Parish Staff

Administrator
Reverend Milton E. Jordan ~ x 203

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Ms. Mary Young ~ x 201

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Director of Faith Formation
Ms. Catherine Tolnay ~ x 205
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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.
Dear Father Jordan:

I write this letter as I prepare to leave the Federal Prison Camp, here in Pennsylvania, to return home. I still have to make a brief stop at a Half-Way House in Baltimore, Maryland. My exit from here is a glorious moment for me and my family; but, a moment of vindication for all my Church family at Saint Matthias the Apostle Church. This is a confirmation of all the prayers, encouragement (in the form of letters and cards), and support for me and my family through all these many years of incarceration.

My greatest gratitude goes to my wife, Janice, who has persevered and kept faith with me for all these many years, even as faith dealt us a bitter pill. However, I owe an eternal debt to Father Jeffrey Defayette, who has carried my burden aloft so members of the Parish could keep me and my family in their present consciousness. I will never forget his generosity, and love of all parishioners, who also held me up over the years.

Therefore, allow me to solemnly devote to all my friends and Church family this poem, written by William Ernest Henley (1849-1903) at a time in his life when the ravages of faith intruded and faith was difficult to summon. He coined:

INVICTUS

Out of the night that covers me,
Black as the pit from pole to pole,
I thank whatever gods may be
For my unconquerable soul.

In the fell clutch of circumstance
I have not winced nor cried aloud.
Under the bludgeonings of chance
My head is bloody, but unbowed.

Beyond this place of wrath and tears
Looms but the Horror of the shade,
And yet the menace of the years
Finds and shall find, me unafraid.

It matters not how strait the gate,
How charged with punishments the scroll,
I am the master of my fate,
I am the captain of my soul.

So, my Church family I am indeed thankful and thoroughly grateful for your love, kindness, and generosity of Spirit. My family and I would forever remember that you stood by us.

Sincerely,
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Stewardship Report: Revenue

September 21st: 8,165.15
Faith Direct: 2,518.50
Total Offertory: 10,783.65
Last Year: 10,961.80
Poor Box: 74.00
Every Penny Counts Box: 74.35
Catholic University of America 2014 to date: 1,480.00
Catholic University of America 2013: 2,062.00

Number of Adult Envelopes: 186; Number of Children’s Envelopes: 5 Number of Faith Direct Donors: 70; Number of Registered Households: 801

Recent Expenditures

Loyola Press (Books for Faith Formation): 2,711.90
Everbank Commercial (Copier lease): 1,480.00
Washington Gas (7/24-8/22): 143.99

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 continued generosity.

Faith Direct: With the arrival of autumn, I’d like to invite you to join Faith Direct, our parish’s electronic eGiving program. Faith Direct’s eGiving program will give you one less thing to remember each week - no more envelopes to find and checks to write before you go to Mass. Enroll today by visiting www.faithdirect.net and use our church code, MD41, or pick up an enrollment form from the parish office to get started!

Remember His Will in Your Will: More than half of all Americans who die each year do not have a will! Don’t let the State distribute your assets. Choose your executor and provide for your family. It is your privilege and right. Write your will using appropriate legal counsel. When composing your will, please consider remembering Saint Matthias so we can continue the work of the Lord in our community. You may also designate a specific use for the bequest (i.e. wherever needed, church maintenance, school, etc.). Remember those you love so dearly and remember the Lord as you place your affairs in order.

Stewardship Moment: In today’s Gospel, Jesus asks the rich young man to give away all that he has in order to have treasure in heaven. But he is unable to free himself from his possessions, and so he goes sadly away. Does what I own keep me from following Jesus?

Celebrant Mass Schedule for the Weekend of October 4th/5th

Confession: 3:30-4:30 pm
5:00 pm
8:00 am
10:30 am
Father Milt
Father Milt
Father Stan
Father Gerard

PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN FIRE LANE!

Notice from Saint Matthias Apostle Church
Lanham, Maryland
www.stmatthias.org

PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN FIRE AND EMERGENCY LANES!

For the safety of all parishioners we remind all drivers to adhere to Maryland State Highway Administration parking rules and regulations. Ample parking is available at the rear of the church.

Illegal parking will be subject to a FINE and/or TOWING!
**Annual Fall Festival**

The Saint Matthias Fall Festival will be held on **Saturday, October 4th** from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. There will be activities for children, delicious food, and vendors selling their wares. To purchase a table for selling your wares or to volunteer, please contact The Academy of Saint Matthias at 301-577-9412.

