



Mass Intentions for the Sixth Week of Easter

Monday, May 2nd: Saint Athanasius

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Jude O. Nwoko (Living - Birthday)
Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 - 8:00 PM
Confessions 7:00 to 8:00 PM
Benediction 8:00 PM

Tuesday, May 3rd: Saints Philip and James

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Guadie M. Montesa (Living - Birthday)

Wednesday, May 4th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Frances Zatorski (Living - Birthday)

Thursday, May 5th: The Ascension of the Lord

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Gordon Clark and George Kosko

Friday, May 6th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: Stanley Aitcheson

Saturday, May 7th

Daily Mass 8:30 AM: For the People of the Parish

The Ascension of the Lord

Saturday, May 7th

Vigil 5:00 PM: Mother's Day Novena
Spanish Mass 7:00 PM: Mother's Day Novena

Sunday, May 8th

8:00 AM: Mother's Day Novena
10:30 AM: Mother's Day Novena
6:00 PM: Mother's Day Novena

Readings for

The Ascension of the Lord

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11
2nd Reading: Eph 1:17-23
Gospel: Luke 24:46-53

Please pray for the sick and homebound in our parish, our neighbors, family, and friends:

Margie Baker; Muriel Brown; Martina Coleman; Ronnie Davis; Eugene Diggs; William Downey; William Halbe; Jack Jordan; Vera Joseph; Bong Juanitez; Kay Kaderabek; John and Joan Kodak; Joe Makowski; Dick O'Connor; Florence Nwonye- Nwoko; Celestine Scindian; Phyllis Sczuka; Marian Thomas; Kay Villemi; Crystal VanBuren; Earl White Madeline White; Joseph Young; Sister Giustina Zanin; Eugene Zehner, Mick Zehner

-For our military, protect them from all harm.

-For all the faithful departed, especially Joseph Hugya, may they rest in peace.

Names will be placed on our prayer list for 4 weeks. To place a name on the list, please contact Pat Ford at 301-459-4814 x 201 or email pford@stmatthias.org

Stewardship Report: Revenue

April 24 th	8,840.00
Faith Direct	2,322.00
Total Offertory	11,162.00
Last Year:	10,830.00

We are grateful for your generosity



2016 Cardinal's Appeal Update:

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. The goal for Saint Matthias for the **2016 Cardinal's Appeal is \$81,027**. As of April 1st we have pledged **\$61,258 and paid \$30,056**. It is not too late to send in your pledge and begin participating in the Cardinal's Appeal. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

Looking Ahead

Mother's Day Reception: Parishioners, especially our fathers and young people interested in helping with the May 8th Mother's Day reception, are asked to contact Emmanuel Amanyeiwe at D_amans@yahoo.com or call 301-351-0777.

Needed: We are looking for a generous parishioner to donate a computer and high speed scanner for the parish front office. Please call 301-459-4814 x 207 if you can assist.

School News

Congratulations, Mrs. Kelly! Big news for the Academy of Saint Matthias—our very own art teacher, librarian, and assistant principal, Mrs. Julie Kelly, has won a *2016 Golden Apple Award!* She is one of 10 recipients for the entire Archdiocese. Each winner receives \$5,000 and is recognized at a special Archdiocesan dinner later this month. We are especially proud of Mrs. Kelly for her dedication and service to our parish, students, and school. Indeed, great things are happening at the Academy of Saint Matthias!



The Academy of Saint Matthias the Apostle: Spread the good news and encourage your friends and neighbors to consider enrolling their children for the 2016-2017 school year. For more information, please call 301-577-9412, or mblackburn@stmatthias.org

School Raffle: Congratulations to Howard Hill, winner of \$300, and Carolyn Consoli, seller (\$50), in the April 25th drawing.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Family Connection



Parents are always helping their children prepare for something, whether that consists of getting ready for school, preparing for an exam, or making preparations to go on vacation. In today's Gospel, Jesus prepares his disciples for his Passion, death, and Resurrection. He promises his Holy Spirit, gives them the gift of his peace, and tells them not to be troubled.

As a family, talk about the kinds of events that you have prepared for together; surgeries, funerals, vacations, and first days of school are some examples. Talk about why it is important to prepare for important events in our lives. Then read aloud this Sunday's Gospel: John 14:23-29. Talk about how Jesus prepared his disciples for his Death and Resurrection and how he wanted them to be prepared for what would happen so that they would be able to believe. Talk about how, as a family, you can prepare for Pentecost (only 2 weeks away), when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit, our Advocate.

Taken From Loyola Press (www.loyolapress.com).

Note: The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is transferred to next Sunday, May 8th.

Items of Note

First Holy Communion at St. Matthias: Next Saturday, May 7th, Faith Formation and Academy students will receive their first communion at the 10:00 AM Mass. Please keep our youngsters in your prayers on their special day.

Calling All Teens! The Saint Matthias Teen Youth Group will hold its next meeting on Sunday, May 15th from 12:00 - 2:30 p.m. in the Hughes Center. Lunch & refreshments will be provided. Parish teens in grades 9 through 12 are welcome. For more information, contact Le-Marie Thompson at 301-452-2258 or Arlene Taylor at 301-459-5549.



Graduating Seniors: Parents of 2016 graduates are asked to email lemarie.thompson@gmail.com by May 15th with your child's name, high school, and future endeavor for a special recognition. For more information, contact Le-Marie Thompson.

“Come and See” Event for High School Girls will be held at the Washington Retreat House in Washington, DC, (4000 Harewood Rd., NE) on Saturday, May 7th from 9:30 am—3:00 pm. The entire event is FREE. Please contact Jessica LaFortune at 301-854-4490 to RSVP. The deadline for registering is May 2nd.



Memorial Mass for the Military Services:

On Sunday, May 15th, the 22nd Annual Memorial Mass will be held to honor those who have served and are serving in our nation's armed forces. The Mass will take place at 12 noon at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception (400 Michigan Ave., NW) Parking is limited and carpooling is advised. To request seating or obtain additional information, please visit

Mother's Day Novena



What is novena? “Nine days of public or private prayer for some special occasion or intention.” Its origin goes back to the nine days that the disciples and Mary spent together in prayer between Ascension Thursday and Pentecost Sunday. Our novena will focus on asking God to bless our living mothers with good health, peace, and blessings throughout the coming months and to grant eternal rest to our deceased mothers.

The novena of Masses for our mothers will be held from May 5th through May 15th with a Mass offered each day for the intentions received.

You may pick up your Mother's Day Novena Cards and remembrance envelopes at the parish office during regular business hours. Cards will also be available after Masses this weekend. A \$5.00 offering is suggested for each name submitted to the novena.

Schedule for Lectors, EMCH, & Altar Servers May 7 / 8

	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>EMCH</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
5:00 pm	JP. Shehadi	TBD	TBD
7:00 pm	TBD	TBD	TBD
8:00 am	F. Craig	TBD	TBD
10:30 am	C. Nwokefor	TBD	TBD
6:00 pm	H. Jorgenson	TBD	TBD

Celebrant Mass Schedule for the Weekend of May 7/8



5:00 pm Father Albert
7:00 pm Father Ron
8:00 am Father Canice
10:30 am Father Milt
6:00 pm Father Canice