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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.



The Academy of Saint Matthias the Apostle

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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.

The Third Sunday of Easter

On the **Third Sunday of Easter**, **Luke's Gospel** has the very human story of Jesus' appearing to the disciples after the Resurrection, inviting them to touch his hands and feet to see that he is real. He ate with them and "he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.

Saturday is the **Feast of Saint Mark, Evangelist**.

In our first readings from **Acts of the Apostles** this week, we read of one of the earliest martyrs, Stephen and of Philip converting an Ethiopian slave along the road. Also this week is the story of Saul, persecutor of Christians being blinded and then healed by Ananias in the name of Jesus. The week ends with Peter traveling the region and healing.

The gospel for this week is from Chapter 6 of **John's Gospel** on Jesus as the "Bread of Life." Like so many stories in this gospel, Jesus teaches from one layer of understanding to another, taking us deeper into understanding his gift of himself to us in the Eucharist. Jesus says, "Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life." "The bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my Flesh for the life of the world." "Whoever eats my Flesh and drinks my Blood remains in me and I in him." This marvelous dialogue ends with this exchange with his disciples: "Jesus then said to the Twelve, 'Do you also want to leave?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.'"

Prayer for the Third Sunday of Easter:

Loving God,
We rejoice now in the glory of your resurrection,
celebrating your life with Easter joy.

We are filled with confident hope
and feel our spirits renewed within us.
Our hearts burn with a new depth of love
as we see your light shine in the darkness.
Lead us, Lord. We are your people.

May we spend this day praising your glory
and being filled with confident hope
as you hold out your wounded hands to us with
joy.

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Stewardship Report: Revenue

April 12 th :	7,465.00
<i>Faith Direct:</i>	2,413.00
Total Offertory:	9,786.20
<i>Last Year:</i>	14,810.05
Poor Box :	81.00
Every Penny Counts Box:	18.24
Flower Fund for 2015 to date:	3,929.00
Flower Fund for 2014:	4,169.00
<i>Holy Thursday for 2015 to date:</i>	1,457.00
<i>Holy Thursday for 2014:</i>	1,720.00
Holy Land/Good Friday for 2015 to date:	2,386.00
Holy Land/Good Friday for 2014:	3,644.00
<i>Easter Offering for 2015 to date:</i>	17,508.00
<i>Easter Offering for 2014:</i>	18,357.00

Number of Adult Envelopes: 173; Number of Children's Envelopes: 6; Number of Faith Direct Donors: 63; Number of Regular Households: 811.

Recent Expenditures

April Cleaning (Cavalier)	3,274.00
March Extra Clergy:	1,050.00
WSSC Annual Fog Fee:	385.00
ADW Quarterly Unemployment:	810.52
ADW 14-15 Student Assessment:	3,794.70



Faith Direct: The Lord is risen! As Christ's disciples, we are called to go forth and spread the good news of His Resurrection. Our parish's many ministries are examples of how many of you answer that call. Our ministries require not only gifts of time and talent, but also of financial help. Please prayerfully consider supporting St. Matthias the Apostle with electronic donations through *Faith Direct*. You can sign up online at www.faithdirect.net using our church code **MD41** or mail in an enrollment form from the parish office.

A Stewardship Moment: The disciples in today's Gospel came to know Jesus in the breaking of the bread. When we share what we have with those who are in need, we too, will discover Jesus in our midst.



Celebrant Mass Schedule for the Weekend of April 25th/26th

5:00 pm	Fr. Gerard
8:00 am	Father Stan
10:30 am	Father Milt
6:00 pm	Father Milt



The Academy Raffle Winner

Georgette Fletcher is the winner and seller of \$350 for the April 13th drawing.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

From the Administrator

Let me share with you my own excitement and pride that filled my heart on the Easter weekend. Why? Because there were so many "pray-ers" who attended Masses on those two days. Can you believe that you exceeded the 700 people attendance at one particular Mass – Easter Sunday's 10:30 AM Mass!! We should be thankful the Fire Marshall did not pay us a visit! I am so grateful that the Sunday evening Mass has crossed the 100 attendees mark with some regularity. This comes without any publicity in the POST or the PG County Gazette or the Catholic Standard. In short our population is growing. This is wonderful but it also signals the need that we look at some parish obligations that have not been met. In particular I have seen an encouraging number of younger parishioners ... teens and early 20s. This is marvelous but the reality faces me that we do not have a Youth Minister nor a Youth Ministry Program. I have been following the weekly financial reports which you also can read in the bulletin. It seems our population has grown but our giving does not reflect any particular increase. As a matter of fact there has been a slight decrease. At the moment I am considering how we might be able to increase our income without it become a major burden on the people of the parish.