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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 right after the 8:30 am morning Mass. Bring your Bible and a friend.

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**Items of Note**

**The Academy Music Room:** The Academy of Saint Matthias Music Room wants to buy high-quality percussion instruments for all ages. We are trying to raise $7,500 this year! You can help by donating online. Share this message with your friends and family! Check out our fundraising page: [http://www.razoo.com/story/Music-Supply-Drive](http://www.razoo.com/story/Music-Supply-Drive). All proceeds benefit the music fundraiser.

**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, October 4th at 9:00 am** (Saint Pius X Church, 14720 Annapolis Road in Bowie) or **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-late 30s) are invited to our Young Adult Mass: Christ in the City, at Immaculate Conception Parish on **Thursday, October 9th**. Mass begins at 7:00 pm. Immaculate Conception is located at the corner of 8th and N Streets, NW. For more information, please visit [www.facebook.com/DCatholic/events](http://www.facebook.com/DCatholic/events) or contact [DCatholic@adw.org](mailto:DCatholic@adw.org).

**Retreat for Separated and Divorced Catholics:** Saint Paul Church in Damascus will host a healing retreat for separated and divorced Catholics. Entitled *At the Well,* it will feature nationally-known speaker and author Rose Sweet and will be held on **October 17-18** at Saint Michael Church in Poplar Springs. If you have any questions, please contact Father Rick Kramer in the Office for Family Life [rakramer@adw.org](mailto:rakramer@adw.org) or [301-853-4546](tel:301-853-4546).

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**Columbus Day**

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

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**Mass Intentions**

**Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time**

- **Monday, Sept. 29:** Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael 8:30 am - Fran Heen
- **Tuesday, September 30:** Saint Jerome, Priest & Doctor 8:30 am - The Sanon Family (Living - Thanksgiving)
- **Wednesday, October 1:** Saint Therese of the Child Jesus 8:30 am - Reverend J. William Hines
- **Thursday, October 2:** The Holy Guardian Angels 8:30 am - Anthony Len
- **Friday, October 3:** 8:30 am - Scholastica Boberick
- **Saturday, October 4:** Saint Francis of Assisi 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm – Confessions

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**Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time Vigil**

- **5:00 pm** - Sinforsosa Sanchez

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**Sunday, October 5:**

- **8:00 am** - Linda Morgan
- **10:30 am** - Anthony Len

**Please pray for the sick and homebound in our parish, our neighbors, family, and friends:** Adolfo Aguiar; Virginia Azarcon; Margie Baker; Euphenia Blied; Mary Bottner; Melvin Brooks; Yvonne Brown; Muriel Brown; Shawn Brown; Irene Chisholm; James Clittams; Joseph DeMarco; Emma Graham; Francis Greenfield; Jade Jackson; Chris Johnson; Dorothy Johnson; Charles Jones; Jack Jordan; Kay Kaderabek; John and Joan Kodak; Ed Mahlin; Joe Makowski; John Matais; Anthony and Inge Mauger; Carole New; Joe Omahony; Molly Onwukwe; Irene Pezzuti; William Pinchback; Pablo Rocha; Ben Self; Robert Shaffer; Lucille Stenger; Robert Taylor; Marian Thomas; Angela Thompson; Kay Villem; Jeanette West; and Eugene Zehner; may God’s healing grace be theirs.

**For all of the deceased:** Lilly Mule; may she rest in peace.

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**40 Days of Life:** From September 24th through November 2nd, you’re invited to join with more than 625,000 people for 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 from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm when we gather to pray in the public right-of-way outside of Metropolitan Family Planning in College Park. For more information or to get involved, please contact the local 40 Days for Life campaign coordinator, Tom Trunk at 240-593-6982 or by email at 40daysforlifeMD@gmail.com.

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**When Did You Last Open The Bible:**

The Bible is more than a book; it is the incredible story of salvation history—God’s glorious plan for leading his people to an intimate relationship with Himself. The Bible Timeline study, presented by Jeff Cavins, will be held at the Most Blessed Sacrament on 3630 Quesada Street, NW on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 pm October 1st through May 6th, in the school auditorium. Register on the parish website: [www.blessedsacramentmd.org](http://www.blessedsacramentmd.org). For more information, contact Cell Malphrus at cellmalphrus@verizon.net or 301-907-0827.
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