Parish Staff

Administrator
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Principal
Mrs. Abigail Greer ~ x 214

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Administrative Assistant
Ms. Marsha Blackburn ~ x 212

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.
ANNUAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE
A SPIRITUAL WORK OF MERCY
AND
ALL SAINTS DAY

Saturday, November 1, 2014 at 5:00 PM

Commemorating the Souls of Our Faithful Departed and Praying for Their Eternal Happiness

Dear Friends in Christ: Our annual Mass of Remembrance offered for our parishioners and special benefactors who have gone to their eternal reward since October 2013, will be celebrated on November 1st at the 5:00 pm Saturday Vigil Mass. Join us in praying with those who still grieve their loss and in remembering the blessing their loved ones were to their families as well as to our community of faith.

Throughout November we pray for all of our brothers and sisters in faith, but especially our own loved ones, family members, and friends who are deceased. We invite you to join us as we celebrate this centuries-old tradition of praying, especially in the sacrifice of the Mass, for all of our beloved dead, most especially for the souls in purgatory. Join with us in offering our daily prayers and our daily and weekend Masses, for our deceased family members, ancestors, neighbors, and friends who have touched our lives here on earth with their love, care, and affection. Join us in this spiritual work of mercy! There will be a Mass offered for the happy repose of all the faithful departed each day of November. Enroll the deceased members of your family, loved ones, and friends in this spiritual bouquet of Masses. Please look in your first class mail this coming week for a special prayer resource that you can use to remember the faithful departed in prayer and a special All Souls Day Remembrance Envelope to enroll the names of your beloved family and friends who now sleep in Christ. Thank you and may God bless you!

Father Mitt

Also, kindly remember...

♦ Clearly PRINT the names of those deceased you would like us to remember at our Masses during November.
♦ Place your offering inside the envelope. May we suggest a minimum offering of $10.00?
♦ Seal the envelope and place it in the regular Sunday collection, mail it to the rectory or drop it off in the parish office.
♦ Please return the completed envelope by Sunday, October 26th.

Stewardship Report: Revenue

October 19th: 7,356.00
Faith Direct: 2,397.50
Total Offertory: 9,753.50
Last Year: 10,966.75
Poor Box: 78.00
Every Penny Counts Box: 89.77
World Missions for October 2014 to date: 1,570.00
World Missions for October 2013: 2,041.00

Number of Adult Envelopes: 207; Number of Children’s Envelopes: 8; Number of Faith Direct Donors: 66; Number of Registered Households: 802

Recent Expenditures

McKay (Candles, Missals etc): 1,258.56
Credit Cards: 691.71
Chase: 502.23
Home Depot: 764.98
Lowe’s: 407.80
Office Depot: 282.08
Staples

Building and Maintenance Fund: Our second collection next 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 continuing generosity.

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)

Mass Intentions: If you desire to have a Mass offered on the anniversary date of the death of your loved one, relative or friend, please think ahead and arrange for your Mass at least four months in advance! An offering of $10 is suggested for each Mass intention requested and the offering must be made at the time the Mass is scheduled. Cards are available to send to a grieving family or to someone living for their intentions. Please stop by the Hughes Center during business hours to schedule your intention and to select your card.

Celebrant Mass Schedule for the Weekend of November 1st/2nd

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

A Stewardship Moment: We fulfill the commandment to love our neighbor when we exercise good stewardship - joyfully sharing our gifts of life, abilities, and resources to meet our neighbor’s need.
**Daylight Savings Time**

Time will fall back to standard time on Sunday November 2nd, when daylight savings time ends.

**Items of Note**

**Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser:** On Thursday, October 30th from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm, Saint Matthias parishioners are encouraged to patronize Texas Roadhouse Restaurant. Texas Roadhouse will donate 10% or more of your food purchase to The Academy of Saint Matthias the Apostle. The restaurant is located at 6011 Highbridge Road, Bowie. Call ahead for seating availability. For more information, call 301-860-1728.

