

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.**

Stewardship Report: Revenue

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| January 17 th : | 7,931.00 |
| Faith Direct: | 2,702.00 |
| Total Offertory: | 10,633.00 |
| Last Year: | 9,953.00 |
| Church Missions for 2016 to date: | 1,794.00 |
| Church Missions 2015 | 1,987.00 |

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Our Second Collection this weekend is for our parish school, The Academy of St. Matthias the Apostle. Please be generous in supporting Catholic Education.

2016 Cardinal's Appeal: This week, you are asked to review the Cardinal's Appeal brochure and the tabloid that you will receive with your bulletin today. The theme of the campaign is: "Seek first the kingdom of God." (Matthew 6:33)

The Cardinal's Appeal campaign is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift, payable over ten months.

A significant gift to the Cardinal's Appeal will touch the lives of many others in a very positive way. As you review the work enabled by your contribution, please reflect on God's gifts to you. He has given you all that you have. Your gifts to our parish, to the archdiocese and to the work of the Church throughout the world should be given in gratitude for the continuing gifts that God gives you.

Sometimes it is difficult to envision how one pledge can help an organization the size of our archdiocese, how it can make a real difference. But each pledge does make a difference because all parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our archdiocese to deliver needed ministries and services.

Our combined gifts not only signify our gratitude to God, they glorify Him by enabling the work of our archdiocese and give Him thanks for all He has given us.

If you received your pledge form in the mail earlier this month, please complete it and mail it back or bring it to Mass next weekend. For those of you who did not receive a mailing or have not had time to respond to it, we will conduct our in-pew pledge process at all Masses next weekend and the following weekend.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

Family Connection



Jesus was the one sent by God to bring salvation to the world. Jesus announced that mission using the framework we hear in today's Gospel from the prophet Isaiah: glad tidings will be brought to the poor, liberty to captives, recovery of sight for the blind, and freedom for the oppressed. Jesus inaugurates the Kingdom of God in his person—through his life, death, and Resurrection. We are charged with the task of continuing the mission that Jesus began. Jesus set the framework for all of us when he announced his ministry in today's Gospel. Jesus also gave us the helper we would need to enable us to participate in his mission. The Holy Spirit has been given to us so that we, the Church, might serve the Kingdom of God.

Gather with your family and suggest that they try to picture the vision that Jesus describes using the words of the prophet Isaiah as you read today's Gospel, Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21. Think about your neighborhood, your community. What are the situations and who are the people who most need to see this vision fulfilled? What steps would be necessary to make the vision a reality for them? Make a family commitment to pray for the Kingdom of God and to take a particular action that will address a need you see in your community. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you by praying the Prayer to the Holy Spirit.

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School Raffle Winner



Congratulations to
Sean Curran, Jr., winner of \$300, and to
Liz Curran, the seller who receives \$50
for the January 18th drawing.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Items of Note

Daily Mass on Saturday: Have you heard? There is now a daily Mass here at Saint Matthias on Saturdays at 8:30 am. Please attend!

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.



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.

The St. Matthias Library, located in the Hughes Center, will open Feb. 2nd. Parishioners are welcome to browse, sit and read, and check out books during regular office hours, Monday through Friday. Toni Webster will be available on Tuesdays to assist. Please enjoy the parish library!

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

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 Erme at 301-459-4814 x 207 or email tereme@stmatthias.org.

Schedule for Lectors & Altar Servers January 30 & 31

| | <u>Lectors</u> | <u>EMCH</u> | <u>Altar Servers</u> |
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| 5:00 pm | P. Shehadi | J. Flynn, C. Green, C. Kosko, P. Stevenson | A. Boafu, B. Ogunlade, A. Ogunlade |
| 8:00 am | C. Johnson | B. Falls, J. George S. Midgley | A. Marshall, C. Johnson, E. Buan |
| 10:30 am | G. Johnson | E. Amanyiewe, S. Ikpi, I. Onuaku, I Udejiofor, U. Nwokefor | C. Onyeiwu, C. Onyeiwu, S. Akukwe |
| 6:00 pm | J. Davis | D. Self, C. Sykes | S. Sykes, D. Okereke |

Mass Intentions

Third Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, January 25:

8:30 am Brittany Paolino (Birthday - Living)
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Adoration & Blessed Sacrament
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Confessions
8:00 pm Benediction

Tuesday, January 26: Saints Timothy and Titus

8:30 am Tim Retumban

Wednesday, January 27:

8:30 am Steve Parker

Thursday, January 28: Saint Thomas Aquinas

8:30 am Mary Robbins

Friday, January 29:

8:30 am Ed Densmore (5th Anniversary of Death)

Saturday, January 30:

8:30 am Mary Ford

Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 30:

5:00 pm Irene Pezzuti

Sunday, January 31:

8:00 am Rev. Jeffrey Defayette (Birthday - Living)

10:30 am Roy Roberts

6:00 pm Alf Branch

Readings for the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:31—13:13

Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

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; Ester Oleru; Marion Prout; Marian Thomas; Madeline White, Eugene Zehner

-For our military, protect them from all harm.

-For all the faithful departed, especially Leticia Aure and Joy Ndi, 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 30/31



5:00 pm Father Candice
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10:30 am Father Milt
6:00 pm Father Keke