anthony, Abbot
Vigil -
5:00 pm Bobby Florimbo

Sunday, January 18:
8:00 am Kathleen Buter
10:30 am Innocent Ihegbu (Living)
6:00 pm Jude Nwoko (Living)

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 Onwulue; Irene Pezzuti; William Pinchback; Al Porazzo; Roy Roberts; Pablo Rocha; Ben Self; Lucille Stenge; 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: Monsignor James Gillen; Connor McCrory; John O’Connor; may they 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@stmatthias.org.

Trip to Spain: Join Father Jerry Gamrot, priest at Saint Matthias from 2003 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 Tuesday January 20th.