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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

Monday: Adoration and Blessed Sacrament from 6:00 to 8:00 PM
Confessions from 7:00 to 8:00 PM
Benediction at 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.
Global Pulse

The following is a selection from Global Pulse, a relatively new Internet "publication". It was prepared for the current sessions of the Synod of Bishops gathering in Rome to prepare for the Summer, 2015 International Meeting on the Family. The City of Brotherly Love gathering, which may well be attended by Pope Francis, will take place in Philadelphia. For those who are looking for a broader reporting on Church matters and doctrine, Robert Mikes, the editor, has pulled together Catholic writers from around the world. The publication is worth every penny of the charge ($22/year) required after the end of this month of October. Google "Global Pulse". You will find this publication listed in second place. The short article that follows was crafted by Father John Armstrong. (You will see a picture of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on the opening page of Global Pulse.)

Like Open Heart Surgery

The more I reflect on the synod the more it appears to be like open heart surgery. There seem to be many opinions about how to best go about that surgery.

You have people looking at a perfect and healthy heart and say it only needs to be maintained in good shape. Others would look at it saying there needs to be radical surgery to fix the heart. Others still would look at a total transplant and put a new heart in place.

What we recognize is that each person comes from their own perspective and with their own solution. However, following the feast of St Francis of Assisi, we are called to hear the words addressed to him about rebuilding my Church. Often we can seem to blunder towards a solution or misinterpret what God is calling upon us to do in this time and place.

I think today we bring before God the needs of the domestic Church and that we are able to listen to the voice of God at the heart of our conversations. This is not in the raging wind, in the mighty fire or in the earthquake but in the gentle, quiet breeze.

I pray that the Holy Spirit may lead us to ask the right questions and be prepared to live with those questions. Nobody engages in open heart surgery without a sense of trepidation. We pray for steady hands of skill and finesse and a recognition that if we uncover the wound that we do not leave it open to the elements but seek ways of helping people live with a heart, mind and body in rhythm with God, in rhythm with ourselves and in rhythm with each other.

Celebrant Mass Schedule for the Weekend of October 18th/19th

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

Change in Confession Schedule

Effective Saturday, October 11th there will no longer be confessions on Saturday afternoons. Confessions will be heard on Monday evenings as follows:

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Adoration and Blessed Sacrament
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Confessions
8:00 pm Benediction

Stewardship Report: Revenue

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World Missions/Propagation of Faith: Our second collection next weekend is for the celebration of World Mission Sunday. This year we are invited to act in solidarity with missionaries throughout the world. Every day, faithful missionaries are reaching out in the name of Christ to bring the light of Christ to the darkest of circumstances. For more information, visit www.IAmAMissionary.org.

Cardinal’s Appeal for 2014: As of October 1st, our parish has pledged $88,202.40 towards the parish goal of $78,063.00. Thank you to every donor here at Saint Matthias the Apostle who has made a gift to the 2014 Cardinal’s Appeal. If you would like to learn more, visit the Archdiocese of Washington website at www.adw.org and click on Archbishop’s Appeal.

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!

Spiritual Reading Materials: We continually provide materials to enhance spiritual devotion and practice among our parishioners. These materials are offered at a reduced cost. The following are currently available:

- Missal: Saint Joseph Sunday Missal Prayer book and Hymnal for 2015 (Cost: $4.00)
- Word of Grace: Provides daily Mass prayers and scripture readings. (Cost: $2.00)

A Stewardship Moment: In today’s second reading, Saint Paul thanks the Philippians for being willing to share in his hardships and promises that God, in turn, will fully supply all their needs. Our God truly cannot be outdone in generosity!
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Join the Ben’s Buddies ALS Team

Saint Matthias parishioner Ben Self was diagnosed with ALS in October 2013. ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig’s Disease, is a deadly illness with no known cause or cure. Gradually, a person is robbed of the ability to walk, speak, eat, and eventually breathe.

Ben had many symptoms that baffled the doctors, but the inability to breathe effectively got him a bed in the hospital and after many tests the diagnosis was confirmed. Ben is cared for at home by his wife, Debbie Self, since he had a tracheostomy and is on a respirator.