Items of Note

The Academy Spring Musical: The Academy is hosting three performances of the Spring Musical "Uncle Phil's Diner": **Friday, April 24th and Saturday, April 25th at 6:30 pm; and Sunday, April 26th at 12:00 pm.** There will be a diner style meal (hot dog and hamburger) in which the actors and actresses will be serving. It is set in the 1950's with old Rock and Roll songs. Tickets will not be available at the door. For more information, contact the school at 301-577-9412.

2015 Annual Jubilarian Mass: Cardinal Donald Wuerl will celebrate the annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years on **Sunday, June 21st at 2:00 pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.** Call the parish office to register. Names of Jubilarians should be **submitted to the parish office by Monday, April 13th.**



Weekend Retreat: A retreat specially planned for men and women facing serious physical illness will be held at the Dominican Retreat House in McLean, VA. From May 22-24, 2015. A team of doctors, nurses, priests, sisters and helpers will be present around the clock. Scheduling allows plenty of time for rest and reflection. There is no fee to attend this retreat. It is a non-smoking weekend. Registration closes May 12, 2015. If you have an interest in attending, please call the Dominican Retreat House ASAP at 703-356-4243 in order to register. For question about the retreat you may call Doug Sebek at 703-477-5681.

Photo Sessions

We are happy to inform you that MyChurch Family will be back the week of **Tuesday, April 21st through Saturday, April 25th.** You can sign up at stmatthias.org/about-us/pictorial-directory and click on [this link](#) to schedule a sitting.

Mass Intentions for the Third Week of Easter

Monday, April 20:

8:30 am Sylvester Ugoh (Living - Birthday)
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Confessions
8:00 pm Benediction

Tuesday, April 21: St. Anselm, Bishop & Dr. of Church

8:30 am Grace Felix

Wednesday, April 22:

8:30 am Pat Eze (Living—In Thanksgiving)

Thursday, April 23: Saint George, Martyr & Saint Adalbert, Bishop & Martyr

8:30 am Anthonia Ndika (Living)

Friday, April 24: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr

8:30 am Adamma Ugoh

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, April 25: Saint Mark, Evangelist

5:00pm Vincent Charles

Sunday, April 26: World Day of Prayer for Vocations

8:00 am Dr. Francis Griffith

10:30 am Elizabeth Ugwu

6:00 pm Florence Nwonye-Nwoko Children (Living)

Please pray for the sick and homebound in our parish, our neighbors, family, and friends: Melvin and Elaine Brooks; Muriel Brown; Shawn Brown; Yvonne Brown; Sylvia Conte; Al Craig; Ronnie Davis; Emma Graham; Francis and Genevieve Greenfield; Wonema Hammer; Salome Ihejirika; Dorothy Johnson; Pamela Jones; Jack Jordan; Kay Kaderabek; John and Joan Kodak; Janice Lipa; Terry Looney; Ed Mahlin, Jr.; Katherine Mahlin; Joe Makowski; Carole New; Bernice Nnannah; Molly Onwukwe; Raphael Onyewu; Joe Owens; William Pinchback; Nicole Riley; Pablo Rocha; Ben Self; Lucille Streng; Kay Villemi; Jean, John, and Sam Zanin; and Eugene Zehner; **may God's healing grace be theirs. For our military serving overseas:** Ryan Morgan; **protect them from all harm. For all the faithful departed:** James Wills and Roy Roberts; **may they rest in peace.**

An Invitation to Receive Grief Support: Saint Matthias



the Apostle Parish welcomes those who have faced a significant loss to join its on-going Grief Support Group. A new Support Group will begin on **Saturday, April 18th at 9:00 am** in the school library. For more details, contact Miriam Jacik, Group Coordinator, at 301-345-6054.

Bible Study: On Tuesday April 21st, we will begin the Second Letter of Saint Peter. Bring your Bible and a friend to the Hughes Center after the 8:30 morning Mass.



Pope Francis' Resolution For April

"Be careful how you speak, purify your tongue of offensive words, vulgarity and worldly decadence."



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