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 and 10:30 AM

Daily Mass Schedule
Monday through Friday: 8:30 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays from 3:30 to 4:30 PM or by appointment

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.
Crying Babies

The noise created by crying babies at church is second only to the noise created by people debating whether or not the babies belong there.

On one hand, babies can disturb the whole proceedings. They draw attention to themselves and away from the liturgy. They make it hard to hear and harder to concentrate. Those whose hearing is impaired especially suffer.

On the other hand, babies are part of the family. They belong with their parents, and because we’ve baptized them into the community, they belong with us.

Some parishes offer cry rooms. They provide a place for babies to scream their lungs out, but they also remove parents from the worshiping assembly. Adults in the cry room looking at Mass through a glass window might just as well be watching it on big screen TV.

Other parishes offer babysitting. This permits parents to bring their children to church but entrust them to the trained care of someone who can give them full attention.

If you are the parent of a crying baby at church, your child’s care comes first. If you need to get up, walk around, leave for a while, or offer some other comfort to your baby, do it. Your actions will not be any more disturbing than your baby’s tears. Your demonstration of love will inspire others to charity.

If you are near the parents of a crying baby, offer to help. They might appreciate your support, especially if they’re watching another child.

And if you are frustrated because you cannot hear over the din and no one’s doing anything about it, do your best. As with any distraction that challenges our prayer, pray with it, for it and through it. If it keeps you from praying the way you would like, pray the way you can. God will understand.

Five Finger Prayer

1. Your thumb is nearest you. So begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you. They are the easiest to remember. To pray for our loved ones is, as C. S. Lewis once said, a ‘sweet duty.’

2. The next finger is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, doctors, and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.

3. The next finger is the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the president, leaders in business and industry, and administrators. These people shape our nation and guide public opinion. They need God’s guidance.

4. The fourth finger is our ring finger. Surprising to many is the fact that this is our weakest finger, as any piano teacher will testify. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain. They need your prayers day and night. You cannot pray too much for them.

5. And lastly comes our little finger - the smallest finger of all, which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. As the Bible says, ‘The least shall be the greatest among you.’ Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.

Stewardship Report: Revenue

| September 28th:       | 8,342.00 |
| Faith Direct:         | 2,518.50 |
| Total Offertory:      | 10,860.50|
| Last Year:            | 8,807.80 |
| Poor Box:             | 297.00   |
| Every Penny Counts Box: | 52.11   |
| Catholic University of America 2014: | 1,496.00 |
| Catholic University of America 2013: | 2,062.00 |

Number of Adult Envelopes: 200; Number of Children’s Envelopes: 3; Number of Faith Direct Donors: 70; Number of Registered Households: 803

Recent Expenditures

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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 and improvements to our parish and school buildings and grounds as always. We thank you for your continued generosity.

Faith Direct: Why not make a change this Fall in the way you support Saint Matthias the Apostle? Sign up with eGiving through Faith Direct to make your weekly offering to Saint Matthias the Apostle. Making either one-time or automatic contributions through Faith Direct will also save valuable time for both you and our parish staff. To enroll, please visit Faith Direct’s website www.faitheirect.net and use our parish code MD41. You can also fill out and mail a Faith Direct enrollment form from the parish office.

Every Penny Counts: Donate your loose change to the “Every Penny Counts” Box which provides funding for the annual Father E. Albert Hughes Scholarship Awards. These scholarship awards are given in the form of tuition assistance to deserving parish students enrolled at The Academy of Saint Matthias the Apostle or a Catholic High School of the Archdiocese of Washington. Together our pennies, nickels, and dimes can make a difference by assisting someone in need with a Catholic education.

A Stewardship Moment: In the Gospel today, the owner of the vineyard sent messengers to collect his share of the harvest from the tenant farmers; but there was not a single good steward on the property! God is the owner, we are the tenants. What sort of stewards are we?

Celebrant Mass Schedule for the Weekend of October 11th/12th

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Faith Formation

If you have any questions regarding Faith Formation, please contact Catherine Tolnay at 301-459-4814 x205.

