Parish Staff

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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.

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.
Catholic Schools Week
January 25th - January 31st
The Academy of Saint Matthias the Apostle
Small Classes, BIG Results!
Abigail Greer, Principal
School Office: 301-577-9412
School Address: 9473 Annapolis Road, Lanham, MD 20706
The Academy of Saint Matthias the Apostle in Lanham, Maryland welcomes prospective families for 2015 Open Houses to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. With a 90% acceptance rate to Catholic High Schools, an online math program, a choice-reading model, and multiple classes assessing in the top 80% of the nation, come see why our small classes yield big results! All are welcome.

OPEN HOUSE
Sunday, January 25th, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Thursday, January 29th, 6:30 am - 8:00 pm
Please spread the good news and encourage your friends and neighbors to consider enrolling their children. For more information, contact Vivian Richards, Director of Admissions and Development, at 301-577-9412 or vrichards@stmattias.org. Please support our school.

Decision for Christ
As a boy, Michael Faraday, who later became one of history’s great chemists and physicists, sold newspapers in London. One day, as he was waiting for his papers in front of the newspaper office, he amused himself by putting his arms and head through the bars of the great folding gate. Already a great thinker, Faraday was struck by a philosophical question. “On which side of the gate,” he asked himself, “is Michael Faraday?” After all, his arms and head were on one side, but his heart and body were on the other.
At that moment, someone opened the gate and nearly cut off Faraday’s head. He learned then that it isn’t wise to try to be on two sides at the same time. Human beings have to make decisions. They have to choose which side they want to be on.
This is especially true in where we stand regarding Jesus Christ. We have to decide whether we are his follower or not – whether we want to be called a Christian or not.
Adapted from Edward Chinn, The Wonder of Words

Stewardship Report: Revenue
January 11th: 7,443.00
Faith Direct: 2,616.75
Total Offertery: 10,059.75
Last Year: 10,122.75
Poor Box: 398.00
Every Penny Counts Box: 74.28
Building Fund - January 2015: 4,774.50
Building Fund - January 2014: 5,081.00
Solemnity of Mary for 2015: 4,317.00
Solemnity of Mary for 2014: 3,450.03
Number of Adult Envelopes: 206; Number of Children’s Envelopes: 8; Number of Faith Direct Donors: 64; Number of Regular Households: 805.

Recent Expenditures
Cathedral Corporation (Offertry Env.): 2,434.68
Ever Bank (Copier Leases): 1,480.00
Landscaper for December: 770.00
McLean Controls (Boiler Repair): 457.00
Homestead Gardens (Christmas Flowers): 451.00

Church Missions in the United States: Our second collection this weekend is for the Church Missions within the United States. This is a combined collection for the Latin American Missions and Catholic Home Missions. Your contributions make a difference to these Catholic faith communities.

Catholic Schools: Our second collection next weekend is for the Archdiocesan School Collection. Please be generous in supporting Catholic schools.

2015 Cardinal’s Appeal Begins: Cardinal Wuerl has asked that you make a pledge to the 2015 Cardinal’s Appeal. The Cardinal’s Appeal not only funds the operations of the Archdiocese, it also funds programs that are of great help to the ministries here in our parish. This year, the theme of the Appeal is, “Seek First the Kingdom of God.” (Matthew 6:33) Contributions to the Cardinal’s Appeal offer each of us the opportunity to respond to the needs of others by enabling ministries and services that touch thousands of lives. Please prayerfully consider a generous pledge to the 2015 Cardinal’s Appeal.

Stewardship Moment: In today’s first reading, we hear Samuel respond eagerly, “Here I am!” each time the Lord calls him. May we, too, be listening for the call of God in our lives and be ready to say like the Psalmist, “Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.”

School Raffle Winner
Congratulations!
George Grillo, Sr. of Upper Marlboro is the winner and seller of $350 for the January 12th drawing.

Celebrant Mass Schedule for the Weekend of January 24th/25th
5:00 pm Father Stan
8:00 am Father Gerard
10:30 am Father Milt
6:00 pm Father Milt
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Father Jeff Farewell Mass

Saint Matthias Parish will celebrate a farewell Mass for Father Jeff on Saturday, January 31st at 5:00 pm. He will provide a farewell homily. A reception will follow in Friendship Hall. All parishioners are welcome to come and offer best wishes to Father Jeff.

Items of Note

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.

Men’s Discernment Retreat: From Friday February 6th through Sunday February 8th, Cardinal Donald Wuerl invites men in their 20’s through 40’s who are considering a call to the priesthood to attend a discernment retreat at Saint John Paul II Seminary. It will cost you nothing more than your time. Registration is now open at www.dcpriest.org or email vocations@adw.org for more information. Event fliers can be downloaded and printed from the website.

Soap-making Workshop: The Franciscan Monastery Garden Guild will hold a soap-making workshop on Saturday, January 24th, 9:30 am - 2:00 pm at the monastery’s Sacred Heart Conference Room, 1400 Quincy Street, NE. The mission of the all-volunteer Garden Guild is to preserve and promote the historic monastery’s beautiful gardens, which include flowers, vegetables, native plants and beehives. Learn more at www.FMGG.org.

Dominican Retreat: Have Separation and/or Divorce torn your life apart? The hopes, dreams and plans for your future, vanished with one stroke of the pen. Nothing seems quite right. You even question “Where was God in all of this?” Then consider joining us on Friday, January 30th through Sunday February 1st at the Dominican Retreat house for a weekend retreat for Separated and Divorced Women and Men. For further information, call Dominican Retreat at 703-356-4243 or check out our website at www.dominicanretreat.org.

Elizabeth Seton Students Serve the Community: “Inasmuch as you have done it for one of the least of my brothers and sisters, you have done it for me.” (Matt 25:40) We are pleased to congratulate Elizabeth Seton High School’s Engineering Class (LEAD) that partnered with AmeriCorps to design and build a ramp for the home of an elderly couple in need. To see more, visit www.setonhs.org/LEADramp.

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. 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 301-853-4565 or ProjectRachel@adw.org. All contacts are confidential.

Mass Intentions

Second Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, January 19:

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
A Federal Holiday

School and Father Hughes Center are Closed

8:30 am  Monsignor Lorenzo Albacete
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm  Adoration and Blessed Sacrament
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm  Confessions
8:00 pm  Benediction

Tuesday, January 20: Saints Fabian and Sebastian
8:30 am  Adimabua Amayeiwe (Living)

Wednesday, January 21: Saint Agnes, Virgin & Martyr
8:30 am  Felicidad Felix

Thursday, January 22: Saint Vincent, Deacon & Martyr
8:30 am  Adamma Ugoch

Friday, January 23: Saints Vincent and Marianne Cope
8:30 am  Gertrude M’Carthy

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 24: Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop

Vigil -
5:00pm  Tammy Paolino (Living - Birthday)

Sunday, January 25:

8:00 am  Elizabeth Ezike
10:30 am  Elizabeth Ihegbe
6:00 pm  Vincent Charles

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; Ethel Levock; Arleen Long; Joe Makowski; Carole New; Molly Onwukwe; Irene Pezzuti; William Pinchback; Al Porazzo; Nicole Riley; Roy Roberts; Pablo Rocha; Ben Self; Lucille Strenger; Kay Villeni; Carmella Watson; 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; Jean Conrad; Florent Hughes; 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.

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 on Wednesday, February 18th. There will be a designated receptacle at the entryway to the church beginning next weekend for you to deposit your palm branches.

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