

Catholic Schools Week January 31-February 6, 2016

The Academy of Saint Matthias
the Apostle



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The Academy of Saint Matthias the Apostle in Lanham, Maryland welcomes prospective families to our 2016 Open Houses to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. With a 90% acceptance rate to Catholic High Schools, an online math program, a choice-reading model, and multiple classes assessing in the top 80% of the nation, see why our small classes yield big results! **All are welcome.**

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, January 31st from 1:00pm—3:00pm

Wednesday, February 3rd from 9:00 am—11:00 am

Please spread the good news and encourage your friends and neighbors to consider enrolling their children. For more information, contact Vivian Richards, Director of Admissions and Development, at 301-577-9412 or vrichards@stmatthias.org. **Please support our school.**

Today's Gospel Connection

Weddings are wonderful family celebrations. We go out of our way to make the occasion festive and extraordinary.

People work hard to please one another. What better image of the Kingdom of God! Not every day is a wedding celebration, but we can anticipate the Kingdom of God each day in our attentiveness to one another's needs.



If your family has attended a wedding celebration together, talk about the experience and the planning and cooperation that made the celebration memorable. Talk about how weddings and feasts are images in Scripture for the Kingdom of God. Consider how these festive occasions are images of God's tremendous love for us and examples of how we can show our love for one another. Then read together today's Gospel, John 2:1-11. Talk about Mary's attentiveness to the needs of the hosts and about Jesus' response. What could your family learn from this story? Consider ways that you might show these values in your family's daily life. Pray together Saint Ignatius' Prayer for Generosity. www.loyolapress.com

**The Parish Office and School will be closed
Monday, January 18th in observance of
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

Stewardship Report: Revenue

January 10 th :	11,874.00
Faith Direct:	2,702.00
Total Offertory:	14,576.00
Last Year:	10,060.00
Solemnity of Mary 2016	8,548.00
Solemnity of Mary 2015	4,317.00



Church Missions within the United States: Our second collection this weekend is for the Church Missions within the United States. This is a combined collection for the Black and Indian Missions and the Catholic Home Missions. Your contributions make a meaningful difference to these Catholic faith communities.

Catholic School: Our second collection next weekend is for our parish school, The Academy of St. Matthias the Apostle. Please be generous in supporting Catholic Education.

2016 Cardinal's Appeal Begins: Cardinal Wuerl asks that you make a pledge to the 2016 Cardinal's Appeal. "Through our participation in the Appeal, when we each help provide for the archdiocesan ministries of teaching, healing, nurturing and sanctifying,

we accompany others and make it possible for them to be touched by the tender mercies of God's kingdom in our midst. Each year I ask your help simply because you are so generous and because there are so many people in need. They look not only for assistance, but also to know that there are people who care".

This year, the theme of the Appeal is, "Seek First the Kingdom of God." (Matthew 6:33). Please consider a generous pledge to the 2016 Cardinal's Appeal.

*Seek first the
Kingdom of God*
Matthew 6:33

Looking Ahead

The St. Matthias Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group meets every Sunday in the Church after the 10:30 am Mass. All are welcome.

Hosting An Event? Friendship Hall is available for rent. For information, please contact Thad Ereme at 301-459-4814 x 207 or email tereme@stmatthias.org.

Altar Server Training Classes (4th thru 10th Grades): If you are interested in becoming an altar server, training classes begin January 30th and end February 27th – Saturday mornings from 9:30 – 11:30 in the Church. Any questions, please call/email Cynthia Faust – 301-464-1799 or cfaust@atelierarchitects.com.

School Raffle Winner



Congratulations to
Martin E. Kwapinski, the winner and seller
of \$350
for the January 11th drawing.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Items of Note

Fourth Archdiocesan Women's Conference: On Saturday, February 27, the Fourth Archdiocesan Women's Conference, "Divine Mercy in Prayer and Action," will be held at Elizabeth Seton High School in Bladensburg, MD, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. There will be an English and Spanish track. For more information, contact Maria Suarez Hamm in the ADW Office of Family Life at 301-853-4499 or at mhamm@adw.org, or visit www.adw.org/womensconference.

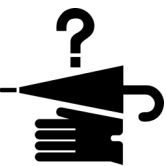
Missals for Sale: Saint Joseph Missals for 2016 are available for sale in the church vestibule and at the Hughes Center parish office. The cost is \$4.00.



Knights of Columbus Scholarships: The Maryland State Council and Insurance Advisors of the Knights of Columbus sponsor several Catholic high school scholarships. Saint Matthias teens are encouraged to apply. You may obtain specific information and applications by visiting <http://www.kofc-md.org/>. Applicants will be judged on academic excellence, personal qualifications, and financial need. The application deadline is February 1st.

Youth Rally & Mass for Life: The Youth Rally and Mass for Life will be held on Friday, January 22nd 2016. To register for free tickets, please visit <http://YouthRallyandMassforLife.org>.

Holy Water Bottles are available for purchase in the vestibule of the church and at the parish office. The cost is \$3.00.



'Lost and Found' Clean-Out: Have you lost your reading glasses? How about a hat or gloves? Lost items found in the church are placed in the ushers' closet. Please ask an usher to assist you in locating your missing items. All unclaimed items will be donated to charity after this weekend.

**Schedule for Lectors & Altar Servers
January 23 & 24**

	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>EMCH</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
5:00 pm	J. Murry	R. Galicinao, C.Kosko, D. Self, B. Wiredu	S. Cherisca, X. Cherisca, S. Zetterstrom
8:00 am	M. Taylor	B. Falls, M. Grayson, S. Keleti	J. Adekoya, E. Adekoya, D. Adekoya
10:30 am	R. Aitcheson	B. Herring, M. Hoke, R. Ihegbe, S. Ugoh, B. Chappell	J. Onuoha, H. Taylor, D. Morfaw
6:00 pm	A. M'Carthy	K. Holmes-Johnson, C. Sykes	D. Osuji, A. Akem

**Mass Intentions
Second Week in Ordinary Time**

Monday, January 18:

8:30 am Engracia Felix
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Adoration & Blessed Sacrament
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Confessions
8:00 pm Benediction

Tuesday, January 19:

8:30 am Amparo Camacho-Texta

Wednesday, January 20: Saints Fabian and Sebastian

8:30 am Adamma Ugoh

Thursday, January 21: Saint Agnes

8:30 am Felicidad Felix

Friday, January 22: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

8:00 am Steve and Mary Ellen Keleti (Living)

Third Week in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 23: Saint Vincent

5:00 pm Tammy Paolino (Living - Birthday)

Sunday, January 24:

8:00 am John Zanin
10:30 am Francis McKay
6:00 pm James Wills, MD

Readings for the Third Week in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Gospel: Luke 1: 1-4, 4:14-21

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

Margie Baker; Muriel Brown; Ronnie Davis; Jack Jordan; Kay Kaderabek; John and Joan Kodak; Joe Makowski; Rocco Martino; Dick O'Connor; Tim O'Leary; Marion Prout; Marian Thomas; Madeline White, Eugene Zehner

-For our military, protect them from all harm.

-For all the faithful departed, 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

**Celebrant Mass Schedule for the
Weekend of January 23/24**



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