**Feeding the Hungry:** Community Place Café is an interfaith ministry that provides community services and support for the homeless in Prince George’s County. Saint Matthias parishioners host the soup kitchen five times a year. The café is located at the United Methodist Church in Hyattsville. The next luncheon will be in December. If you would like to assist in any way, please call Erusa Onukwabini at 240-593-4046 or Peg Chappell at 301-262-8724.

**Shelter Hospitality Voluntary:** You are cordially invited to spend one evening a week from November through April at one of Catholic Charities’ 3 low-barrier shelters for men who are homeless. Our shelters are clean, safe places where people without homes can spend the night. You can assist our professional staff from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm, to check the residents in, assign beds, distribute linens and toiletries, serve dinner, distribute mail and, most importantly, offer a friendly respite. Go to our website for more details: www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/Become-a-Volunteer or email volunteer@CatholicCharitiesdc.org.

**Join the Ben’s Buddies ALS Team:** On Saturday, November 1st Saint Matthias parishioner Debbie Self will Walk to Defeat ALS® at the Mall National in Washington DC. This is in support of her husband Ben Self who was diagnosed with ALS in 2013. 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://web.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 at 301-577-4201.

**Quo Vadis “Come and See” Retreat:** High school-aged young men in grades 11 and 12 who are considering options for college are invited to Saint John Paul II Seminary to experience seminary life first-hand. Meet and talk to our seminarians, pray with them, listen to great talks and enjoy time for sports and recreation. It’s a great weekend, and we hope that you can join us Friday through Sunday, November 7th to 9th. Visit www.dcplugin.org for more information and to register. Call the Office of Priest Vocations at 202-636-9020 or email vocations@adw.org with any questions.

**Mass Intentions**

**Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time**

**Monday**, October 27:
- 8:30 am Father William Berry
- 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Adoration and Blessed Sacrament
- 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Confessions
- 8:00 pm Benediction

**Tuesday**, October 28:
- 8:30 am Father Michael Blackwell

**Wednesday**, October 29:
- 8:30 am Joseph Scabia

**Thursday**, October 30:
- 8:30 am Antonio Martinez (Living)

**Friday**, October 31:
- 8:30 am Ed Densmore

**Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday**, November 1:
- All Saints Day
- Mass of Remembrance

**Vigil**
- 5:00 pm All Souls

**Sunday**, November 2:
- All Souls Day
- The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed
- 8:00 am Jose Manlapaz
- Ann Halbe
- 10:30 am All Souls
- 6:00 pm Monsignor John Pennington, Ill

**Please pray for the sick and homebound in our parish, our neighbors, family, and friends:** Virginia Azarcon; Margie Baker; Euphemia Bldi; Melvin and Elaine Brooks; Yvonne Brown; Shawn Brown; Barbara Burnett; Charles Butler; Irene Chisholm; Edith Ejob; Emma Graham; Francis Greenfield; Jade Jackson; Chris Johnson; Dorothy Johnson; Charles Jones; Jack Jordan; Kay Kaderabek; John and Joan Kodel; Joe Makowski; John Matais; Carole New; Molly Onukwabini; Irene Pezzuti; William Pinchback; June Provini; Pablo Rocha; Ben Self; Lucille Streng; Marian Thomas; Kay Villenni; 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: Jesuit Father Richard Schmidt; may he rest in peace.

**Holy Cross High School:** Are you considering an all-girls Catholic high school for your 6th, 7th, or 8th grade daughter? The Academy of the Holy Cross (4920 Strathmore Avenue, Kensington) invites you to attend our Open House on Sunday, November 2nd from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. In addition to school tours and opportunities to meet our faculty and administration, you will receive information about IB and AP programs, as well as our conference-winning athletics and renowned performing and fine art programs. For more information, call 301-929-6442 or email admissions@academyoftheholycross.org.

**Tuition Assistance:** Parents of children in Catholic elementary and/or high schools may apply for the Archdiocesan tuition assistance for the 2015-2016 school year by completing a TADS Financial Aid and Assessment Application. Information and forms are available online at www.adw.org (click on the tuition assistance page). In order to be considered for Archdiocesan assistance or parish scholarships, a current TADS application must be on file. The deadline for submitting applications is Friday, December 5th.

**“When life knocks you to your knees, pray there.”**

–Bill Reynolds