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**Administrative Assistant**
Ms. Marsha Blackburn ~ x 212

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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.
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 devotionalals 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.

School Raffle Winner

John McAuliffe is the winner of $300; Elizabeth Curran is the seller for $50 for the February 23rd drawing.

Stewardship Report: Revenue

- February 22nd: $6,206.00
- Faith Direct: $2,438.00
- Total Offertory: $8,644.00
- Last Year: $12,861.43
- Poor Box: $112.00
- Every Penny Counts Box: $157.75
- Ash Wednesday for 2015 to date: $2,524.00
- Ash Wednesday for 2014: $3,363.00

Number of Adult Envelopes: 136; Number of Children’s Envelopes: 6; Number of Faith Direct Donors: 65; Number of Regular Households: 807.

Recent Expenditures

- Saint Mary’s Press (Bibles/Faith Formation): $650.00
- WSSC (1/4–2/18): $513.68
- Verizon (February): $344.62

Church in the Developing World: Our second collection this 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. 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. Saint Matthias’ goal for the 2015 Cardinal’s Appeal is $81,186. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

A Stewardship Moment: Abraham was prepared to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. Saint Paul reminds us that God Himself “did not spare his own Son.” Are my gifts to the Lord—of my resources, of my time, of myself—also sacrificial?

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).

CelebAnt Mass Schedule for the Weekend of March 7th/8th

- 5:00 pm Father Stan
- 8:00 am Father Gerard
- 10:30 am Father Milt
- 6:00 pm Father Milt

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Lenten Retreat
Sunday, March 15th After 6:00 pm Mass
Speaker: Deacon William Wuenschel

Monday, March 16th 7:30 pm
Speaker: Father Everett Pearson, Pastor, Mount Calvary

Tuesday, March 17th 7:30 pm
Speaker: Dr. Susan Timony
Secretary of Pastoral Concerns Archdiocese of Washington

Items of Note

Girl Scouts: Saint Matthias Girl Scouts will be participating in the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, March 8th. Girl Scout Week is celebrated each March. If anyone is interested in becoming a Girl Scout or adult volunteer, contact Michelle Hayling at 226girlscouts@gmail.com.

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, please contact Zita Givens, Coordinator, at 301-577-1853.

Camp St. Charles: Attend our Open House on Sunday, March 8th from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm for lunch, a tour, a ride on the giant swing and an opportunity to meet the staff. Camp St. Charles is fully accredited with the American Camp Association and is certified by the State of Maryland. New families may save on tuition by registering at our open house. For more information, visit www.campstcharles.org, call 301-934-8799 or email director@campstcharles.org.

Pictorial Directory - Save the Dates!

Because a number of you had to have your photo session cancelled due to inclement weather, we are happy to inform you that MyChurch Family will be back the week of Tuesday, April 21st through Saturday, April 25th. More information will follow at the beginning of April. SAVE THE DATES!

Holy Angels Annual Seafood Dinner: On Sunday, March 29th, from 11:30 am until 4:00 pm, Holy Angels Church (21340 Colton Point Road, Avenue, MD) will be serving a delicious Seafood Dinner. Adults - $26.00; Children (6 to 12) - $8.00; and Children (5 & under) - Free. Carry-outs are available at $24.00 each. The Raffle Prize 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. For more information or to purchase advance tickets, please call the rectory at 301-769-3332 or email holy00angels@aol.com.

Pope Francis’ Resolution For the Month

“Take care of your relationships with others, transforming your faith into life and your words into good works, especially on behalf of the needy.”

Mass Intentions
Second Week of Lent Events

Monday, March 2:
8:30 am Regina Amadi
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Confessions
8:00 pm Benediction

Tuesday, March 3: Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin
8:30 am Donald Wilson, Jr. (Living - Birthday)

Wednesday, March 4: Saint Casimir

Happy Birthday Father Stan
8:30 am Louis Stinnett

Thursday, March 5:
8:30 am Carl Levock

Friday, March 6 (First Friday):
Litany and Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
8:30 am Ernest Jorgensen

7:30 pm Stations of the Cross

Third Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 7:
5:00pm Don Gritz (Living - Birthday)

Sunday, March 8:
8:00 am Mass of Thanksgiving to God for Nneoma, Eboni, Maximus, Lexi, and Jennifer (Living)

10:30 am Regina Amadi
6:00 pm Father William Berry

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 Dove; Rizalina Galiciniao; 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; Bernice Nnannah; Molly Onwukwe; Raphael Onyewu; William Pinchback; Nicole Riley; Anna and Miriam Rizui; Pablo Rocha; Ben Self; Pat Springer; Eric Stelmuck; Lucille Strege; 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; Helen Ando; Howard Bumba; Joe Owens; may they rest in peace.

Welcome to Our Newest Parishioners

In the name of the parishioners of Saint Matthias the Apostle Church, we extend a very warm and cordial welcome to newly registered families and households:

The Francis Family (Maduwa, Angela, Venessa, and Gabriella) The Frazer Family (Augustine, Abigail, and Giivuii) The Geronimo Family (Laarni, Lianna, Jacob, and Jean Gbesso) Chukwuma Ibeah The Labe Family (Anecia, Labe, Marie, John, Catherine, and May) The Nchango Family (Ukelia, Joseph, Odil, Joy, Tabi, and Joseph, Jr.) Chinwemwe Nwokea The Okorie Family (Kingsley, Patricia, Adanna, April, Austin, and Daniel) Julie Oni The Turay Family (Osman, Mabinim, Stephanie)

We hope and pray that you will find within our spiritual home a place to listen to the Word of God, a place to worship and receive the Body and Blood of Christ in the Holy Eucharist, and an abundance of caring hearts that become your lasting friends!
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