On Saturday, November 1st Debbie will be participating in the Walk to Defeat ALS® at the National Mall in Washington DC. Won’t you consider joining Debbie and walk with the Ben’s Buddies ALS team? To join the team or make a donation go to http://www.alsa.org/site/TR/Walks/DCMDVA. Click on the ‘Find a Walk’ button, enter zip code 20706 and select the Ben’s Buddies team. If you have any questions or need additional information, please call Debbie Self at 301-577-4201.

Faith Formation

Bible Study: Saint Matthias adult Bible Study has begun. We are studying the book of Revelation in the Atrium of the Hughes Center after the 8:30 am Mass on Tuesday morning. Bring your Bible and a friend. If you have any questions regarding Faith Formation, please contact Catherine Tolnay at 301-459-4814 x205.

Items of Note

University of Maryland Student Dinner: On Wednesday, October 22nd, The Academy of Saint Matthias will feed 250 students at the Catholic Student Center at the University of Maryland. Any members of the parish who wish to contribute to this, may drop off Giant gift cards to the school for purchases of food supplies or contact the school to join us in serving the college students. Church groups sponsor these Wednesday dinners each week, but The Academy is the first SCHOOL to take on this task. Thank you for your support!

Open House: Our Lady of Good Counsel High School will be hosting an Open House for all 7th and 8th grade students and their families. Tours will be held on Sunday, October 19th, from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm. The school is located at 17501 Old Vic Boulevard, Olney, MD. Contact Kevin F. Collins, Director of Admissions, at 240-283-3230 for more information.

Welcome to Our House

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 Achankeng Family (Michael, Rita, Arnavu, and Ahava)
- The Akuwofor Family (Cyril, Nkeiruka, Chinwend, and Chijike)
- The Aleandra Family (Miguel, Perea, and Maria)
- The Coker-Ayanda Family (Mucupe, Abidemi, Omotola, Babajide, and Olalekan)
- The Davis Family (Zari and Dylair)
- The Herrera Family (Jose, Lorena, Andy, Alexis, and Stephanie)
- The Mejia Family (Gerardo, Norma, and Jonathan)
- The Obuwu Family (Joe, Helen, Kingsley, Cynthia, and Jennifer)
- The Onyewu Family (Chidi, Ekaette, Mayen, and Idara)
- Uchenna Onyewu.

We hope and pray that you will find within our spiritual home a place to reverently 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.

Church Sign

“Are you looking for a lifeguard? Ours walks on water.”

Mass Intentions

Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, October 13:
8:30 am Frances Heen
Columbus Day
Rectory and School Closed

Wednesday, October 15:
8:30 am Reverend Ralph Torsiello

Thursday, October 16:
8:30 am Alice Momodu

Friday, October 17:
8:30 am Christopher Hutton
Saturday, October 18:
Saint Luke, Evangelist

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil:
5:00 pm Catherine Tolnay (Living - Birthday)

Sunday, October 19:
8:00 am Genevieve Roberts
10:30 am Kathleen Lewis
11:00 am Dennis and Dorothy Oleru
Theophilus Oleru

Please pray for the sick and homebound in our parish, our neighbors, family, and friends: Virginia Azarcon; Euphemia Bild; Melvin and Elaine Brooks; Yvonne Brown; Shawn Brown; Barbara Burnett; Irene Chisholm; Edith Echj; Emma Graham; Francis Greenfield; Jade Jackson; Chris Johnson; Dorothy Johnson; Jack Jordan; Kay Kaderabek; John and Joan Kodak; Joe Makowski; John Matais; Carole New; Molly Onwukwue; Irene Pazzuti; William Pinchback; Pablo Rocha; Ben Self; Lucille Streme; Marrian Thomas; Kay Villedin; and Eugene Zehner; may God's healing grace be theirs. For our military serving overseas: Ryan Morgan; protect them from all harm.

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 myour@stmatthias.org.
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- Peaceful, Home-like Environment
- Interdisciplinary Care Planning
- Activity Department

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