Bible Study: Please join us as Saint Matthias begins an adult Bible Study on the book of Revelation beginning on Tuesday, October 7th in the Atrium of the Hughes Center after the 8:30 am morning Mass. Bring your Bible and a friend.

Items of Note

Justice and Advocacy Councils: Open your heart to the local Church’s advocacy efforts at the county level through an Archdiocesan Justice and Advocacy Council on Saturday, November 1st (after parish Mass - Holy Family Church, 12010 Woodmore Road in Mitchellville). For details and further information, contact Tony Bosnick at 301-853-5340 or abosnick@adw.org. All are welcome!

Young Adult Mass: All Young Adults (21-tate 30s) are invited to our Young Adult Mass: Christ in the City, at Immaculate Conception Parish (corner of 8th and N Streets, NW) on Thursday, October 9th. Mass begins at 7:00 pm. For more information, please visit www.facebook.com/DC Catholic/events or contact DCCatholic@adw.org.

When Did You Last Open The Bible: The Bible Timeline study, presented by Jeff Cavin, will be held at the Most Blessed Sacrament on 3630 Quesada Street, NW on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 pm through May 6th, in the school auditorium. Register on the parish website: www.blessedsacramentdc.org. For more information, contact Ceil Malphrus at cilmalphrus@verizon.net or 301-907-0827.

40 Days of Life: You’re invited to join 40 Days for Life - an internationally coordinated pro-life mobilization which features 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. This prayer vigil takes place daily through November 2nd from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm when we gather to pray outside of Metropolitan Family Planning in College Park. For more information or to get involved, please contact Tom Trunk by email 40daysforlifeMD@gmail.com or call 240-593-6862.

Prayer Breakfast: The Holy Comforter Saint Cyprian Women’s Ministry is hosting a Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, October 18th from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon at Saint Benedict the Moor Catholic Church (320 C Street, NE, Washington). The theme is "Be Encouraged, Take Care of Self". Breast Cancer Awareness. The keynote speaker is Andrea Roane, co-anchor of WUSA 9 News. The cost is $25. For tickets, contact Shirley Austin at 202-989-7231 or Bartha Colbert at 301-567-9766. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

Mass Intentions

Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, October 6: Saint Bruno and Blessed Marie Durocher
8:30 am Josephine Daly

Tuesday, October 7: Our Lady of the Rosary
8:30 am Rose Provenzano

Wednesday, October 8:
8:30 am Reverend Fred Roensch

Thursday, October 9: Saints Denis and John Leonardi
8:30 am Fran Heen

Friday, October 10:
8:30 am Adamama Ugoh

Saturday, October 11: Saint Francis of Assisi
3:30 pm to 4:30 pm—Confessions

Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time

Vigil -
5:00 pm Lolita Compas and Joe Mantapaz, Jr. (Living)

Sunday, October 12:
8:00 am Marie Sulphin
10:30 am Pat Ajayi (Living) and George Johnson

Please pray for the sick and homebound in our parish, our neighbors, family, and friends: Virginia Azarcon; Melvin and Elaine Brooks; Yvonne Brown; Shawn Brown; Barbara Burnett; Irene Chisholm; Emma Graham; Francis Greenfield; Jade Jackson; Chris Johnson; Dorothy Johnson; Jack Jordan; Kay Kaderabek; John and Joan Kodek; Joe Makowski; John Matais; Carole Now; Molly Owuwukwu; Irene Pezzuti; William Pitchback; Pablo Rocha; Ben Self; Lucille Stregne; Marian Thomas; Kay Villani; and Eugene Zehner; may God’s healing grace be theirs. For our military serving overseas: Ryan Morgan; protect them from all harm. For all of the deceased: Kathleen Buty; Grace Callis (mother of Reverend Joseph Callis); James Chittams; Elizabeth Eziwe; Monsignor Paul Gozaloff; may they 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.

Columbus Day Holiday

The School and Rectory Offices will be closed on Monday, October 13th in observance of the Columbus Day Holiday.

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